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# Extinction Rebellion: Six arrested after Olympians scale oil tanker

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Olympian Etienne Stott joined the protest on top of a Shell oil tanker

**Six people have been arrested after climate change activists, including two Olympians, scaled an oil tanker.**

Extinction Rebellion protesters surrounded the Shell tanker in Bayswater Road in London in protest at the use of fossil fuels.

Gold medal-winning canoeist Etienne Stott and sailor Laura Baldwin had glued themselves to the top of the tanker, Extinction Rebellion said.

The Met said six arrests for vehicle interference had been made.

It is not known if the two Olympians were among those arrested.

Mr Stott said he wanted to "disrupt the toxic fossil fuel industry".



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| A large banner was unfurled after two people climbed Marble Arch

The Met said protesters had been walking through central London and "stopped at various locations along their unspecified route, causing disruption".

Shortly before 18:00 BST, a man and a woman climbed up two pillars on Marble Arch to hoist a green banner with "End fossil fuels now" on it.

A group of eight activists later locked themselves on to a car in the road, while two glued themselves to the roof.

Officers cleared the road and several people were detained.

BREAKING NEWS: Extinction Rebellion have occupied Marble Arch, as Swampy scales the monument, it appears protesters have swarmed the roads, and surrounded a limo.

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The group said the "highly disruptive" action would end a run of 10 days of protests.

In a statement on Twitter, the Met said: "We attended Bayswater Road at approximately 08:50 BST to deal with a number of protesters who had climbed on an oil tanker.

"We have made six arrests for vehicle interference. The road is now open."

On Friday protesters **blocked four of London's busiest bridges** and blocked entrances to major insurance **marketplace Lloyd's of London** earlier this week.

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## Eco-rabble shut down Marble Arch: Extinction Rebellion mob cause traffic NIGHTMARE in London as they glue themselves to a limousine and eco-warrior Swampy scales the monument

- Extinction Rebellion protesters have blocked off roads around the Marble Arch near Speaker's Corner
- Earlier today the eco fanatics climbed onto a Shell oil tanker at a petrol station in Bayswater, London
- Along with eco-mob Just Stop Oil, XR have brought 16 days of disruption to traffic, oil depots and commut
- Comes after activists blocked four of London's busiest bridges on Good Friday - causing traffic chaos
- Several oil firms secured injunctions to stop environmental protesters from targeting fuel processing sites

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A mob of [Extinction Rebellion](#) protesters have swamped London's Marble Arch, glueing themselves to a limousine and bringing traffic to a standstill.

The eco-fanatic rabble have once again brought chaos to the streets of the capital as they launched a series of 'disruptions' on a sixteenth days of protests alongside Just Stop Oil activists.

XR members convened in Hyde Park earlier today before one group - which included two former Olympians - climbed onto a Shell oil tanker at nearby Bayswater, leading to six arrests.



But in their 'mass action' event of the day, they targeted the landmark near Speaker's Corner, lighting flares and playing bongos in the middle of the road as infamous activist Swampy was seen climbing the 45-foot-tall monument.

The group had prepared the disruption ahead of time, getting hold of a black limousine and parking it in the road of the road for activists to lock or glue their hands to.

Holly-Anna Petersen, a Christians of Extinction Rebellion activist, revealed: 'Blocking the road at Marble Arch, by people locking onto a limo. Massive well done to all those who made this possible.'

It's ridiculous that we're still having to do this. Arrests happening now. By the way - the people in the car are @XRebellionUK people too!

It came after six people were arrested for interfering with an oil tanker outside of a petrol station a short distance down the road.

Gold medal-winning slalom canoeist Etienne Stott and sailor Laura Baldwin glued themselves to the top of the tanker at a petrol station in Bayswater, near Paddington this morning.

#### Extinction Rebellion at Marble Arch with music and speeches



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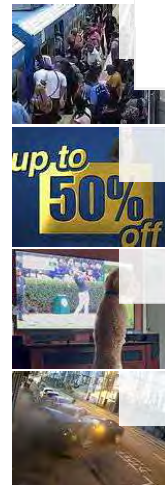
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### Climate change eco-warriors block limo at Marble Arch demonstration



