



Copper **\$14,740/t** ▼ **-0.17%** | Cobalt **\$39,640/t** → | Tin **\$54,025/t** ▲ **+0.28%** | Gold **\$4,261.05/oz** ▼ **-0.13%** |
Brent **\$104.32/bbl** ▼ **-2.14%** | CDF per USD **2,270.38** →

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 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 death reported among healthcare worker** — Kisangani
- 2 **Ebola-positive schoolchild dies in Biakato** — Biakato, Mambasa, Ituri
- 3 **Artisanal miners face M23 and Rwandan army threats** — Lomera, South Kivu
- 4 **TFM smelter linked to SO₂ peaks and resident illness** — Fungurume
- 5 **Opposition denounces unequal treatment of rival marches** — Kinshasa
- 6 **Teachers strike over two months of unpaid wages** — Popokabaka
- 7 **Artisanal miners threatened and coerced by M23 and Rwandan forces** — Rubaya, North Kivu

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

VERIFICATION CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources REPORTED single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Artisanal miners in Rubaya and Lomera face M23 and Rwandan army threats

HIGH

Amnesty International documented testimony from artisanal miners in Rubaya (Masisi territory, North Kivu) and Lomera describing systematic intimidation, physical violence, and coerced labour by M23 fighters and Rwandan military personnel. One miner described a colleague whose 'body was covered in blood' after resisting demands. Miners report being forced to extract minerals at gunpoint, surrender production at below-market prices, and flee sites if they refuse. The Amnesty findings directly implicate Rwandan army units — not just M23 proxies — in the abuse, adding to a growing body of evidence of foreign military involvement in DRC's artisanal mineral economy. Rubaya is one of DRC's primary coltan-producing areas; the report forms part of a broader Amnesty push for the industry to sever purchasing links with Rwanda (see Mining section).

REPORTED DeskEco



PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola death reported among healthcare worker in Kisangani

ELEVATED

A physician died of Ebola in Kisangani, Tshopo Province — one of the relatively few confirmed healthcare worker fatalities in a major urban logistics hub since the current Bundibugyo-strain outbreak began. Healthcare worker deaths are a sentinel indicator: they signal gaps in personal protective equipment and infection-control protocols, and directly threaten the medical workforce at the moment it is most needed. Kisangani serves as a key transport and supply node for eastern DRC; infection-control failures there create downstream risk for areas that depend on it for medical personnel and supplies.

REPORTED

Actualite.cd

Ebola-positive schoolchild dies in Mambasa, Ituri

ELEVATED

A student tested positive for Ebola and died in Biakato, within Mambasa territory in Ituri Province. The case represents community transmission outside clinical or household settings — suggesting exposure occurred in a shared environment such as a school, market, or transit point where contact tracing is far harder to execute. Ituri remains one of the most heavily affected provinces in the current outbreak. Pediatric cases are particularly damaging to response efforts, as they erode community trust and reduce willingness to bring sick children to Ebola treatment units.

REPORTED

Actualite.cd

Suminwa calls for solidarity on forced displacement at UN

ELEVATED

Speaking at the 81st UN General Assembly in New York, Prime Minister Suminwa framed DRC's displacement crisis as a product of international political and military failure rather than domestic governance weakness. She called for concrete solidarity — financial, logistical, and political — rather than new resolutions, pointing to the millions of IDPs in eastern DRC as the direct consequence of unaddressed external aggression. Her remarks were directed implicitly at Western donors and the UN Security Council, whose inability to impose costs on Rwanda's support for M23 she characterised as a structural obstacle to resolving the displacement crisis.

REPORTED

Radio Okapi

Living conditions deteriorate for Kigonze IDPs after fires

ELEVATED

Fires swept through the Kigonze IDP site in Ituri Province, destroying shelters and personal belongings and leaving hundreds of families — already displaced by armed group violence — without cover or possessions. IDP sites in Ituri are chronically under-resourced: shelters are typically tarpaulins or lightweight temporary structures that catch fire easily, and camp populations are far larger than the infrastructure can support. Aid agencies were assessing damage and expected to issue emergency appeals for non-food items and replacement shelter materials. The incident illustrates the secondary and compounding risks that define long-term IDP life in Ituri.

