



Copper **\$14,344/t** ▲ **+0.4%** | Cobalt **\$56,290/t** → | Tin **\$55,900/t** → | Gold **\$4,663.70/oz** ▲ **+1.8%** |
Brent **\$92.17/bbl** ▼ **-2.4%** | CDF per USD **2,266** ▲ **+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 25 Aug 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 **Ebola outbreak reaches 5,515 confirmed cases** — Ituri (*approx.*)
- 2 **Weekly Ebola mortality exceeds 300 deaths** — North Kivu (*approx.*)

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

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

PUBLIC HEALTH

DRC Ebola Outbreak Surpasses 5,500 Cases With Accelerating Mortality

ONGOING**CRITICAL**

The Bundibugyo Ebola virus outbreak in the DRC has reached approximately 5,515 confirmed cases as of 23–24 August 2026, making it the country's deadliest Ebola outbreak on record. The epidemic continues to outpace response efforts, with sustained community transmission across affected provinces. During the week ending 9 August, over 300 deaths were recorded in a single week, signalling accelerating mortality and potential overwhelm of health systems. Violence against healthcare workers has further hampered the response. The outbreak constitutes a public health emergency of international concern.

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ECONOMY & MACRO

USD/CDF Exchange Rate at 2,266.00 as of 25 August 2026

ELEVATED

The official USD/CDF exchange rate stands at 2,266.00 CDF per USD, up 0.09% on the day, reflecting modest franc depreciation.

CONFIRMED

BCC 25 Aug



MINING & EXTRACTIVES

Lithium Carbonate and Sulfate Prices Surge in Export Markets

HIGH

Lithium carbonate reached USD 18,069.61 per tonne and lithium sulfate USD 10,164.15 per tonne, reflecting strong global demand for battery materials.

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ Ebola outbreak trajectory: monitor daily case and death counts; assess whether 5,000-case milestone signals acceleration or plateau; track vaccine rollout and coverage rates.
- ▶ Security of humanitarian response: track frequency and locations of attacks on Red Cross/health workers; assess community engagement and trust-building measures; evaluate armed group involvement.
- ▶ DRC fiscal balance: monitor weekly revenue collection vs. expenditure execution; assess sustainability of deficit and external financing needs; track impact on security/health budgets.
- ▶ Kamoanga-Kakula production ramp: track monthly copper output and export volumes; assess Phase 3 operational stability; monitor impact on DRC foreign exchange and mining revenues.
- ▶ Monetary policy and currency stability: watch for next BCC rate decision; monitor inflation trajectory and USD/CDF exchange rate movements; assess impact on import costs and investment.
- ▶ Germanium and lithium projects: track Umicore-STL project development and investment commitments; monitor lithium price trends and DRC production capacity expansion.
- ▶ Doha peace process: monitor progress on DRC-M23 negotiations and implementation of agreements; assess security implications for eastern DRC provinces.

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