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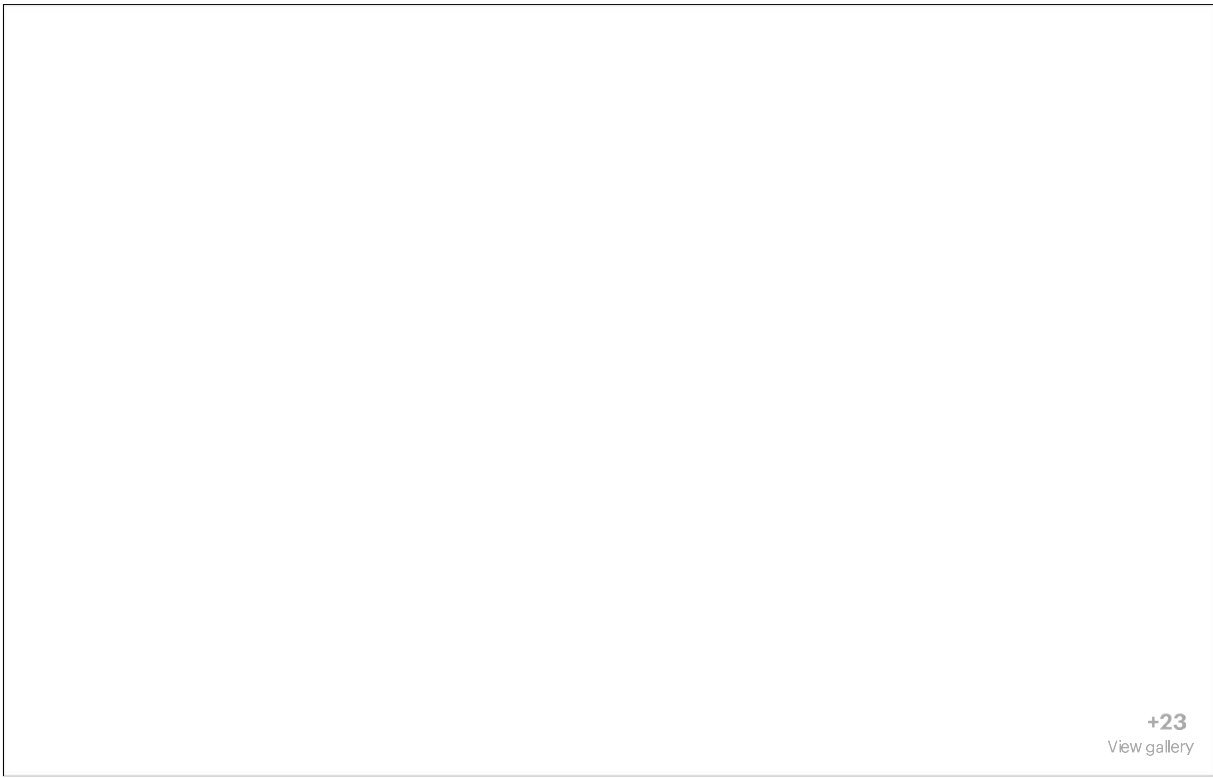
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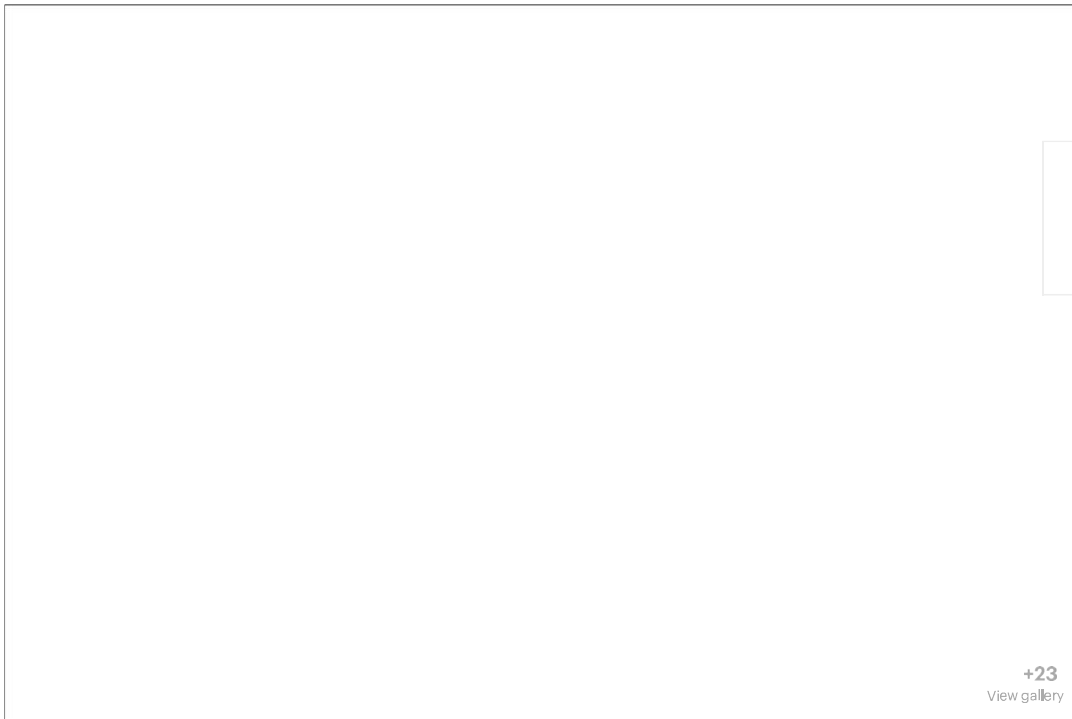
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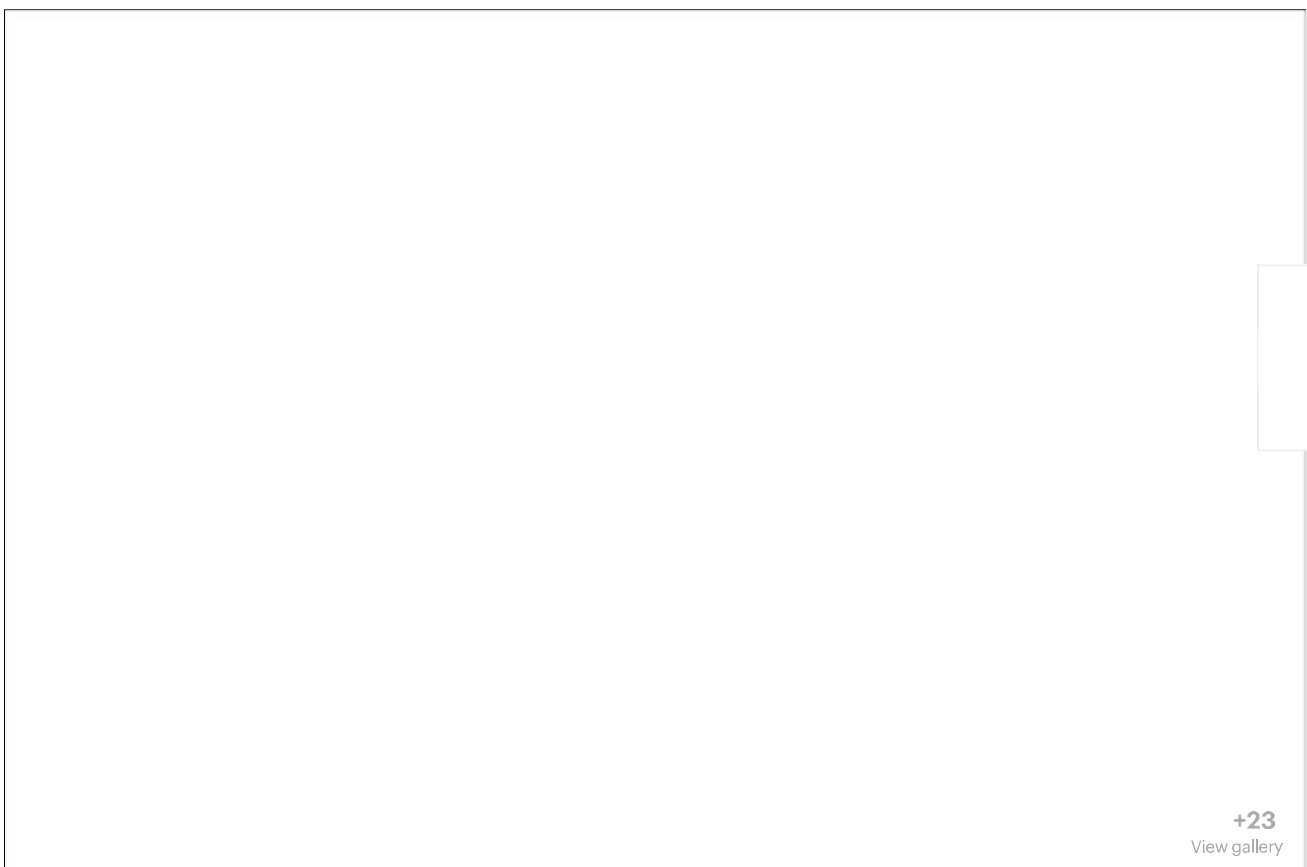
Six people have been arrested after Extinction Rebellion protesters - including Olympic slalom canoeist Etienne Stott (seen in the grey helmet) - climbed onto a Shell oil tanker in London as the group continues to bring chaos to the capital

