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Date: **25 July 2024**
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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION**

BETWEEN:

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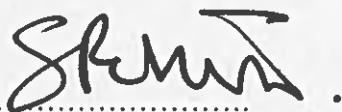
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AND THE M1, M3, M4, M4 SPUR, M11, M26, M23 AND M40 MOTORWAYS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTESTING**

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This is the exhibit marked SFM1 referred to in the witness statement of **SEAN FOSTER MARTELL** dated this **25** day of July 2024.

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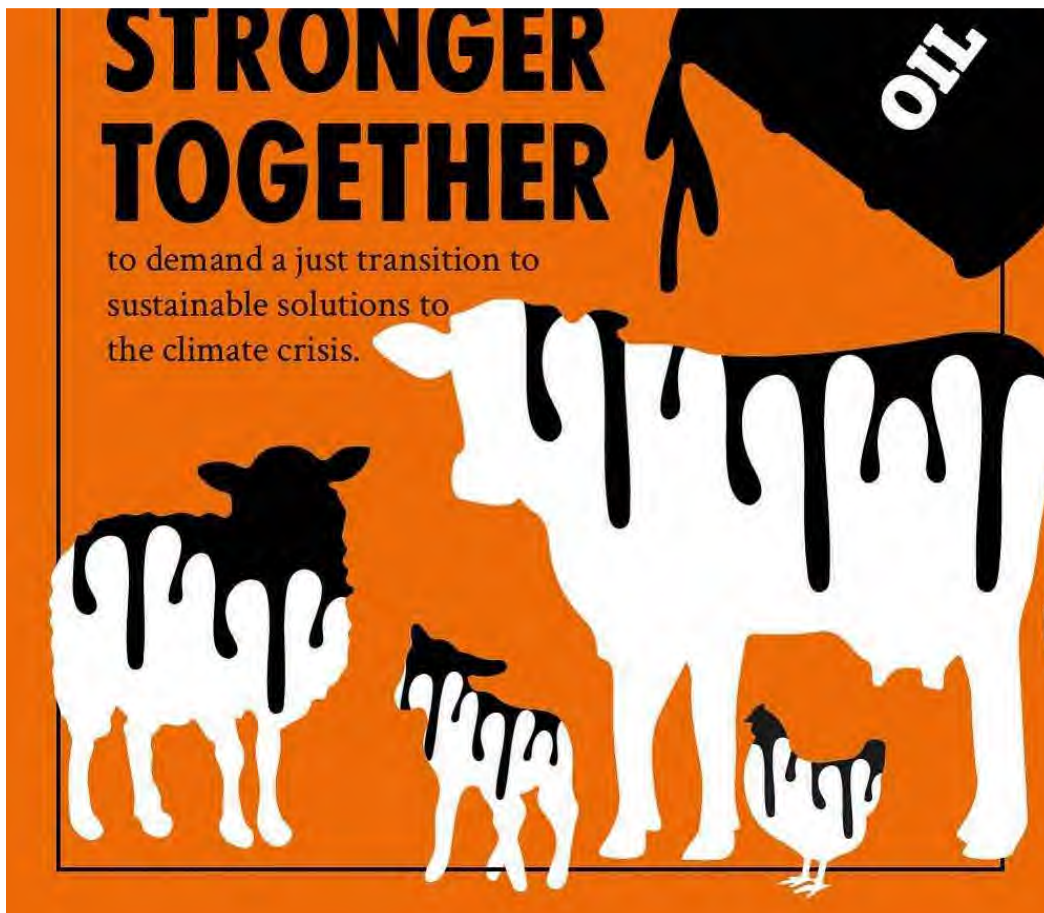
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Just Stop Oil campaigners stage noisy protest at Baftas

The group said they were demanding an ‘end to new fossil fuel projects in the UK’.

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Activists during a protest by Just Stop Oil near the Royal Albert Hall, London during the Baftas (Tom Savage/PA) (PA Wire)



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A Just Stop Oil protest has taken place near the red carpet for the Bafta film awards.

Protesters at the **Royal Albert Hall** in **London** could be heard chanting “just stop oil” and banging drums while surrounded by police.

A statement from the organisation said that 30 young supporters of the campaign disrupted the event to “demand an end to new fossil fuel projects in the UK”.

The group wore T-shirts that said “Just Stop Oil” and “Just look up”, in reference to the 2021 film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence which offers a satirical look at the climate change crisis.



Activists during a protest by Just Stop Oil near the Royal Albert Hall (Naomi Clarke/PA) (PA Wire)

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In a statement from the group, 23-year-old protester Claudia said: “I am here supporting Just Stop Oil because I am absolutely terrified about our future.

“Last year the UK Government’s former chief scientific adviser warned us that what we do within the next 3-4 years will determine the future of humanity.

“Yet our **Government**, knowing this, knowing that continuing to support the oil industry is a death sentence for us all, remains determined to drag us down this

path of suffering and destruction. And the mainstream media doesn't care.

“So we are asking those with power and influence to use it, to do what is necessary, and use their platform to demand the Government just stop oil. We have to act like our lives depend on it, because they do.”



Flares were let off near the red carpet (Tom Savage/PA) (PA Wire)

Dillon Parsons, 20, an aspiring filmmaker at the University for the Creative Arts, explained that he did not wish to disrupt the Baftas but felt he had “no choice” due to the “danger” of the climate crisis.

He added: “This is not a protest against the Baftas or the film industry, nor is it a publicity stunt. We couldn't care less who wins what award. This is a cry for help from a generation who has the most to lose.”

Fatih Birol, executive director of the International Energy Agency, has previously said: “If governments are serious about the climate crisis, there can be no new investments in oil, gas and coal, from now – from this year.”

The Bafta ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall is being hosted by Hollywood actress Rebel Wilson, alongside stars such as Daniel Kaluuya, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh and **Tom Hiddleston** who will be presenting awards.

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Breaking: Just Stop Oil supporter locks on to goalpost during Arsenal v Liverpool game

Press / March 16, 2022

Just Stop Oil Press Release 16/03/22

At 9:30 PM today, a young supporter of Just Stop Oil ran onto the pitch during the Arsenal v Liverpool game to draw attention to the group's demand that the Government end all new fossil fuel supply projects.

Kai, 20, locked on to the goalpost at the Emirates Stadium wearing a Just Stop Oil t-shirt, causing the referee to briefly stop play.

Kai, 20, a Law student at the University of Manchester said

"The government is acting like they don't care about my generation and I don't think that's fair. I don't want food to run out for me or my loved ones when severe weather events mess up our food supply. I don't want billions of people to be forced from their homes. If we lose control of our climate, which is exactly where we're headed at the moment, then we put everything and everyone at risk. My generation won't have a future."

“The government is encouraging more investment in oil and gas, despite the danger of climate collapse – I want the government to do all they can to avoid this. They need to get a grip – more oil and gas will not help people with their energy bills but will kill more people now and in future.”

“I just want to get on with my life. But people need to know what our government is risking and that civil resistance can actually get the change we need to guarantee our safety. This couldn’t be more serious and everyone can be a part of changing our world.”

Every year 62,000 grassroots football matches in the UK are cancelled or postponed due to extreme weather and it’s estimated that almost one in four English football league grounds can expect flooding every year by 2050. The rapidly accelerating climate crisis threatens the future of sport around the world.
[1]

Last month Just Stop Oil supporters delivered a letter to Downing Street asking the Prime Minister to bring an end to investment in new fossil fuel supply projects and warning that the group will take direct action if its demands are not met. A reply received by the group from BEIS indicates that the government has no intention of ending new fossil fuel supply, contrary to the expert advice from the International Energy Agency that such investment is inconsistent with maintaining a safe climate.[2]

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Breaking: Just Stop Oil supporters invade pitch during the Spurs vs West Ham game

Press / March 20, 2022

At around 5:40pm today, four young people ran onto the pitch during the Tottenham Hotspur vs West Ham United football match to draw attention to the choice they are now forced to make: to step up and resist a government that is harming us, or to stand by and allow unimaginable suffering to unfold.

The group attempted to lock onto the goal posts before they were led away by stewards. The group were wearing Just Stop Oil t-shirts which carry the link — bit.ly/WeHaveNoFuture which leads to video messages from the group. [1]

Speaking before the match, Nathan, 22 from Coventry said:

"I'm a massive footie fan but I'm about to go and disrupt a football match and I'm terrified. As a kid I loved going to Coventry City matches with my Dad and later with my mates. But right now millions around the world are reduced to fighting for their lives – rather than watching football."

“Oil is fuelling wars and destroying our future and our government wants to encourage more of it. It’s already killing the world’s most vulnerable people. If we don’t stop drilling for more oil and gas, there will be vast areas of the world too hot to grow food, billions on the move, conflict, starvation and death.”

“ We don’t have to stand by and watch this happen. Ordinary people can say no, not in my name. We can join in mass civil resistance against this genocidal government. We can demand an end to new fossil fuel projects in the UK. ”

Today’s game is the fourth Premier League match this week disrupted by supporters of Just Stop Oil. Games were interrupted at the Emirates stadium on Wednesday, Goodison Park on Thursday and Molineux Stadium on Friday.

Louis, 21, who locked onto a goal post at the Goodison Park, interrupting play for 7 minutes on Thursday said:

“It was the most terrifying act I’ve ever taken. Sitting in the stadium feeling the energy of the crowd, I very nearly didn’t follow through. Then I looked at the faces of the other fans, and knew I had to take this action for them. They all deserve to know what’s coming, they all deserve the chance to make an informed decision whether to act on their future.”

“These people have been betrayed by their leaders and their government and I felt a moral duty to give them a fighting chance. A fire alarm going off isn’t pleasant, it isn’t fun, it’s distressing, but if you act when you hear it, that might just save you and your loved ones.

Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups taking direct action to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

We are calling on ordinary people of any age into civil resistance against the government. Every single person counts. Find out what we are doing and why it will work using juststopoil.org/zoom or come to a talk in your area.

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[1] About Just Stop Oil

Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

We must urgently end our reliance on fossil fuels to avoid irreversible changes in the earth's climate system. We cannot continue to burn fossil fuels in the belief that future developments in carbon capture and storage and other so-called "unicorn technologies" will allow us to suck vast quantities of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

The UK must begin this process immediately. It starts by calling a halt to any further fossil fuel projects on the UK Continental Shelf. That would give us eight years of fossil fuel production left in which to rapidly transition to a zero carbon economy.

Everyone knows we have to engage in massive changes. Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups demanding the no-brainer things be done immediately – actions that will reduce the demand for fossil fuel energy dramatically such as insulating our homes, rethinking how we travel, getting on with renewable energy and making sure no-one is left behind.

We either come together as humanity or we die. Youth know which they choose. They have already chosen. They are in the streets to demand a future. We are all in the streets to make sure they get it. It's as basic as that.

Further information about Just Stop Oil and our demands here: <https://www.juststopoil.org>

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Young supporters of Just Stop Oil glue themselves to a Turner painting at Manchester Art Gallery

Press / July 1, 2022

Two young supporters of Just Stop Oil have glued themselves to the frame of a painting at the Manchester Art Gallery, as they call for the government to end new oil and gas and for art institutions to join them in civil resistance.

The painting is Tomson's Aeolian Harp (1809) by J.M.W. Turner. It depicts a view overlooking the River Thames from Richmond Hill.

Paul Bell 21, a physics graduate from Birmingham said

"The youth of the world have literally nothing to lose anymore, we are a generation sacrificed. There are millions in fuel and food poverty, our wildlife and landscapes are devastated and we face famine and war. Our government is accelerating the chaos by allowing new fossil fuel infrastructure, we will not stand by and let this creeping evil continue.

"No-one gets a free pass. By refusing to use its power and influence to help end this madness, the art establishment is complicit in genocide. Directors of art institutions should be calling on the government to stop all new oil and gas projects immediately."

Edred Whittingham, 24, a Student at Exeter University said:

"I would like to say to anyone and everyone who is reading this, you may think this action is outrageous or scandalous but what choice do I have? The Government is knowingly destroying the futures of young people and condemning billions of people all over the world to death by continuing to license new fossil fuel infrastructure.

"How far would you be willing to go to save the life of someone you love? What about the future of humanity? I cannot carry on living my life as if this is not happening. I am willing to do anything I can to wake people up and to stop this grotesque catastrophe from unfolding, even if it means sacrificing my liberty."

According to flood risk mapping carried out by Climate Central, the areas of London that are depicted in Turner's painting could be regularly underwater as early as 2030. [1][2]

Yesterday two young supporters of Just Stop Oil were arrested at the Courtauld Gallery in London after they glued themselves to the frame of Peach Trees in Blossom by Vincent Van Gogh. Louis McKechnie, 21, from Weymouth in Dorset and Emily Brocklebank, 24, from Leeds were held in custody overnight.

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Young supporters of Just Stop Oil glue themselves to a Van Gogh painting

Press / June 30, 2022

Two young supporters of Just Stop Oil have glued themselves to the frame of a Vincent Van Gogh painting at the Courtauld Gallery in London, as they call for the government to end new oil and gas and for art institutions to join them in civil resistance.

