Striking workers target Tshisekedi

Felix Tshisekedi is facing his maiden test as DRC President – not from rivals in the political arena, as many have expected, but from striking workers. Since the 30 December elections, labour unrest in the public sector has soared as unions, eyeing a new regime headed by a former opposition leader, demand back payment of wages and a crackdown on cronyism. A report on the **News24** site notes that **stoppages have hit transport, a key port, television, insurance and the fire service**. 'Baptism of fire,' the daily *Le Potential* trumpeted, questioning whether Tshisekedi had the power to match his electoral rhetoric with deeds.