Olympic gold medal-winning eco-zealot glues himself to Shell tanker



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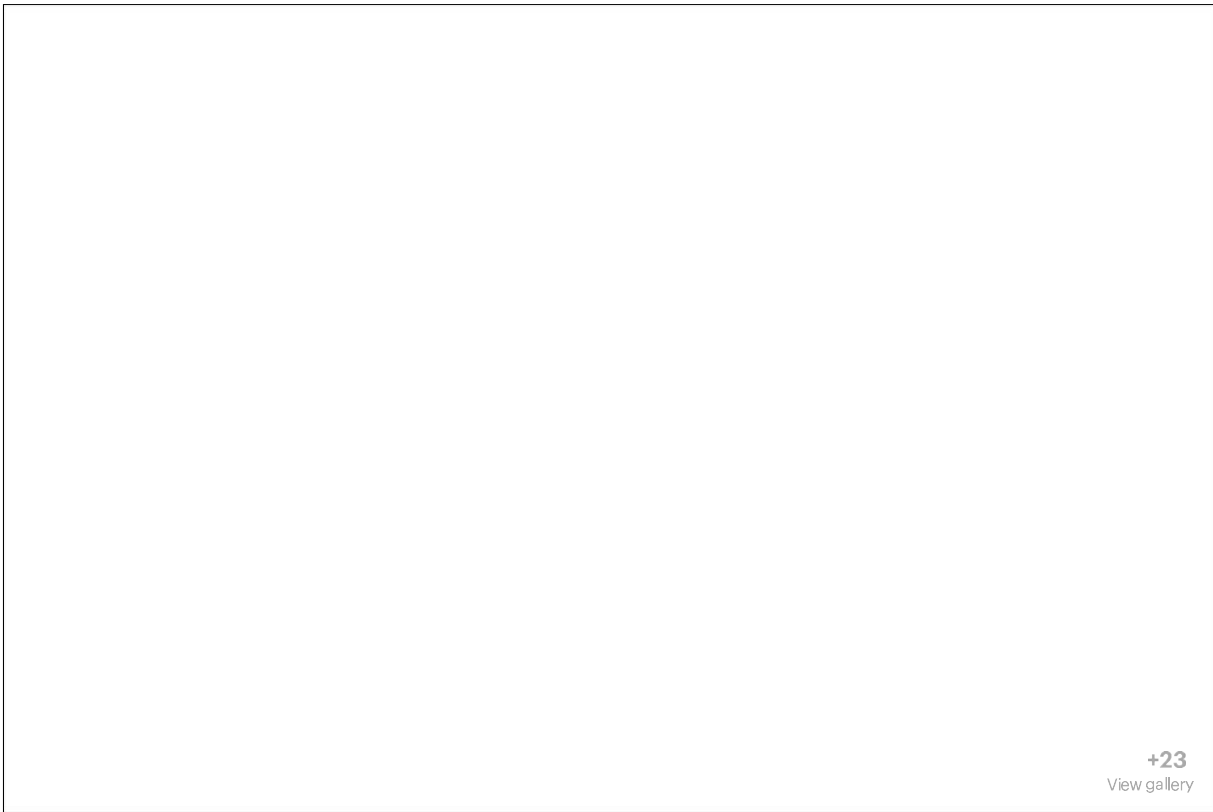
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**Extinction Rebellion protesters have climbed onto a Shell oil tanker in London as the group continues with its series of 'disruptions' in the capital. Pictured: The protest in Bayswater, near Paddington**





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**Etienne Stott, a former British Olympian who took home gold at London 2012, was seen atop the tanker being given a hard time as police looked to remove him and another activist**

Eco-warrior glues herself to a limousine at London's Marble Arch



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The eco-mob group, who have pledged to bring chaos and huge disruption to London's street, unfurled banners reading 'End fossil fuels now'.

The Met said six arrests for vehicle interference had been made. It is not known if the two Olympians were among those arrested.

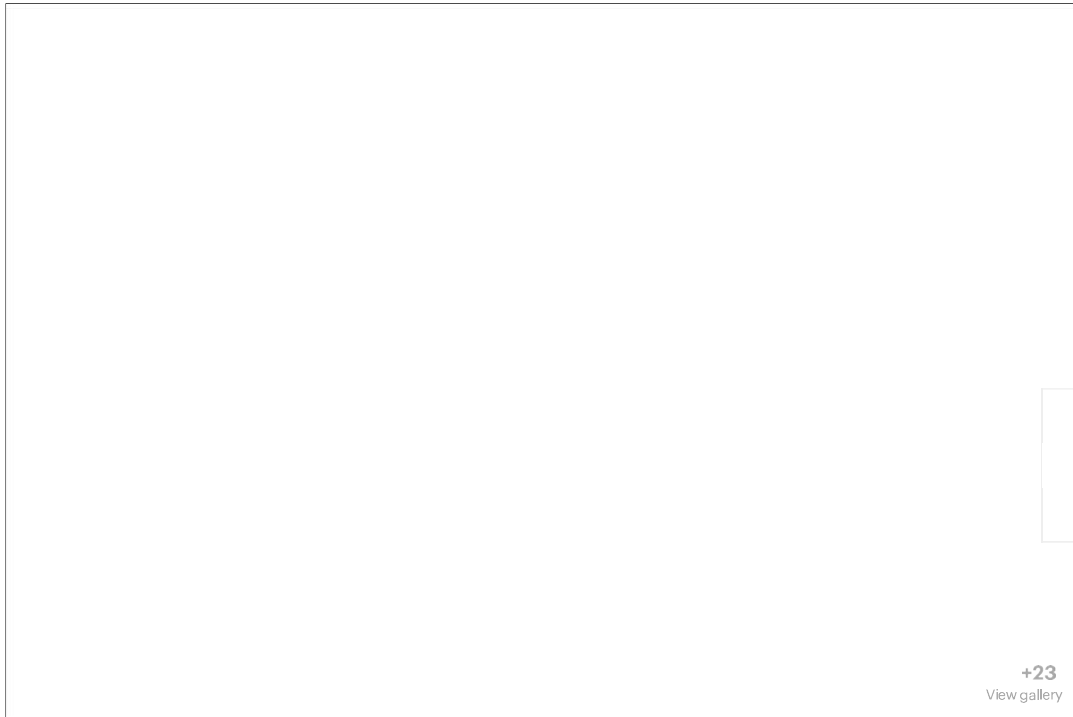
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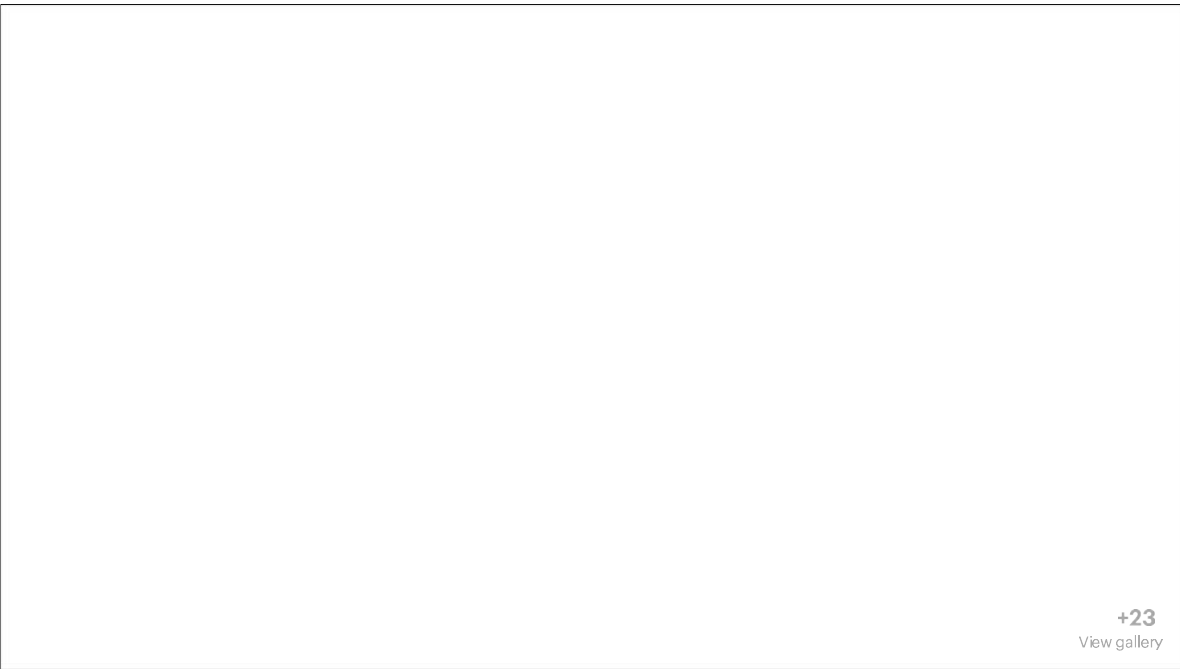
In a tweet about the protest, XR said: 'Rebels including Olympians Etienne Stott & Laura Baldwin are occupying an oil tanker in central London. We call on the govt to end all new #FossilFuels investment NOW.'

