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PM attacks union's 'campaign of contempt' for passengers and blasts train operators failing to enforce minimum service laws

RISHI GOES TO WAR OVER RAIL STRIKES

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RISHI Sunak last night condemned rail bosses for refusing to use new legislation to limit the impact of strikes.

Coming out fighting on behalf of commuters, he said they would 'rightly expect' unions to be forced to run at least 40 per cent of trains.

None of the 18 operators hit by nine days of walkouts is using 'minimum service level' legislation that came into force last month.

It means barely any trains will run on strike days. Called by Aslef, the industrial action will last until February 5.

The Prime Minister said: 'It's frustrating that yet again, Aslef's leadership have shown no interest in resolving this dispute while continuing their campaign of contempt for British passengers and taxpayers, who have subsidised the railways with £12billion in the past year alone.'

He pointed out that train drivers already earn around £60,000 – nearly double the UK average salary – and said minimum service level laws were introduced 'not only for rail, but across vital services including ambulance workers and Border Force too'.

He added: 'They're available for train operators to use – a key tool that train operators themselves have asked for – to reduce the impact of disruption on passengers. They should now use them.'

'We have provided the train operators with what they needed in order for them to be

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Kate out of hospital — and reunited with her children after 14 days apart