# Rowdy British stag party forces easyJet flight to divert after vaping and abuse in the air



Members of a rowdy British stag party were escorted off an easyJet flight after their disruptive behaviour led to a mid-air diversion to Faro, Portugal. The incident unfolded shortly after take-off from London Gatwick, with witnesses reporting that six men were allegedly vaping in their seats and verbally abusing cabin crew. Arron Davies, a fellow passenger, expressed his disgust at the situation, suggesting that two members of the group ruined the flight for everyone else onboard.

Davies highlighted that the offending individuals were drinking heavily, with signs of intoxication already apparent when they boarded. Despite being warned repeatedly—reportedly six times—both men continued their disruptive behaviour, which included what was perceived as homophobic remarks directed at a steward. The cabin crew's attempts to manage the situation were described as professional by Davies, who praised them for maintaining a sense of safety amidst the chaos.

The easyJet flight, which was bound for Marrakesh, necessitated the intervention of the Portuguese police upon landing. Eight officers waited on the tarmac to deal with the situation, leading to the removal of the two men responsible for the disruption. Following their ejection, the flight resumed its journey to Marrakesh, highlighting the airline's commitment to passenger safety and well-being.

This incident is part of a troubling trend in the aviation industry, where airlines are increasingly faced with disruptive passenger behaviour. Statistics reveal that there has been a significant uptick in such incidents. For instance, in April 2024, a man was sentenced to eight months in prison for similar disruptive behaviour on an easyJet flight from Glasgow to Tenerife. He had urinated in view of other passengers and struck out at the crew before the flight was diverted to Bristol Airport. Such behaviour not only jeopardises flight safety but also results in legal repercussions for the offenders involved.

Further compounding this issue, another easyJet flight was diverted recently due to unruly behaviour from two Russian passengers. Their intoxication and subsequent arrest for disturbing the peace underline the challenges airlines face regularly. Historical cases, such as the incident involving a group from Aberdeen in 2016, which culminated in a diversion due to disruptive behaviour, resonate strongly with this pattern.

Despite such recurring incidents, airlines like easyJet are determined to uphold strict anti-disruption policies. An easyJet spokesperson reiterated the company's unwavering stance against abusive or threatening conduct, asserting that the safety of passengers and crew takes precedence. Their cabin crew is trained to efficiently manage potential disruptions, ensuring that all passengers can travel in a safe and respectful environment.

As airlines grapple with this ongoing challenge, public behaviour onboard will remain a focal point. The recent events, including the shameful actions witnessed at airports across the UK, call attention to the overall conduct of passengers during air travel. In a world where travel is growing increasingly accessible, the responsibility lies with individuals to act respectfully, ensuring a safe and pleasant flying experience for all.

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