



Copper **\$14,430/t** ▲ **+0.5%** | Cobalt **\$39,245/t** ▲ **+0.3%** | Tin **\$54,250/t** ▼ **-0.2%** | Gold **\$4,156.80/oz** ▼ **-0.1%**
| Brent **\$100.32/bbl** ▼ **-1.9%** | CDF per USD **2,267.73** →

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 6 Oct 2026.
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SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1** MSF: Ebola spreading 'like a megafire'; staff member evacuated after positive test — North Kivu (*approx.*)
- 2** AU mediators meet AFC/M23 leadership for peace talks — Goma
- 3** Boat collision on Congo River kills 30 people — Équateur (*approx.*)
- 4** Malnutrition emergency and ADF/IS attacks compound Ituri crisis — Ituri (*approx.*)
- 5** FARDC–Wazalendo retake 7+ villages from AFC/M23; 29 fighters surrender — Masisi
- 6** DRC FM Kayikwamba meets UN sanctions experts — Kinshasa

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

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SECURITY & CONFLICT

FARDC–Wazalendo retake multiple villages in North Kivu; 29 fighters surrender

HIGH

Between 4 and 5 October 2026, FARDC and allied Wazalendo forces conducted a sustained multi-front offensive in North and South Kivu against AFC/M23/RDF positions. In Masisi territory, government forces retook at least six villages—Kazinga, Miko, Remeka, Katuunda, Kaleta, Miano, and Muhororo—and seized the strategic Mitimongi and Ngululu positions overlooking the Gatoyi–Remeka corridor. Operations were also reported along the Kalehe, Rutshuru, and Walikale fronts. FARDC seized multiple weapons caches during the advance. Between 1 and 4 October, 29 AFC/M23 fighters surrendered to FARDC and Wazalendo units in Lubero, Masisi, and Walikale. The DRC Army commander publicly vowed to continue fighting until all RDF/M23-held territories are retaken. AFC/M23 denied some territorial losses.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

MSF warns Ebola outbreak spreading 'like a megafire' in North Kivu; staff member evacuated

ONGOING

CRITICAL

On 5–6 October, MSF issued an urgent warning that the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu province is spreading 'like a megafire,' with new hotspots multiplying weekly. MSF called for an immediate surge in treatment capacity, warning that 34% of confirmed patients are still being treated in non-specialised facilities. Separately, MSF confirmed that one of its staff members working on the Ebola response tested positive for the disease and was medically evacuated. North Kivu now accounts for nearly 40% of all new confirmed national cases. The Bundibugyo-strain outbreak — for which no vaccine exists — has killed 4,082 people to date and remains a WHO-declared Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

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Malnutrition crisis deepens in North Kivu amid conflict and aid cuts

ONGOING

HIGH

In North Kivu, fighting between Congolese forces, the AFC/M23, and their allies continues to drive displacement and disrupt livelihoods. Families fleeing combat lose access to farmland, income, food, clean water, and health care. Insecurity along key supply routes is disrupting supplies and driving up prices, while cuts to international aid—particularly for food security and health programs—are deepening an already severe malnutrition crisis. MSF treated 53,000 children for malnutrition in DRC-supported facilities in 2025; between January and August 2026, nearly 33,000 patients were treated in North Kivu province alone. Walikale Territory faces the most severe food insecurity; a November 2025 WFP-UNICEF analysis found a global acute malnutrition rate of 46 percent, classified as an emergency.

