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Royal Mail Workers Begin 3-Day Strike

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Talks between the Communications Workers Union (CWU) and the Royal Mail stalled yesterday resulting in the 3-day strike going ahead today as planned. According to the CWU, today's action will involve 43,700 mail center and distribution staff. On Friday, roughly 400 workers will strike, while on Saturday, October 31st, all 77,000 mail carriers will take action. The CWU has indicated that they may call for additional strikes going forward. The ongoing strikes have reportedly resulted in a significant backlog of undelivered letters and packages. According to the Royal Mail, national mail services will be very limited on Thursday and Saturday and there will be delays in the collection, sorting, distribution and delivery of mail. In addition, collections in many parts of London will be affected on Friday.

The Royal Mail maintains strong contingency plans in order to continue the movement of mail and minimize disruption. For additional details on the strikes and Royal Mail's contingency plans, please visit [Royal Mail Service Updates](#).

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