



KUWAIT AIRWAYS CANCELS KEY ROUTE TO AVOID US ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW

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The alternative was for the airline to end its policy of discriminating against Israeli passengers.

“The US Department of Transportation will not tolerate unlawful discrimination, and has mandated that the airline immediately cease that practice and allow Israeli passengers to travel between the US and London,” Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said. With the termination of service, he continued, “Kuwait Airways is no longer offering or conducting service between JFK and LHR that discriminates against Israeli citizens. We will continue acting decisively to enforce our laws against unlawful discrimination in the US transportation system.”

In September, the US determined that the airline was likely in violation of the Interstate Commerce Act for unreasonably discriminating against passengers.

Kuwait Airways may also have violated US laws against the boycott of and divestment from Israel and its citizens, the Transportation Department wrote in a letter to the airline at the end of the

month.

“We’ve stood firm on this,” a Transportation official told *The Jerusalem Post* in November, noting Kuwait’s effort to have the department reconsider. “It’s something the secretary takes very seriously.”

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