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Climate change... of address! Eco-activists barricade power company's 'London HQ'... only to find they moved out a YEAR ago and protesters shut down GREEN energy firm instead

- Activists from 'Reclaim the Power' picketed what they thought was the office of gas energy firm Drax in London's Moorgate this morning, closing the usually busy road for hours and causing fury among workers.
- But it later emerged the company had left a year ago and not a single Drax employee now works there.
- To make matters worse, a renewable energy firm now occupies building and their workers were seen leaving the building.

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Bungling **climate change** activists chanted slogans and banged drums outside a **London** office block to discover the energy company they thought was based there has long moved on.

Protesters from a group called 'Reclaim the Power' picketed what they thought was the office of gas firm Drax in London's Moorgate this morning, closing the usually busy road for hours and causing fury among workers.

But their chants aimed at upsetting Drax's bosses were in vain after it emerged the power company had moved out of the building more than a year ago.

Ironically, the block is now home to Norwegian firm Statkraft, Europe's largest renewables generator, but protesters were unable to get into their offices as a result of the protest.

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Protestors camp outside the Drax headquarters in London



Protesters locked themselves together outside a building they thought was the HQ of power firm Drax this morning, but it turned out Drax left the building a year ago and a renewable energy company moved in



Activists proudly locked themselves to the building's front door, until it emerged not a single Drax employee worked there



The group's chants of 'merrily merrily merrily merrily, we will shut you down' were in vain as the company is no longer based there

The campaigners later said they were moving on from the offices in Moorgate to Drax's current London office around half a mile away, to continue the protest.

Police confirmed they have made no arrests after Moorgate was closed for around three hours this morning.

despite the pleas of locals to remove the group.

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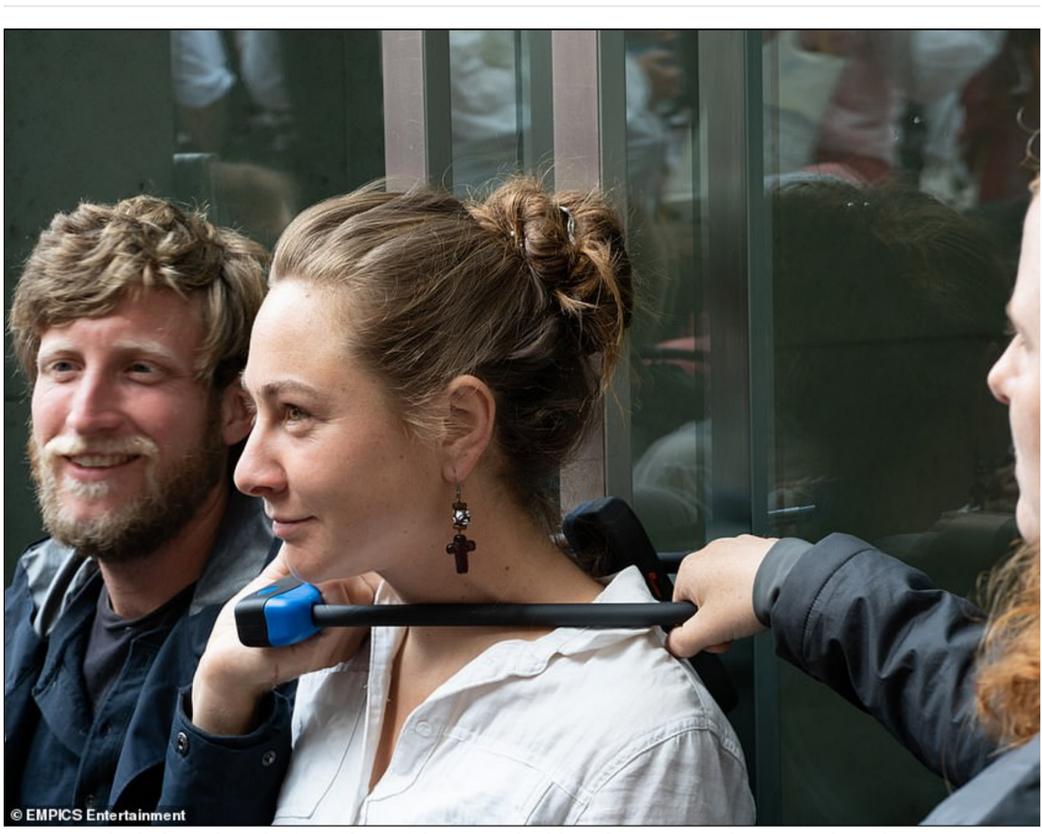
Activists also launched a protest at the site of SSE's new Keadby 2 gas power plant in Lincolnshire, w currently under construction.

