



DRC Daily Monitoring Report

Covering 21 Oct, 00:00 – 23:59 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **\$14,441/t** ▼ -0.7% | Cobalt **\$34,620/t** → | Tin **\$51,550/t** ▲ +0.7% | Gold **\$4,150/oz** ▲ +0.2% |
Brent **\$108.79/bbl** → | CDF per USD **2,264.67** ▼ -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-FARDC clashes in South Kivu highlands** — Walungu
- 2 **FRN-FARDC fighting spreads to foothills** — Uvira
- 3 **FRN-FARDC clashes disrupt school operations** — Masisi
- 4 **Militia groups arm with military-grade weapons** — Tanganyika (*approx.*)
- 5 **Artisanal miners stage protests; closures reported** — Kolwezi
- 6 **RASKIN official revoked for weapons threats** — Kinshasa
- 7 **ADF-abducted woman rescued after 4+ years** — Ituri (*approx.*)
- 8 **Vita Club interim president resigns** — 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

Kabila joins M23 as political leader of rebranded FRN movement

CRITICAL

Former DRC President Joseph Kabila officially assumed leadership of the M23 rebellion, which has been rebranded as the Front pour la Refondation de la Nation (FRN). Significant fighting between FRN and pro-government forces has continued in Walungu district highlands (South Kivu), spilling into Uvira district foothills, with FARDC and pro-government Wazalendo fighters engaged in ongoing clashes against FRN contingents in North and South Kivu. Mercenaries linked to US security tycoon Erik Prince have reportedly sustained combat losses in South Kivu.

REPORTED Critical Threats Project · La Libre Belgique · Standard Media

Local militias in Tanganyika arm with war weapons amid M23 conflict

HIGH

In Tanganyika province (southeastern DRC), local militia groups known as 'wazalendo' have traded traditional weapons (bows and arrows) for military-grade firearms, exploiting the M23 conflict to consolidate control around gold mines. These armed groups are extorting residents and establishing de facto authority in mining areas, taking advantage of weapons proliferation from the broader conflict.

REPORTED Revue Conflits (Security Incidents — French/Francophone Keyword Sweep)**FRN–FARDC clashes disrupt schooling in Masisi, North Kivu**

ONGOING

ELEVATED

Runambi primary school, relocated to Kibarizo in Masisi territory (North Kivu), continues to face severe operational difficulties more than one month into the 2026–2027 school year due to ongoing clashes between FRN rebels and FARDC-backed Wazalendo forces. The school lacks desks and supplies, compromising teaching quality. Director Célestin Bagira reported that the relocation has complicated operations and that material support is urgently needed to restore normal functioning.

REPORTED Actualite.cd**ADF-abducted Christian woman rescued after 4+ years in captivity**

ELEVATED

Katungu Mbaka Darke, abducted by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) in July 2022 from Lume village (eastern DRC), was rescued by Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) soldiers in Ituri Province. During her captivity, she endured sexual abuse and coercion to convert to Islam. She bore two children with a rebel and reported that her husband facilitated ADF–North Kivu connections. Lume chief Kimbi Tsobo confirmed the abduction and described the emotional toll on her family and community. Church leaders in Mutwanga expressed gratitude for her return.

REPORTED Persecution.org**PUBLIC HEALTH****Nigeria confirms first Ebola case; patient's condition deteriorates**

HIGH

The patient, a diplomat, was admitted to a private hospital on 11 October and later diagnosed with Bundibugyo strain Ebola. Her condition has deteriorated. Nigerian health authorities began tracing 44 contacts. Symptoms appeared on 7 October; the woman's precise travel itinerary and exposure location remain under investigation. Uganda's Ministry of Health clarified that transit through Uganda does not establish infection occurred there.

CONFIRMED La Libre Belgique · CGTN Africa · Al Jazeera Arabic**Congolese refugees in Burundi face funding crisis; 35,000 remain in Busuma camp**

ONGOING

HIGH

Several organisations operating in the camp have funding commitments only until end-2026, with some having no funds secured beyond October 2026. Since April, over 20,000 refugees have returned to the DRC under a UN voluntary return programme, but those remaining face deteriorating shelter (built for six-month lifespan), scaled-back food and cash distributions, and mounting health risks as the rainy season begins.

