

# RMT confirms strikes will go ahead on Thursday

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The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) has said that talks on Tuesday have broken down without agreement.

As a consequence, action will go ahead Thursday.

Mick Lynch, the RMT general secretary, blamed the government for the current position, saying: "Grant Shapps has wrecked these negotiations by not allowing Network Rail to withdraw their letter threatening redundancy for 2,900 of our members.

"Until the government unshackle Network Rail and the train operating companies, it is not going to be possible for a negotiated settlement to be agreed.

"We will continue with our industrial campaign until we get a negotiated settlement that delivers job security and a pay rise for our members that deals with the escalating cost of living crisis."

As reported yesterday there is a mismatch in figures, with Network Rail saying there are around 1,800 jobs

that could go, and Mick Lynch referring to 2,900 potential redundancies.