The painting is Peach Trees in Blossom (1889), a view of an open plain outside Arles, France in early spring.

Louis McKechnie, 21, from Weymouth in Dorset said:

“As a kid I used to love this painting, my dad took me to see it when we visited London. I still love this painting, but I love my friends and family more, I love nature more. I value the future survival of my generation more highly than my public reputation.”

"The scientists are saying we need to end fossil fuel licensing and the government is pouring sand in their ears. I'm not willing to be marched to my death by the fossil fuel companies and their government puppets.

"It is immoral for cultural institutions to stand by and watch whilst our society descends into collapse. Galleries should close. Directors of art institutions should be calling on the government to stop all new oil and gas projects immediately. We are either in resistance or we are complicit."

Emily Brocklebank, 24 a psychology student from Leeds said:

"I'm taking action today because I can't live in a bubble of normality when society is collapsing around us and people in the global south are suffering so much. Billionaires are getting richer whilst nurses queue at food banks, tens of millions of people across the world are starving and half the world's population is exposed to extreme danger from heatwaves, floods, fires and famine. Meanwhile the art establishment, the politicians and the fossil fuel companies look the other way.

"I love art, everywhere I go I visit all the galleries. Art is so important, it captures history and a moment in time, but artists and the art establishment are failing us by focusing on the wrong things. We need everyone to focus on the government's genocidal plans to allow fossil fuel companies to drill for more oil. This is one of the greatest injustices in history. We must resist."

The action comes amid warnings that the Provence region painted by Van Gogh may soon be experiencing drought. After a dry winter and Spring in which rainfall levels were 45% below historic averages followed by an extreme heatwave in May and June, France is running desperately low on water. As of June 15th, 124 water restriction orders were in place across a total of 39 of France's 96 mainland départements. Extreme weather, coupled with strikes and civil unrest has prompted the Foreign Office to issue warnings to holiday makers about potential evacuation orders. [1][2][3]

Yesterday 5 young supporters of Just Stop Oil were arrested at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow after they sprayed paint on the walls and floors of the gallery and glued themselves to the frame of a 19th Century landscape painting by Horatio McCulloch, "My heart's in the Highlands". They are expected to appear at the Glasgow Sheriff's Court this afternoon.

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Just Stop Oil supporters invade the track at Silverstone disrupting the British Grand Prix

Press / July 3, 2022

Five Just Stop Oil supporters have disrupted the British Grand Prix at Silverstone by invading the track and sitting down. They are demanding that the government calls an immediate halt to new oil and gas projects in the UK and have said that they will continue to disrupt sports, cultural events and oil until this demand is met.

The track invasion occurred during a halt in the race after an accident on the first lap. The Just Stop Oil supporters were removed by track officials and police and expect to be arrested.

Louis Mckechnie, 21, Weymouth said

"I'm in resistance because I cannot stand by while our government licenses new oil and gas projects. Our addiction to oil has brought us to the brink of catastrophe. Millions of people face starvation globally as a

result of climate breakdown and the fossil fuelled war in Ukraine. Hungry people are rioting, economies are collapsing – this is what happens when you run out of food.

“Our government is knowingly destroying my future and condemning billions of people to death all over the world. They have failed us, we will die waiting for politicians to solve this crisis. We refuse to be spectators to genocide. I urge everyone to join the Just Stop Oil coalition and resist this government’s genocidal plans. Nonviolent civil resistance is the only thing that can save us now.”

Bethany Mogie, 40, from St Albans said

“This is the most frightening thing I have ever done, but I’m supporting the Just Stop Oil coalition because I’m even more terrified about what this government is doing to our children. They are behaving criminally and I refuse to stand by and watch. If we do not act with urgency to end our reliance on fossil fuels, climate collapse will be inevitable and unstoppable. We will lose everything. ”

Joshua Smith, 29, a bricklayer from Manchester said

“Burning oil and gas is directly responsible for the climate crisis. If Governments aren’t made to end new fossil fuel projects then children alive today will grow up in a collapsing world with devastating heat waves, crop failure and ultimately no food on the shelves of Tesco. That means you having to explain to your children why they are going to bed hungry each night .

“Successive governments have had 30 years to fix this, it’s obvious that our political system cannot deal with such a monumental crisis. Resistance is the only sane response to this situation and it’s the only thing that will work. ”

Alasdair Gibson, 21, a student from Aberdeen said

“No one is exempt from the devastating consequences of climate change. It’s not a problem for tomorrow, it’s a threat we face today. It’s already here. Hundreds of millions of people across the world are exposed to drought and famine. Every region of the earth is exposed to extreme temperatures. We are living on borrowed time.”

“Our government is failing to take the necessary steps to keep its citizen’s safe, which is why I believe that civil resistance is needed. Don’t be a bystander, get involved in the nonviolent fight for our future.”

Just Stop Oil supporters are being charged and imprisoned for telling the truth about the government’s genocidal pursuit of new oil and gas. We have made a conscious choice to resist the destruction of humanity and we are prepared to accept the consequences. It’s time to step up and take action. Join a zoom call – every Tuesday at 7pm. <https://juststopoil.org/zoom/>

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Breaking: Just Stop Oil disrupts service stations

Press / April 28, 2022

35 supporters of Just Stop Oil have blocked two service stations on the M25 in support of their demand that the UK government end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

Starting from 7am today, actions took place at the Cobham Services in Surrey and the Clacket Lane Services in Kent. At both locations, JustStop Oil supporters blocked the entrances to the petrol pump area by sitting in the road with banners. Some supporters also sabotaged the petrol pump by breaking the display glass and covering it with spray paint.

Nathan McGovern, 22 a student from Coventry taking action today said:

"The world's most vulnerable are dying from a fossil-fuelled nightmare right now, whilst our government proposes to drill for more oil and gas. I refuse to stand by and watch as heatwaves and drought murder people across the global South and families in the UK are forced to choose between eating and heating. If politicians and bureaucrats refuse to act then it falls on ordinary people to do what they will not."

Stephanie Golder, 34, a charity project coordinator from Essex taking action today said:

"I'm sick and tired of being treated like a criminal for standing up for what is right. The real criminals are those refusing to act on the climate emergency, it's truly genocidal for our government to give new licences for oil exploration.

"The poorest in this country need help with their energy bills now. But instead the government's energy strategy fails to mention energy saving measures such as insulation and instead prioritises a 'plan' which puts us on a fast-track for climate chaos."

Today's action is a significant escalation after 10 Just Stop Oil supporters were arrested yesterday outside Kingsbury oil terminal whilst standing peacefully on a grass verge with placards. They are due to appear at the Victoria Law Courts in Birmingham today charged with contempt of court in respect of an injunction granted to North Warwickshire Borough Council on 14th April.

Two young supporters of Just Stop Oil are also due to appear in court in Manchester today for breaking the Warwickshire injunction. They potentially face unlimited fines and up to 2 years in prison. [1]

Since April 1st when supporters of Just Stop Oil first began blocking oil terminals there have been over 1000 arrests. The supporters of Just Stop Oil will continue the disruption until the government makes a statement that it will end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

The Just Stop Oil Coalition is calling on all of those whose futures are being destroyed, who are facing poverty now, and who are outraged at yet another betrayal by this continuing dependence on oil and gas, to step up and take action. Join our zoom calls at 7pm. It's 2022 and the time to stand by has passed.

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Just Stop Oil declares M25 a site of civil resistance after UK temperatures pass 40C

Press / July 20, 2022

This is without doubt the most important moment in UK history. All time temperature records are being obliterated, thousands of people are expected to die from heatstroke and the liars and plotters who are vying to lead us are too busy fighting among themselves to even care. This is the moment when climate inaction is truly revealed in all its murderous glory for everyone to see: as an elite driven death project that will extinguish all life if we let it.

The criminals that have our democracy by the throat are currently overseeing the destruction of everything that is needed for society and the state to function. By continuing to allow and expand fossil fuel production they are sealing our fate. Europe will see heat waves surpassing 50°C in the near future and these will become more and more common. The Middle East and North Africa face 60°C heatwaves lasting months. It is clear that our society will collapse within the next two decades. Allowing this to happen is a crime without parallel in our history. It is the ultimate betrayal of the next generation. It is an act of mass genocide against billions of the poorest people in the poorest countries on earth. It is treason – plain and simple.[1][2]

As citizens, as humans, as sons and daughters and mothers and fathers we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love. We will not stand by, we will do what is necessary. We will resist.

We are therefore declaring the M25 a site of civil resistance against our criminal government. We ask that no one travels on this motorway from Wednesday to Friday this week as we will be blocking the highway. We fully acknowledge the cost and disruption this will cause to the public and ask that they take their demands for compensation to the government which has caused this unprecedented threat to our lives and liberties.

We have a clear demand: that the UK government makes a statement that it will immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK. This is the necessary first step to ensuring a liveable future. The UK government's failure to take that step is a criminal dereliction of its fundamental duty: to protect and safeguard the lives of its citizens.

We are working in coalition with other groups to escalate civil resistance to force a government response. We are all in this together and we have all been betrayed. We need everyone now, to step up and take action. Join us on 23rd July for a march and sit down in Westminster along with thousands of ordinary people from the progressive labour movement, faith communities, charities, social institutions and environmental groups to help create mass civil resistance with [We All Want to Just Stop Oil](#).

Every person counts, every person can take us one step closer to winning the fight of our lives. Join a weekly Zoom call, Tuesdays at 7pm. Register here: <https://juststopoil.org/zoom/>

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Just Stop Oil supporters joined by Animal Rebellion on 8th day of disruption in London

Press / October 8, 2022

Just Stop Oil supporters blocked three major roads in central London this morning causing severe traffic disruption for the eighth day running as they demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licenses and consents. [1]

This morning, around 40 Just Stop Oil supporters established roadblocks on three roads adjacent to the A501, resulting in severe disruption on Marylebone Road. They are blocking the Edgware Road, Gloucester Place and Station Approach. The groups are sitting in the road, and a large number have glued themselves to the tarmac, making it more difficult for police officers to remove them.

Patrick Walker, 33, a local council worker from Newport said:

“Up until very recently I really thought the government would eventually take action to save us from the worst of the climate crisis. Then the IPCC warned us this year that we had to stop new fossil fuel extraction if we wanted a liveable future, only for governments to completely ignore them. I realised then the government wouldn’t listen and I had to take action if I wanted a future for my family.”

Felicity Rice, 41, a mother of two, ex GP, and local councillor from Dorset said:

“It’s fairly simple, the government needs to insulate homes and focus on renewable energy. What makes tackling climate change and fuel poverty complicated is the fact that current MPs have accepted thousands of pounds in sponsorship from fossil fuel companies.”

Jayne Wade, 40, a mother and copywriter from Bristol said:

“The UK government is calling mothers like me “extremists” for trying to protect the lives of our children. Yet the UN secretary general Antonio Guterres has said that the real extremists are the governments continuing to pursue fossil fuel extraction.

“Liz Truss is set to issue 100 new gas and oil licenses – and in doing so she is handing our children a death sentence. Nobody is talking about our kids having a bright future – the question is whether they’ll have a liveable one. And I didn’t bring my daughter into the world only for her life to be cut short by the actions of greedy oil giants and corrupt genocidal governments like ours. All I want is for my daughter to have a chance. All I want is for her to be safe. ”

Today’s action is the start of a second week of continuous disruption by supporters of Just Stop Oil. The road blockades, which had previously targeted roads in and around Westminster, have now moved into the wider London area, while mobile disruption continues to take place in and around Westminster.

Animal Rebellion will also be taking part in acts of non-violent civil resistance at several iconic locations in the centre of London.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

“We will continue in Civil Resistance because it is the right thing to do, and today, Animal Rebellion will also be non-violently resisting on the streets of London. We recognise that the need to end new oil and gas will also require us to transition away from high carbon animal agriculture, and that this must be done while supporting farmers and their communities.”

The actions are timed to coincide with the launch of a new round of oil and gas licensing in which over 100 new licences for oil and gas exploration are likely to be awarded and follow news that the government plans to fast track 5 new oil and gas projects, including the Cambo field, aiming to get the vast majority starting construction by the end of 2023. [2][3]

They also follow an energy price hike on October 1st which means almost 8 million households are expected to fall into fuel poverty by April 1st 2023. [4]

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Day 17: Just Stop Oil supporters defy gravity by climbing the QE2 Bridge forcing police to close the bridge

Press / October 17, 2022

Two [Just Stop Oil](#) supporters have climbed to the top of the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge forcing police to close the bridge to demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents. [1]

At approximately 5 am two climbers ascended the two 84m masts on the North side of the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge forcing the police to stop traffic from entering the bridge. It is expected that the bridge will remain shut for at least 24 hours. [2]

Morgan Trowland, 39, a bridge design engineer from London, said

“As a professional civil engineer, each year as I renew my registration, I commit to acting within our code of ethics, which requires me to safeguard human life and welfare and the environment. Our government has enacted suicidal laws to accelerate oil production: killing human life and destroying our environment. I can’t challenge this madness in my desk job, designing bridges, so I’m taking direct action, occupying the QE2 bridge until the government stops all new oil.”

