

Taxi drivers in Spain strike against Uber and Cabify

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Taxi drivers in Spain's two main cities are striking to urge authorities to protect their regulated service against companies like Uber and Cabify, which offer cheaper services.

In Barcelona, [taxi drivers](#) were stopping for 12 hours Thursday, causing disruptions that were most intense at the airport and train stations.

Thousands of cabbies also blocked the [main artery](#) in Madrid for a two-hour mid-morning protest.

Representatives of the main unions complained in a letter to [local authorities](#) that the liberalization of the car-hailing market undermined the cabbies' livelihood because multinationals can afford a cheaper service.

Uber said in an e-mailed statement it understands the concerns of drivers faced "with a change of the mobility system" and that it is open to industry talks. Cabify didn't respond to requests for comment.

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