## Macron hit with THREE MONTHS of strikes in FURY at French President bowing to EU law

EMMANUEL Macron has been slapped with THREE MONTHS of punishing strikes from tomorrow in retaliation of the French President bowing down to the EU.

The relentless strikes begin tomorrow and will run for a gruelling 12 weeks in successive waves of two days bringing France to a standstill and completely paralysing the country.

The four main unions representing exasperated rail workers have called the revolt against opening the national SNCF rail monopoly up to competition as required by EU law.

The militant unions have been up in arms over Macron's plot to scrap jobs for life for 260,000 workers of the debt-ridden, state-owned SNCF rail and their right to retire in their 50s in an attempt to whip them into line wit the public sector.

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State-appointed head of SNCF, Guillaume Pepy, told Le Journal du Dimanche: "This strike is going to hit customers hard. It is designed to have a maximum impact on traffic."

Transport Minister Elizabeth Borne pledged a gradual opening of the rail network to competition from 2020 and assured furious workers that existing rail workers will have to make few sacrifices.

She told Le Parisien newspaper: "Current rail workers will keep their employment status and most of their advantages if they are moved to a competitor.

"In these conditions, I've got to ask what's the problem?"

The strikes follow news that Macron's popularity continues to plummet – just ten months after he swooped in and scooped the presidency.

Up to 53 per cent of commuters slammed the rail strikes as unjustified, down from 58 percent two weeks earlier, a survey revealed.

His approval ratings have also crashed by 11 per cent according to a recent poll. But despite the unions chipping away at his image a gargantuan 70 per cent back his rail reforms as many of the French now accept the country can no longer afford to spend a crippling 56 per cent of its GDP on the public sector.

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Farmers followed suit with their fury and booed him at a recent agricultural show because of low producer prices.

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