

German airports brace for Thursday strike

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Thousands of passengers in Germany face disruption on Thursday following a strike call by security staff at three major airports, the powerful Verdi union said.

The walkout was to begin at 3:00 am (0200 GMT) in the airports of Dusseldorf, Cologne-Bonn and Stuttgart, and was to continue until midnight, the union said Wednesday.

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Verdi, which represents 23,000 [airport](#) security personnel, wants wages raised to 20 euros (\$23) an hour from around 17 euros currently, an increase of around 17 percent.

The BDLS employers association has offered pay increases of between 2.0 and 8.1 percent.

The next round of talks is scheduled for January 23.

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