Marcus, 33, a teacher from London said:

“Too many people in this country simply don’t know the scale and intensity of climate breakdown as the scientists describe it. The authorities are criminally failing to get this grim science communicated. During Covid the science was conveyed on a daily basis. Why isn’t the most existential threat that humanity has ever faced on the news every day?”

“Our political system is betraying the people of this country. More fossil fuel licenses means global genocide. Only direct action will now help to reach the social tipping point we so urgently need.”

Today’s actions follow over two weeks of continuous disruption by supporters of Just Stop Oil in which they have experienced over 450 arrests. On Sunday, there were 14 arrests of Just Stop Oil supporters, who blocked Park Lane and sprayed an Aston Martin dealership with orange paint. Since the campaign began on April 1st, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested over 1,700 times, with 5 currently in prison. [3]

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Animal Rebellion activist joins Just Stop Oil in protest on M25 gantry

Animal Rebellion supporters joined **Just Stop Oil** protesters to climb gantries above the **M25** on Wednesday, 9 November, on the third day of disruption on the motorway.

Essex Police said an officer was injured while responding to people trying to gain access to gantries, after a collision involving two lorries and a police motorbike occurred after a rolling roadblock was put in place between J26 and J27.

“Animal Rebellion stands in solidarity with Just Stop Oil and their campaign to demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents,” the group said.

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Just Stop Oil protesters jailed for Dartford Crossing protest

Morgan Trowland and Marcus Decker scaled bridge over River Thames, forcing police to stop traffic

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Two Just Stop Oil protesters who [scaled a bridge](#) on the Dartford Crossing, forcing police to close it to traffic, have been sentenced to more than two and a half years each for causing a public nuisance.

Morgan Trowland, 40, and Marcus Decker, 34, used ropes and other climbing equipment to scale the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge, which links the M25 between Essex and Kent across the River Thames, in October last year. The police closed the bridge to traffic, causing gridlock.

Trowland was sentenced to three years in prison, while Decker received two years and seven months. Spokespeople from the activist group said these were the longest sentences for peaceful climate protest in British history.

Judge Collery KC handed down the sentence, commenting that it was a strict punishment because he wanted to deter copycat actions. Both defendants were

unanimously found guilty of causing a public nuisance.

Collery said: “You have to be punished for the chaos you caused and to deter others from copying you.” The judge said Trowland, who has six previous convictions relating to protests, had a “leading role”. Decker had one previous protest-related conviction.

He told the pair “[you] plainly believed you knew better than everyone else”, adding: “In short, to hell with everyone else.

“By your actions you caused this very important road to be closed for 40 hours,” the judge said, noting that the disruption affected “many tens of thousands, some very significantly”.

Lawyers for the men told the court they did not plan to take part in any similar climate actions in future, but the judge said he saw “no signs” the defendants were “any less committed to the causes you espouse than before”.

The prosecutor Adam King said the bridge was closed from 4am on 17 October last year to 9pm the following day, with jams forming as traffic was forced to use the tunnels under the Thames instead.

Other climate activists criticised the sentence. An Extinction Rebellion spokesperson told the Guardian: “This is absolutely devastating news. These men took incredibly courageous action to raise the alarm on the greatest crisis of our time and they should be celebrated for their bravery, not thrown in prison and brushed under the carpet.

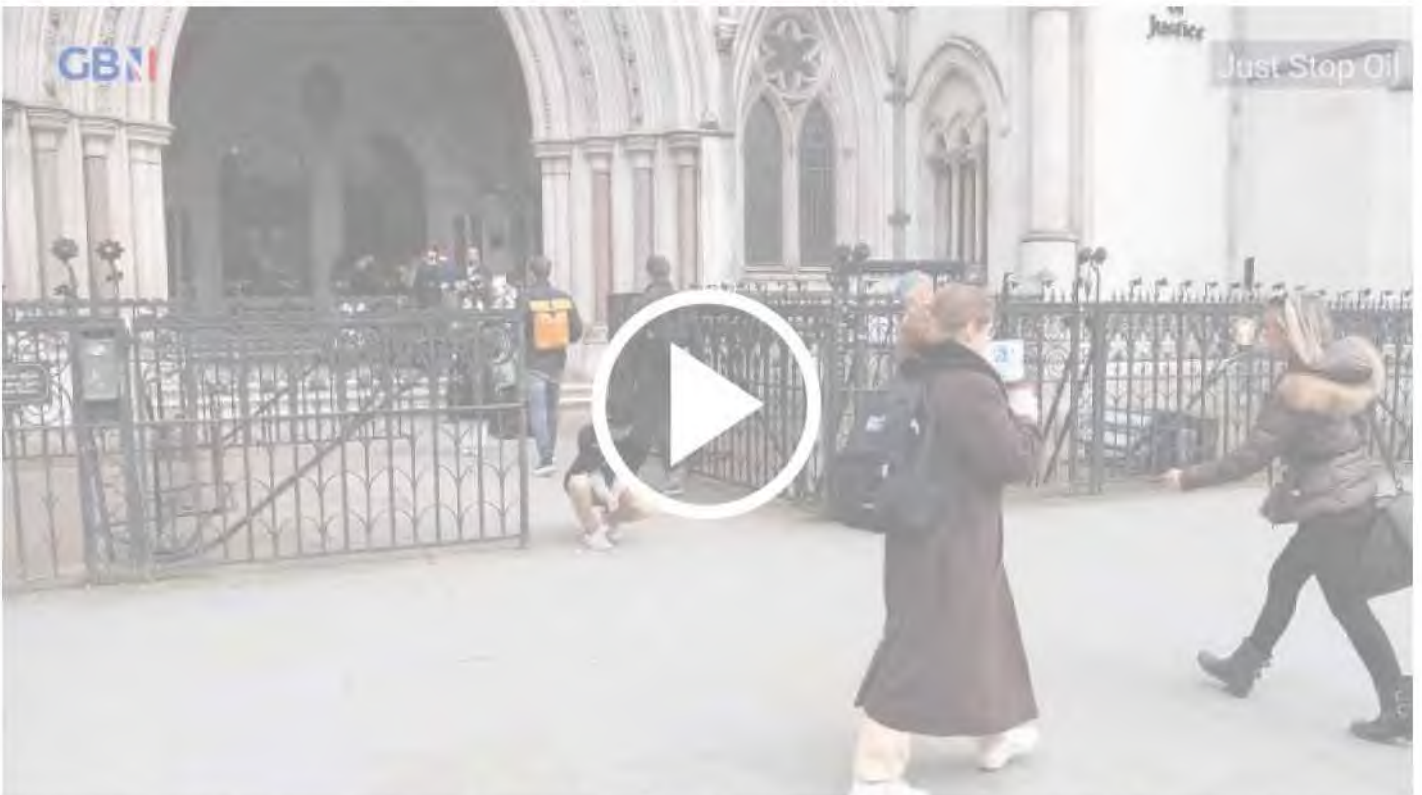
“The majority of the UK public wants what they’re asking for, urgent and far-reaching action on the climate and ecological emergency, and this news today is a slap in the face to everyone in the UK and globally who are being impacted by climate change right now.”

Speaking outside the courtroom, Stephanie Golder, a JSO spokesperson, said: “Just Stop Oil will not be deterred by these draconian sentences. Where they imprison one of us, 10 more will take their place. When they imprison 10 of us, 100 will stand to take their place.”

The activists plan more actions from Monday next week, including “slow marches” to disrupt traffic around London.

Since the Just Stop Oil campaign began on 1 April 2022, more than 2,000 people have been arrested and 138 have spent time in prison. There are currently two Just Stop Oil and five Insulate Britain activists serving time in prison for actions taken with the campaigns.

Just Stop Oil activists glue themselves to court gates instead of attending own trial



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Just Stop Oil supporter released from prison after acquittal in first trial under new ‘locking-on’ law

Court & Prison, Press / April 18, 2024

Just Stop Oil supporter, Callum Goode, has been released from HMP Wandsworth following their acquittal in the first ever trial for the offence of ‘Locking On,’ as defined in the new Public Order Act (Section 1). Callum has been imprisoned since the 6th March, without trial, after taking action to highlight the injustice of weaponizing civil injunctions against people demanding an end to oil and gas. [1]

On Tuesday 16th April, Callum appeared alongside Tez Burns, 35, before District Judge Minhas at City of London Magistrates’ Court, charged with causing ‘significant disruption’ under the Public Order Act. On the 6th March, Callum and Tez glued their hands to the gate of the Royal Courts of Justice to highlight how injunctions are being used to silence those speaking out about climate inaction. [2]

District Judge Minhas ruled that convicting Callum and Tez for a minor 15-minute delay to court proceedings at the Royal Courts of Justice would be disproportionate. Goode has been imprisoned, on

remand, since the 6th of March at HMP Pentonville and HMP Wandsworth.

In their testimony to the court, Cal said:

“The action that day was to raise the alarm around the use of civil injunctions to silence dissent. It’s a gross injustice and you can’t challenge injunctions legally because that requires financial means that we don’t have. So we’re forced to take this kind of action against these injustices to protect our rights.”

“At the time we took this action I was on trial for breaking an injunction that I didn’t even know of at the time of allegedly breaking it. There were 18 of us participating in these proceedings of which 16 were forced to plead guilty because they wouldn’t be able to afford the costs of actually legally challenging the injunction. The choice presented was to either plead guilty or sign an undertaking. Tez and I refused to do that. We’d timed our action for the day of the verdict because we wanted to participate fully in the trial and tell the judge that this was unjust and give them the chance to realise that court time should not be wasted, but they didn’t do that.”

Tez Burns, 35, a bicycle mechanic from Swansea said:

“I wanted to highlight the injustice of the double jeopardy arising out of civil injunctions. Civil injunctions are private laws that allow extremely rich and powerful companies to suppress those speaking out against their murderous policies and practices. I think people have a right to know about injustice. Most people that saw us that day who spoke to us were kind to us. People weren’t pissed off, they were proud that their fellow citizens are standing up for something that is happening in this country that is wrong.”

Michel Forst, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention recently said: *“I am deeply troubled at the use of civil injunctions to ban protest in certain areas, including on public roadways.”* adding: *“The repression that environmental activists who use peaceful civil disobedience are currently facing in Europe is a major threat to democracy and human rights.”* [3]

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

“Injunctions are private laws bought by corporations and government agencies. Typically they are used to protect someone from harassment, and are intended as a remedy not a punishment, but since the Insulate Britain campaign began, they’ve been increasingly used by the State and private companies to silence dissent by climate resisters. They are being used to circumnavigate the usual rule of law, where defendants appear before a high court judge with no jury. They potentially expose defendants to ‘double jeopardy’ for the same action, where they may also be facing criminal charges. Typically injunctions result in astronomical legal costs which are applied to people named on an injunction, even if they have never broken it. Where defendants are offered an undertaking– which commits them to a certain action– and they choose to sign it, all costs are then divided equally amongst any remaining defendants. This is a divide and rule tactic being used to silence those speaking out about the criminality of politicians and business leaders.”

As the world passes tipping points that threaten the breakdown of ordered civilization, world leaders, captured by the interests of oil lobbyists and big business, are failing to protect our communities. British

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Climate activists target private jet airports and demand ban at Cop27

Protesters gather at Farnborough and Luton as part of global action, also calling for tax on frequent fliers

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📷 Activists from Extinction Rebellion and Scientist Rebellion at Farnborough airport. Photograph: @XrSouthEastUK/Twitter

Climate activists have blocked entrances to two of the UK's premier private jet airports as part of a global wave of action against private aviation timed to coincide with *Cop27*.

The activists, from *Extinction Rebellion* and Scientist Rebellion, staged blockades at Farnborough airport, in Hampshire, and London Luton airport's Harrods terminal on Thursday morning.

Similar protests were taking place at terminals in Berlin, Milan, Stockholm and Trondheim as part of a coordinated campaign planned in 13 countries targeting the private aviation industry. Activists also struck at Ibiza and Melbourne on Wednesday, and *Amsterdam on Saturday*.





📍 Activists from Extinction Rebellion, Scientist Rebellion and Last Generation blocking the entrance of an airport facility in Milan. Photograph: Piero Cruciatti/AFP/Getty Images

Data from FlightRadar showed 36 private jets landed at Sharm el-Sheikh between 4 and 6 November, and 64 flew into Cairo, 24 of which had come from Sharm el-Sheikh, [BBC News](#) reported on Thursday.

Extinction Rebellion said: “The campaign is targeting the climate-destroying, jet-setting lifestyles of billionaires and multimillionaires, which are exacerbating climate breakdown and condemning the global majority to a lifetime of poverty.”

The activists said they were calling on dignitaries gathering at Cop27 to ban the use of private jets, which they said were five to 14 times more polluting per passenger than commercial planes, and 50 times more polluting than trains.

XR added: “Campaigners are also demanding a tax on those who fly for a month to cut emissions and help raise funds to pay for the loss and

frequently to cut emissions and help raise funds to pay for the loss and damage caused by climate breakdown.”

