



Copper **\$14,595/t** → | Cobalt **\$36,815/t** ▼ **-6.4%** | Tin **\$50,700/t** → | Gold **\$4,181.10/oz** → |
Brent **\$109.86/bbl** → | CDF per USD **2,262.32** →

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 16 Oct 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 **Ebola Bundibugyo expands to eighth province; two confirmed cases** — Nord-Ubangi (*approx.*)
- 2 **Third day of fighting in Nyiragongo territory, North Kivu** — Kibati
- 3 **CODECO–CRP clashes displace 24,600 people in Ituri** — Djugu
- 4 **Three driver murders trigger RN27 blockade; Bunia–Fataki corridor severed** — Pimbo
- 5 **Supply route closure drives sharp price spikes; acute shortages** — Walikale
- 6 **PAM provides food assistance to 7,600 displaced households** — Lubero
- 7 **Vice-PM Kabombo inspects 22nd Military Region, Haut-Katanga** — Lubumbashi
- 8 **Makala prison overcrowding doubles; government pledges relief measures** — Kinshasa

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

VERIFICATION **CONFIRMED** corroborated by 2+ sources **REPORTED** single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Fighting resumes in Kibati area; North Kivu deputies call for international mobilization

ELEVATED

A third day of fighting was reported in the Kibati area (Walikale territory, North Kivu) on 18 October between rebels, Congolese army, and allied formations. North Kivu national deputies called for national and international mobilization to restore peace in the east amid diplomatic pressure and security demands. The clashes reflect ongoing instability despite peace negotiations.

REPORTED The Rio Times · Radio Okapi

CODECO–CRP clashes in Ituri displace 24,600 people

ELEVATED

Fighting between CODECO and Thomas Lubanga's CRP (Coopérative pour la Refondation du Pays) in Djugu, Ituri province, displaced more than 24,600 people and worsened an already critical humanitarian crisis. The clashes represent a localized but significant escalation in a province already burdened by conflict.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

Transporters block RN27 after three driver murders in Ituri

ELEVATED

Following the assassination of three drivers in Pimbo, Ituri, transporters paralyzed the RN27 highway linking Bunia to Fataki and demanded enhanced security on this vital transport corridor. The blockade reflects insecurity on a critical economic artery.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

Vice-PM Kabombo inspects 22nd Military Region in Haut-Katanga

ELEVATED

Vice-PM Guy Kabombo, minister of defence and veterans, conducted an inspection of the 22nd Military Region in Haut-Katanga on 18 October, following his participation in the 20th CIRGL (International Conference on the Great Lakes Region) meeting in Lusaka, Zambia. He visited Lubumbashi and Kasumbalesa to assess operational conditions and exchange with regional military command, emphasizing the need to translate political commitments into concrete results and respect ceasefire agreements.

REPORTED 7sur7.cd · @VPMDefenseRdc

**PUBLIC HEALTH****Ebola outbreak spreads to eighth DRC province; 9,415 cases, 4,536 deaths recorded**

HIGH

The Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak in the DRC has expanded to Nord-Ubangi Province in the north, with two men in their 20s confirmed infected in the Wapinda health zone, one of whom died. As of 18 October, the DRC health ministry reported 9,415 confirmed cases and 4,536 deaths since the outbreak began in May, representing a 48.2% case fatality rate. Ituri Province remains the epicenter, accounting for more than 73% of all confirmed cases, followed by North Kivu. The outbreak now affects 66 health zones across eight provinces, making it the largest and deadliest Ebola outbreak in DRC history and the second-largest globally after the 2014–2016 West Africa epidemic.

CONFIRMED Xinhua Africa · RFI Afrique · AllAfrica · AP News

PAM provides food assistance to 7,600 displaced households in Lubero, North Kivu

ELEVATED

The assistance reflects the scale of displacement and humanitarian need in the province.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

Supply route cuts drive sharp price increases in Walikale-Centre

ELEVATED

Severe price increases were reported in Walikale-Centre, North Kivu, driven by the closure of the main supply route. The disruption has further weakened a population already stressed by armed conflict, creating acute food and goods shortages.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

Uganda, Rwanda, DRC agree on cross-border disease surveillance framework

ELEVATED

The initiative is led by the Virunga regional cooperation framework. Dr. Andrew Seguya (Virunga executive secretary) emphasized that threats in one country threaten all three, and rapid detection saves lives. Eric Niyonkuru (Rwanda wildlife disease expert) stressed the importance of cross-border laboratory testing and surveillance. DRC disease control director Professor Biene-Aime Mandja noted that joint action is essential for regional health security.

REPORTED RFI Swahili

**LEGAL & REGULATORY****Makala prison overcrowding doubles in one year; government pledges relief**

ELEVATED

Of these, only 5,000 have been convicted; 11,000 await trial. The Justice Minister and Prosecutor General visited on the weekend and promised measures to reduce overcrowding, including expedited case processing and humanitarian releases. Conditions are described as critical.

REPORTED RFI Afrique · RFI Swahili



ECONOMY & MACRO

Road rehabilitation project in North Kivu deteriorates months after completion

GUARDED

The Cantine–Kambaya–Mabalako–Jiseke–Maboya road axis, rehabilitated months earlier under the STAR-EST project, has already deteriorated significantly. Civil society questioned the quality of work, raising concerns about project implementation and value for money.

REPORTED

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ Monitor casualty and displacement figures from Kibati fighting; assess territorial changes and humanitarian impact; track ceasefire stability in Walikale.
- ▶ Track FARDC mobilization in Katanga and any FRN military movements toward the south; assess whether the military buildup deters or provokes escalation.
- ▶ Track security situation on RN27 (Bunia–Fataki road) and CODECO–CRP fighting in Djugu; monitor displacement figures and humanitarian response capacity in Ituri.
- ▶ Track humanitarian assistance delivery to displaced populations; monitor further CODECO–CRP clashes; assess impact on mining operations in Ituri.
- ▶ Monitor Makala prison case review and humanitarian release process; assess judicial backlog reduction and disease outbreak prevention measures.
- ▶ Monitor implementation of Makala prison relief measures; track case processing acceleration and humanitarian releases; assess judicial backlog reduction.

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