In a statement, Met Police said: 'We attended Bayswater Road at approx. 0850 BST to deal with a number of protestors who had climbed on an oil tanker. We have made six arrests for vehicle interference. The road is now open.'

It comes after members of the eco-mob blocked four of London's busiest bridges on the first day of the Easter bank holiday.



**Photos appears to show the protestors glueing themselves to the wheel arches of the tanker which is stopped in the middle of the Queensway to the north of Hyde Park this morning**



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'It's cold and smelly': Eco-warriors glue themselves to Shell tanker



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Hundreds of Extinction Rebellion activists were on Waterloo, Blackfriars, Lambeth and Westminster bridges, calling for an end to new fossil fuel investments.

Demonstrators played bongos and waved banners reading 'end fossil fuels now' and 'love in action' in front of queues of traffic.

Some of their actions have proved questionable, after the bridge stunts affected several routes for London buses, which are either eco-friendly or emit zero exhaust emissions.

It a video clip seen on Sky News on Thursday, a interviewee claimed the group had mistakenly stopped a tanker that was carrying cooking oil, rather than fossil fuels.

Earlier, activists who have infiltrated an oil plant near Birmingham vowed 'we'll be here as long as we can' after climbing on top of the facility as part of a series of dawn protests.

Eco-zealots from Just Stop Oil have managed to climb on top of a loading bay at Kingsbury Terminal in Warwickshire after gaining access to the facility in the early hours of this morning.

Members of the group - who aim to put pressure on the Government to block new oil and gas projects in the UK - have also climbed on top of an oil tanker at Gray's Terminal in Essex and have targeted the nearby Navigator Terminal in Thurrock.