Bedfordshire constabulary said the protests at Luton had little impact, with protesters arriving at 7.15am and leaving by 10.15am. “No arrests, no ongoing disruption; they turned up, gave some leaflets out and left,” said a spokesperson.

Hampshire constabulary said they were aware of a protest at Farnborough, and that the force was in contact with staff at the airport to “ensure health and safety” and monitor “the impact on the local community if necessary”, although officers were not on the scene.

“Everyone has the right to free speech and protest,” the force’s spokesperson said.

Officers were on the scene at various locations on the M25, however, where Just Stop Oil activists continued their disruptive protests for a fourth day. Supporters of the climate “civil resistance” group again stopped traffic by climbing on to gantries in multiple locations – in spite of a promise by police that officers were “ready to respond to any criminality” on London’s orbital motorway.

Among those taking action on the M25 on Thursday was Phoebe Plummer, who gained notoriety after she **threw tomato soup on Van Gogh’s Sunflowers** in the National Gallery in London last month

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“As a young person, the only future I see before me is one of mass famine, severe droughts, wildfires, floods and societal collapse,” said Plummer, 21. “I understand people must be frustrated with us, and rightly so, but we have to disrupt daily life because we are hurtling towards climate catastrophe, yet the government continues to betray me, my generation and people in the global south by issuing new oil licenses.”

Eleven members of Just Stop Oil were due to appear in courts on Wednesday after being charged with causing a public nuisance. “This follows a joint operation involving the Metropolitan police, Essex police, Surrey police, Kent police and Hertfordshire police following serious disruption to motorists on the M25,” the Met said.

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As the campaign continues, polling by YouGov has found that almost two-thirds of Britons say they are opposed to Just Stop Oil's disruptive tactics. According to a survey of 1,700 adults between 20 and 21 October - while the group's protests were focused on central London - 64% said they opposed the tactics, which included roadblocks and spraying paint on buildings, while just one in five (21%) said they backed them.

There were big differences along political lines. Nine in 10 (91%) 2019 Conservative voters opposed the protesters' actions, compared with just 5% who were supportive. In contrast, 2019 Labour voters were more evenly split, with similar numbers showing support (43%) for the protesters' actions and expressing opposition (44%).

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A judge says the resistance of activists may be justified due to the climate emergency - because the consequences of failing to act are "so serious".

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Climate activists have blocked a runway at Berlin Airport



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Climate protesters broke on to a runway in Berlin's Brandenburg Airport and glued themselves to the tarmac, causing its temporary closure and delays to flights.

Berlin police said they encountered "several people" in an area not open to the public, after activists gained unauthorised access, with some gluing themselves to the ground.

Activists from the Last Generation environmental group, who say a 70-year-old man was among those involved, were also seen riding bicycles across the shunting area - bringing air traffic to a standstill.

Video footage shows members of the group climbing through a wire fence that had been cut to access the runway.

The group called on the public to stop travelling by air and on the government to stop subsidising it.

Last Generation said in a statement: "The plane is not a means of transport for ordinary people. Most people - around 80% - have never flown.

"One affluent percent of the population is responsible for around half of flight-related greenhouse gas emissions".

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The airport said flights were resuming with some delays after it was forced to close its runways.

A spokesperson for the airport said the activists had entered from two points in the north and south, and police had detained them. They added that they could not say how many flights were affected.

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Flight tracking website FlightRadar24 showed some aircraft that were originally heading to the airport changed their route.

Michael Hassemer, a judge at the Rhineland-Palatinate Constitutional Court, said he considered the resistance of the Last Generation justified by climate emergency.

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Aktuell blockieren Unterstützer:innen der Letzten Generation das Rollfeld des BER. Einige haben sich auf dem Asphalt festgeklebt, andere fahren mit Rad über den Rangierbereich und bringen so den Flugverkehr zum Erliegen. Vor dem Betreten des BER informierten sie die Polizei.

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He said: "The consequences for humanity of failing to take climate protection measures are in any case so serious that legal impairments through protest are justified to a certain extent by emergency and are therefore acceptable."

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Some 13 flights had been diverted to airports in the eastern state Saxony by 5pm GMT, RBB broadcaster reported, citing Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG, the company that operates the airports in Dresden and Leipzig.

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LOVE IN ACTION: Extinction Rebellion blockades Luton Airport private jet terminals in Valentine's Day protest

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#ExtinctionRebellion #LoveInAction

This morning, Extinction Rebellion and affiliated groups have blockaded the entrances to Luton Airport's Harrods Aviation and Signature private jet terminals to demand the

government take urgent action to ban private jets, tax frequent flyers and make wealthy polluters pay.

The protest is part of a global co-ordinated action launched last week by climate activists across 11 countries, which is targeting multiple sites in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and the US.

Groups chose to take action today due to the rise in the use of private jet flights for supposedly romantic Valentine's Day dates, and to invite anyone watching to go to Parliament from April 21st to be part of 100,000 people calling for a citizen-led transition away from fossil fuels.[1]

“Valentine’s Day should not have to cost the Earth, or the taxpayer,” says former airline pilot-turned climate activist, Todd Smith. “The people want a ban on private jets, as Climate Assembly UK demonstrated in 2020. [2] But nothing has been done. I can only assume the government has ignored the will of the people to protect the interests of their rich mates. We are here today to make them listen.”

Extinction Rebellion’s iconic blue boat *Polly Higgins* is blocking all three gates to Luton Airport’s Signature Terminal with protestors locked on to the deck and hull of the boat.

Another group of protestors is barricading the entrance to the Harrods Aviation Terminal, with activists locked onto two oil barrels.

More activists are gathered at both terminals dressed in hi-vis jackets, holding flags and banners in the style of airport signs, and wearing pink vests reading “LOVE IN ACTION”.

Today’s protest is part of the ongoing “Make Them Pay” campaign by Scientist Rebellion, Extinction Rebellion (XR), and Stay Grounded which has three key demands: ban private jets, tax frequent flyers and make polluters pay. [3]

Nigel Harvey, 60, a recycling company chief executive and XR activist from St Albans, added: “Extinction Rebellion and other climate activist groups are often criticised for disrupting the lives of ‘normal working people’ – well it should be clear that owning a private jet isn’t normal. This is a targeted action – we’re disrupting only the top 1%: the highest-income, highest emitters who are most responsible for pollution and have the most power to affect changes.”

1% of the global population produces over a half of total aviation emissions [4], while 80% of the global population have never actually stepped foot onboard an aircraft [5]. Private jets are around 10 times more energy-intensive per passenger than commercial

planes and 50 times more energy-intensive than trains. A four-hour flight in a private jet emits as much as the average person does in an entire year. Yet private jet use remains subsidised and untaxed [6].

Sarah Hart, 41, mum of two from Farnborough said: *“The fact that our government turns a blind eye on these polluters is just further evidence of its failure to act on the climate & ecological emergency. We are calling for everyone to join us from 21 April outside the Houses of Parliament to make our voices heard and demand action on the climate & ecological crisis NOW.”*

Last year the Least Developed Countries (LDC) group representing the most climate-vulnerable countries at COP27, proposed a global aviation tax to pay for a climate ‘loss & damage’ fund for their countries [7] and cancel debt in the countries most affected by climate change so that they can afford to transition to low-carbon economies [8].

Finlay Asher, 32, an aerospace engineer from Bristol and co-founder of Safe Landing [9] said: *“I’m an aviation worker – but feel that I can’t stand-by watching the emissions from my industry continue to grow and contribute so heavily to the climate carnage wreaking havoc around the world.*

These impacts are mostly felt by the poorest communities, so it’s sickening to also realise that an elite minority of super-rich mega polluters are responsible for the majority of global emissions from air travel.”

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- Climate Assembly UK recommendations:
 - “Ban polluting private jets and helicopters, moving to electric technology as it becomes available”
 - “**80%** of assembly members ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ that taxes that increase as people fly more often and as they fly further should be part of how the UK gets to net zero. Assembly members saw these taxes as fairer than alternative policy options.
- Scotland’s Climate Assembly recommendations:
 - “Eliminate frequent flyer and air mile bonuses to reduce the number of flights taken for business, encouraging the use of alternatives like video conferencing for meetings.” – **92% agree**
 - “Discourage air travel by introducing a frequent flyer tax or levy.” – **78% agree**
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- French Citizens’ Convention on Climate:
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Germany's answer to **Just Stop Oil** - known as 'Last Generation' - have taken protests to another level by gluing their hands to airport runways to stop flights.

Climate activists from 'Letzte Generation' blocked runways and taxiways at Hamburg and Düsseldorf airports on Thursday morning, causing delays, cancellations and diversions for several hours.

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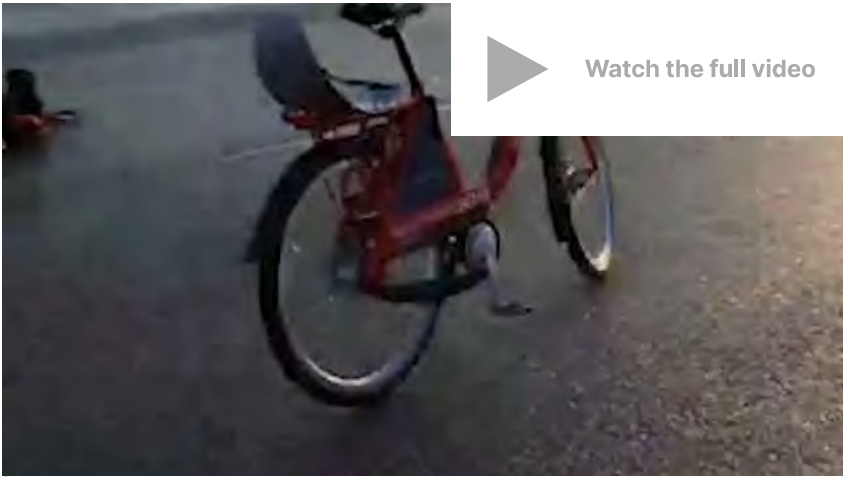
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A police spokesperson said flights had been suspended at Hamburg airport at around 6am after nine unauthorized people entered an area near the airfield, with eight of them gluing themselves to the ground.

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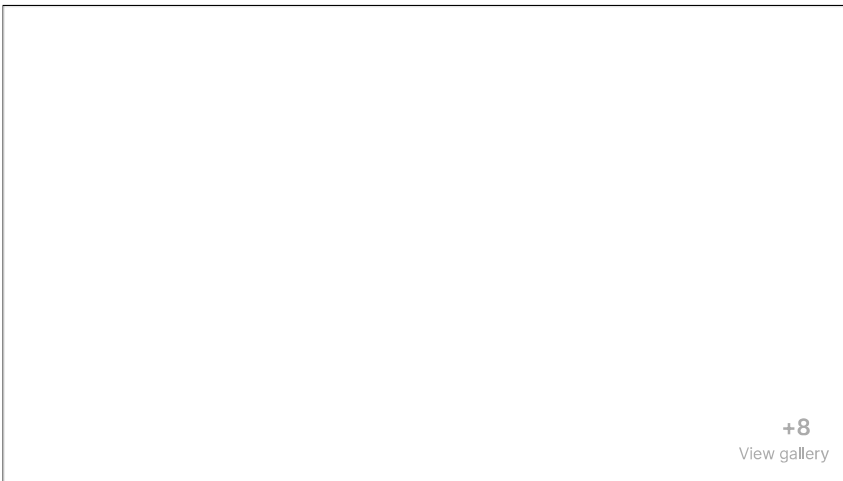
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Though flights resumed roughly four hours later, the airport said 17 arrivals and 19 departures had been cancelled on Thursday and further delays and cancellations could not be ruled out.

Around 50,000 passengers were due to fly at the north German airport that day - the first day of the school summer holidays - as many sought to take a well-earned break abroad.

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Members of the group also cut through a security fence at Düsseldorf Airport in the west and blocked an access route to the runway, disrupting several flights before operations resumed.

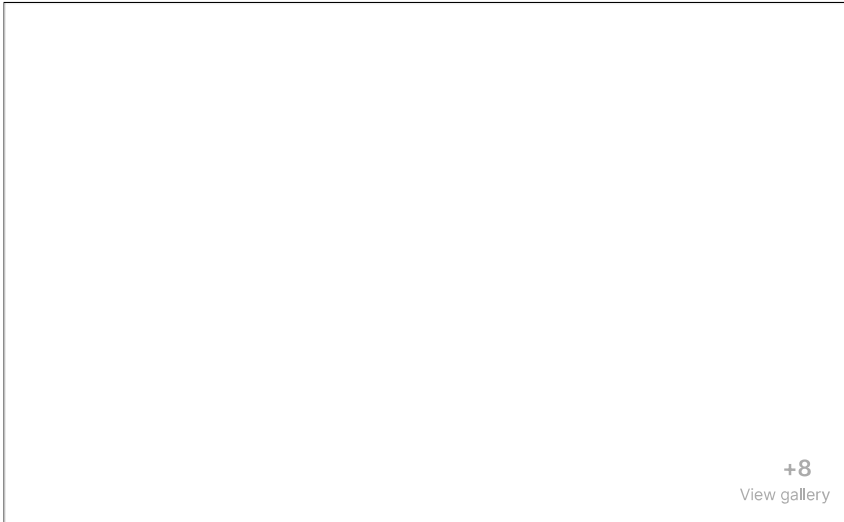
One man told **Tagesschau** he had been waiting for 'four or five hours' at Hamburg Airport with 'no information' about what was happening next.

