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Mick Lynch will meet the Transport Secretary Mark Harper face to face today with ministers under mounting pressure to end the rail strikes crisis as analysis showed the four 48-hour rail walkouts will blow an estimated £3 billion hole in the economy by the New Year.

The article in the Daily Mail says the RMT union is plotting to throw the Christmas plans of millions into chaos this week by calling eight days of strikes in December and January. There will be four 48-hour

walkouts between December 13 and January 7.

There will also be a ban on overtime working from December 18 to January 2 over the dispute over pay, jobs and conditions.

The Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE), which is being constructed in South Wales, has revealed a major private investment opportunity.

An article on Insider Media Limited says the centre, which is expected to be operational in 2025, will be a site for the testing of rolling stock, infrastructure and new technologies that aims to fill a gap in UK rail and across Europe.

Kick-start public funding is already in place from both the Welsh and UK Governments, and now the GCRE, currently wholly owned by the Welsh Government, is seeking a joint venture partner to develop and fund its completion.

The strategic investor could be a single investor or a consortium who will acquire a majority shareholding in and control of GCRE.

Plans for a new railway station in a Wiltshire town have taken a step forward after a council submitted its business case.

An article on the BBC website says it is hoped that the station in Corsham, which currently has no rail access, will help reduce reliance on cars and improve connections.

Wiltshire Council's Dr Mark McClelland called the submission of the plans an "exciting next step".

He said the station would bring "prosperity, jobs and economic growth".

Nestlé Waters will be the first company in Europe to benefit from the hydrogen fuel cell solution for massified rail freight, including renewable hydrogen supply, developed by Alstom and ENGIE.

It is estimated that this project will reduce emissions by 10,000 tonnes of CO2 equivalent per year, in the long term – a reduction of 90 per cent of its current emissions. This is the equivalent to the annual emissions of more than 30,000 round trips from Paris to Nice by car.

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