REPORTED

Radio Okapi

UN envoy Swan discusses insecurity and Ebola response in Ituri

ELEVATED

UN Special Representative James Swan met with Ituri provincial authorities in Bunia to coordinate on the province's overlapping crises: persistent armed group activity — primarily Codeco and ADF remnants — and the active Ebola outbreak spanning multiple Ituri health zones. Swan's visit reflects UN concern that insecurity is directly constraining outbreak response: contact-tracing teams and safe-burial squads cannot operate in areas under armed group control. The meeting produced no announced breakthrough but underscored that effective public health containment in Ituri requires security guarantees as a prerequisite.

REPORTED

mediacongo.net



CAMPUS & EDUCATION

Teachers in Popokabaka strike over two months of unpaid wages

ELEVATED

Educators in Popokabaka, Kwango Province, launched an indefinite strike over two months of unpaid salaries, halting classes for thousands of students. The action reflects DRC's chronic structural problem with teacher pay: teachers are nominally on state payroll but disbursement through provincial treasuries and local school committees is chronically unreliable, particularly in remote western provinces. Salary arrears of two to four months are common across DRC's public school system. The strike compounds the institutional pressure on Kwango province, which is simultaneously managing the aftermath of the 25 September plane crash near Kenge.

REPORTED

Radio Okapi



POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Opposition denounces unequal treatment of rival marches in Kinshasa

ELEVATED

Opposition parties in Kinshasa filed formal protests after security forces allegedly tolerated — and in some cases participated in — violence against opposition demonstrators while a simultaneous pro-government march was protected and allowed to proceed without incident. The opposition accused authorities of applying an explicitly partisan double standard, with their marchers beaten or dispersed while ruling-coalition supporters enjoyed police escort. The episode intensifies tensions ahead of the national dialogue process and provides ammunition to critics who argue the government uses security services as a political instrument. It is also likely to feature in opposition demands for international monitors at any future dialogue.

REPORTED

RFI Afrique

Kinshasa launches 'Lisu Pro' operation to inspect public venues

GUARDED

Kinshasa city authorities launched 'Opération Lisu Pro', a compliance sweep of nightclubs, event halls, and other public gathering spaces, nominally targeting fire safety, structural viability, and sanitary standards. While framed as a public-safety measure, such operations in Kinshasa typically also function as informal revenue-generation exercises, with venue owners paying inspectors to avoid closure orders. No formal sanctions or venue closures were announced at launch. The operation's timing — during a period of elevated political tension — is consistent with the city government's pattern of deploying administrative enforcement as a show of authority.

REPORTED

mediacongo.net

National dialogue to include security victims, youth, and disabled persons

GUARDED

Alain Bolodjwa called for the national dialogue process to formally include victims of security incidents, young people, and persons with disabilities as participants, ensuring broader representation in political reconciliation.

REPORTED

mediacongo.net



POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

PM Suminwa addresses UN General Assembly on DRC sovereignty and development

ELEVATED

At the 81st UN General Assembly in New York, Prime Minister Judith Suminwa delivered remarks on behalf of the President, emphasizing DRC's ambition to be a sovereign partner in the global economy rather than merely a resource supplier. She called for concrete action over new resolutions, stronger African representation on the UN Security Council, and highlighted the suffering and dignity of the Congolese people as the driver of DRC's advocacy.

CONFIRMED

@SuminwaJudith

PM Suminwa meets World Bank operations chief on partnership

ELEVATED

Prime Minister Suminwa held a bilateral meeting with Anna Bjerde, World Bank General Director of Operations, on the margins of the UN General Assembly. The discussion focused on strengthening World Bank partnership with DRC to support development priorities, create youth opportunities, and accompany the country's transformation.

CONFIRMED

@SuminwaJudith

DRC pursues commercial memorandum with UK and bilateral accord with Ukraine

ELEVATED

On the margins of the 81st UN General Assembly, DRC officials advanced negotiations toward a commercial memorandum with the United Kingdom and a separate bilateral accord with Ukraine. The UK framework is expected to cover trade facilitation and investment access to DRC's critical minerals — consistent with London's post-Brexit drive to anchor strategic supply chains — with discussions reportedly focused on cobalt and copper processing. The Ukraine accord reflects Kinshasa's broader effort to deepen diplomatic ties beyond traditional partners; its specific scope was not disclosed. Both instruments remain at preliminary negotiation stage with no signing date announced.

