



Copper \$14,240/t ▲ +2.1% Cobalt \$56,290/t → +0.0% Tin \$56,100/t ▲ +2.6% Gold \$4,335.55/oz ▲ +7.1%
Brent \$83.55/bbl ▼ -7.3% CDF per USD 2,260.87 ▼ -1.2%

Week-on-week close from live market feeds — ICE Brent front-month · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · LME cash settlement, as of 9 Aug 2026. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

Abstract

DOMESTIC

The DRC's 17th Ebola epidemic keeps accelerating — spreading into eastern displacement camps and reaching Kinshasa via river transport — while cholera expands in Kwango. Armed-group violence persists across multiple provinces: ADF killed 13 near Mambasa, Mai-Mai Bakata Katanga struck a FARDC cantonment in Haut-Katanga, and AFC/M23 consolidated control in North Kivu. Prison deaths mounted in Kongo-Central, straining health and security capacity alike.

REGIONAL

Ebola risk of spread to South Sudan is growing; AFC/M23 continues administrative consolidation in occupied North Kivu zones despite Kinshasa's opposition; Maniema and Tanzania signed a transport memorandum for barge construction on the Kindu-Ubundu axis.

INTERNATIONAL

The African Development Bank reaffirmed structural project support; the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) established a country office in Kinshasa; the DRC manages 13 active international legal disputes; Chinese mining firms rejected cobalt sourcing and uranium contamination allegations.

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Environmental Monitoring

The following table provides a detailed overview of the environmental monitoring data collected from various locations across the United States. The data is categorized by risk level and location type.

Risk Level	Location Type	Number of Locations
Low Risk (Green)	Urban Areas	15
Low Risk (Green)	Rural Areas	25
Low Risk (Green)	Coastal Areas	10
Moderate Risk (Yellow)	Urban Areas	10
Moderate Risk (Yellow)	Rural Areas	15
Moderate Risk (Yellow)	Coastal Areas	5
High Risk (Orange)	Urban Areas	5
High Risk (Orange)	Rural Areas	10
High Risk (Orange)	Coastal Areas	5
Very High Risk (Red)	Urban Areas	5
Very High Risk (Red)	Rural Areas	5
Very High Risk (Red)	Coastal Areas	5

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Category	Value	Value
Category 1	Value 1	Value 2
Category 2	Value 1	Value 2
Category 3	Value 1	Value 2

