



Copper \$14,170/t ▼ -0.1% | Cobalt \$56,290/t → | Tin \$54,850/t ▲ +0.9% | Gold \$4,482.95/oz ▲ +0.5% |
Brent \$93.78/bbl ▲ +2.4% | CDF per USD 2,265.15 →

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · LBMA Gold Price PM · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 21 Aug 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

● SECURITY ● PUBLIC HEALTH ● MINING ● POLITICS ● ECONOMY ● GEOPOLITICS



- 1 **M23/AFC offensive repelled in Masisi; Wazalendo claim tactical success near Malemo** — Masisi
- 2 **Tshisekedi unveils revised defence doctrine** — Kinshasa
- 3 **Bundibugyo ebolavirus outbreak: WHO maintains international emergency; 70,000 Ervebo vaccine doses allocated to DRC** — Ituri (approx.)
- 4 **AFC/M23 bans political broadcasts in controlled zones** — South Kivu (approx.)

THREAT LEVEL CRITICAL HIGH ELEVATED GUARDED — also the coloured bar beside each item

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SECURITY & CONFLICT

M23/AFC offensive repelled in Masisi; Wazalendo claim tactical success near Malemo

CRITICAL

Violent clashes erupted on 19 August between AFC/M23 rebels and Wazalendo militia around Nkingwe in Masisi territory (North-Kivu), near the Mindjendje bridge at the Masisi–Walikale boundary. Wazalendo forces reported repelling the offensive toward Malemo, though local sources confirmed casualties on both sides without precise figures. The security situation remains volatile in this contested zone.

REPORTED Actualite.cd 20 Aug · Event: 19 Aug

AFC/M23 bans political broadcasts and Kinshasa news relay in South-Kivu zones under its control

CRITICAL

Patrick Busu Bwa Ngwi Shombo, the de facto governor of AFC/M23 in South-Kivu, has prohibited the broadcast of political programming and relay of information from Kinshasa in areas controlled by the group.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Bundibugyo ebolavirus outbreak: WHO maintains international emergency; 70,000 Ervebo vaccine doses allocated to DRC

CRITICAL

The WHO confirmed that the Bundibugyo ebolavirus epidemic in the DRC remains a public health emergency of international concern. The organization allocated 70,000 doses of Ervebo vaccine: 20,000 for a Phase 3 clinical trial to assess efficacy against Bundibugyo, and 50,000 for frontline workers and health agents.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

President Tshisekedi unveils new 'global defence doctrine' with five strategic priorities

CRITICAL

On 20 August, President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi presented a revised defence doctrine for the DRC centred on five pillars: consolidation of sovereign strategic thinking, strengthening anticipatory and surveillance capacity, digital and informational sovereignty, emergence of African solutions to security challenges, and republican ethics. The announcement marked the tenth anniversary of the Collège des Hautes Études de Stratégie et de Défense (CHESD), which has trained 1,692 civil and military cadres.

CONFIRMED

Presidency 20 Aug

Opponent Mike Mukebayi obtains passport after previous denials

ELEVATED

Opposition figure Mike Mukebayi, close to Moïse Katumbi, announced on 20 August that he has finally obtained his passport after multiple prior refusals.

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POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

President Tshisekedi strengthens economic and security cooperation with Tanzania

HIGH

On 18 August, President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi held bilateral discussions with Tanzanian President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, focusing on economic and security cooperation between the two nations.

CONFIRMED

Presidency 18 Aug

Burundi's President Ndayishimiye attends CHESD tenth anniversary ceremony in Kinshasa

HIGH

President Évariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi, in his capacity as Chair of the African Union, attended the tenth anniversary ceremony of the Collège des Hautes Études de Stratégie et de Défense (CHESD) in Kinshasa on 20 August, alongside defence ministers from Congo and the Central African Republic.

CONFIRMED

Presidency 20 Aug



LEGAL & REGULATORY

Rebo Tchulo military court case adjourned to 27 August due to absent judge

ELEVATED

The military court of Kinshasa/Ngaliema postponed the judgment in the case against singer Rebo Tchulo from 20 August to 27 August 2026 due to the absence of a required judge. Tchulo is charged with incitement of military personnel to breach discipline, following a viral video showing a young man being whipped by soldiers while she stood nearby. The prosecution has requested 14 months imprisonment.

CONFIRMED

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GEOPOLITICS

US Embassy calls on Congolese youth to engage in DRC mining sector transformation

HIGH

The US Embassy in the DRC has called on Congolese youth to play a central role in the transformation of the mining sector.

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DeskEco 20 Aug



WATCHLIST

- ▶ Monitor M23/AFC tactical posture in Masisi–Walikale corridor; assess Wazalendo capacity to sustain resistance and civilian displacement trends.
- ▶ Track WHO vaccine deployment schedule and Phase 3 Ervebo trial enrollment in Bundibugyo outbreak zones; monitor case trends and health system capacity.
- ▶ Assess implementation of President Tshisekedi's new defence doctrine; monitor resource allocation and African-centric security framework operationalization.
- ▶ Track Rebo Tchulo military court judgment on 27 August; assess judicial independence and due process standards.
- ▶ Monitor passport issuance patterns for opposition figures; assess political space and freedom of movement trends.

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