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London, April 2 (RHC)-- Climate activists in London splashed black dye on the facade of the Bank of England's imposing neo-classical headquarters on Thursday as part of a protest against the finance sector's support of what they say is a climate catastrophe.

Activists, some dressed as jesters, sprayed the dye at the building, known as "the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," leaving black stains on the main entrance to the building. One of banners held up by protesters read: "This bank is killing us." Another sign read: "No more fossil fuels."

London police said they had arrested four people, one for trespassing and three for criminal damage.

The environmental movement Extinction Rebellion issued a statement saying: "The action today is part of a wave of actions by XR's Money Rebellion designed to expose the role of banks in the climate and ecological crisis."

The Extinction Rebellion group wants to trigger a rebellion against the political, economic and social structure of the modern world to avert the worst devastation outlined by scientists studying climate change.

It says the Bank of England has failed to be strict enough with commercial banks to stop them funding climate change and wants it to be much tougher with the financial sector.

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