In a video, activist Regi, 21, was filmed spraying glue on her hands to stick them to the runway at Düsseldorf airport.

She told the camera: 'We can't watch any longer as our Earth burns with our government adding fuel to the fire every day with their fossil madness.'

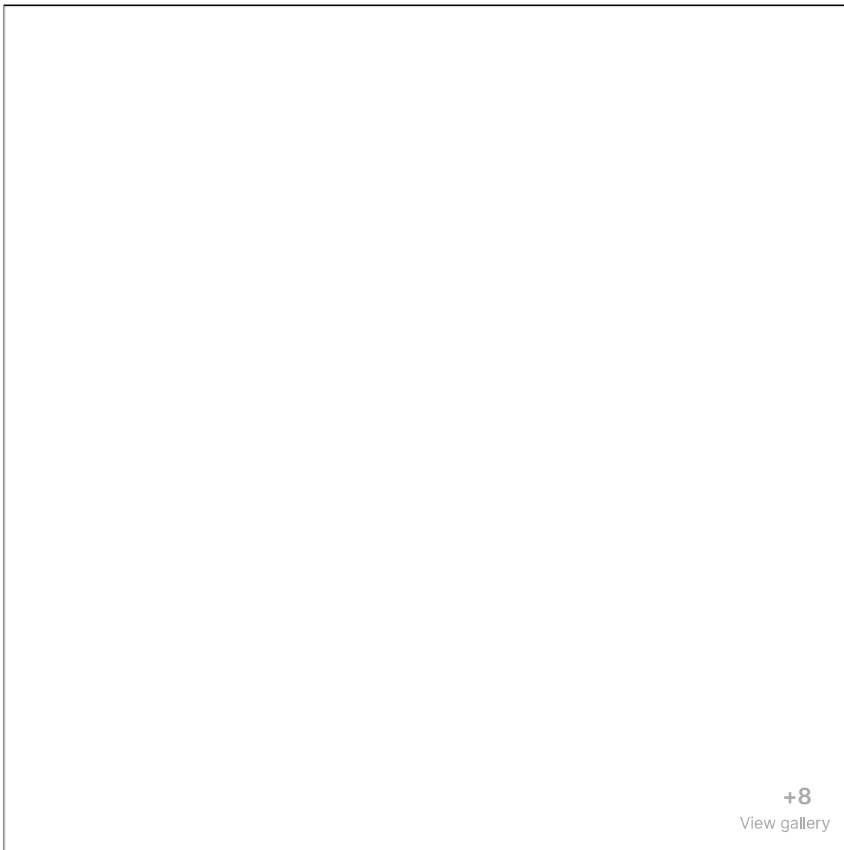
'That's why we're blocking the airport today.'

In a statement, the group accused the German government of lacking a strategy to tackle the climate crisis and called for immediate measures to cut emissions in the transportation sector, including ending tax exemptions for airline kerosene.



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Flights were suspended from around 6am on Thursday, while others were diverted to other airports. Pictured: Security and emergency services at Düsseldorf airport



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The activists also gained entry to the runway by cutting through a fence. Others clambered over the railings and barbed wire

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If the aviation sector were a country, it would rank in the top 10 global emitters, according to the European Commission.

Last Generation took to Twitter to say: 'Why the protest at the airport? If not at an airport, where is the right place to protest the destruction of our livelihoods?'

'The world is on fire and we are the last generation to have a chance to pick up the fire extinguisher.'

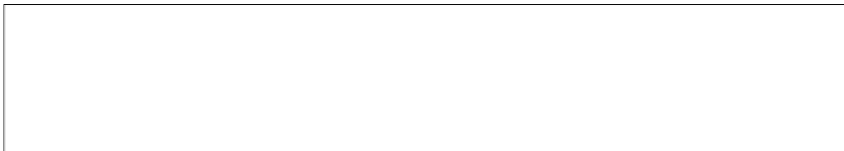
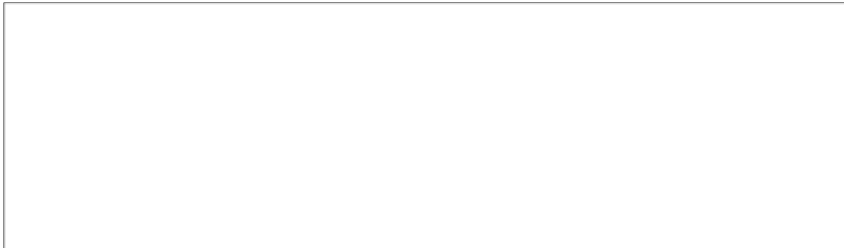
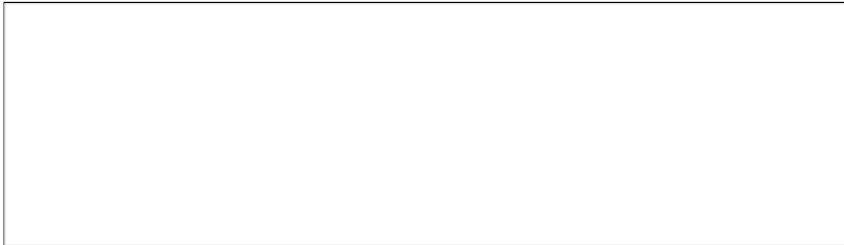
'Instead, we allow our government to subsidize air travel, a major catastrophe accelerator, with billions annually. It is like a collective suicide and we can no longer accept that.'

Senior German government officials condemned the protests and called for them to end.

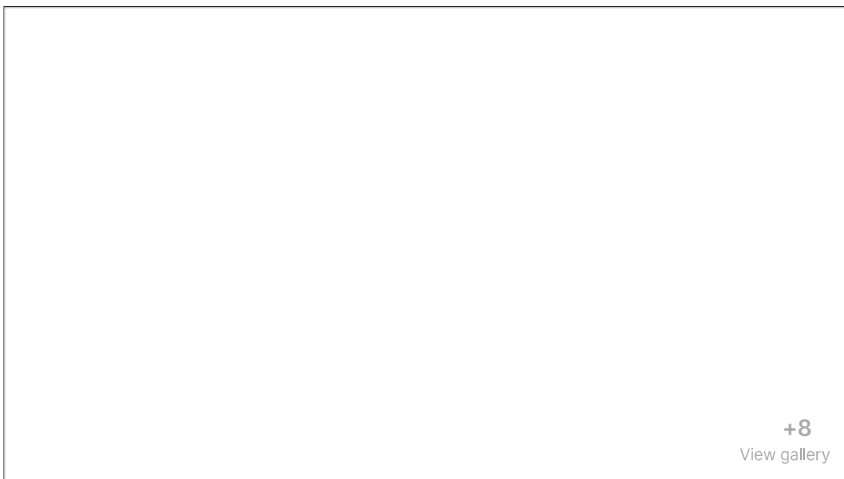
'The Last Generation isn't protecting the climate, they're engaged in criminal activity,' said transport minister Volker Wissing, who has blocked several proposals for cutting emissions from road and air travel in recent years.

He and justice minister Marco Buschmann, both members of the Free Democratic Party, accused the activists of dividing society by preventing people from flying on 'well-earned holidays'.

Last Generation insists its protests are peaceful, albeit disruptive, though motorists facing delays when the group blocks roads have at times attacked the activists.



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Activists were filmed spraying glue onto their hands to block the runways

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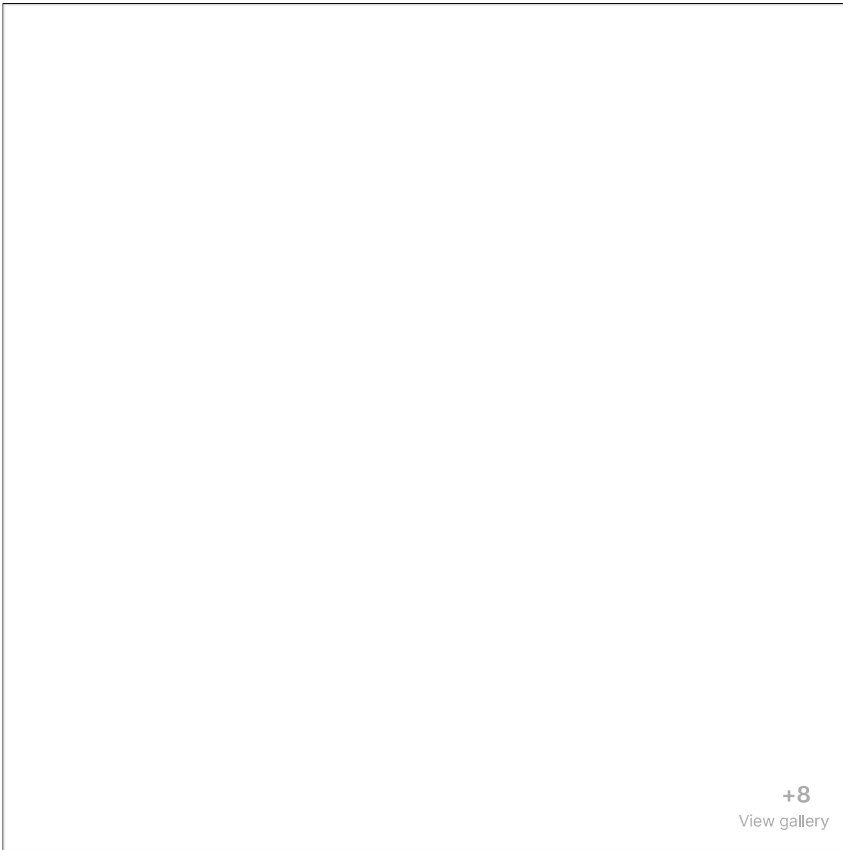


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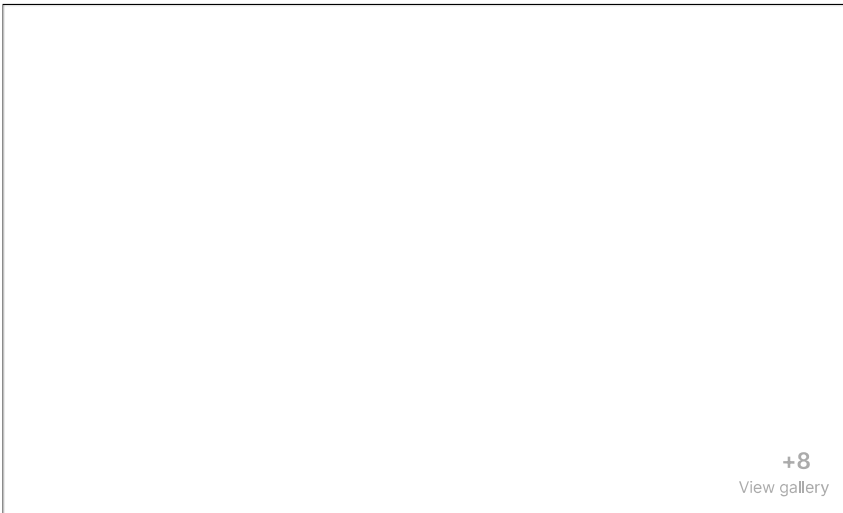
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The delays came on the first day of the school summer holidays in Hamburg



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A Letzte Generation (Last Generation) climate activist has his hand glued to the asphalt of the runway



Police cars attended the scene at Düsseldorf as delays continued for several hours

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German prosecutors raided the homes of several of the group's members in May on suspicion of forming or supporting a criminal organisation.

Videos on Thursday showed the activists clambering over high railings and barbed wire to gain access to the airports, while others cut through a fence.

Düsseldorf Airport tweeted early on Thursday morning: 'Because unauthorized persons have gained access to the airport premises, there are delays in flight operations.'

The protest came as Just Stop Oil threw a number of protests in the UK on Friday evening, including **storming onstage during the first night of the BBC Proms** at the Royal Albert Hall.

Last Generation activists have frequently glued themselves to roads and airport tarmac in Germany since their formation in 2021.

In 2022 they staged 276 road blockages, and used paint to vandalise buildings, paintings, yachts and private jets.

Meanwhile in November the group threw soup at The Sower by Vincent Van Gogh at the Palazzo Bonaparte in Rome - just two weeks after **Just Stop Oil activists targeted The Sunflowers**.

The previous month the hurled mashed potatoes at a Monet painting behind glass, titled The Grainstacks.