Eco-morons glue themselves to a Shell oil tanker near Hyde Park

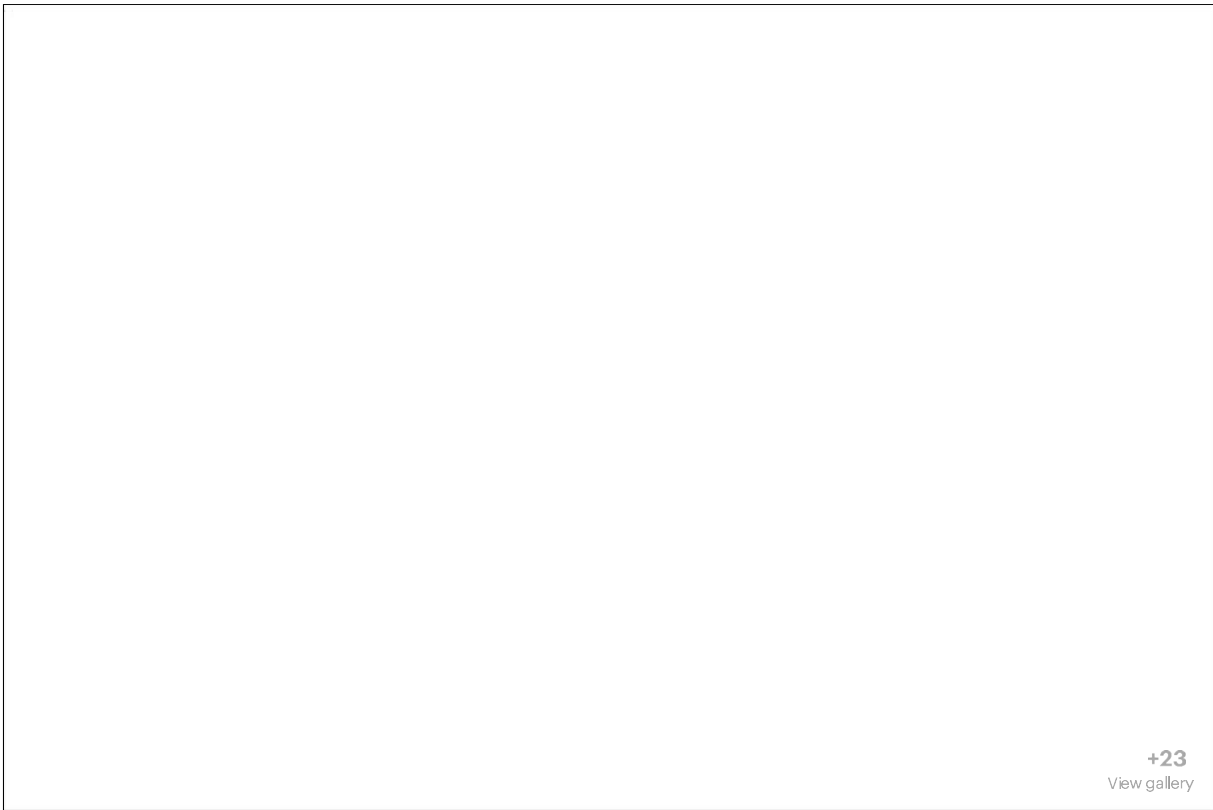


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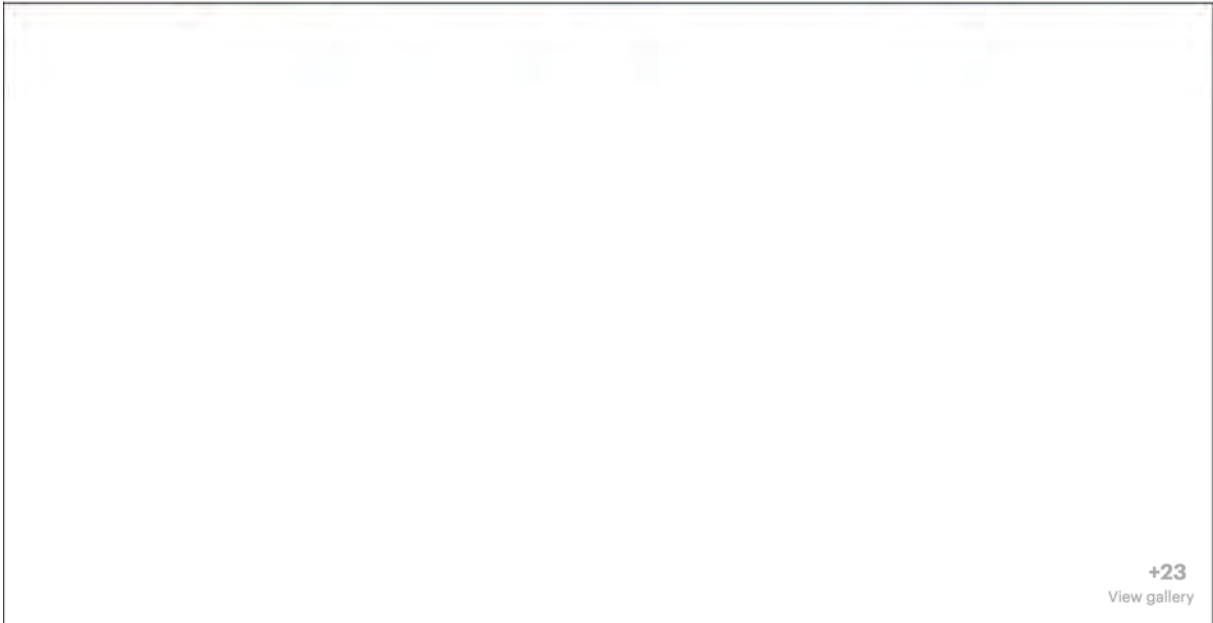
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Extinction Rebellion activists are expected to continue their disruptions, starting out in Hyde Park most days, as we head towards summer

Warwickshire Police say they have already arrested 12 activists from the group, while Essex Police say they have charged 12 people following protests in Thurrock. Despite the police crackdown, today one member of the group said they and six others are still inside the Kingsbury Terminal.

In a video, posted on the Just Stop Oil Twitter account, one activist said: 'In the early hours of this morning seven of us climbed up in amongst the pipes of the loading bay, blocking the terminal.'

'We intend to stay here as long as we can, or until the Government decides to stop all new oil and gas projects.'

It comes as tempers today flared between lorry drivers and activists at one protest, with one haulier seen appearing to yank an activist off a tanker.

Several oil firms have now secured civil injunctions aimed at the stopping environmental protesters from targeting their fuel processing sites.

A number of key operators including Navigator Thames, ExxonMobil and Valero gained their injunctions in the last few days, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) said yesterday.

It comes as dozens of climate activists were charged after arrests were made at protests at oil depots.

The Just Stop Oil activists say they arrived in the early hours of Friday at the Kingsbury terminal near Tamworth, Staffordshire, as well as the Navigator Oil terminal in Thurrock and Grays oil terminal, both in Essex.

The recently imposed injunctions aim to prevent protest activity at oil sites across the UK.

Energy Minister Greg Hands said: 'While we value the right to peaceful protest, it is crucial that these do not cause disruption to people's everyday lives.'

'That's why I'm pleased to see oil companies taking action to secure injunctions at their sites, working with local police forces to arrest those who break the law and ensure deliveries of fuel can continue as normal.'

Valero Energy had obtained a High Court injunction against a number of environmental groups and 'persons unknown' earlier this week following recent protests at the Kingsbury terminal.

It bans anyone from damaging any part of the land at each of the firm's sites, from 'affixing themselves to any other person or object' on the land or parts of access

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## Activists charged after oil depots protests

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Pictures from Just Stop Oil, a group of climate activists affiliated with Extinction Rebellion, show people in orange hi-vis jackets on top of oil tankers and blockading roads, while holding signs.

Essex Police says a further 12 people aged 19 to 64 have been charged following the protests, bringing the total to 23.

They are charged with either interfering with a motor vehicle and wilful obstruction of a highway or aggravated trespass.

The force said 28 people were arrested on Friday, bringing the total number of arrests made since April 1 to 454.

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Essex Police Assistant Chief Constable Glen Pavelin said 'It is anticipated the road network will be busy today and in the coming days, as people travel and spend time with family and friends during the Bank Holiday weekend.'

'Our dedicated officers will continue to work across the weekend to keep Essex moving, keep people safe and minimise disruption to the public.'

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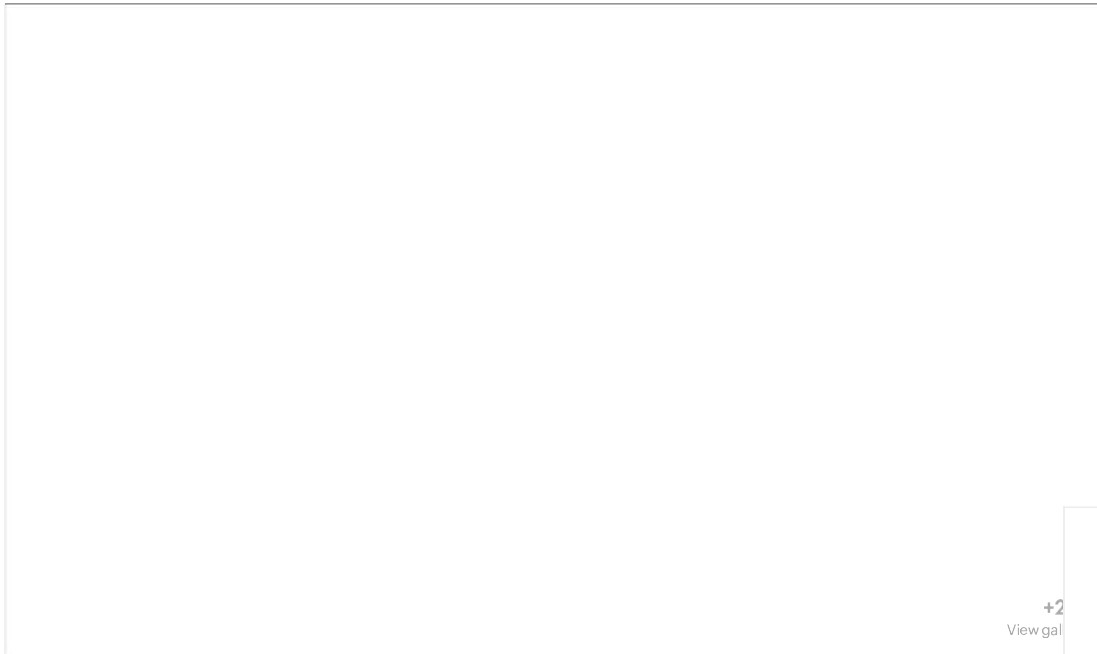
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roads, and from building any structure.

