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Six trains were damaged in a series of attacks on rush hour services at a station in Leeds, police have said.

An article on the BBC website says officers were called to Kirkstall Forge Station at 5.25pm on Monday after a train's window was cracked when it was hit by an object, a British Transport Police (BTP) spokesperson said.

No passengers or rail staff were injured in the attacks.

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London Underground workers have voted in favour of extending their mandate to continue taking strike action for another six months, the RMT union has announced.

An article in the Evening Standard says RMT members on the Tube are locked in a bitter dispute with Transport for London over pay, jobs and pensions.

In a statement on Tuesday, the union said continuing strike action was backed by 96 per cent of members who voted. The turnout of 56.5 per cent.

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France has formally banned domestic flights on short routes that can be covered by train in less than two-and-a-half hours.

An article on the Mail Online says the move is aimed at reducing airline emissions but has also irked the industry as it will mostly rule out air trips between Paris and regional hubs such as Nantes, Lyon and Bordeaux, with connecting flights unaffected.

Critics have noted that the cut-off point for comparable train journeys is shy of the roughly three hours it takes to travel from Paris to Mediterranean port city Marseille by high-speed rail.

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Repairs to a railway signal box that was damaged in an arson attack are under way thanks to two schoolboys.

An article on the BBC website says Harry and Oliver, both aged 12, raised £14,782.46 for the Orton Mere signal box on the Nene Valley Railway in Peterborough.

“It just shows no matter what bad happens, something good can come out of it,” said Jennifer, Harry’s mum.

Assistant general manager, Tracy Spring, said the money they have raised would be “very important” for repairs.

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