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DRC Daily Monitoring Report

23 November 2026

Covering 22 Nov, 07:00 – 23 Nov, 07:00 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **$12,230.50/t** ▼ -2.7% | Cobalt **$33,525/t** → | Tin **$41,160/t** ▼ -2.5% | Gold **$3,515.40/oz** ▼ -4.6%

Brent **$92.57/bbl** ▲ +0.6% | CDF per USD **2,260** ▼ -0.2%

Market data — closing prices as of 20 Nov 2026 · changes vs previous close. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

SECURITY · PUBLIC HEALTH · MINING · POLITICS · ECONOMY · GEOPOLITICS



Base map: Google Maps (map data ©2026 Google) · Pins at approximate locations where marked (approx.)

1. **Military aircraft crashes; FRN claims shoot-down, FARDC denies** — Kalongi, near Minembwe, South Kivu *(approx.)*
2. **WHO chief urges peace as fighting disrupts the Ebola response** — Ituri *(approx.)*
3. **Illegal mining at Chemaf: 105 arrested, including an alleged Chinese financier** — Lubumbashi, Haut-Katanga

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

VERIFICATION CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources REPORTED single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Military aircraft crashes near Minembwe; FRN claims shoot-down, FARDC denies losing a fighter jet

HIGH

A military aircraft crashed at Kalongi, east of Minembwe (Fizi territory, South Kivu), at about 06:00 local time on 22 November, killing two of the four people on board, independent outlet SOS Médias Burundi reported, attributing the aircraft to the FARDC–FDNB coalition. FRN spokesperson Lawrence Kanyuka said FRN forces shot down a fighter jet that was preparing to attack; the FARDC denied the FRN's claim that one of its fighter jets had been destroyed. The aircraft's type and ownership remain disputed. There is no MONUSCO or UN statement.

REPORTED SOS Médias Burundi · Chimpreports · Mediacongo

PUBLIC HEALTH

WHO chief calls for peace in Ituri as fighting disrupts the Ebola response

HIGH

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus issued an urgent call for peace in Ituri province on 22 November, after fighting near the Ebola outbreak zone forced health workers and humanitarian partners to shelter in a maternity ward for more than 24 hours. Tedros said attacks in eastern DRC have become more frequent since late October, directly disrupting the medical response to the Bundibugyo outbreak.

CONFIRMED La Libre Belgique · Al Arabiya

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Electoral observer Symocel doubts the DRC can hold its December 2028 general elections on time

ELEVATED

Symocel, an accredited electoral observation mission, expressed doubt in its November report that the DRC can meet the timeline for general elections scheduled for December 2028, citing current conditions in security, infrastructure and institutional capacity, France 24 reported on 22 November. No government response is yet on record.

REPORTED France 24 Afrique

MINING & EXTRACTIVES

Chinese national held in Lubumbashi for allegedly financing illegal mining at Chemaf; 105 arrested

HIGH

Police (PNC) arrested Chinese national Fang Wey on 22 November during a cordon-and-search operation in Lubumbashi's Luwowoshi neighbourhood, identifying him as the financier of clandestine miners who entered the Chemaf concession to supply his informal warehouse. In all, 105 people, including two women, were arrested; police seized a large quantity of Chemaf minerals, a minibus, ten motorcycles used to move ore, alcohol, cannabis and bladed weapons. A PNC spokesperson described Luwowoshi as a known hotspot for illegal mining and mineral theft. Fang Wey remains in custody; prosecution is pending.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

GEOPOLITICS

DRC and Kenya agree to restore full diplomatic relations at Oyo summit

HIGH

Presidents Félix Tshisekedi and William Ruto agreed on 22 November, at a quadripartite summit in Oyo, Republic of Congo, to restore ambassador-level representation, resume the Joint Grand Commission for Cooperation, hold regular diplomatic consultations and deepen trade, economic, security and cultural cooperation. The summit was convened by President Denis Sassou-Nguesso and attended by Togo's President Faure Gnassingbé as AU facilitator for the Great Lakes crisis. Relations had been strained for years over Kenya's role in hosting the Congo River Alliance (AFC).

CONFIRMED @Presidence_RDC · Xinhua Africa · Nation.Africa

DRC warns the EU that a Rwanda deportation deal could finance armed groups in the east

HIGH

Foreign Minister Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner warned that EU member states' plans to send rejected asylum seekers to Rwanda risk fuelling armed conflict and forced displacement in Africa. Kinshasa's concern is that European migration payments could be funnelled to the M23, extending Rwanda's destabilising footprint in the Great Lakes; the UN has documented Rwanda's material support for the M23.

REPORTED Politico Europe

WATCHLIST

- Watch for confirmation of the aircraft's type and ownership at Kalongi, the fate of the two survivors, and any MONUSCO or wire-service reporting on the Minembwe crash.
- Track Ebola case and death trends, and whether humanitarian corridors or local ceasefires are negotiated to protect health workers in Ituri.
- Follow the prosecution of Fang Wey and the others arrested in Luwowoshi, and whether the operation disrupts illegal mineral networks there.
- Follow implementation of the DRC–Kenya agreement: ambassador appointments, resumption of the Joint Grand Commission and concrete security and trade deliverables.
- Watch the EU response to Kinshasa's warning on the Rwanda deportation deal, and any new funding tranches to Rwanda.

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