

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
June 02, 2008

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of June 2008

**RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office  
Dublin Airport  
County Dublin Ireland**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F..X.. Form 40-F.....

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ..... No ..X..

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- \_\_\_\_\_

**RYANAIR TO  
SUE  
FRENCH UNION  
FOR UNLAWFUL STRIKE IN  
CARCASSONNE**

**Ryanair, Europe's leading low fares airline, today**

(  
**Monday, 2**  
nd  
**June 2008**  
)

**announced  
that it  
has filed**

**legal proceedings for damages against French trade union  
,  
Confederation General de Travail (CGT).**

**These proceedings arise from  
losses suffered during last weekend'  
s  
unlawful  
strike  
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**(Saturday 24  
th  
to Monday 26  
th  
May)  
by members of the union employed in  
check-in  
,  
security**

**and fuelling  
duties  
at**

**Carcassonne Airport.**

**One such instance involved the decision by a fueller to go on strike as a Ryanair aircraft was on approach to  
the airport**

**, necessitating the diversion of the aircraft to  
Perpignan**

**and consequently that aircraft and two subsequent flights were unable to transport the return passengers.**

**These damages arise from compensation claims filed by passengers whose flights were  
delayed or cancelled**

**as a result of this  
unlawful  
strike and further  
costs**

**suffered**

**by Ryanair in flying empty aircraft back to  
London,**

Dublin  
and  
Charleroi.

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nfirming  
these proceedings, Ryanair's Deputy  
CEO  
, Michael Cawley, said  
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"  
*The action by the striking workers at Carcassonne Airport was  
unlawful,*

*unwarranted  
and caused  
considerable  
hardship for our passengers as well*

*as  
significant costs for them and for the airline.*

*The  
fueller  
in  
Carcassonne  
walk  
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*off  
the job  
just  
as  
a Ryanair  
aircraft  
was on approach to landing  
at  
the airport  
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*of anarchy*

*highlights the flagrant  
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egard which the union's members*

*have for the travelling*

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*Prior to Ryanair arriving at*

*Carcassonne Airport seven*

*years ago there were no passengers  
at  
airport. Consequently, there was no employment  
for many of these  
union  
members who  
now  
mistakenly believe that they can simply walk off the  
job with no notice and thereby  
stran  
d hundreds of passengers at the  
airport*

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*“Ryanair and its passengers are not prepared to suffer the costs of these unlawful and unwarranted actions. The European Union claims that airlines can recover costs for these unlawful disruptions and it’s about time that this law was tested. We do not wish to deprive individuals of their right to strike. However, if they wish to go on strike then they should give airlines and passengers sufficient notice to allow for alternative plans to be made. We do not believe that it is fair, reasonable or lawful that airport employees simply walk off the job and endanger the safety of passengers and aircraft as they are coming in to land at Carcassonne.*

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papers in a lawsuit against

CGT

, the trade union to which the

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seeking damages and an undertaking that future strikes will take place only afte

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given

to airlines

and passengers at

Carcassonne

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**Ends**

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
June 2008**

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC**

Date: 02 June, 2008

By:\_\_\_/s/ James Callaghan\_\_\_

James Callaghan  
Company Secretary & Finance Director