Valero also owns and operates sites in Manchester, Cardiff, Plymouth and Avonmouth.



On Friday morning, pictures of climate activists, affiliated with Extinction Rebellion, showed people in orange hi-vis jackets on top of oil tankers and blockading roads, while holding signs.



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**Demonstrators take part in Extinction Rebellion protest on Westminster Bridge in London this afternoon, one of four protests**

Eco-zealots gather near Hyde Park blocking oil tanker

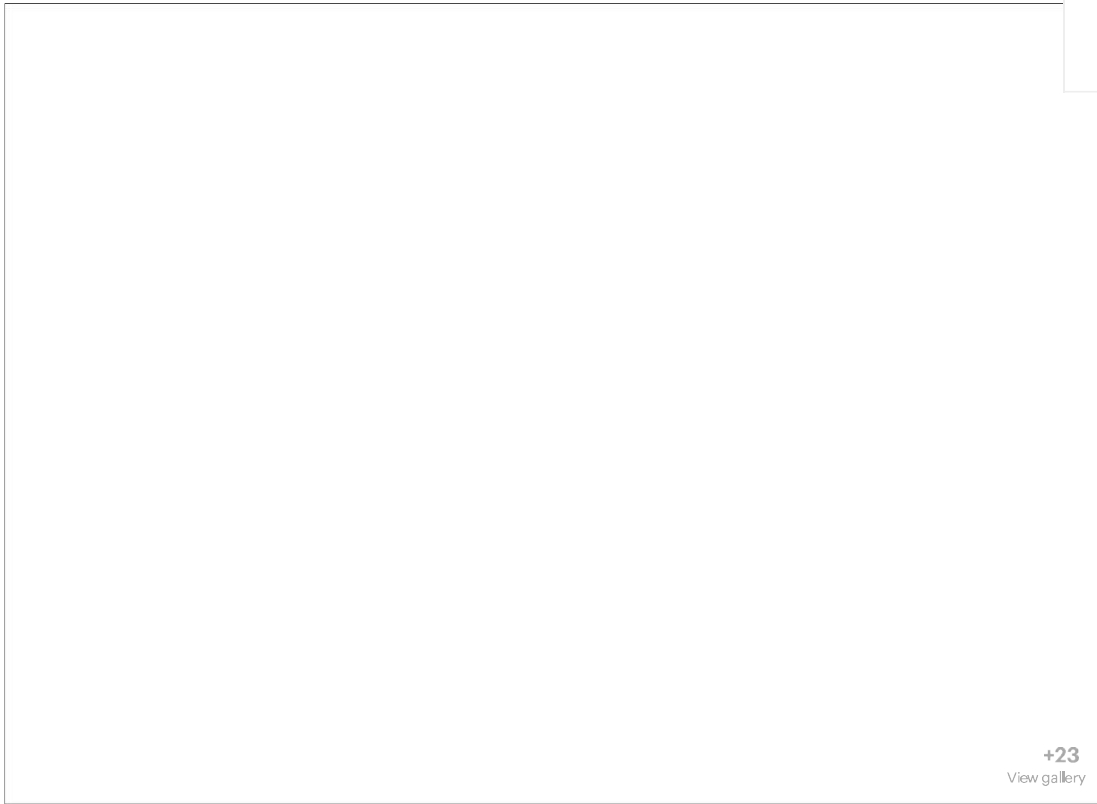


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**Police speak with activists from the climate change protest group Extinction Rebellion (XR) as they block Blackfriars Bridge, London**



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The green activists claim production has been halted at Kingsbury Oil Terminal, near Birmingham, this morning after activists gained access to the site. The group have also blocked access to Grays Inter Terminals. The group, along with Extinction Rebellion (XR), have targeted oil sites across the country across April

Extinction Rebellion activists climb up oil tanker in Queensway



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Activists from Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion have been blocking access to oil terminals, demanding that the Government stops new oil and gas projects.

A dozen activists are said to be at the scene in Tamworth and have locked themselves on to pipes, while roadblocks and 'tanker-surfing' has taken place at the sites in Essex.

Officers remain in Thurrock where a small number of people continue to protest.

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## Where have Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion struck in the past fortnight?

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### April 15

Group launch three dawn protests, one in Staffordshire and two in Essex. The group claim to stop production at Kingsbury site near Birmingham and block entrance to Navigator and Grays Terminals. One lorry driver appears to pull a protestor off of his lorry.

### April 14

Eco-zealots glue themselves to the top of a fuel tanker lorry on one of London's busiest roundabouts. The protest happens in Chiswick, west London, just after 8am ahead of a busy weekend for travel for Easter. A crane is brought in to help remove the activists safely.

### April 13

Eco-mob glue their hands to the road and jump on top of oil tankers in Purfleet, Essex. They also march towards Buckingham Palace while others glue themselves to an entrance of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in London. Two protestors also glued themselves to the front desk of Shell's HQ in London.

### April 12

The protestors take their first day off during the action., 'We decided to give them a break,' a campaign official said. However, a group of XR activists carrying banners with 'End Fossil Fuels Now' target Lloyd's HQ in London, forcing it to shut for a whole day.

### April 11

Activists from the group target a fuel depot in Grays, Essex. Some spend more than 38 hours locked on to pipework above the depot's loading bay. About 40 people are arrested.

### April 10

Members of Just Stop Oil dig tunnels under access roads to the Kingsbury Oil terminal in Warwickshire. They are arrested on Sunday and Monday, according to Just Stop Oil. There are also protests outside the gates of the Buncefield Oil Terminal in Hemel Hempstead. Extinction Rebellion (XR), who are backing the Just Stop Oil campaign, also block Lambeth and Vauxhall bridges.

### April 9

XR as part of the Just Stop Oil campaign, host sit-down demonstration in Regent Street and Oxford Circus.

### April 8

XR target Tower Bridge in London, hanging up an 'End Fossil Fuels' now sign. One protestor suspends herself from the bridge using a wire and is eventually pulled up by rescue teams and is arrested by police.

### April 7

Protesters from Just Stop Oil are seen targeting the Kingsbury terminal, near Tamworth, Warwickshire. Video shows members of the group attempting to scale fences and make their way to the loading bay. In London, XR activist stage a protest outside the Treasury in London, rolling in barrels with the words 'oil' and 'gas' crossed out.

### April 6

After days of protests at the Navigator Terminals, at West Thurrock, Essex, members of the group are removed. Just Stop Oil Tweets: 'First removals of supporters happening inside the massive Navigator Terminal. Young people desperate and scared as a radical, reckless Government plans the destruction of their future.'