REPORTED DeskEco



ECONOMY & MACRO

Court of Accounts launches treasury operations audit at BCC

GUARDED

The DRC Court of Accounts (Cour des Comptes) formally launched a control mission to audit the BCC's 2025 treasury operations and financial management — one of the most scrutinised institutions in DRC's macroeconomic architecture. The mission will assess the BCC's management of foreign exchange reserves, inter-bank transactions, and disbursement procedures. The audit is constitutionally mandated but its timing is notable given ongoing CDF depreciation pressure and recent questions about the management of foreign currency flows from the mining sector. Results will be submitted to the National Assembly.

REPORTED Zoom Eco

Finance inspectors' union praises engagement with tax authority

GUARDED

The Syndicat des Inspecteurs des Finances (SIF) commended ongoing dialogue with the Inspection Générale des Finances (IGF), signaling improved labor-management relations and collaborative governance in the tax administration.

REPORTED Zoom Eco



MINING & EXTRACTIVES

Amnesty calls on industry to halt purchases of Rwandan coltan and gold

HIGH

Amnesty International issued a public appeal to mining companies and traders to cease procurement of coltan and gold sourced from or transited through Rwanda, citing evidence that these minerals originate from DRC conflict zones and are smuggled to evade DRC taxation and regulation.

REPORTED DeskEco

American investors surge toward DRC critical minerals opportunities

HIGH

U.S. investors accelerated engagement with DRC's critical minerals sector — cobalt, copper, lithium, and coltan — with multiple delegations active on the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York. The surge follows the 2025 U.S.–DRC minerals agreement framework and is partly driven by competition with Chinese companies, which currently dominate DRC's operating mines. American investors cite fiscal terms, governance uncertainty, and infrastructure deficits for mineral processing and export as the principal barriers. The pattern of interest reflects Washington's strategic priority of diversifying supply chains away from Chinese-controlled sources.

REPORTED DeskEco

Makutano forum in Kinshasa focuses on African mining industrialization

GUARDED

Kinshasa hosted the 12th edition of the Makutano forum, this year themed around African mining industrialisation — specifically DRC's ambition to shift from raw ore export to processed and refined mineral products. The event convened government ministers, mining executives, and international investors to discuss conditions required for domestic processing capacity: fiscal incentives, infrastructure investment including the Lobito Corridor rail project, and technical skills development. Cobalt hydroxide-to-sulphate refining and copper smelting were cited as priority value-addition steps. The forum's timing alongside the UNGA season allowed DRC officials to directly brief investors attending meetings in New York.

REPORTED DeskEco



GEOPOLITICS

DRC–Rwanda impasse persists, Burundi president reports

HIGH

Burundian President Evariste Ndayishimiye — one of the primary regional mediators in the DRC–Rwanda dispute — stated publicly that the bilateral deadlock remains unresolved with no diplomatic breakthrough in sight. His remarks come against a backdrop of stalled Luanda and Nairobi Process negotiations: DRC accuses Rwanda of direct military support for M23, Rwanda denies it, and external verification mechanisms have been slow and contested. The absence of a diplomatic offramp sustains the conditions enabling continued M23 operations in North Kivu and blocks any timeline for withdrawal of foreign forces. Ndayishimiye's pessimism is particularly notable because Burundi — which has troops in eastern DRC as part of the EAC mission — has historically been seen as closer to Kigali than to Kinshasa.

REPORTED

France 24 Afrique



WATCHLIST

- ▶ Monitor DRC–Rwanda bilateral talks and military posture; track any ceasefire negotiations or escalation signals.
- ▶ Track M23 gold smuggling allegations; obtain Amnesty report details and assess DRC government enforcement response.
- ▶ Monitor industry compliance with Amnesty's call to halt Rwandan mineral purchases; assess supply-chain disruptions.
- ▶ Obtain details on Rubaya and Lomera miner abuse; assess humanitarian access and protection measures by DRC/international actors.
- ▶ Track U.S. investor announcements and project timelines in DRC critical minerals; assess fiscal terms and local content.
- ▶ Confirm Ebola case and death totals in Kisangani and Mambasa; track healthcare worker infection rates and outbreak trajectory.
- ▶ Monitor opposition march developments and government security response; assess civil liberties and rule-of-law implications.

Disclaimer: This report is generated using automated, open-source intelligence tools and publicly available information. It is provided for informational purposes only, does not constitute professional advice, and may contain inaccuracies or omissions; recipients should independently verify its content before relying on it. Full terms & conditions: <https://tellurianresearch.com/terms-and-conditions/>