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King of sailing yachts in Palma: Inside



The travel recovery has started, says airport boss

London.—Britain's Heathrow Airport said that passenger numbers surged in July as the government eased travel restrictions and a recovery was underway, but warned that overall numbers were still down 80% on pre-pandemic levels as many barriers remain. Heathrow said that in July over 1.5 million travellers passed through the airport, making it the busiest month since March 2020, just before COVID-19 lockdowns began in Europe and travel was essentially stopped.

The airport, the busiest in Britain, and before COVID-19 the busiest in Europe, said that the government needed to do more to help travel return to even close to 2019 levels. Heathrow and airlines like British Airways have criticised Britain for not easing travel restrictions quickly enough despite

its fast vaccine roll-out, and for complicated rules which continue to include expensive coronavirus tests. They want to see the cost of testing reduced and more countries added to the government's list of low risk countries. Heathrow also called on Britain and the United States to reach an agreement to allow Britons to travel to the U.S.

Last month, the government allowed fully vaccinated Britons to travel to medium risk countries without needing to quarantine on return, boosting passenger numbers by 74% compared to July last year. Britain has since early August opened its borders to fully-vaccinated people from the U.S. and European Union. Heathrow added that U.S. carrier JetBlue was due to start flying between London and New York later this week, in a sign of growing confidence in travel.

Germany arrests British man suspected of spying for Russia

Berlin.—German police have arrested a British man who worked at the British embassy in Berlin on suspicion of passing documents to the Russian intelligence service in exchange for cash, prosecutors said yesterday.

German prosecutors said that the apartment and workplace of the man,

identified only as David S., had been searched and he would be brought before an investigating judge later yesterday.

British police said the man was 57. "On at least one occasion, he passed on documents he had obtained in the course of his professional activities to

a representative of a Russian intelligence service," Germany's chief federal prosecutor's office said in a statement.

"The accused received cash in an as yet unknown amount in return for his transmission of information," it added.