

Airline: Maps with no Israel an oversight

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TEL AVIV, Israel -- A British airline's planes flying to Tel Aviv displayed digital maps for passengers that did not include Israel, Israeli media reported.

A spokesman for BMI told the Jerusalem Post the maps would be deactivated Thursday and changed within two weeks. He said they were an oversight after the company acquired British Mediterranean Airways, which primarily flew to Muslim countries, two years ago.

The map also called Haifa "Khefa," its name before the creation of Israel in 1948. It also provided information on the direction of Mecca, which Muslims are required to face when they pray, Haaretz reported.

BMI recently won a case before an employment tribunal in which a flight attendant challenged her dismissal for refusing to wear an abbaya, a robe that covers most of the body, in Saudi Arabia and to walk behind male colleagues. Lisa Ashton may challenge the ruling that employers can demand that their workers follow "rules of a different culture."

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