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A tram crash which killed seven people in Croydon was an accident, an inquest jury has found.

The article features on the BBC website. More than 50 people were injured when the tram tipped over and spun off the tracks in south London, early on 9 November 2016.

The tram was travelling more than three times faster than a speed limit.

The article says the foreman of the jury said: “The tram driver became disorientated, which caused loss of awareness in his surroundings, probably due to a lack of sleep, as a result of which the driver failed to brake in time and drove his tram towards a tight curve at excessive speed.”

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A new £10 million train station is being built at York Street in Belfast.

The article in Belfast Live says Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon announced the move, which has already been approved by planners, on Thursday, July 22.

The regeneration project will see the station transformed in a bid to encourage more people onto the greener, healthier option of public transport.

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Network Rail engineers will be reinforcing Bearsted cutting to prevent landslips as well as improving drainage and signalling in the area.

For a nine-day period in August a rail replacement bus service will be in operation along the line.

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Following the launch of the first two giant tunnelling machines at HS2’s nearby South Portal site, engineers working on Britain’s new high speed railway have now begun excavating the first of five shafts that will provide ventilation and emergency access to HS2’s ten-mile long tunnels under the Chiltern hills.

Once complete, the 78m deep shaft near the village of Chalfont St Peter will be topped with a headhouse inspired by nearby barns and other agricultural buildings to help it fit into the surrounding landscape.

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