



Copper **\$14,335/t** ▼ **-3.5%** | Cobalt **\$56,290/t** → | Tin **\$55,550/t** ▼ **-1.2%** | Gold **\$4,403.50/oz** ▼ **-0.1%** |
Brent **\$91.02/bbl** ▲ **+0.2%** | CDF per USD **2,263.36** →

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 19 Aug 2026.
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SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1** M23/AFC and FARDC clashes in Kalehe territory — Kalehe
- 2** Wazalendo faction clashes; civilian displacement reported — Walikale
- 3** Kamoja Copper commits USD 16.855 million development — Mutshatsha
- 4** Health Minister denies Ebola cases in capital — Kinshasa
- 5** Ebola Bundibugyo response scales to 50+ zones — Bunia

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

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

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Clashes between FARDC and M23/AFC reported in Kalehe, South Kivu

CRITICAL

New armed clashes between FARDC and M23/AFC combatants were reported on 17 August 2026 in multiple localities in Kalehe territory, South Kivu: Katare, Tushunguti, Nyamugari, and Kivoka.

REPORTED Actualite.cd 18 Aug · Event: 17 Aug

Wazalendo faction clashes in Walikale, North Kivu; civilian displacement reported

HIGH

Two groups of Wazalendo combatants clashed on 17 August 2026 in Iteya village, Banakindi locality, Walikale territory, North Kivu, prompting civilian flight from the area.

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FARDC soldier arrested in Kwango for murder of civilian

ELEVATED

A second-class soldier (Bawile Kipoyo Zedoc) of the 3rd Company based in Popokabaka, Kwango province, was arrested on order of the 11th Military Region commander for allegedly killing a civilian (Mukwabonika Jean) with a bayonet in Inzofu village, Yonso sector. The soldier is to be transferred to the military auditorat in Kikwit for trial.

CONFIRMED Actualite.cd 18 Aug

**PUBLIC HEALTH****Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak: UNICEF scales response to 50+ health zones; 15,927 alerts generated in July**

ONGOING

CRITICAL

UNICEF expanded its Ebola Bundibugyo response from 21 to over 50 affected and high-risk health zones. Community surveillance networks generated 15,927 alerts in July 2026 following deployment of 6,009 community mobilizers. UNICEF and partners reached over 1.4 million people with prevention messages and provided mental-health support to 12,780 children and caregivers. UNICEF requires USD 113.5 million for its revised six-month response plan; USD 32.7 million had been mobilized as of 31 July, leaving an USD 80.8 million funding gap (71% of requirement).

CONFIRMED OCHA / ReliefWeb 19 Aug · Event: 31 Jul

Health Minister denies Ebola cases in Kinshasa

HIGH

Health Minister Roger Samuel Kamba stated on 18 August 2026 that there are no Ebola cases in Kinshasa, reaffirming the government's position on outbreak containment. [Note: This finding is sourced from Zoom Eco with no specific article URL available for independent verification; treat as single-source, unverified claim pending corroboration.]

REPORTED Zoom Eco 18 Aug

School reopening 2026–2027 to be differentiated in Ebola-affected zones

HIGH

Education Minister Raïssa Malu announced that the 2026–2027 school year will begin on 1 September 2026 but with differentiated organization in zones affected by Ebola, adapting schedules and protocols to epidemic conditions. [Note: This finding is sourced from Zoom Eco with no specific article URL available for independent verification; treat as single-source claim pending corroboration.]

REPORTED Zoom Eco 18 Aug

**POLITICS & GOVERNMENT****Minister of Land Affairs completes training of 250 agents on land-archive digitization**

HIGH

Minister O'Neige N'Sele concluded on 17 August 2026 the first wave of training for 250 agents on modern techniques for digitizing land archives, part of a broader land-administration modernization initiative.

REPORTED Zoom Eco 18 Aug · Event: 17 Aug

**ECONOMY & MACRO****CADECO expands payroll services to 4,000+ civil servants in rural, unbanked zones**

HIGH

The Caisse générale d'épargne du Congo (CADECO SA) expanded its role in state payroll processing to cover more than 4,000 civil servants and agents in rural and unbanked areas, improving financial inclusion and salary delivery reliability.

REPORTED Zoom Eco 18 Aug

BCC maintains policy rate at 12.50%; inflation at 3.264% year-on-year

ELEVATED

The Banque Centrale du Congo held its policy rate (Prêt à Court Terme) at 12.50% as of July 2026, with year-on-year inflation at 3.264% (up 0.041 percentage points). USD/CDF exchange rate stood at 2,263.36 on 19 August 2026 (+0.05% on the day).

CONFIRMED Banque Centrale du Congo 19 Aug



MINING & EXTRACTIVES

Kamoa Copper signs 2026–2030 community development agreement in Mutshatsha, Lualaba

CRITICAL

Kamoa Copper committed USD 16.855 million over five years to five priority projects in Mutshatsha territory (Lualaba province): a referral hospital and health centre, six schools with scholarship support, water supply systems, a semi-industrial mill, and a cold-storage facility. The agreement was signed with provincial mining authorities, territorial administrators, customary leaders, and community delegates.

CONFIRMED

Actualite.cd 18 Aug



GEOPOLITICS

President Tshisekedi visits Tanzania; reiterates DRC's position on resource extraction

CRITICAL

President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi visited Tanzania from 17 August 2026, where he reiterated that the DRC is no longer willing to serve as a resource extraction zone without commensurate benefit.

CONFIRMED

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ M23/AFC and FARDC clashes in Kalehe and surrounding territories: monitor casualty counts, displacement figures, and humanitarian access; track any escalation or ceasefire developments.
- ▶ Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak: track case counts, deaths, and geographic spread; monitor vaccine deployment and funding mobilization; verify official containment claims against field reports.
- ▶ Kamoa Copper community-development agreement implementation: assess progress on health, education, and agricultural infrastructure projects; monitor community satisfaction and dispute resolution.
- ▶ DRC resource-sovereignty positioning: follow up on Tshisekedi's Tanzania visit outcomes and any policy announcements on mining contracts, value-capture, or renegotiations with operators.
- ▶ FARDC discipline and accountability: monitor military court proceedings against arrested soldier; assess consistency of zero-tolerance policy across regions.
- ▶ BCC monetary policy and inflation trajectory: monitor next policy decision and currency stability; assess impact on business confidence and investment.

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