



DRC Daily Monitoring Report

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Copper **\$14,505/t** ▲ **+0.5%** | Cobalt **\$39,245/t** → | Tin **\$54,275/t** → | Gold **\$4,187.10/oz** ▲ **+0.7%** |
Brent **\$100.58/bbl** ▲ **+0.3%** | CDF per USD **2,266.67** →

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 7 Oct 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 President Tshisekedi inaugurates modernized National Pedagogical University — Kinshasa
- 2 Military aircraft crash near Kenge kills two FARDC generals; Tshisekedi makes formal condolence visit — Kenge, Kwilu

THREAT LEVEL CRITICAL HIGH ELEVATED GUARDED — also the coloured bar beside each item
VERIFICATION CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources REPORTED single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

FARDC reports fresh AFC/M23 fighter defections in North Kivu

ELEVATED

Congolese army spokesmen reported on 6 October that a fresh wave of AFC/M23 fighters surrendered or defected to FARDC positions in North Kivu, continuing a pattern documented in Lubero, Masisi, and Walikale zones over recent weeks. FARDC framed the ongoing defections as evidence of declining morale and internal fractures within AFC/M23 ranks.

REPORTED Top Africa News

Foreign Minister Muyaya calls for tougher UN sanctions to force Rwanda out of DRC

HIGH

DRC government spokesperson Patrick Muyaya called on 6 October for the United Nations to impose tougher targeted sanctions against Rwanda, stating such measures are essential to compel the withdrawal of Rwanda Defence Force elements from Congolese territory. Muyaya's intervention is part of a sustained diplomatic campaign following Kinshasa's presentation of evidence to the UN sanctions panel on Rwanda's alleged support to AFC/M23. Kinshasa also pressed for international accountability over alleged drone strikes attributed to Rwandan-backed forces, including a reported strike on Pinga in North Kivu. Rwanda has denied deploying forces in DRC beyond what it describes as defensive border operations.

REPORTED XtrAfrika

Two FARDC generals confirmed dead in Kenge military aircraft crash; Tshisekedi visits families

HIGH

DRC President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi, accompanied by First Lady Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi, made a formal condolence visit on 5–6 October to the families of two general officers who died in a military aircraft crash near Kenge in Kwilu province. The presidential visit, confirmed by the DRC Presidency on 6 October, confirms the deaths of both flag-rank officers. Details on the exact date of the crash, aircraft type, and cause remain limited in official communications. The loss of two FARDC generals represents a significant blow to the army's senior command structure at a critical phase of eastern front operations.

CONFIRMED DRC Presidency



PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola surpasses 4,000 deaths in DRC; MSF warns North Kivu spreading 'like a megafire'

CRITICAL

Médecins sans Frontières issued a stark warning on 6 October that the DRC Ebola outbreak — now the worst in the country's history — is spreading 'like a megafire with new hotspots multiplying every week,' and that treatment capacity is already overwhelmed. Over 8,376 cases have been confirmed and 4,042 deaths recorded across seven provinces: Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu, Haut-Uélé, Bas-Uélé, Tshopo, and Sud-Ubangi. North Kivu now accounts for approximately 40% of newly confirmed cases — up from 24% at end of August — indicating dangerous territorial expansion from the Ituri epicentre. In Ituri's Mambasa territory, 18 people died in a single 24-hour period on 5 October. Active conflict in North Kivu continues to obstruct response operations; 4.4 million displaced people are living in affected provinces. WHO declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in May 2026. No vaccine exists for the Bundibugyo strain.

CONFIRMED MSF / RFI Afrique / OCHA

Kenya confirms first Ebola death; patient travelled from DRC via Uganda

CRITICAL

Kenya confirmed its first-ever Ebola case and death on 6 October 2026. The patient, a Kenyan citizen who had lived in the DRC for seven years, fell ill approximately one month ago and received treatment at several DRC hospitals before travelling by road to Kampala, Uganda, and boarding Jambojet flight JM8523 to Nairobi on 3 October. He arrived at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport at approximately 1:10 p.m., underwent routine screening, and was transported to Nairobi Hospital, where he tested positive for Ebola Bundibugyo and died on Monday night (6 October). Health authorities identified 28 contacts (family members and healthcare workers) and are tracing 23 passengers and four crew members from the flight. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus confirmed the case and stated WHO is supporting Kenya, DRC and Uganda in contact tracing and response measures.

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France pledges additional €7M for DRC Ebola response; total French contribution reaches €23M in 2026

GUARDED

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot announced an additional €7 million for the DRC Ebola response on 6 October, raising France's total 2026 contribution to €23 million. Barrot had personally visited Bunia in Ituri province on 3 October to assess conditions and demonstrate support for humanitarian workers. The pledge follows MSF and WHO warnings of a critical funding gap.

