

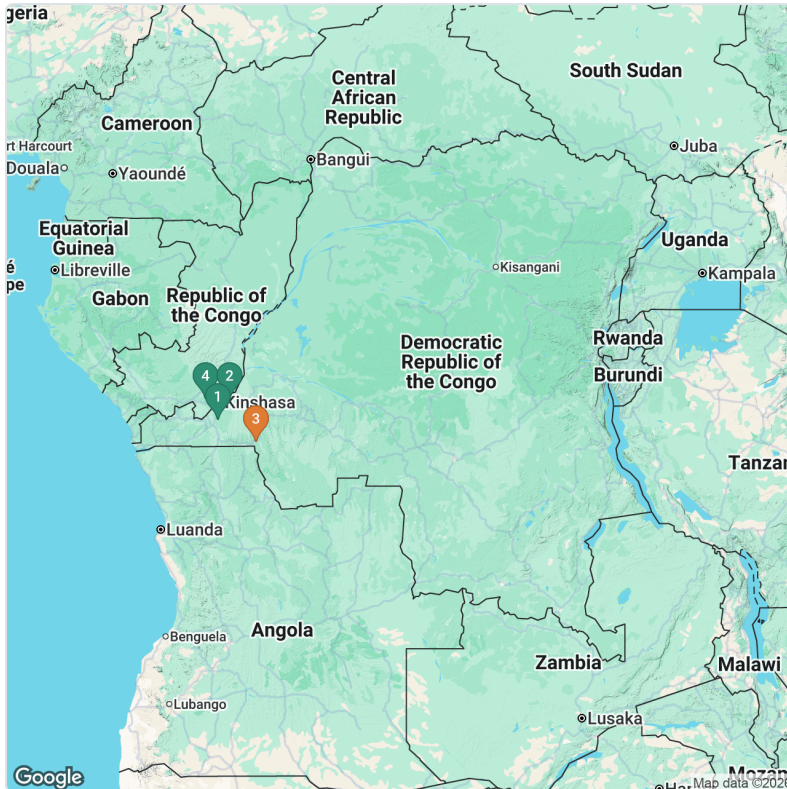


Copper **\$14,395.50/t** ▼ ▼ | Cobalt **\$56,290/t** → | Tin **\$54,725/t** ▼ ▼ | Gold **\$4,353.15/oz** ▼ ▼ |
Brent **\$94.65/bbl** ▲ +4.6% | CDF per USD **2,263.57** →

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 1 Sep 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 2027 budget preparation reaches 90% completion at Bibwa — Kinshasa
- 2 FFN accused of financing phantom projects worth USD 1.35M — Kinshasa
- 3 Cholera outbreak in Kwango: 864 cases since June, MSF response — Popokabaka
- 4 Semlex referred to Brussels court for DRC biometric passport corruption — Kinshasa

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

VERIFICATION CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources REPORTED single source

LEGAL & REGULATORY

Semlex referred to Brussels criminal court for alleged corruption in DRC biometric passport scheme

CRITICAL

The Brussels Chamber of Council on 31 August 2026 referred 14 defendants in the Semlex case to criminal court, charging them with alleged corruption of foreign public officials, money laundering, and tax fraud related to DRC biometric passport production (2015–2025). Court documents indicate approximately USD 60 million in alleged illicit proceeds, with USD 60 per passport reportedly diverted to a Dubai-based entity linked to a close associate of former President Joseph Kabila.

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National Forest Fund accused of financing 'phantom projects' by Court of Auditors

HIGH

The Court of Auditors reported that the Fonds forestier national (FFN), which finances reforestation and forest management in the DRC, financed projects classified as 'phantom projects'—funded but not localized or materialized on the ground. Unlocated projects totalled USD 1,354,682 across 752.60 hectares, with cases in Haut-Katanga and Lualaba showing full disbursements without corresponding physical execution. The FFN received approximately USD 6.19 million in 2026 from the state budget. The Court also noted insufficient post-plantation maintenance mechanisms and reliance on administrative metrics (seedlings distributed) rather than survival rates.

CONFIRMED

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ECONOMY & MACRO

DRC 2027 budget preparation reaches 90% completion

ELEVATED

According to DeskEco, the Ministry of Budget reported on 30 August 2026 that preparatory work on the DRC's 2027 budget law project has reached approximately 90% completion. A team of experts from the Budget Ministry and other public institutions is reportedly finalizing documents at Bibwa (N'sele commune, Kinshasa). Results are expected to be consolidated on 2 September, followed by ministerial discussions and submission to the interministerial forum on 8 September before parliamentary examination. Note: this figure could not be independently corroborated beyond the DeskEco article.

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GEOPOLITICS

DRC President Tshisekedi visits Israel to deepen diplomatic and economic ties

CRITICAL

President Félix Tshisekedi arrived in Israel on 31 August 2026 for a working visit focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation in security, defence, agriculture, energy, technology, and infrastructure. Discussions will include evaluation of memoranda of understanding signed on 27 July by the Foreign Minister and exploration of Israeli investment opportunities in the Lobito Corridor.

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HEALTH & HUMANITARIAN

Cholera outbreak in Popokabaka: 864 cases, MSF deploys response in Kwango province

HIGH

Since 1 June 2026, Popokabaka territory in Kwango province has faced a cholera epidemic. As of 24 August, 864 cases were recorded among a population of approximately 285,585 (0.3% attack rate). The disease initially appeared in Lusanga health area and spread to multiple zones. Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), supporting provincial health authorities, has deployed a cholera treatment centre and six treatment units providing free care, water/sanitation interventions, and epidemiological surveillance.

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ Tshisekedi–Netanyahu meeting outcomes: any new MoUs, investment commitments, or security agreements announced; implications for DRC–Angola–Israel trilateral cooperation on Lobito Corridor.
- ▶ Semlex trial proceedings in Brussels: charges, defence arguments, and any asset recovery or sanctions decisions; impact on DRC–Belgium relations.
- ▶ 2027 budget submission to parliament (8 September): fiscal priorities, revenue/expenditure balance, and any political disputes over allocations.
- ▶ Cholera outbreak in Popokabaka: weekly case counts, geographic spread, treatment outcomes, and any spillover to adjacent provinces or urban centres.

- ▶ FFN audit follow-up: government investigation into phantom projects, any prosecutions, and remedial measures; donor response.

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