



Copper **\$14,850/t** ▲ +2.1% | Cobalt **\$56,290/t** → | Tin **\$56,225/t** ▲ +0.3% | Gold **\$4,405.80/oz** ▲ +0.3% |
Brent **\$90.87/bbl** ▲ +2.7% | CDF per USD **2,262.33** ▼ -0.1%

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · LBMA Gold Price PM · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 18 Aug 2026.
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SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 **Ebola epidemic becomes deadliest on record** — Ituri
- 2 **AFC/M23 clashes with Wazalendo coalition; displacement ongoing** — Masisi
- 3 **AFC/M23 attributed gunfire in Mindjendje; calm reported** — Walikale
- 4 **President Tshisekedi announces national dialogue address** — Kinshasa

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

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SECURITY & CONFLICT

AFC/M23 armed clashes with Wazalendo coalition in Masisi; civilian displacement ongoing

CRITICAL

Violent clashes between AFC/M23 and a coalition of Wazalendo groups continue on 17 August 2026 in multiple localities of Ufamandu grouping in Masisi territory, North-Kivu. Clashes are driving new civilian displacement. Separate reports document AFC/M23 strikes attributed to the group in Musimbira and Nyamiri, with civilians fleeing combat zones.

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AFC/M23 attributed strikes in Walikale; local accalmie reported after 15 August gunfire

HIGH

Gunfire in Mindjendje, Walikale territory, North-Kivu, was attributed by local sources to AFC/M23 rebels reportedly operating from the Malemo zone. A period of calm (accalmie) has since been reported in the area.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola epidemic in DRC becomes deadliest on record; Ituri remains epicentre

ONGOING

CRITICAL

The ongoing Ebola epidemic in the DRC has become the deadliest ever recorded in the country. Ituri province accounts for 4,194 cases and 1,838 deaths, representing 84.8% of cumulative cases and 89 of 101 new cases. UN reports the epidemic is killing approximately one person every 30 minutes.

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Parents in Ituri call for strengthened Ebola measures ahead of school reopening

HIGH

With the 2026–2027 school year scheduled to begin on 1 September 2026, parents in Ituri province are calling on school authorities to strengthen measures against Ebola transmission before reopening.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

President Tshisekedi announces forthcoming national address on inclusive national dialogue

CRITICAL

President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo announced on 17 August 2026 a forthcoming national address to outline the framework of the inclusive national dialogue initiative. The President stated that the DRC must be governed 'in cohesion', not 'in division'.

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ECONOMY & MACRO

Government integrates CADECO SA into public payroll operator network

ELEVATED

The DRC government has integrated CADECO SA, a state financial institution, into the network of public payroll operators, marking a first in the country's payroll management landscape.

REPORTED

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GEOPOLITICS

DRC presents four security priorities at 46th SADC Summit

CRITICAL

At the 46th ordinary SADC Summit opening on 17 August 2026, the DRC presented four priority areas to strengthen the regional response to the security crisis affecting eastern DRC.

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ Ebola case and death trajectory in Ituri over next 48–72 hours; assess whether 'one death every 30 minutes' rate is sustained or declining.
- ▶ AFC/M23 operational activity in Masisi, Walikale, and broader North-Kivu; monitor for territorial consolidation or FARDC counter-offensive.
- ▶ Timing and content of President Tshisekedi's national address on inclusive dialogue; track political party and opposition responses.
- ▶ School reopening preparations in Ituri (1 September 2026); assess Ebola prevention measures and any last-minute postponements.
- ▶ SADC Summit outcomes and DRC's four security priorities; confirm regional military/diplomatic commitments to DRC security response.
- ▶ Anthrax spillover risk in Rutshuru/Vitshumbi; monitor for human cases and public health response adequacy.

- ▶ Civilian displacement figures from Masisi clashes; assess humanitarian access and IDP camp conditions.

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