CONFIRMED RFI Afrique / AllAfrica

UNICEF: 1,900+ children orphaned by Ebola in DRC; response requires \$113.4M — only one-third funded

ELEVATED

UNICEF reported at the UN Geneva press briefing on 6 October that more than 1,900 children in DRC have lost one or both parents or been separated from caregivers by the Ebola outbreak. At least 2,076 children have been confirmed with Ebola; at least 1,162 have died — seven in ten children under five who contracted the virus. UNICEF requires USD 113.4 million for its Ebola response and has received just over one-third of that amount.

CONFIRMED UNICEF / UN Geneva

**POLITICS & GOVERNANCE****President Tshisekedi inaugurates modernized National Pedagogical University infrastructure**

GUARDED

President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi attended the handover of new facilities at the Université Pédagogique Nationale (UPN) in Kinshasa on 6 October 2026, completing the fourth and final phase of modernization launched in 2001. Three buildings were delivered: one newly constructed with 14 lecture halls (91 seats each), meeting room, elevator for persons with disabilities, sanitary facilities and recreational space; two rehabilitated buildings housing 54 administrative offices and seven science laboratories (chemistry, biology, physics) plus darkroom, with accessible facilities.

CONFIRMED Presidency

Mukwege and former UN rights chief call for genuine DRC transitional justice process

ELEVATED

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Denis Mukwege and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein published a joint op-ed in Le Monde on 6 October calling on the DRC government to launch a genuine transitional justice process. The authors argued that decades of impunity for mass atrocities — including systematic use of sexual violence as a weapon of war — have perpetuated the cycle of armed conflict in eastern DRC, and that sustainable peace requires accountability, not just ceasefire negotiations. The appeal is directed at the Tshisekedi government and international partners at a moment when AU-mediated talks are under way.

CONFIRMED Le Monde

FIFA faces scrutiny over DRC goalkeeper eligibility in World Cup 2026 qualification

GUARDED

Investigative reporting by Le Monde and The New York Times revealed on 6 October that FIFA allegedly ignored its own legal advisors and disciplinary code by failing to sanction the DRC after goalkeeper Lionel Mpasi was fielded while ineligible during African and intercontinental playoff matches for World Cup 2026. The Nigerian Football Federation had filed a fraud complaint with FIFA, but no disciplinary action followed. The DRC qualified for the tournament and reached the Round of 16.

REPORTED France 24 / La Libre Belgique

**ECONOMY & RESOURCES****DRC and Perenco locked in \$4 billion standoff over oil tax reassessment and environmental claims**

HIGH

A \$4 billion financial dispute has emerged between the DRC government and Perenco, the Franco-British oil company and the country's sole active crude producer. Perenco is contesting a sweeping tax reassessment and substantial fines imposed by Kinshasa's fiscal authorities. Environmental damage liability has additionally been placed on the agenda by DRC regulators. The standoff reflects escalating pressure by the Tshisekedi administration on foreign extractive companies to increase revenue contributions — a trend driven partly by the financial demands of the eastern conflict and Kinshasa's social programme commitments.

REPORTED Africa Intelligence

DRC launches three-year airborne geophysical mapping campaign to unlock mineral wealth

GUARDED

The DRC officially launched a three-year national airborne geophysical survey, publicly announced on 6 October. The campaign is financed by the state-owned Fonds minier pour les générations futures (FOMIN) and implemented by a Spanish firm. Specialised aircraft will scan more than one-third of national territory, expanding geoscientific coverage from approximately 23% to over 46% of DRC's landmass. Authorities framed the initiative under the banner of 'scientific sovereignty' — building independent knowledge of the country's mineral wealth to maximise economic returns without reliance on foreign geological data.

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RFI Afrique

Lobito Corridor coordination meeting advances Angola–DRC–Zambia trade roadmap

GUARDED

Angola's Transport Minister Ricardo Viegas D'Abreu reaffirmed commitment to the Lobito Corridor at a coordination meeting in Lusaka on 5 October, with coverage published on 6 October. Angola pledged to work with DRC to operationalise the Luau–Dilolo border crossing as a one-stop post and advance a bankable project portfolio. The meeting endorsed a Joint Trade Facilitation Roadmap with three priorities for the next 24 months, focused on transforming the corridor into a full economic development spine linking DRC's mining heartland directly to Atlantic export routes.

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**WATCHLIST**

- ▶ **CRITICAL** — Track Kenya Ebola secondary cases: monitor all 28 identified contacts, 23 flight passengers, and 4 crew from Jambojet JM8523; assess whether East Africa border screening is adequate within 48 hours.
- ▶ **Perenco \$4bn standoff** — watch for escalation to international arbitration or DRC asset seizure; monitor Kinshasa's fiscal posture toward other foreign oil and mining operators.
- ▶ **Kenge military crash** — obtain confirmed details (date, aircraft type, identities of the two generals killed); assess impact on FARDC senior command structure amid active eastern operations.
- ▶ **Ebola funding gap** — UNICEF has only one-third of required \$113.4M; monitor additional donor pledges following France's €7M; track North Kivu transmission trajectory.

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