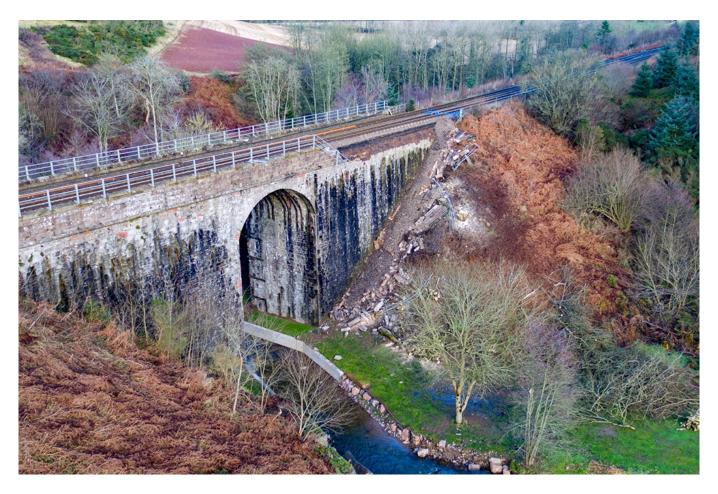
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Protestors secretly constructed two tunnels supported by an elaborate network of passages without detection near the site of HS2.

The article in The Times said climate campaigners protesting against the construction of the multi-billionpound rail line spent months digging a 100ft network 15ft below Euston Square Gardens in central London.

HS2 officials learnt about the tunnels early yesterday after securing temporary legal possessions of the site from the landowners and sending in about 100 bailiffs to evict dozens of activists living in treetops and the main compound.

Some were removed at about 4.30am, prompting at least four people to retreat underground with food, sleeping mats, battery packs and juggling balls. The group sealed the entrance.

A HS2 spokeswoman said these protests are a danger to the safety of the protestors, staff and the general public, and putting an unnecessary strain on the emergency services.

The railway line between Stonehaven and Montrose will remain closed until Monday February 22 as engineers work to complete repairs on a damaged bridge between the towns.

The rail bridge, located three miles north of Carmont, has been closed since January 15 after masonry fell from the sidewall on its southbound side.

Full structural assessment on the bridge – which was built in the 1840s – have now been completed by specialist engineers and plans are in place to repair the bridge and reopen the railway for passengers and freight customers.

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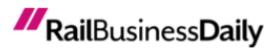
Rail chiefs are to build a bridge to replace a level crossing where at least three people have been killed.

An article in The Sun (Scotland) says councillors rubber stamped Network Rail's application for the plans at Delny, Easter Ross

A single carriage road will be erected over a railway bridge which is next to the crossing.

Finally, and rail body RSSB has appointed George Davies as its new Director of Sustainable Development.

George, who joined from Heathrow Airport where he was Head of Sustainability, will lead a new, dedicated programme designed to reinvigorate the railway's collective efforts to tackle key sustainability challenges



including carbon, air quality, and social sustainability.

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