### April 5

On the fifth day of the protests, eco-zealots block the entrance to the Kingsbury terminal in Warwickshire. At the same time, activists from the group, Louis McKechnie, Miranda Whelehan, Nathan McGovern, Claudia Penna Rojas and Cressida Gethin, hold a press conference in central London, as they continue to stage protests at oil depots.

#### April 4

Members of XR and Just Stop Oil block the entrance to an oil facility near London's Heathrow Airport on their fourth day of action. The group say about 30 protesters had blocked the Esso West oil facility in west London as part of the campaign to force the government to end its reliance on fossil fuels. Meanwhile, a video is shared by one Just Stop Oil eco-zealot who is in an underground tunnel near to the Navigator oil terminal in Essex. The protestor, Ben 27, says he will leave the road once all new oil and gas projects are stopped. 'I'm p\*\*\*\*\* off that our government is still investing in new fossil fuel projects,' he says in the video.

#### April 3

More than 30 members of Just Stop Oil camp outside the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire overnight. In the early hours of the morning, 12 activists gain access to the site and enter the facility. A group of Christian climate activists also hold a communion in front of an oil tanker in Essex. The group set up a table, with a wine glass, red wine and bread and unfurl a Just Stop Oil banner.

#### April 2

After launching their campaign on April 1, the group continue their protests. A further 20 people are arrested in Essex, where Just Stop Oil protestors target a number of refineries.

#### April 1

Just Stop Oil and XR launch their month of action. Protestors target 10 critical sites including in Birmingham, London and Southampton.

Essex Police arrests 63 people after they target Inter Terminals UK, Grays, Navigator Terminals Thames, Grays, Purfleet Fuels Terminal.

The group also strike in the midlands, targeting Esso Birmingham, Kingsbury Oil Terminal, Warwickshire, and the BP Depot, Tamworth.

XR strike in the south, targeting Esso West, near Heathrow Airport, Esso Hythe, Southampton and BP Hamble, also near Southampton.



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## **PICTURE STORY: Swampy scales Marble Arch to hang giant banner reading 'END FOSSIL FUELS NOW'**

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On Saturday April 16, environmental activist Daniel Mark Hooper – aka Swampy – scaled Marble Arch along with a fellow climber to hang a giant banner that read 'END FOSSIL FUELS NOW'. Hundreds of people from Extinction Rebellion blocked the junction at Marble Arch and seventy arrests were made. [1]

The banner drop marked the close of a week of Extinction Rebellion actions in central London which have seen the convergence of environmental groups around a demand for an immediate end to all new fossil fuel projects. The Just Stop Oil Coalition, Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth are among those who have been calling for an end to fossil fuels, as well as intergovernmental organisations such as the United Nations and the International Energy Agency. [2] [3] [4]

See below for links to the best images of the action.



London, UK. 16 April 2022. Extinction Rebellion blocked Marble Arch junction with a limousine. Two people climbed on top and many others are glued to the ground around the car. Credit: Andrea Domeniconi/Alamy Live News

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2. Government must act now to halt biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.
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**E**xtinction Rebellion have blocked off several central London bridges bringing traffic to a standstill.

Activists marched on Westminster Bridge. Lambeth Bridge and London Bridge on

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Protesters also disrupted traffic on Waterloo Bridge on Friday afternoon.

The group said: “We will Rebel For Life till the Government act like its a Climate Emergency and end all new oil & gas.”



Activists could be seen playing bongos and waving banners reading “end fossil fuels now” and “love in action” while long facing queues of traffic.

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A Scotland Yard spokesman said: “ We are aware of a number of demonstrations happening today. We are seeing pockets of protest which are causing delays and disruption across central London. ✕

“A policing operation is in place and officers are on scene and working to manage the impact.”

It comes after activists from Just Stop Oil were arrested after launching a wave of protests targeting three oil terminals in dawn raids.

The protesters said they arrived in the early hours of Friday at the Kingsbury terminal near Tamworth, Staffordshire, as well as the Navigator Oil terminal in Thurrock and Grays oil terminal, both in Essex.

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Earlier, Extinction Rebellion marched on Charing Cross police station to demand the release of one of their scientist members who was arrested outside the Government's Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.



Emma Smart, a marine biologist, is reportedly on hunger strike and refusing water after being refused bail ahead of a hearing on Saturday.

Smart, along with eight other scientists, was charged with criminal damage after allegedly pasting scientific papers to the Government building and glueing themselves to the glass frontage.





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Elsewhere, activists marched into the roads at Marble Arch carrying a banner reading 'Love in Action'.



In Essex Just Stop Oil activists, in orange hi-vis jackets, sat on top of oil tankers and blockaded roads while holding signs.

Warwickshire Police said 12 arrests had been made on Friday morning, while officers were also at the scene in Essex.



Evening Standard



(Just Stop Oil/PA) / PA

Warwickshire Police said: “Officers remain at Kingsbury Oil Terminal today and are currently dealing with protest activity after a number of protesters arrived overnight.

“There is minimal impact to the wider community at this time.”

Activists from Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion have been blocking access to oil



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# Extinction Rebellion vows to 'get serious' with 'most roadblocks ever'

"We want to create the most roadblocks we've ever created, using as many people as we can."

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The group has promised no more 'pink boats and pink tables'. Image: Extinction Rebellion

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Extinction Rebellion has warned its members are planning to block more roads than ever during an upcoming campaign of **civil resistance** – saying it's time to "get serious".

Activists intend to simultaneously block as many roads as possible around central London, not leaving until they are arrested or the government agrees to "immediately and permanently"

fuel investments .

It signals a change in **tactics** from the yoga, pink boats, and pink tables of previous XR protests.

Alanna Byrne, an XR spokesperson, told The Big Issue: “We want to create the most roadblocks we’ve ever created, using as many people as we can.”

Byrne added: “Lots of people in XR are feeling like we need to get more serious, basically.”

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The group has told supporters to join them at Speakers' Corner in London's Hyde Park, from 11am on Saturday April 16 onwards, with members advised to book time off work from then until April 17, and then "sit back" every weekend until May 8.

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Alongside the roadblocks, the group is planning to train activists and the public in anticipation of a bigger rebellion later in the year – with sessions including how to speak to the police, how to get arrested with confidence, and civil resistance tactics.

From there, the group plans to move its activists around London, blocking roads and hoping to evade the police.

"We're not going to do it in a big bombastic way this time with lots of infrastructure and colourful things," Byrne said.

"We're trying to get serious and say we're not going to go home until the government agrees to immediately end new fossil fuel investments."

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Activists from Extinction Rebellion have already been engaging in [protests this month](#), with a group climbing on top of two tankers at the Esso West oil terminal in London this week.

Along with [Just Stop Oil](#), XR has also been blocking oil terminals around the country.

A group of scientists and academics also threw fake oil over Shell's headquarters this week, just days after a new IPCC said it was "now or never" for avoiding a climate catastrophe. News also emerged this week that [Shell paid no tax on its UK oil and gas production last year](#) and was in fact given a tax refund by the government – despite making a £14.7bn profit.