Reclaim the Power triumphantly tweeted this morning: 'We're using our bodies to block Drax's HQ an we won't stand for climate-wrecking new gas projects.'

But they were later forced to leave the site and move to Drax's actually offices, which are about half a



Confusion reigned as the news trickled through that Drax no longer worked in Moorgate. The group then move



An activist locks herself to the front door of the wrong building this morning during 'Reclaim the Power' protes



As of 1pm this afternoon, the police had not made any arrests in relation to the protest at multiple locations

A spokeswoman for Drax said everyone had a right to peaceful protest and that climate change was challenge the world faces.

She added: 'Natural gas has an important role to play in supporting the growth of renewables like wir enabling the transition to a net zero carbon economy.

'When the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine, gas power stations can provide the electricit

'Building new, more efficient gas power stations will help the UK to meet its climate objectives while homes and businesses have the power they need at a price they can afford.'



A number of protesters also set up camp at the site of the construction of a new gas power station in Lincolnsh



Protesters in Lincolnshire called for renewable energy, unaware the group was unwittingly picketing a renewa in London, who now occupy Drax's former HQ

In a statement, SSE said it was aware a group of protesters had gained access to the construction sit power station, its priority is the safety of everyone on site, and it is working with police and authoritie the situation.

'SSE's business strategy addresses the challenge of climate change at its core, as the leading develo and operator of renewable energy across the UK.

'However, we understand that flexible thermal generation will play a critical role in the transition to 'n emissions, particularly with the emerging potential for carbon capture and storage technologies,' the said.

It also said it expected Keadby 2 to be the 'cleanest and most efficient' gas fired power station in Euro displacing less efficient plants, complementing renewables and safeguard customers' power supply

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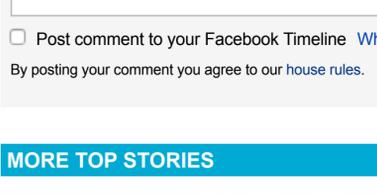
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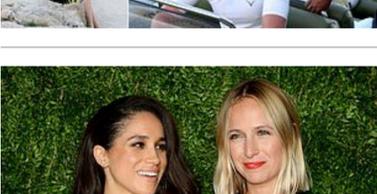
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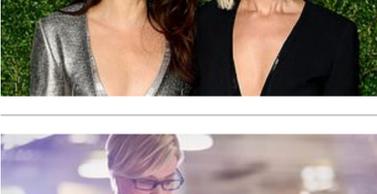
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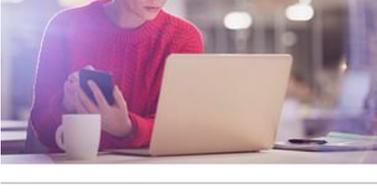
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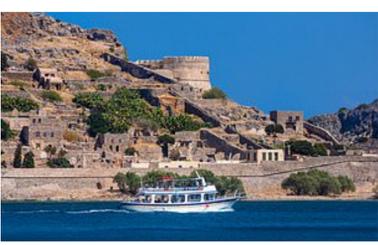
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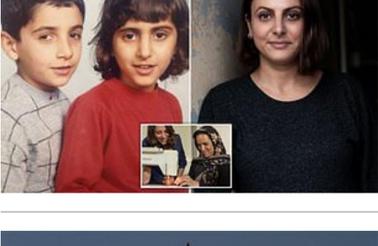
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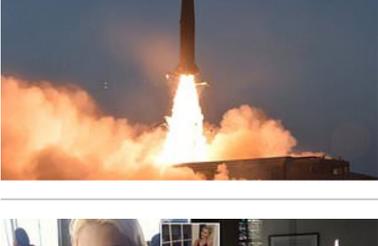
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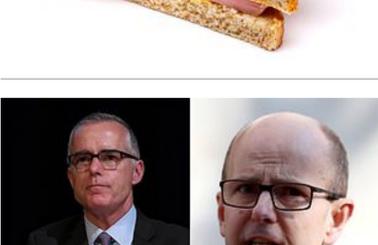
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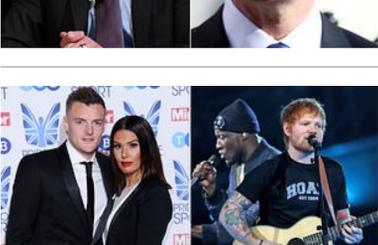
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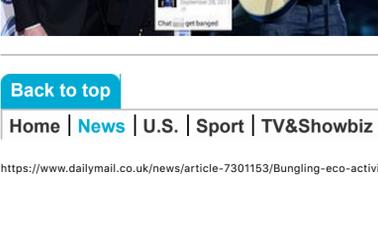
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