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Boat collision on Congo River kills at least 30 people

ELEVATED

At least 30 people died in a collision between two boats on the Congo River in western DRC on Sunday evening, 5 October 2026, near Ngombe-Lukolela in Équateur province. One metal boat traveling toward Kinshasa collided with a wooden boat; rescue services recovered 22 bodies and rescued 59 people, with many still missing. The Interior Minister of Équateur province, Crispin Mputu, attributed the accident to nighttime river travel and noted that 30 bodies had already been buried. One boat was traveling from Ubangi (northwest) toward Kinshasa; the other was traveling from Kinshasa toward Lukolela. The cause of the collision was not immediately determined.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Death of Kalev Mutond, former DRC intelligence chief

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Kalev Mutond, former head of the Agence nationale de renseignements (ANR) under President Joseph Kabila, died at age 69 at the American Hospital in Paris following a long illness. Mutond served as ANR administrator general for eight years (2011–2019), a record tenure. Originating from Katanga in southern DRC, he began his career as a junior intelligence officer and rose through the ranks. He was close to former President Kabila, whom he had met in the ranks of the AFDL (Laurent-Désiré Kabila's rebellion). Mutond was nicknamed the "super flic" for his role in the security apparatus of the former regime and was feared by opposition and civil society.

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POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

AU mediators meet AFC/M23 leadership in Goma

HIGH

A delegation of African Union facilitators—former Ethiopian President Sahle-Work Zewde, former Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, and former Botswana President Mokgweetsi Masisi—met AFC/M23 political coordinator Corneille Nangaa and deputies Bertrand Bisimwa and Fred Kaniki on 5 October in Goma. The consultations are part of the Doha peace process between the AFC/M23 and the DRC government, as well as the Washington peace process involving Rwanda and the DRC. AFC/M23 spokesperson Lawrence Kanyuka stated the delegation's visit aimed toward "a political, sustainable, and African resolution to the war imposed by the Kinshasa regime," and alleged the government coalition continues to violate the ceasefire while targeting civilians.

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DRC Foreign Minister meets UN sanctions experts in Kinshasa

ELEVATED

On 5 October 2026, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner received a delegation of UN sanctions experts in Kinshasa. The meeting focused on the implementation of the UN sanctions regime against armed groups operating in eastern DRC, including AFC/M23 and associated entities. The visit comes as the Doha and Washington peace processes enter a critical phase, with renewed international pressure on Rwanda over RDF support to M23.

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ECONOMY & MACRO

Lobito Corridor partners convene in Zambia to drive project implementation

GUARDED

On 5 October 2026, partners of the Lobito Corridor — linking the DRC, Zambia, and Angola — convened in Zambia to accelerate implementation of the trans-continental critical minerals railway. The corridor is being fast-tracked as the primary export route for DRC copper and cobalt. The DRC produced an estimated 73% of global mined cobalt in 2025; the corridor is intended to reduce dependence on southern export routes and lower logistics costs for mines in Katanga and Lualaba provinces.

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DRC government launches small commerce reform restricting key sectors to Congolese nationals

GUARDED

On 6 October 2026, Vice Prime Minister Daniel Mukoko Samba launched a public awareness campaign on reforms to the small commerce and retail sector, under which certain commercial activities will be reserved exclusively for Congolese nationals. The reform is part of a broader government drive to enforce economic sovereignty and reduce foreign domination of the informal economy. Separately, the government announced a push to implement OHADA business law standards to reassure foreign investors operating in the DRC.

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ Outcomes of October 2026 tripartite planning conference on FDLR neutralization, force disengagement, and Rwanda's defensive measures; any ceasefire violations or escalation.
- ▶ MSF Ebola 'megafire' warning: monitor daily case counts in North Kivu; follow MSF staff evacuation outcome; track treatment capacity response and any WHO/donor surge commitments.
- ▶ Final casualty and missing-person figures from Congo River boat collision; completion of rescue operations.
- ▶ Malnutrition prevalence trends in North Kivu and other conflict-affected provinces; international aid disbursements and funding gaps.
- ▶ ADF/IS campaign in Ituri and North Kivu: track frequency of attacks on civilian communities; monitor Operation Shujaa (FARDC–UPDF) operational tempo and any impact on ADF command structure.

- ▶ FARDC–Wazalendo offensive in Masisi and surrounding territories: monitor frontline changes, any AFC/M23 counter-offensive, and fate of surrendered fighters.

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