

Ryanair faces backlash over passenger's racist tirade

RYANAIR has come under fire after staff failed to remove a man from a flight for racially abusing a fellow passenger.

The man was filmed calling a disabled 77-year-old woman an 'ugly black b*****d' and shouting: 'Don't talk to me in a f*****g foreign language.'

The footage, recorded before take-off on a flight from Barcelona to Stansted on Friday, has been viewed more than 1million times after being uploaded to social media over the weekend.

It shows the man yell: 'I don't care whether she's f*****g disabled or not - if I tell her to get out she gets out.'

When a steward suggests the victim should move, he shouts: 'If you don't move to another seat I'll push you there.'

Cabin crew appeared to do little to silence the man, and when a passenger told him there was 'no need' for his behaviour, he sneered: 'I will carry on as far as I can with this ugly, black b*****d.' At that point, the woman - who

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lives in east London and had been travelling with her daughter, moved seats.

'If I was behaving like he was, the police would've been called and we would've been kicked off the flight,' her daughter told the Huffington Post.

The budget airline yesterday said it had reported the man to Essex police. But it is facing a backlash for not removing the abuser from the flight.

'Ryanair need to explain how this man's disgusting racial abuse ends up with HER being asked to move. Beyond belief,' tweeted broadcaster Jeremy Vine.

Labour MP David Lammy posted: 'Boycott Ryanair if they think it's OK for a racist man to abuse an elderly black woman and remain on the plane. It's 63 years since Rosa Parks said "No" to sitting on the back of the bus and we ain't going back.'

Shadow attorney general Karl Turner



Shocking: The man was filmed repeatedly shouting abuse at the woman before the flight took off

said: 'He should have been removed from the flight and handed over to the police.'

In its terms of travel, Ryanair warns passengers they can be taken off flights if they cause 'discomfort or inconvenience' to other passengers.

But the airline refused to explain why staff did not follow the guidance and insisted: 'As this is now a police matter we cannot comment further.'

A spokeswoman for Essex police said

they take prejudice-based crime seriously. 'We are working closely with Ryanair and the Spanish authorities,' she added.

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IN BRIEF

MPs in call for register of stalkers and abusers

SERIAL stalkers and domestic abusers should be placed on a national register and monitored in a similar way to rapists and paedophiles, according to MPs.

A register should be introduced 'as a matter of urgency', a report from the Commons home affairs committee says. It adds: 'Stalking is a serious crime which can have a devastating impact on the lives of victims.'

An estimated 1.9million adults experienced domestic abuse in the previous 12 months, found the Crime Survey for England and Wales in March last year.

76% of teachers suffer health issues, says poll

MORE than three-quarters of teachers have work-related health problems, a survey finds.

A poll of 1,502 teachers found 76 per cent said they had work-related psychological, physical or behavioural issues.

Workload, mental health guidance and work-life balance were examined in the charity Education Support Partnership's Teacher Wellbeing Index.

The Department for Education said: 'We have committed to tackling issues that could affect teachers' mental health and wellbeing.'

Fixed energy deals 'cost more than the price cap'

DOZENS of fixed price energy deals are more expensive than the proposed price cap, a consumer watchdog has found.

The cap, coming in at the end of the year, will save households an average £75 a year, according to regulator Ofgem, but will apply mostly to variable tariffs.

More than 70 fixed deals - one charging an average user £1,332 a year - are more pricey than the cap, found Which?

Alex Neill, of Which?, said: 'People shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security.'

Fog-hit ferry runs aground after smashing into yachts

A FERRY ran aground off the Isle of Wight yesterday after it hit small boats in dense fog, sinking one.

The Red Falcon car ferry, which was carrying 40 passengers, was reported to have collided with 'at least two yachts' while trying to berth at the entrance of Cowes Harbour at around 8am yesterday.

A member of the public also rang 999 to report cries for help but the coastguard searched the harbour and confirmed that nobody was in the water or missing.

Fran Collins, of Red Funnel, said the ferry had struck 'unmanned, moored



Re-floated: Tugs helped ship dock

yachts' and was re-floated just before 11am. Passengers were able to disembark after it safely docked.

The company apologised for any inconvenience and said the ship will undergo a full investigation.



That sinking feeling: The mast of a submerged yacht near the ferry PICTURE: PA

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