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Climate activists disrupt Logan Airport's 100th anniversary celebration to demand justice for East Boston

By [Extinction Rebellion Boston](#) | Oct. 13, 2023

On Friday October 13, climate activists from Extinction Rebellion Boston (XR), Airport Impact Relief Inc., Mothers Out Front, GreenRoots, and other members of the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition disrupted the Logan Airport's 100th anniversary celebration in the newly expanded International Terminal E. As more than 500 attendees gathered, including Mayor Michelle Wu and Governor Maura Healey, the activists waved a large colorful banner printed with "Stop Polluting Eastie" and carried a 120-inch inflatable airplane reading "Terminal Illness". East Boston supporters crowded outside the airport's security entrance, chanting in English and Spanish "We shall not be moved / No, nos moverán," and "We are unstoppable, another world is possible." They sang along with live music played by the Boston Area Brigade of Activist Musicians and distributed informational flyers folded into paper airplanes to the event attendees.

East Boston activist Chris Marchi addressed the crowd saying, "We should not congratulate this airport, while it poisons environmental justice communities. We should be avowing to change. Massachusetts needs to stop excusing environmental destruction for pet projects. When will this state's leaders finally disown claims that we need to accept environmental sacrifices for the survival of our economy?"

Before 1923, East Boston featured the massive Wood Island Park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the planner of Boston's "Emerald Necklace". In 1923, the 189 acres of Wood Island Park were destroyed by Massport to build the Logan airport. The airport property rapidly expanded to 389 acres by 1934, 1,489 acres by 1949, 1,509 acres by 1965, and 1,743 acres by 1974. Due to community outrage at the egregious theft of land, Massport started "outsourcing" their expansions to other vendors, leading to "silent airport expansion," making the true size of the airport almost impossible to determine. Today, Boston Logan International Airport emits more than 35,000 pounds of pollution daily and 810,000 metric tons of greenhouse gasses per year. Despite constant pushback from the East Boston community, the airport continues to expand, destroying parks and living spaces as it grows. For example, one current proposal includes the addition of a 1.8 million gallon fuel tank.

Climate activists disrupted the Logan Airport celebration because they are concerned about the health and wellbeing of the East Boston community threatened by Massport's growth. One East Boston activist commented, "Air pollution is a terminal illness in East Boston. It is time to step up and protest the numerous and

continuously increasing harms inflicted on our community. East Boston has been a vibrant immigrant hub for centuries. Like so many cities with similar histories, residents are on the receiving end of systemic environmental injustices. The burden is not bearable anymore." According to a [Logan Airport Health Study](#)¹, children in East Boston are 4 times more likely to exhibit signs of asthma compared with children in other areas. Adults are twice as likely to show signs of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The neighborhood is a "hotspot" for many different types of cancer², suggesting environmental causes. East Boston has the [lowest tree canopy coverage](#) in the city³, due largely to Logan airport. This contributes to many urban heat islands, or hotter temperatures, on average, than most other neighborhoods in the region.

When asked why they participated in this act of non-violent civil disobedience, Mothers Out Front organizer Valinda Chan said, "When I was pregnant with my second child, I spent every day worrying about the possible health impacts of air pollution on my baby. I picked the park I would take my toddler to based on which direction the wind was blowing and the time of day, all in an effort to reduce our exposure. This hyper-awareness eventually took a toll, and I've thought about leaving. But I love the East Boston community. Living in an area with high pollution takes a mental, emotional, and physical toll on residents. But East Boston is our home. We can't and don't want to leave – and we shouldn't have to."

Demands from Extinction Rebellion Boston (XR), Airport Impact Relief Inc., Mothers Out Front, GreenRoots, and other members of the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition to Massport:

The climate activists demand that Massport stop the ongoing Logan Airport expansion, and demand that East Boston residents be financially compensated for the pollution that already damages their neighborhood. Activists insist that when creating an impact statement before building, Massport needs to explicitly consider the economic cost of healthcare for Eastie residents, and integrate the healthcare cost into the cumulative assessment of this Environmental Justice community. The activists also demand an immediate halt on construction for the 5th fuel tank at Logan airport, and the "Haul Road" for the airport that is proposed to run through East Boston.

Background on East Boston activists' community efforts against MassPort:

This action continues a long tradition of East Boston's community opposition to Logan Airport expansion, and their fight against the ongoing misuse of neighborhood land for egregiously destructive projects like Eversource's new electrical substation. For example, the #NoEastieSubstation campaign demands to move the substation's site to the airport, which is the single-largest electricity user. The substation is an insidious airport expansion planned for a plot of land where the community was promised a park.

Over the past 5 years, Mothers Out Front and Airport Impact Relief Inc. have pushed for air pollution research and advocacy projects, which have leveraged over \$1 million dollars in grant activity to test and implement air quality mitigation and public education work across the region. This research revealed that idling cars at Logan Airport produce 15 million pounds of pollution per year, a figure Massport disputes.⁴ According to Airport Impact Relief Inc. spokesperson Chris Marchi, "We have consistently offered opportunities for collaboration with Massport, but have consistently been declined."

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The protesters (in orange) began their action at about 4.45am local time Pic: AP



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Eight climate protesters have been arrested after shutting down Munich Airport and causing about 60 flight cancellations.

Six of the activists glued themselves to a runway access road early on Saturday morning, but the situation is now under control with both runways open.

Climate protest group Last Generation took responsibility in videos on X showing its members wearing orange vests on the tarmac.

"A total of six people are sitting in two groups on different locations of the Munich airport," one of the posts said.

"It is absurd that people can afford flights more than train journeys," said another post from the group.

"The responsibility for this lies with the government: it subsidises flights while the railways are ruined by cost-cutting."

An airport spokesperson said it had been fully closed to take-offs and landings for nearly two hours.

Some 11 flights were also diverted, around 60 cancelled, and delays were still possible, the spokesperson added.

The disruption occurred during one of the busiest travel periods, second only to the Easter holidays, according to the airport.



Climate activists blockade Farnborough private jet airport's three main gates

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Extinction Rebellion climate activists are blocking access to Farnborough Airport this morning (Sunday 2 June) to protest against the increasing use of highly polluting private jets by the super-rich and to call on the government to ban private jets, tax frequent flyers and make polluters pay.

Today's blockade is part of a global week of action against private aviation under the banner Make Them Pay with actions in Denmark, Germany, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the US, and follows Europe's largest private jet convention EBACE in Geneva this week.

In Farnborough, protesters have barricaded the airport's Gulfstream Gate with the iconic XR pink boat with "LOVE IN ACTION" painted on the side, Ively Gate has four protesters locked on to oil drums, and the airport's departure gate has an activist mounted on a tripod blockading the entrance. Police have seized a second tripod.

A fourth group of protesters are playing cat and mouse with the airport authorities, moving between the airport's other gates to block them. At all three main gates, protesters are releasing colourful smoke flares, chanting slogans and engaging with members of the public, accompanied by the XR Rebel Rhythms band of drummers.

The activists are supported at all three main entrances to the airport by scores of demonstrators holding banners reading "FLYING TO EXTINCTION", "PRIVATE FLIGHTS = PUBLIC DEATHS", "STOP PRIVATE FLIGHTS", "PRIVATE FLIGHTS COST THE EARTH" and "TAX FREQUENT FLYERS".

Climate activists are targeting Farnborough Airport in an escalating campaign because it is the UK's largest private jet airport. Last year 33,120 private flights landed and took off from its runways, carrying an average of just 2.5 passengers per flight, making them up to 40 times more carbon intensive than regular flights. Currently 40% of flights to and from the airport are empty. The airport is now seeking planning permission to increase the number of planes taking off or landing from a maximum of 50,000 a year to up to 70,000 a year.

Farnborough Airport claims to be a centre for business aviation yet around 50% of Farnborough flights headed to the Mediterranean during summer months, rather than business locations, with around 25% heading to Alpine destinations during the winter months. Last year a service was launched specifically to shuttle dogs and their owners to Dubai and back.

The demonstration includes campaigners from Extinction Rebellion, who have joined forces with local residents, Quakers, and campaign organisations Farnborough Noise Group, Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth, and Bristol Aviation Action Network to voice their opposition to the airport's expansion plans.

Dr Jessica Upton, 54, from Oxford, a Veterinary surgeon and foster carer said: "I'm here today because private airports are an abomination. Expanding Farnborough would be putting the indulgent wants of the rich minority over the needs of the majority. Local people need cleaner air and less noise pollution, and the world's population urgently

needs rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to survive. Private airports disproportionately contribute to climate breakdown and closing them would boost our chances of sticking to the Paris Climate Accords, the supposedly legally binding international treaty agreed to and signed by our government.“

Daniela Voit, 37, from Surbiton, a Shiatsu Practitioner and Teacher, said: “Last year we hit a global average temperature rise of 1.5°C degrees celsius over an entire year. For decades we were told a 1.5°C rise needs to be avoided to avoid catastrophic changes to our lives due to the planetary warming caused by humanity’s CO2 emissions. We can see the consequences of this temperature rise all over the world – currently immense flooding in Brazil and Afghanistan and temperature of 52C in Pakistan. To carry on flying in private jets, one of the biggest causes for CO2 emissions per person, in a time of climate crisis is reckless. The rich 1% that are flying from Farnborough Private Jet Airport seem to think they are exempt from taking responsibility for what they are doing to our only home. Banning Private Jets is one of the first things we need to do to stop further temperature rises. This is vital to ensure the survival of all life – human, animal and plant – on this planet that we call our Mother Earth.”

Make Them Pay demands:

1) Ban private jets. Flying in a private jet is the most inefficient and carbon-intensive mode of transport. Flights on private jets can be as much as 40 times more carbon-intensive than regular flights, and 50 times more polluting than trains. A four-hour private flight emits as much as the average person does in a year. Private jet use is entirely inappropriate during a climate emergency. There’s strong public support for banning private jets and banning this mode of travel was a key recommendation of the Climate Assembly.

2) Tax frequent flyers. Various citizens’ assemblies, for example in the UK, Scotland, and France, have recommended that frequent flyers and those who fly further should pay more.

They believe this would “address issues of tax fairness, as currently those who don’t fly are subsidising those who do” and that “this would deliver significant behaviour changes across society and have a positive impact on reducing overall carbon emissions caused by flying.”

Taxes on air travel would be a socially progressive way of raising climate funds and have been proposed by the group representing the most vulnerable countries at COP27 as an effective way to raise climate finance and pay for loss and damage, alongside debt cancellation.

3) Make polluters pay. It is only fair that the wealthiest in society and the highest-

income, highest-emitters pay for their climate damage, and pay the most into climate Loss and Damage funds for the most affected peoples and areas to mitigate and adapt to the worst impacts of climate change.

The top 1% of the global population by income are responsible for more emissions than the bottom 50% combined. So not only is it a question of morality that the wealthiest in society pay the most, and commit to the most rapid emissions reductions – it's also a mathematical necessity and a question of practicality and science.

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This system is fucked, politics is failing us, we need a revolution or we really do face rule by 'the mob'. As we pass through 1.5C of heating to 2C and then the predicted 3C in the lifetime of many alive today, we will lose all we cherish and value. Our treasured landscapes, the rule of law, education, healthcare, pensions – and yes the people we love. We will not be able to feed ourselves and those who rule us do not care. Look at Gaza, this is what they are prepared to let happen. Genocide is now acceptable.

In response, nonviolent civil resistance to a harmful state will continue, with coordinated, radical actions that reach out to new people and capture the attention of the world. Alongside this, a new political project will be set up. This will run local assemblies and will support and stand candidates to shape the electoral debate. A coordinating structure known as Umbrella, will support these projects and this will be the heart of our community of resistance.

Just Stop Oil will continue to be the major focus until we win, but we have a new three part demand: No New Oil, Revoke Tory Licences and Just Stop Oil by 2030. In addition to disrupting high-profile cultural events and continuing our Stop Tory Oil campaign, focussing on MP's and those in power, this summer Just

Stop Oil will commence a campaign of high-level actions at sites of key importance to the fossil fuel industry – airports.

In addition to Just Stop Oil, young people and students will be taking action in a new campaign that will demand an end to genocide – both in Palestine, and globally, from the continued drilling and burning of oil and gas.

Umbrella will launch Assemble, a democracy project that will mobilise hundreds of people by running local assemblies on issues of concern to communities across the country and giving them pathways to action. The goal is to create a “People’s House” to parallel the House of Commons as the first step towards having permanent legally binding citizens assemblies– a democratic revolution.

Umbrella will be the hub for fundraising, mobilisation and directing resources to a range of new campaigns and groups, including Robin Hood, a major new campaign based around a demand to properly fund our public services by taxing the richest in society.

Each of these campaigns will share the values of nonviolence and accountability.

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Just Stop Oil are planning a series of protests at airports across the UK and Europe which threaten to cause travel chaos for holidaymakers this summer.

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Hundreds of flights could be delayed by hours or even cancelled as part of the plot by 50 activists, according to the Mirror.

Just Stop Oil's Phoebe Plummer reportedly warned of "disruption on a scale that has never been seen before" at a meeting attended by an undercover journalist. The group has been critical of the airline industry over its carbon footprint.

She said: "The most exciting part of this plan is that [it's] going to be part of an international effort. Flights operate on such a tight schedule to control air traffic that with action being caused in cities all around the world we're talking about radical, unignorable disruption."

She added: "It's time to wake up and get real – no summer holiday is more important than food security, housing and the lives of your loved ones. Flying is also a symbol of the gross wealth inequality that's plaguing our society and if we want to create change we need to adopt a more radical demand."