REPORTED OCHA / ReliefWeb**Africa CDC convenes ministerial meeting on Ebola outbreak**

ELEVATED

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention announced a high-level virtual meeting of African Ministers of Health scheduled for 28 October 2026 to address the ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak. The meeting aims to assess the situation, strengthen cross-border coordination, accelerate support to affected countries, and reinforce continental preparedness. Africa CDC Director General Jean Kaseya emphasized the need for faster response, stronger coordination, and decisive political leadership. The meeting will inform preparations for a Heads of State and Government Summit under Burundi's AU Chairperson Évariste Ndayishimiye.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Kinshasa official revoked for threatening weapons distribution

HIGH

Fils Mukoko, director general adjoint of RASKIN (Kinshasa sanitation authority), was revoked from office on 21 October by Kinshasa Governor Daniel Bumba Lubaki following controversial social media statements. Mukoko announced plans to distribute weapons in football fields, churches, and universities, and made threatening remarks toward Belgium and Western nations, stating they would "have difficulty leaving Kinshasa." The Justice Minister instructed the prosecutor general to open a judicial investigation. The CSAC (media authority) imposed an 88-day media embargo and summoned Mukoko for a hearing. The UDPS (ruling party) disassociated itself from the statements, clarifying that no weapons distribution or sit-in at the Belgian embassy were authorized.

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Vita Club interim president resigns amid institutional crisis

GUARDED

Flory Mapamboli Posa, interim president of AS Vita Club (Kinshasa football club), resigned effective immediately on 21 October. In his resignation letter dated 20 October, he cited political interference, internal conflicts, and alleged irregularities surrounding the 18 September general assembly. He contested the validity of that assembly, alleging statutory violations and falsified signatures attributed to sports ministry officials. Mapamboli refused to form a coalition with a candidate he deemed illegitimate and stated his departure does not recognize the assembly's validity or designate a successor.

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ENERGY

DRC begins recovery of colonial-era petroleum infrastructure

ELEVATED

The DRC government initiated a process to recover petroleum infrastructure (pipelines, pumping stations, storage sites) that reverted to state ownership following the expiration of a 1910 colonial concession agreement with Petro Congo (now Fina) on 31 December 2025. On 21 October, an KPMG consultant presented a provisional inventory of all infrastructure to stakeholders at a Kinshasa workshop. The Copirep (steering committee for public enterprise reform) secretary general Alexis N'kusu stated that after validation of the provisional report, the government will decide on recovery steps, including legal review of disputed claims by former operators. The infrastructure includes pipelines between Ango Ango and Matadi to Pool Malebo.

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MINING & EXTRACTIVES

Kolwezi artisanal miners stage protests; schools and businesses close

ELEVATED

The protests reflect ongoing tensions in the mining sector, likely tied to working conditions, payment disputes, or regulatory enforcement.

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GEOPOLITICS

Rwanda rejects US sanctions; accuses DRC of ceasefire violations

HIGH

Rwanda's government rejected US sanctions, describing them as unjust and one-sided. In a statement issued Monday (20 October), Kigali accused the DRC of conducting drone strikes and ground offensives in violation of ceasefire agreements, resulting in civilian casualties. Rwanda defended its military actions as necessary for national protection and reiterated commitment to disengagement contingent on DRC fulfilling obligations under the Washington Accords, including an "irreversible and verifiable" end to state support for the FDLR and associated militias. Rwanda alleged that the DRC coalition includes foreign mercenaries, Wazalendo militias, and the FDLR.

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Uganda Diplomat

**WATCHLIST**

- ▶ Monitor FRN territorial advances and FARDC counteroffensive operations in North and South Kivu; track Kabila's consolidation of M23 factions and political messaging.
- ▶ Follow independent investigation into Kishishe massacre; monitor ICC involvement and international accountability mechanisms; assess ceasefire stability.
- ▶ Track judicial investigation into Fils Mukoko's statements; assess DRC–Belgium diplomatic fallout and security measures for diplomatic missions.
- ▶ Monitor Africa CDC ministerial meeting (28 October) outcomes and continental Ebola response commitments; track Nigeria's containment measures.

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