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## UK lawmakers, union call for extra state help for aviation sector

**M**ore than 100 British lawmakers have joined forces with trade union Unite to urge the government to provide extra state support to airlines and airports as travel slumps due to the coronavirus pandemic and job losses increase. With travel still subdued, the lawmakers signed a letter asking for the government's job retention scheme, which pays employees a proportion of their salary while they temporarily do not work, to be extended to next March for the aviation sector. The scheme is set to close for all businesses by the end of October. Airlines in-

cluding British Airways easyJet and Virgin Atlantic have already announced almost 20,000 job cuts between them and Unite said 60,000 jobs in the aviation sector were "hanging in the balance".

Extending the job retention scheme could prevent more job losses, said a statement from Unite yesterday.

"This would make all the difference in ensuring our aviation industry recovers, which is of invaluable importance to the UK economy," said the letter signed by lawmakers and addressed to finance minister Rishi Sunak.

# Balearic government says difficult times ahead as new restrictions introduced

- Balearic government calls for all unnecessary journeys to be scrapped as bars and restaurants have to limit their areas.
- Smoking is now banned in most areas and smokers can be fined up to

100 euros for lighting up in the street.

- New measures have been introduced for the next two weeks as the number of coronavirus cases continues to rise across the islands.
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## Germany calls on citizens to stop travelling to high risk countries

**G**ermany yesterday called on its citizens to stop travelling to countries and regions including the Balearics considered to have a high risk related to the coronavirus pandemic and announced plans for stricter quarantine rules. "It has turned out that a disproportionately high number of travellers returning (from high-risk areas) tested positive," German Chancellor Angela Merkel told reporters following a meeting with leaders of Germany's 16 states. Germany has managed to keep the number of COVID-

19 cases and deaths relatively low compared with some other large European countries, with 237,936 cases and 9,285 deaths recorded. But the number of new daily cases has been rising since early July and has accelerated in recent weeks.

In recent weeks, outbreaks traced back to weddings, family gatherings and parties at beach destinations abroad have made headlines in local media, leading to calls to crack down on events at which social distancing rules may not be observed.