Just Stop Oil is planning an alliance with Europe-based A22 Network to cause disruption at major international airports.



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Clive Wratten, of the Business Travel Association, said: “These planned protests are a blunt instrument that will alienate the people who can bring the change Just Stop Oil wants. The activists should work with British businesses to create meaningful solutions to our climate crisis.

“They should join airlines and their supply industry in bringing forward sustainable fuels and best practices, and we urge protesters to reconsider chaos bringing progress to a standstill.”

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Home Secretary James Cleverly said: “Selfish, disruptive protesters who wreak havoc in people’s everyday lives must be stopped. We have given the police more powers to tackle criminals posing as protesters and are backing officers with the tools they need to prevent serious disruption and disorder. More than 600 protesters were arrested during Just Stop Oil’s latest campaign.”

Conservative MP Gary Johnson told the Mirror: “The actions of Just Stop Oil are counterproductive and put people off their cause. Most people want to see the environment protected but militant, highly disruptive protests just anger those who are often just trying to enjoy a family holiday.”

However a Just Stop Oil spokesman said UK government policy on climate change meant the group’s actions were justified.

They said: “In normal circumstances, the sort of activities you’ve outlined would be unacceptable. However, what is more unacceptable is the last 10 straight months of record-breaking temperatures, governments continue to allow more oil and gas drilling. The situation is an emergency and we have to start acting like it.”

More than half of British people plan to travel abroad this summer and three in five have already booked, according to Post Office Travel Money.

Just Stop Oil was founded in 2022 to try to cease the issuing of all new oil, gas and coal licences in the UK.

It has staged dozens of high profile protests, many involving disrupting London traffic.

It has also targeted an Ashes Test match at Lords and members ran on stage during a performance of Les Miserables in the West End.

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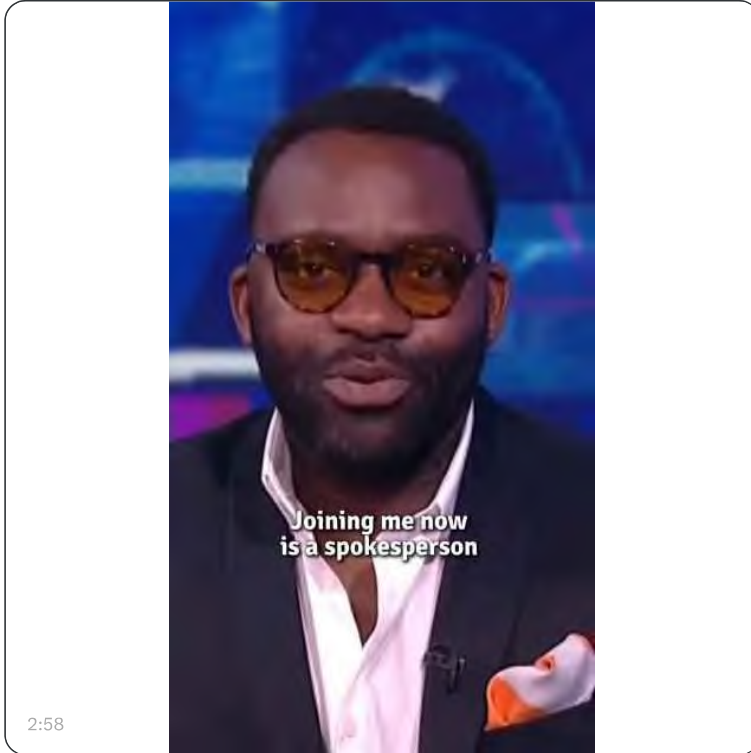
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Just Stop Oil supporters disrupt Duke of Westminster's wedding

Press / June 7, 2024

Just Stop Oil supporters disrupt Duke of Westminster's wedding

Two Just Stop Oil supporters have disrupted the 'society wedding of the year' between the Duke of Westminster and Olivia Henson. The pair of Just Stop Oil supporters are taking action to demand an emergency plan to end the extraction and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030. [1]

At around 12:30 pm, two Just Stop Oil supporters used fire extinguishers to project powder paint near the entrance to Chester Cathedral, whilst billionaire aristocrat Hugh Grosvenor and his new wife Olivia Henson made their way towards a waiting luxury 8-Litre Bentley, after leaving their wedding service and standing for photos. Police quickly intervened and arrested the two ladies.

One of those taking action today is Polly, 73, a care worker from Norfolk, who said:

"Weddings are a time of coming together in celebration to make a commitment to the future. However, for countless millions around the world there is no future unless we come together to stop oil and gas. That's why we are demanding that the next UK government work with other countries to phase out fossil fuels by 2030."



Also taking action today is Sheila, 69, from Bristol, who worked as an NHS nurse for 50 years. She said:

“What do we value most? The wealth of billionaires like the Duke of Westminster OR the lives of the billions who are being destroyed by the fossil fuel industry? Extreme wealth and the climate crisis are both symptoms of a broken system that is not serving most ordinary people.”

“I am asking my fellow citizens to peacefully, but determinedly, demand an emergency plan to stop the drilling and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030. My grandchildren, all our children and all future generations’ lives are dependent on what we all do right now.”



Today’s action comes off the back of the hottest May on record, completing 12 months in a row that have set a new global temperature record for that time of year. The average temperature last month was 1.52C above the pre-industrial average, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service. Spiralling temperatures supercharged by fossil fuel burning, deforestation and animal agriculture are threatening to take the world past irreversible tipping points that will lead to vast swathes of the planet becoming uninhabitable, leading to mass displacement, famine and war. [2][3]

Hugh Grosvenor is number 14th on the 2024 Sunday Times Rich List and is the UK's richest man under 40, with an estimated fortune of £10.1bn of inherited wealth. He inherited his father's fortune despite not being the eldest of his siblings, as male heirs take precedence over their older sisters when it comes to inheriting an estate. The property company he inherited, the Grosvenor Group, owns about 300 acres of land in Mayfair and Belgravia in central London, as well as major city centre developments such as Liverpool's ONE shopping centre and properties in the US and Canada. Today's wedding is being billed as one of the most prestigious social events of the year and is attended by Prince William amongst other royals. [4]

This summer, Just Stop Oil supporters will be acting in solidarity with other groups internationally to defend our families and communities from the crimes of fossil capital and the political leaders who are facilitating the destruction of everything we care about. Sign up to take action at juststopoil.org.

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Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

[2] <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/hottest-may-makes-12-straight-months-of-record-global-temperatures/ar-BB1nGB51>

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Press / June 20, 2024

Two Just Stop Oil supporters have painted multiple private jets on the airfield where Taylor Swift's jet landed mere hours before. They are demanding that the incoming UK government commit to working with other governments to agree an equitable plan to end the extraction and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030. [1]

At around 5:00 am Jennifer Kowalski and Cole Macdonald entered the private airfield at Stansted airport where Swift's jet is currently stationed. The pair painted two private jets using fire extinguishers filled with orange paint.

Cole Macdonald, 22, from Brighton, said

"We're living in two worlds: one where billionaires live in luxury, able to fly in private jets away from the other, where unlivable conditions are being imposed on countless millions. Meanwhile, this system that is allowing extreme wealth to be accrued by a few, to the detriment of everyone else, is destroying the conditions necessary to support human life in a rapidly accelerating never-ending 'cruel summer'. Billionaires are not untouchable, climate breakdown will affect every single one of us."



Jennifer Kowalski, 28, who is a former sustainability manager from Dumbarton, said:

"Over the years, I've had to realise that even working in sustainability provides me with essentially no ability to make the necessary changes to prevent the complete collapse of our natural systems. I have to take desperate measures to make my voice heard."

"In 2024 we all have to be considering what we can do each day to change the course our society is on. We need an emergency treaty to stop the extraction and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030."



It is estimated that 80% of the world's population has never taken a flight. Just 1% of people cause 50% of global aviation emissions. Private jet users are responsible for up to 14x as much carbon emissions compared with a commercial flight. A single flight in a private jet can easily emit as much carbon dioxide as the average annual carbon footprint for an EU citizen – 8.2 tonnes. [2] [3] [4]

The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is a initiative for world governments to agree an emergency rescue plan that rapidly and fairly phases out deadly emissions. Wealthy developed countries with historically high

carbon emissions will be the priority, ending oil and gas usage by 2030. Developing countries will follow in a logical and just transition. [5]

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

“Whilst governments are allowing oil corporations to run amok destroying our communities, the actions of individuals mean very little. That’s why Just Stop Oil is demanding that our next government sign up to a legally binding treaty to phase out fossil fuels by 2030.

Failure to defend the people they represent will mean Just Stop Oil supporters, along with citizens from Austria, Canada, Norway, the Netherlands and Switzerland will join in resistance this summer, if their own Governments do not take meaningful action.”

Until world leaders act to protect us, Just Stop Oil supporters, working with other groups internationally, will take the proportional action necessary to generate much needed political pressure. This summer, areas of key importance to the fossil fuel economy will be declared sites of civil resistance around the world. Sign up to take action at juststopoil.org.

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Tonight our officers made six arrests during an event at an east London community centre.

We believe some of those in custody are key organisers for Just Stop Oil.

All the arrests were under a section of the Public Order Act which makes it illegal to conspire to disrupt national infrastructure.

We continue to work with airport operators and others to prevent significant disruption.

Activists do not have the right to commit criminal acts that may also endanger themselves and others.

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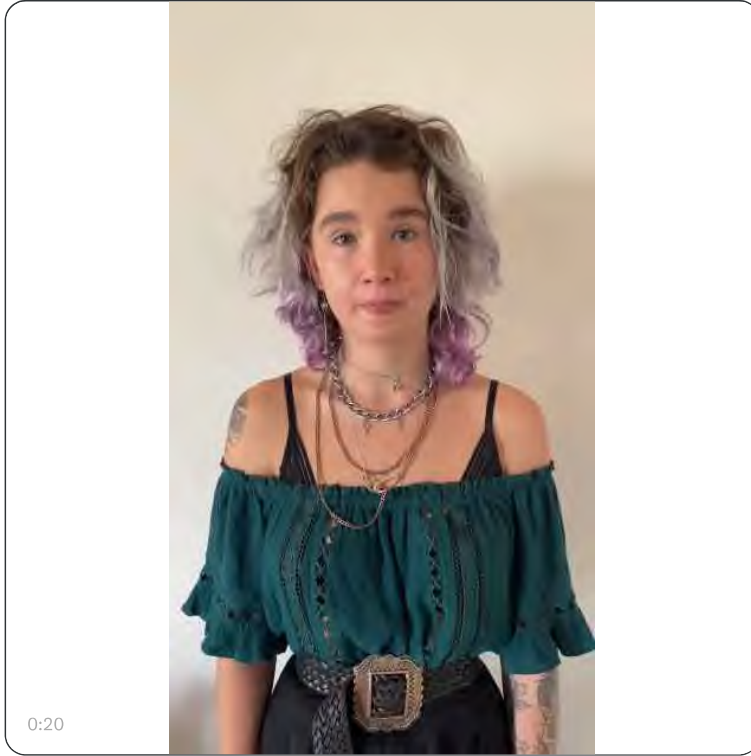
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 BREAKING: 2 MORE JUST STOP OIL SUPPORTERS ARRESTED

 @metpoliceuk continues it's campaign of random, speculative arrests in the run up to Just Stop Oil taking action at airports this summer.

 Casper was told by the police that he's on a wanted list whilst being arrested outside Southwark Crown Court. He was one of 82 people sat as part of @DefendourJuries today, peacefully declaring juries deserve to hear the whole truth.

 Meanwhile, Molly was arrested inside the court whilst supporting the defendants on trial.




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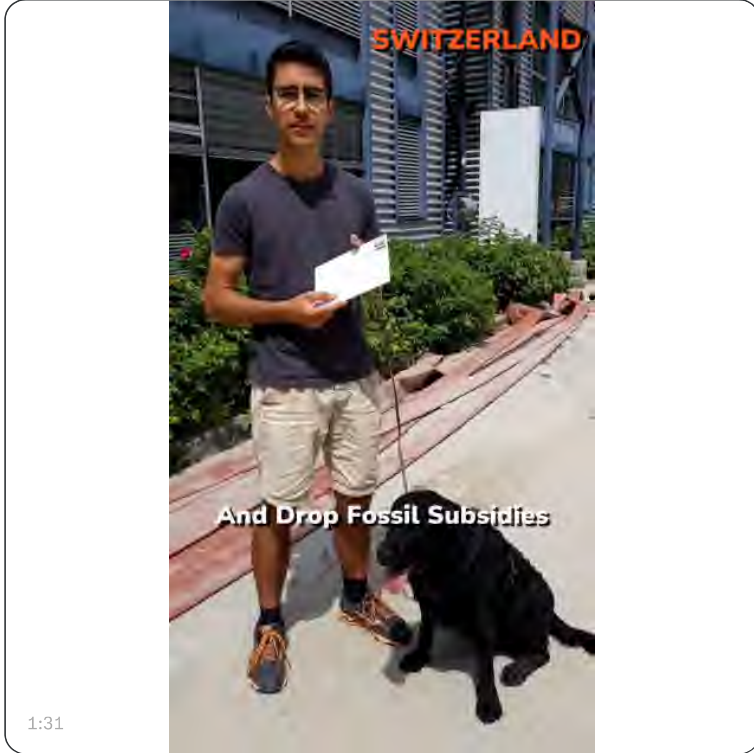
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Last month, civil resistance groups across the world delivered letters to their Governments, demanding they sign a Fossil Fuel Treaty to Just Stop Oil by 2030.