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Extinction Rebellion's past methods have attracted criticism, not just from politicians, but from activists. Its tactics of mass arrests led to accusations of **privilege and a lack of diversity**, as well as of **diverting resources away from tackling climate change**.

The group also **apologised** in 2019 after its members climbed on top of a commuter train in London.

Now XR says it is shifting its tactics away from eye-catching but disparate stunts and towards focused action and "mass outreach".

"We need to streamline our actions now rather than lots of dispersed, direct actions saying a lot of different things, which is what we've done a lot of over certainly the past two years," Byrne said.

"We're now tending to use the term civil resistance instead of the term civil disobedience – the difference being we're not going to ask the government to change, we're saying we're coming to stop the government doing the harmful things that they're doing.

"We're telling people to come and resist the harm that's being done by the government, and come back day after day until they agree to stop fossil fuel investments."

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action is largely non-disruptive. The [Metropolitan Police](#) tweeted this morning: "There are currently no protest related traffic diversions across London.

"70 people were arrested yesterday for offences related to the disruption at Marble Arch. We are working with communities across London throughout the day."

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**📹 Demonstrators taking part in protest with an oil tanker in Bayswater Road, London yesterday**

(Image: PA Media)

Yesterday's protests followed a week of action from the climate group in London, who are calling for an end to the use of fossil fuels. Activists from the group Don't Stop Oil, a youth-led splinter group from Extinction Rebellion, have led demonstrations at petrol stations and oil terminals as part of the action.

At around 6.33pm yesterday (April 16), the Metropolitan Police announced that it had imposed conditions under Section 14 (1) of the Public Order Act 1986 on Extinction Rebellion protesters to clear the roads after major disruption at Marble Arch.

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Activists had blocked major Central London roads by locking themselves to a vehicle in the middle of Marble Arch. They also hung a sign saying 'End Fossil Fuels Now' on the historic Marble Arch monument.

The climate group's week of action is expected to draw to a close today, but Extinction Rebellion plans to protest on at least three more weekends over the coming months - specifically April 23, 24 and 30, and May 1, 7 and 8.

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## Just Stop Oil suspends actions until 25th April

Press / By JSO Press

Two young supporters of Just Stop Oil will deliver a letter to 10 Downing Street this morning. Nathan McGovern, 22, from Coventry and Claudia Penna Rojas, 24, student, from Latin America will read out the letter to the Prime Minister, together with the following statement from Just Stop Oil.

The letter will announce that the Just Stop Oil coalition has taken the decision to suspend activities until 25 April, to give the Prime Minister the opportunity to make a statement on behalf of the Government that it will immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK. [1]

### **A statement from Just Stop Oil**

There are times when faced with a grave injustice or a harmful government, citizens have a right, a duty to break laws to prevent a greater crime being committed. And we can see that harm happening, right now, across the world and in the nations least responsible for the climate crisis.

We know that the course being charted by our government, by many governments, that of continuing to invest in new fossil fuels, has only one outcome, the mass loss of life and unimaginable horror visited on those who survive.

That this has not been well or widely communicated does not make it any less true, if you drop a glass it falls, if you burn carbon you heat the planet, if you destroy nature you lose the basic building blocks for life to flourish.

Right now, in 2022, those of us alive are witnessing the greatest crime ever committed, that of destroying the 'liveable planet' for profit. The scale and recklessness of this endeavor is hard to fathom. Scientist after scientist, report after report has concluded that we must escape the grip of oil, and the first step to finding our way is to stop new oil and gas.

It really is that simple, burn shit, heat the planet, lose all you love. So let's Just Stop Oil.

That's why across the globe, people are now engaging in civil resistance. That is why five Just Stop Oil supporters are currently on remand in prison. The era of protest, marches and petitions is drawing to a close – either we put our bodies in the way of the machine or we accept the loss of our only home.

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**[1] Full text of letter from Just Stop Oil coalition to the Prime Minister**

19 April 2022

Dear Prime Minister



The actions taken since 1st April by the Just Stop Oil coalition, and recent polling, have demonstrated that the vast majority of the country back the coalition demand that there should be no new oil and gas. It is supported by scientists, academics, your own Climate Change Committee and the International Energy Agency.

It is also supported by Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary General, who on 4th April, in launching the latest IPCC report, denounced those countries who continue to invest in new fossil fuel supply projects as “dangerous radicals”. Just three days later your Government published a new energy strategy that does exactly that: committing to maximising the production of North Sea oil and gas. That you have done so while the UK is still President of the COP process, has destroyed your credibility and is marching the world to catastrophe.

Your Government has admitted this will do nothing to help ordinary people pay their bills. The policies that would help people now – support for home insulation and onshore wind – have been axed. While ordinary people struggle with the cost of living crisis driven by high oil and gas prices, the profits and the share price of BP and Shell continue to rise.

The bill for oil and gas is already being paid by millions around the world, in the Global South, and can now also be seen in blood and suffering in Ukraine. The truth is that this is the price we are all going to pay for allowing the grip of oil to continue its hold on us. This cost, the horror of war in Europe, must not be used as a pretext to advance an even greater tragedy – that of continuing to invest in new fossil fuel extraction, for which there is no popular support.

We cannot allow our democracy to be subverted in this way. No one voted for more oil and gas, no one voted to burn their future, no one voted to lose our ‘liveable planet’ and the horror that this will bring. You know that increasing the production of oil and gas at this critical moment will cause mass loss of life and irreversible damage to our country and the wider world (that much is clear even from the Glasgow Climate Pact you signed only last November at the end of COP26). To persist in such an enterprise is not just reckless, it is a criminal war of aggression against humanity, with the younger generations and the Global South on the frontline.

The Just Stop Oil coalition has taken the decision to suspend activities until 25th April, to give you the opportunity to make a statement on behalf of the Government that it will immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

If you do not fulfil your duty to the people we will be left with no choice but to escalate our campaign of civil resistance.

We will not be bystanders.

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## Statement on Easter fuel shortages

Press / By JSO Press

The Just Stop Oil coalition has formed in response to a single truth: that this world, our only home, will be unlivable due to current government policies to extract more oil and gas from the North Sea.

With this knowledge it is 'frankly dangerous' to remain silent. We can not be bystanders while people, communities and countries across the world are sentenced to death because our government refused to get a grip and stop oil.

At this critical moment we find ourselves, as others have through history, having to do what is unpopular, to break the law to prevent a much greater harm taking place.

No-one wants to be doing this, right now millions of people are being plunged into poverty by eye watering energy bills, the profits from which are being used to fund wars in Ukraine and Yemen. The Government can

end the queues and closures at petrol station forecourts immediately, ahead of the Easter holidays, by committing to halt all new oil licenses and consents.

Ministers have a choice: they can arrest and imprison Just Stop Oil supporters or agree to no new oil and gas. While Just Stop Oil supporters have their liberty the disruption will continue. Now is the moment to come and meet with the coalition.

Oil destroys our economy

Oil destroys our festivals

Oil destroys our democracy

Oil destroys everything.

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