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The RMT is under pressure to call off four days of forthcoming national rail strikes after suspending action involving its members at Network Rail, according to a report from the London Evening Standard.

The union announced last night that it had cancelled a planned 24-hour walkout and subsequent overtime ban by signallers and maintenance staff at the rail infrastructure firm.

The RMT said its national executive committee had decided to “suspend all industrial action on Network Rail following receipt of a new offer from the employer”.

A spokesman for the union added: “Further updates will be given on all aspects of the national rail dispute in the coming days.”

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A fire under a railway bridge in Wolverhampton caused disruption to commuters this morning as thick black smoke rose close to the railway line.

Services between Wolverhampton and Birmingham were disrupted by the fire under a bridge in Lower Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton.

A report from the BBC said all rail lines between Wolverhampton and Birmingham New Street were currently blocked, with fire crews in attendance.

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**HS2 Ltd** has awarded a contract to deliver track switches and crossings for Phase One and 2a of the UK’s new high speed railway to voestalpine Turnout Technology UK Ltd.

The contract includes the design, manufacture and delivery of around 180 switches and crossings which will be installed between London and the connection with the west coast mainline at Crewe.

Read the full story [here](#)

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Finally, TransPennine Express is celebrating International Women’s Day today by highlighting some of the women working for the operator and encouraging more to join the rail industry.

An article from Yahoo! News said that in the last year, 27 per cent of TransPennine Express’ new hires and 31 per cent of internal promotions are women, as the operator aims to embrace equity and break the perception that the rail industry is male dominated.

To mark International Women’s Day, **TPE has released a video** highlighting some of the amazing women leading the way and is encouraging more to join the industry by applying via its website.