



Copper \$6.44/lb ▲ +1.4% Cobalt \$56,290/t → +0.0% Tin \$54,125/t ▲ +1.6% Gold \$4,100.10/oz ▲ +0.3%
Brent \$89.03/bbl ▼ -3.0% CDF per USD 2,288.63 → -0.0%

Week-on-week close from live market feeds — ICE Brent front-month · ECB/commercial blend · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · LME cash settlement, as of 31 Jul 2026. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

Abstract

DOMESTIC

Ebola cases in the DRC surpassed 3,200 as of 30 July, marking the fastest-spreading outbreak on record and triggering urgent logistics and food assistance needs across eastern provinces. Armed clashes between M23/AFC and Wazalendo militia intensified in North Kivu, with drone strikes and civilian displacement ongoing; a fatal ambush in Rutshuru killed four including a local chief. The Constitutional Court approved a referendum law on 28 July subject to reservations, while President Tshisekedi launched an itinerant mission in Grand Katanga and chaired the third national Ebola task force meeting. Road fatalities, aircraft loss, and IDP protests underscored deteriorating security and humanitarian conditions.

REGIONAL

FDLR signed a demilitarization and demobilization protocol on 29 July, advancing implementation of the Washington Accord's Concept of Operations. Congolese refugees at Busuma camp in Burundi face distress, with advocacy for international assistance. M23/AFC control of eastern DRC remains fragmented; scholars warn of potential 'balkanization' by July 2027 if internal cohesion fractures.

INTERNATIONAL

The USA reaffirmed commitment to the Washington Accords framework at the UN, pledging accountability for peace threats. The US–DRC Strategic Partnership Agreement (December 2025) is producing early results in growth and stability. The UN Security Council called for reduced illicit mineral flows and supply chain transparency. Belgium is pursuing a strategic partnership with the DRC on local mineral transformation.

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Executive Summary

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Background

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Findings

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Conclusion

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Recommendations

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Appendix

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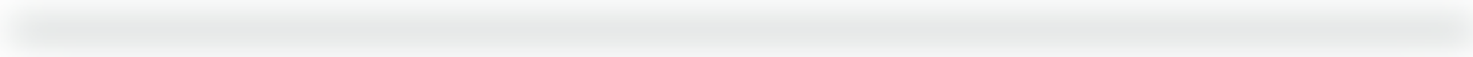
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