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Piccadilly Line strike: Khan has worst average strikes record of any London Mayor

- The Piccadilly Line strike is the mayor's 14th public transport strike since he was elected in May 2016.
- This means that Khan's pro rata strikes record is worse than either of his predecessors, despite promising that there would be 'zero days of strikes' during his mayoralty.

The average number of public transport strikes under Sadiq Khan have risen to six per year, meaning that the mayor currently has the worst pro rata strikes record of any London mayor.

Before his election Khan promised that there would be 'zero days of strikes' during his mayoralty, but this week Piccadilly Line drivers are staging a 48-hour walk-out, with the RMT union citing a 'breakdown of industrial relations' for the reason behind the strike. This is the 14th strike to take place since the mayor took office.

Khan's strikes tally comes as a stark comparison to his two predecessors, Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson, who averaged two and 4.4 strikes per year respectively.

Commenting, Keith Prince AM said:

"Sadiq Khan promised zero days of strikes, yet on average he currently has the worst strikes record of any London Mayor. This is a shocking failure from a mayor who is proving incapable of keeping his promises to Londoners.

"In the two and a half years that Khan has been mayor there have been nearly as many strikes as there were in the entire eight years that Ken Livingstone was at City Hall.

"Khan said he would improve industrial relations, yet the unions know they can get away with making unreasonable demands and taking damaging strike action if the mayor doesn't give them exactly what they want.

"It's time for the mayor to stand up to the unions and put the interests of ordinary Londoners first."

Notes

Keith Prince is the GLA Conservatives transport spokesman.

There have been 14 strikes under Sadiq Khan:

- 10 tube strikes
- 1 bus strike
- 1 DLR strike
- 2 Dial-a-Ride strikes

[This Telegraph article](#) outlines the number of strikes under both Boris Johnson and Ken Livingstone (35 and 16 respectively) along with Khan's promise that there would be zero days of strikes during his mayoralty.

[In his 2016 manifesto](#), Sadiq Khan said he would improve industrial relations.

RMT's reasoning behind the strike is available [here](#).

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