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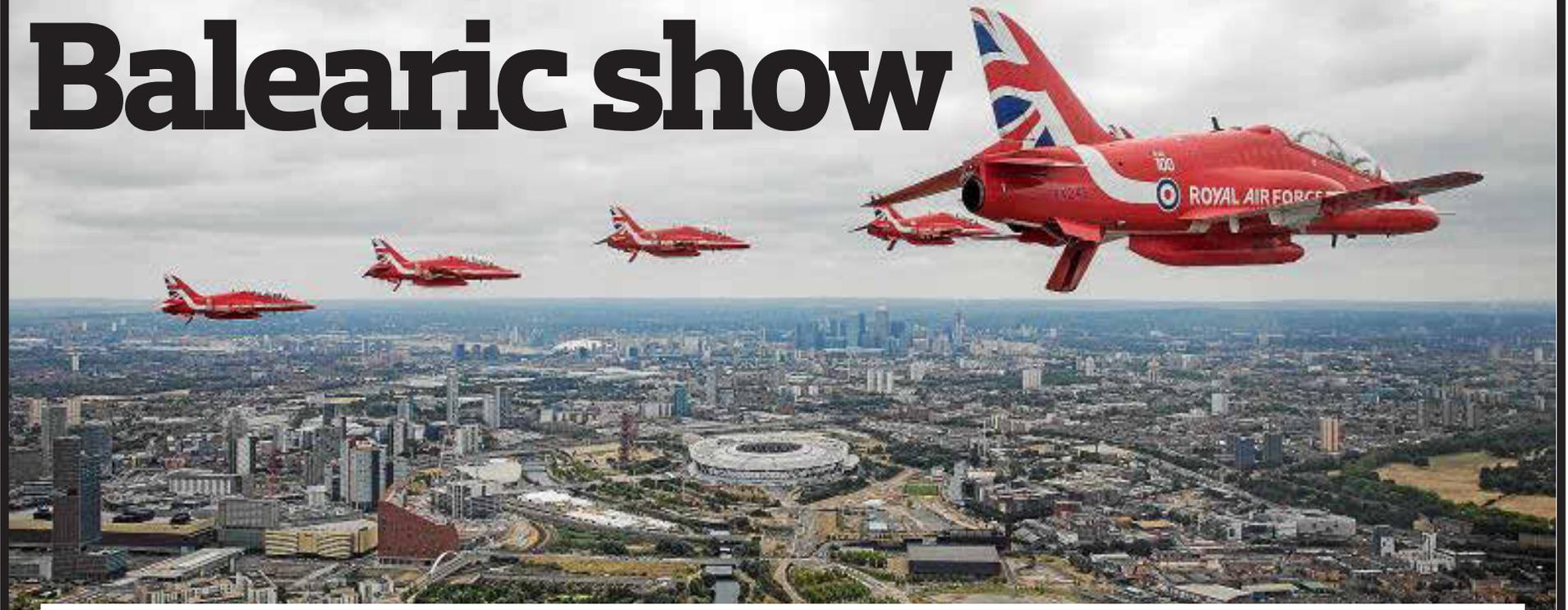
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Red Arrows set for Balearic show



Palma.—The crack Royal Air Force aerobatic team, the Red Arrows, will be putting on a display in the skies above Mahon on 18 September.

This will be their fourth display in Minorca in the last decade and thousands of people are expected to watch the show, including many from Majorca. The Red Ar-

rows flew over Buckingham Palace yesterday as part of the celebrations for the centenary of the Royal Air Force. **See Inside**

UK disputes Ryanair claim of air traffic control staff shortages

Britain's main air traffic control provider has rejected complaints by Ryanair that staff shortages in UK air traffic control contributed to flight delays at Europe's largest low-cost airline on Sunday and yesterday.

Ryanair has said air traffic control (ATC) strikes in France and ATC staff shortages in Spain, Germany and Britain have caused a surge in flight delays and cancellations this year.

The Irish airline has taken to providing daily updates on Twit-

ter of how many flight delays are down to ATC, reporting that "French, German, Spanish and UK ATC staff shortages caused delays to over 1,000 ... flights" on Sunday. Yesterday morning, it said ATC staff shortages in France, Germany and Britain had caused 82 delays. But Britain's national air traffic control provider NATS, which says it handles 25 percent of European traffic, has rejected the criticism in its own posts on Twitter.

"There were actually no ATC staffing delays in the whole of the

UK yesterday," it said on Monday, with a similar tweet yesterday morning. In response, Ryanair said British and German ATC providers were not "rostering enough ATC staff to cater for the number of flights that are scheduled to operate."

A NATS spokesman dismissed that. "The categories of delay are set across Europe and all ATC providers are required to report against them using a strict set of criteria laid down in international law. We don't just make it up," he said.



Trump's good view

London.— Prime Minister Theresa May's spokesman said yesterday he hoped U.S. President Donald Trump would have a positive image of Britain following his visit this week after Trump said he thought the country was "in somewhat turmoil".

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