

Internet service restored

The Internet has been restored in the DRC after the government cut services for three days on the eve of protests against the President. A report on the [News24](#) site notes that the Congolese **Telecommunications Minister, Emery Okundji, ordered mobile operators to cut Internet and SMS services** 'for reasons of state security' late last month. Catholic and opposition groups on Sunday last week pushed ahead with banned demonstrations, which were met with a deadly crackdown by authorities, who fired tear gas into churches and bullets in the air to break up gatherings at Catholic masses. Internet cuts are common during anti-government demonstrations in the vast, mineral-rich central African country, which has been wracked by tension over delayed elections.