



DRC Daily Monitoring Report

Covering 20 Oct, 00:00 – 23:59 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **\$14,540/t** ▲ +0.3% | Cobalt **\$34,620/t** ▼ -3.0% | Tin **\$51,200/t** ▲ +0.3% | Gold **\$4,142.60/oz** ▼ -0.4%
| Brent **\$108.79/bbl** ▼ -0.7% | CDF per USD **2,268.40** ▲ +0.2%

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 20 Oct 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 FRN clashes with FARDC disrupt schools and Route 5 — Uvira
- 2 97 new Ebola cases in 24 hours; outbreak accelerates — North Kivu (approx.)
- 3 Bar Association files torture complaint against police commander — Goma, North Kivu
- 4 Long-distance drivers suspend cargo operations over insecurity — Mahagi

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

VERIFICATION CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources REPORTED single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Long-distance drivers suspend DRC-bound cargo over insecurity

HIGH

The Long Distance Drivers and Conductors Association (LoDDCA) announced a strike beginning 20 October along the Mahagi-Kisangani route in response to growing insecurity. The strike was triggered by the reported killing of 12 drivers, including Kenyan national Mohamed Tahlil. All cargo loading and dispatch to DRC have been halted. The association also reported suspended operations along the Kolwezi-Lubumbashi route in southern DRC following new clashes. The strike demands urgent security measures, improved coordination between security agencies, timely sharing of security information, investigation of reported killings, and strengthened protection of transport workers.

REPORTED Eastleigh Voice

Armed clashes between FRN rebels and FARDC in Uvira, South Kivu

ELEVATED

Violent clashes between FRN (Front pour la Refondation de la Nation) rebels and FARDC forces, supported by wazalendo militias, were reported on 20 October in Mugobe and surrounding villages in the Itara-Luvungi grouping, Ruzizi plain, South Kivu. Fighting extended to Rugobagoba, Kamonyi, and Lubarika in Uvira territory. The violence disrupted schools and traffic on National Route 5 between Bukavu and Uvira. The clashes occurred approximately 50 km from the main highway.

REPORTED Actualite.cd



PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola cases in North-Kivu exceed Ituri for first time; 97 new cases in 24 hours

HIGH

A total of 97 new cases were confirmed in 24 hours—the highest daily count since 3 October. The outbreak now affects eight of DRC's 26 provinces, with two cases confirmed in Nord-Ubangi over the preceding weekend.

REPORTED RFI Afrique

Nigeria confirms first Ebola case; patient arrived from Uganda

HIGH

Nigeria confirmed its first Ebola case on 20 October. The patient is a woman who arrived in Nigeria from Uganda on an international flight and was admitted to a private hospital in Abuja on 11 October after showing symptoms on 7 October. Health Minister Muhammad Ali Pate confirmed the diagnosis and reported that 44 close contacts have been identified and are under surveillance. The government has called all public and private health facilities to maximum alert status.

CONFIRMED La Libre Belgique · RTBF · France 24 +1 source

DRC Ebola response faces \$700M funding gap

HIGH

A report indicates that \$700 million in funding for the Ebola response in DRC is unaccounted for or missing. The outbreak, which began in May 2026, has become the deadliest in DRC history, with over 9,000 cases and more than 4,300 deaths reported.

REPORTED La Libre Belgique

Seven Ebola cases confirmed among schoolchildren in Mangina, North Kivu

ELEVATED

Cases include two secondary students from different schools and five primary students from three schools. The Syndicat des Enseignants Catholiques (SYNECATH) of Mangina parish has alerted authorities to insufficient prevention measures in schools and called for urgent deployment of prevention kits, reinforcement of barrier measures, and intervention by the health zone chief and response teams.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

Kenya reports ninth Ebola case; all linked to initial patient

ELEVATED

All nine cases are epidemiologically linked to the first patient, a businessman who travelled from DRC and died in early October. Cases include four relatives, three health workers, and a hospital cleaner. Health Director-General Patrick Amoth stated that all eight surviving patients are improving and responding well to treatment, and there is no evidence of transmission outside this cluster.

CONFIRMED La Libre Belgique · BBC News



POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Government accuses Kabila of preparing 'generalized attack' on DRC

HIGH

Government spokesman Patrick Muyaya accused former President Joseph Kabila of fomenting a 'generalized attack' against the country in an interview with Agence France-Presse on 20 October. Muyaya stated that Kabila's decision to take up arms means 'killing Congolese to think of conquering territories.' Kabila, in an online address, countered that the government is primarily focused on maintaining power. The tension reflects the formal escalation following Kabila's appointment as FRN leader on 12 October.

REPORTED Cameroon Tribune

Clement Kanku calls for national unity against FRN threat

ELEVATED

Clément Kanku, president of the Le Renouveau movement, called on Congolese citizens to mobilize to preserve national unity in response to the security crisis in eastern DRC. Reacting to the AFC-M23's transformation into the Front for National Refoundation (FRN), Kanku urged all political forces to prioritize territorial integrity, peace, national cohesion, and sovereignty.

REPORTED AllAfrica



LEGAL & REGULATORY

North Kivu Bar Association files torture complaint against Butembo police commander

ELEVATED

The Bar Association of North Kivu filed a complaint on 20 October 2026 against Commissaire Supérieur Principal Georges Ngonzila, commander of the National Congolese Police (PNC) in Butembo, with the Auditorat (military prosecutor) for alleged torture.

REPORTED mediacongo.net



ECONOMY & MACRO

US-DRC financial transaction under White House investigation

HIGH

A \$17.6 million transfer from a bank account linked to the Congolese government to a Texas-based security and defence company (TX-AT) is under White House investigation. The transfer, made in May 2025, is linked to a dispute between Richard Grenell (former Kennedy Center president) and Alina Habba Mildon (Trump's former personal attorney). Habba Mildon's husband, Turkish businessman Turhan Mildon, has business and diplomatic ties with DRC, including a Congolese diplomatic passport and advisory role to President Tshisekedi. Mildon heads Milvest, which has secured public contracts in DRC including the Kinshasa Financial Center construction. The investigation aims to establish the money's origin, purpose, and whether there was a formal commitment to the Kennedy Center.

REPORTED AllAfrica



WATCHLIST

- ▶ Monitor FRN military operations, recruitment, and territorial gains over next 72 hours; assess government counter-insurgency response and risk of major escalation.
- ▶ Monitor Nigeria's contact tracing and case numbers; assess regional spread risk to West Africa; track cross-border movement controls and screening effectiveness.
- ▶ Verify \$700M Ebola funding gap claim; investigate fund allocation, accountability mechanisms, and impact on response operations.
- ▶ Monitor duration and scope of LoDDCA transport strike; assess impact on mining supply chains, regional trade, and security incidents on Mahagi-Kisangani and Kolwezi-Lubumbashi routes.
- ▶ Track FRN-FARDC clashes in Uvira and Kaziba; monitor casualty reports, territorial changes, and humanitarian impact on civilian movement and education.

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