



Copper **\$14,400/t** ▲ +1.2% | Cobalt **\$40,120/t** ▼ -1.4% | Tin **\$53,000/t** ▲ +1.3% | Gold **\$4,368.10/oz** ▲ +0.9%
| Brent **\$104.82/bbl** ▼ -1.0% | CDF per USD **2,268.20** ▼ -0.5%

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 Sep 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 across seven provinces reaches 7,200+ cases** — Ituri (*approx.*)
- 2 **State authority restoration pilot launched in South Kivu** — Uvira
- 3 **Record 2027 budget of 56.929 trillion CDF submitted** — Kinshasa
- 4 **Copper prices firm to 14,400 USD/t; tin rises to 53,000 USD/t** — Lubumbashi

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

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

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Interior Ministry: Uvira (South Kivu) designated as pilot city for state authority restoration

HIGH

Vice-PM and Interior Minister Shabani Lukoo Bihango designated Uvira (South Kivu) as the pilot city for restoring state authority in eastern DRC. The initiative focuses on community engagement, security, social cohesion, and the return of state administration.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola outbreak in DRC: 7,200+ confirmed cases and ~3,500 deaths across seven provinces since May 2026

ONGOING

CRITICAL

The Ebola outbreak declared in May 2026 has resulted in over 7,200 confirmed cases and approximately 3,500 deaths across seven provinces in the DRC. Uganda was declared Ebola-free on 17 September after 42 days without new confirmed cases. Continued surveillance, preparedness, and community engagement remain essential to protect displaced populations and host communities.

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DRC displacement crisis: 1.3 million refugees and asylum-seekers in neighbouring countries; 70,000+ returns from Burundi in 2026

ONGOING

HIGH

By end-August 2026, approximately 1.3 million Congolese refugees and asylum-seekers were hosted in neighbouring countries. Over 70,000 Congolese refugees returned from Burundi during 2026, with tripartite frameworks with Tanzania and Zambia supporting phased, voluntary returns backed by reintegration support.

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ECONOMY & MACRO

DRC 2027 Budget: Record 56.929 billion FC (24.8 billion USD) with focus on mineral traceability and fiscal compliance

CRITICAL

The DRC government submitted a record 2027 budget of 56.929 billion FC (approximately 24.8 billion USD) to the National Assembly. Finance Minister Sama Lukonde emphasized mineral traceability, expanded tax base, anti-fraud measures, youth employment, and household purchasing power as priorities.

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MINING & EXTRACTIVES

DRC Ministry of Mines: 141st ITIE Executive Committee meeting on transparency and validation roadmap

HIGH

Minister Louis W. Kabamba and State Minister Guylain Nyembo attended the 141st ordinary meeting of the ITIE (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) Executive Committee on 17 September to review implementation progress, preparatory reports, and next steps ahead of the DRC's upcoming validation process.

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ Monitor National Assembly approval of 2027 budget and any amendments; assess mineral traceability and tax collection performance against targets.
- ▶ Monitor Uvira pilot implementation metrics (security incidents, administrative presence, community engagement); assess replicability to other eastern zones.
- ▶ Track weekly Ebola case/death counts and vaccination coverage; monitor cross-border transmission risks and Uganda's post-declaration surveillance.
- ▶ Monitor refugee return flows from Burundi, Tanzania, and Zambia; assess reintegration support adequacy and sustainability.
- ▶ Suivre la validation ITIE de la RDC (prévue octobre 2026) : calendrier, résultats de conformité et recommandations de l'initiative.

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