Each Government failed to respond to the letters before the deadline of 12th July.

This summer, internationally coordinated actions will happen in over 8 countries, including Canada, Scotland, Switzerland, the UK, Norway, the US, Austria, and the Netherlands.



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Just Stop Oil Letter to Prime Minister Starmer

Press / July 16, 2024

Dear Prime Minister,

We write to congratulate you on becoming Prime Minister and to acknowledge that one of the first steps of your new government has been to reaffirm your commitment to end new UK oil and gas licensing. This is an essential first step towards what is required to end the UK's contribution to the climate crisis. However, we all know that it is not enough.

We also need to rapidly phase out our existing oil and gas projects and to end the use of fossil fuels across our economy. This is not only the view of Just Stop Oil; the call for a rapid phase out of fossil fuels is backed by climate science, by global equity considerations, by international law and by global public opinion.

We last wrote to you in your role as leader of the Labour Party on 24 June to demand that, should you become our next Prime Minister, you immediately commit the UK government to **working with other**

nations to establish a legally binding treaty to stop extracting and burning oil, gas and coal by 2030 as well as supporting and financing other countries to make a fair and just transition.

We indicated that unless such assurances were provided by 12 July, we would be forced to take action to protect our communities by engaging in a campaign of noncooperation against fossil fuel use, at airports across the country.

We are writing now to let you know that since no such assurances have been received we remain in civil resistance and are preparing to take action, but that, as ever, we remain open to dialogue.

The era of fossil fuels is over. It's time to stop waging war on humanity.

Yours sincerely,

Just Stop Oil.

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Whole Truth Five sentenced to 4-5 years at Southwark Crown Court in longest ever sentences for nonviolent climate action

Court & Prison, Press / July 18, 2024

In an obscene perversion of justice, five Just Stop Oil supporters were handed multi-year prison sentences today for nothing more than attending a Zoom call. [1]

At Southwark Crown Court, Judge Christopher Hehir jailed Roger Hallam (57, from Wales) for five years, whilst Daniel Shaw (38, from Northampton), Lucia Whittaker De Abreu (34, from Derby), Louise Lancaster (58, from Cambridge) and Cressida Gethin (22, from Hereford) were each sentenced to four years.

They were convicted last week of conspiracy to cause a public nuisance in relation to the M25 motorway disruption in November 2022. [2]

They will join Amy Pritchard who was sentenced in June to 10 months in prison for breaking a window belonging to the world's largest fossil fuel funder, JP Morgan. [3]

The sentences exceed those handed down last year to Morgan Trowland and Marcus Decker. They were jailed for 3 years and 2 years 7 months, respectively, after being convicted of 'public nuisance' under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 for climbing the QEII bridge in October 2022 and suspending a banner saying 'Just Stop Oil'. [4]

At last week's trial, Judge Hehir ruled that climate issues were 'irrelevant and inadmissible', dismissing them as mere 'political opinion and belief'. Although the legislation includes a defence of 'reasonable excuse' and despite the prosecution acknowledging the imminent catastrophic and irreversible harm from burning fossil fuels, the judge prevented the jury from considering whether the defendants had a reasonable excuse and directed them to ignore any evidence about the climate crisis.

When the defendants insisted on honouring their oaths to tell the jury the whole truth about their actions and refused to leave the witness box until they had done so, the judge repeatedly had them arrested and jailed throughout the trial.

The judge also refused the defence request to call Professor Bill McGuire as a witness, one of the world's leading experts on climate impacts.

Today Professor McGuire, Emeritus Professor of Geophysical & Climate Hazards at University College London, said:

"The trial and verdict were a farce. They mark a low point in British justice and they were an assault on free speech. The judge's characterisation of climate breakdown as a matter of opinion and belief is completely nonsensical and demonstrates extraordinary ignorance. Similarly to suggest that the climate emergency is irrelevant in relation to whether the defendants had a reasonable case for action is crass stupidity." [5]

Sir David King, the government's former Chief Scientific Adviser, said:

"This is so disgraceful. We are all hoping that the change in UK Govt will also change the situation in our courts."

Referring to a previous ruling of Judge Silas Reid that the evidence of the climate crisis was irrelevant and inadmissible in a similar trial, Professor James E. Hansen of Columbia University, New York, said:

"The cruelty of such 'know nothing' judges is not so much to the defendant, as it is to our children and grandchildren." [6]

On 24 June, the first day of the trial, the UN Special Rapporteur for Environmental Defenders, Michel Forst, issued an [extraordinary public statement](#), relating to one of the defendants, Daniel Shaw, describing the threat of a 2 year prison sentence as 'appalling' and potentially unlawful under international law:

"I have now received new information regarding the imminent criminal trial of Mr. Shaw that I consider deeply concerning. With Mr. Shaw's criminal trial set to start today, on 24 June 2024, I have been informed that Mr. Shaw may reasonably expect to face a prison sentence of up to two years (or more) for, in essence, his participation in a Zoom call to discuss a proposed peaceful environmental protest. The imposition of such sanction is not only appalling but may also violate the United Kingdom's obligations under international law." [7]

Judge Hehir was made aware of the UN Rapporteur's statement prior to the sentencing.

The naturalist and TV broadcaster, Chris Packham, issued a statement on X, referring to the court case as a 'sham', adding 'we should not allow our courts to be corrupted by [the might of the fossil fuel industry].' [8]

Today Mr Packham appeared at court in support of the defendants, and is expected to make a public call for a meeting with Attorney General, Richard Hermer KC, calling for an end to the silencing and jailing of people who shout 'fire' because there's a fire.

14,000 people have already signed Just Stop Oil's petition calling for an end to the imprisonment of truth tellers. You can join them here. [9]

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Just Stop Oil statement on summer actions

Press / July 22, 2024

Just Stop Oil has won its initial demand, calling for the UK government to end all new oil, gas and coal licences.

This is a welcome step in the right direction, but the science is abundantly clear that this will not be enough to protect our families and communities from the worst effects of climate breakdown. Current climate policies have been declared unlawful in the High Court, not once but twice, and the scientific consensus is telling us that fossil fuels must remain in the ground if we are to maintain any sort of stable society.

It is imperative that the UK government act to protect lives both here and abroad, by working with other nations to establish a legally binding treaty to stop extracting and burning oil, gas and coal by 2030, as well as supporting and financing other countries to make a fair and just transition.

Just Stop Oil wrote to all party leaders on the 24th June, advising that the next Prime Minister must immediately commit the UK government to working with other nations to establish such a treaty. We indicated that unless such assurances were provided by 12th July, supporters of Just Stop Oil would be

forced to take action to protect our communities by engaging in a campaign of noncooperation against fossil fuel use, at airports across the country.

As of yet, no such assurances have been received, therefore Just Stop Oil supporters will be taking action at airports this summer.

This is not a course of action undertaken lightly, however action from governments must be commensurate with the scale of the crisis faced by humanity. Until that is the case, it is on the conscience of every ordinary citizen to utilise whatever mechanism is available to us to nonviolently pressure for necessary change.

Just Stop Oil supporters are trained in nonviolence and will undertake all possible steps to ensure that the safety of those using airports, as well as those in the air, will not be compromised by our actions. This includes avoiding going on any active or inactive runways.

Our request for a meeting with Keir Starmer or a member of his cabinet remains open. We seek to negotiate. As ever, we remain open to dialogue with the government and are willing to immediately halt taking action should they commit to an international fossil fuel treaty to Just Stop Oil by 2030.

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Flights resume after climate protest at Cologne airport



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Cologne Bonn Airport said flight operations have been suspended because of a police operation on the runway

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One of Germany's main regional airports had to halt flights on Wednesday morning after climate activist protesters glued themselves to the tarmac.

Cologne-Bonn Airport after said "unauthorised people" gained access to the airfield on Wednesday morning, leading to all flight operations being suspended as police moved in.

A number of inbound flights were diverted to other nearby airports before police said they had completed their operation at 09:15 (07:15 GMT).

Cologne-Bonn Airport said flights were resuming but that delays and cancellations should be expected throughout the day.

It urged passengers to check with their airline or tour operator for updates.

The activist group Last Generation said five people had glued themselves to the tarmac and published pictures of a member with his hands glued to the taxiway.

Last Generation said it wanted the German government to pursue a global agreement to exit oil, gas and coal by 2030.

The group said "similar peaceful, civil protests at airports" were planned for Wednesday across Europe and North America.

In Finland, protesters were pictured blocking security gates at Helsinki Vantaa Airport and activist group Oil Kills said five of its protesters had been intercepted at Barcelona El Prat airport.

Elsewhere, three activists broke the perimeter fence at Oslo's main Gardermoen Airport on Wednesday morning.

The trio were reportedly removed just over 30 minutes after they entered the airport and airport officials said they had found an angle grinder near a hole in the fence.



Image source, Folk mot fossilmakten

Image caption,

Activists from People against fossil power posted a picture of their brief action at Oslo Gardermoen airport

Cologne-Bonn is Germany's sixth-busiest airport - behind Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Berlin Brandenburg, Munich and Frankfurt.

In May, Munich Airport was forced to shut for two hours after six climate protesters glued themselves to a runway.

Eight people were arrested, but the disruption led to 11 flights being diverted and about 60 cancellations, an airport spokesman said.

In the aftermath, Germany's Interior Minister, Nancy Faeser, said security measures at Munich Airport "would be reviewed".

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Just Stop Oil protesters arrested outside Heathrow in Europe-wide campaign to disrupt flights

Nine [Just Stop Oil](#) protesters were arrested outside Heathrow Airport on Wednesday morning as part of a Europe-wide campaign threatening summer travel chaos.

The protesters were arrested at 9am at two locations outside the UK's busiest airport as climate protesters across Europe tried to disrupt air traffic.

The [Metropolitan Police](#) said it had "prevented significant disruption to the airport and travelling public".

Footage shared on the Just Stop Oil account on X, formerly Twitter, appears to show people cycling near a high barbed wire-topped fence close to passenger planes before dismounting and being approached by officers.

On Monday, Just Stop Oil activists plotting a summer of disruption at [airports](#) vowed to use all means "necessary" to disrupt flights, although the climate group said it would avoid going on any active or inactive runways.

Elsewhere, demonstrators at Cologne Bonn Airport glued themselves to the runway causing chaos for travellers.

"That was just the beginning today. Over the next few weeks we will repeat this in Germany, Europe and globally," a member of the Last Generation activist group said in a media briefing.

Just Stop Oil added that supporters of Folk Mot Fossilmakta (People against Fossil Power) cut through a chain-link fence and sat next to a runway stopping flights departing from Oslo Gardermoen airport in Norway.

[Extinction Rebellion](#) supporters in Finland also reportedly blocked security gates at Helsinki Vantaa Airport on Wednesday morning.

Meanwhile in Spain, five supporters of Futuro Vegetal accessed the taxiway at Barcelona airport, but were intercepted before taking action.

In Switzerland, 11 supporters of Drop Fossil Subsidies blocked main roads around both Zurich and Geneva airports.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "We refuse to die for fossil fuels. Continued burning of oil, gas and coal, as we pass irreversible tipping points that threaten to spin our climate out of control in a rapidly accelerating way, is jeopardising the stability on which our entire society depends.

"This is not only irresponsible, it is an act of war against low lying island states and countries in the global south, who are already suffering devastating consequences as a result of our addiction to fossil fuels.

"Our political leaders must take action to protect our communities by working with other nations to establish a legally binding treaty to stop the extraction and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030."

Sally Davidson, who was arrested at Heathrow Airport, said: "Our new government must take swift and meaningful action to end the extraction and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030, by

establishing a legally binding treaty to phase out fossil fuels. Anything less is a death sentence.”

Adam Beard, who was also arrested added: “We need immediate and decisive action to prevent the worst effects of the climate crisis becoming reality, with all the death and suffering that will bring. Our government must work with other nations to enact a treaty to end the extraction and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030.”

The Metropolitan Police said: “Nine Just Stop Oil activists have been arrested this morning for conspiring to disrupt Heathrow Airport.

“Thanks to the work of officers involved, those arrested have been taken into custody and the Met has prevented significant disruption to the airport and travelling public.”

A spokesman for Heathrow Airport said: "There has been absolutely no impact on operations whatsoever" and that "no-one gained entry to anywhere they shouldn't be.

"Thanks to swift action from the police and airport colleagues, there is no disruption to passenger journeys.

"Heathrow continues to operate as normal today.

"We are in full agreement that the aviation industry needs to decarbonise, but unlawful and irresponsible protest activity will not be tolerated."