

Drunk CSKA Moscow Fan Forces Flight to Divert

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In Manchester, CSKA are looking to make up for their first-leg defeat in Moscow in which they lost 2:1. **T. Andrianova**

An Easyjet plane flying from Moscow to Manchester was forced to make an unscheduled stop in Copenhagen this weekend because of a misbehaving CSKA football fan in another incident surrounding the Russian football club to make the headlines in past weeks.

The unidentified CSKA fan reportedly walked along the plane's aisles while heavily drunk, holding a bottle and chanting cheers, Russian television channel Moskva 24 reported.

The flight operated by the British carrier took off from Moscow's Domodedovo Airport on Saturday and was forced to make an unscheduled landing at Copenhagen Airport in Denmark at 3.15 p.m. later that day, an Easyjet spokesman told Manchester Evening News.

Upon landing in Copenhagen, the drunken passenger and six other fans who came to their

mate's defense were removed from the plane by Danish police. The plane continued its journey to Manchester with a one-hour delay, Manchester Evening News said.

Several other CSKA fans who witnessed the incident intend to sue the airline for the detention of their mates: saying their removal from the flight was unjustified as there was no question of improper conduct, the Russian daily Sport-Express reported.

But Copenhagen police spokesman Mads Firlings told Danish website Tv2.dk that the six fans requested to be left behind in the Danish capital because they didn't want to leave their mate's side, Itar-Tass reported.

Following the incident, flight attendants forbade the rest of the passengers from getting up from their seats for the remainder of the flight, Moskva 24 said.

The incident comes a mere week after CSKA was handed a partial stadium ban by football governing body UEFA for the club's fans' racial abuse towards a Manchester City midfielder during a Champions League game.

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