

Budapest airport strike cancels flights

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BUDAPEST - Hungarian ground crews at Budapest's Ferihegy International airport went on strike Thursday to support demands for higher pay.

It was the third strike in just over one week, airport officials said.

The strike of the ground service crews, who belong to an independent trade union of air traffic employees, is scheduled to last until Saturday, the Hungarian news agency MTI reported.

Domokos Szollar, spokesman for Budapest airport, said about 150 to 160 flights would be affected by the strike, with some delayed and some canceled.

He said planes of the Hungarian Airline Malev and low-budget SkyEurope, which have their own ground handling services, will fly on schedule.

A number of foreign airlines such as Aeroflot, Aer Lingus, Air France, Austrian Airlines, Egypt Air, Finnair, KLM, LOT, and SAS will not be affected by the strike.

Last week, the Ferihegy airport's ground crews staged two warning strikes demanding wage increases from 4 to 10 percent.

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