



Copper **\$14,526/t** ▲ +0.1% | Cobalt **\$39,245/t** → | Tin **\$53,050/t** ▼ -1.8% | Gold **\$4,157/oz** ▲ +0.4% |
Brent **\$104.28/bbl** ▲ +4.1% | CDF per USD **2,265.67** →

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SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1** FARDC–M23 clashes continue in Ufamandu grouping (8 Oct) — Masisi
- 2** AU Panel meets Tshisekedi; Kabila renews 12-point reform ultimatum (9 Oct) — Kinshasa
- 3** ADF expands IS-linked attacks beyond MONUSCO operational mandate — Haut-Uele (*approx.*)

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

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SECURITY & CONFLICT

ADF expands IS-linked attacks into Haut-Uélé province — formally beyond MONUSCO's operational mandate, creating security vacuum

HIGH

The Allied Democratic Forces — an IS-affiliated Ugandan jihadist group — have escalated attacks into Haut-Uélé province, per MONUSCO's own reporting. Haut-Uélé lies outside MONUSCO's assigned operational area, meaning no UN mandate covers a response there. A separate ADF raid killed at least 7 civilians in a village attack. The geographic expansion coincides with MONUSCO's accelerating dissolution: South Africa just completed its full troop withdrawal (8 October) and Malawi is preparing to exit — widening the gap between ADF's operational reach and any credible response capacity.

REPORTED Benin Web TV / Africa Newsroom

South Africa completes full SANDF withdrawal from MONUSCO — 1,700 troops exit DRC, 13 killed in combat

ELEVATED

President Cyril Ramaphosa withdrew all remaining SANDF personnel from DRC on 8 October, completing Operation Mistral ahead of schedule. Approximately 1,700 South African soldiers served; 13 were killed fighting M23 rebels. Malawi's President Chakwera has also ordered withdrawal preparations. The departure removes MONUSCO's most combat-effective contingent at a moment of maximum pressure: ADF now expanding into Haut-Uélé beyond MONUSCO's operational mandate, and AFC/M23 continuing to violate ceasefire commitments across the eastern front.

CONFIRMED DefenceWeb / SANDF official statement

M23 shadow war economy exposed: armed teenagers guard gold mines, systematic road tolls and mineral trafficking self-finance the insurgency

ELEVATED

An AFP investigation (8 October) documented the financial architecture sustaining AFC/M23 across occupied southeastern DRC: armed adolescents guarding artisanal gold mines while claiming to fight for their communities, systematic road checkpoints extracting tolls from civilians and traders, and mineral trafficking networks generating recurring parallel revenues. The investigation confirms AFC/M23 is entrenching a parallel governance and extraction economy in occupied territories — a self-sustaining financial structure that makes any negotiated settlement progressively harder to implement and enforce on the ground.

CONFIRMED AFP / Times of India

FARDC and wazalendo in ongoing combat with AFC/M23 in Masisi Ufamandu — Kasaki and Ngungu contested

GUARDED

Continuing combat between FARDC forces backed by wazalendo militias and AFC/M23 rebels was recorded on 8 October in the Ufamandu 1er grouping, Masisi territory, North Kivu. FARDC/wazalendo hold Miko, Kaleta, Katuunda, Remeka, Nyamiri, Kamuhobe and Miano; AFC/M23 holds Kasaki and Ngungu. Second consecutive day of heavy and light weapons fire in the area.

REPORTED Field monitoring



POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

AU Panel meets Tshisekedi in Kinshasa (9 Oct) — formal statement demands 'strict respect for ceasefire'; shuttle reaches DRC capital

HIGH

The AU Panel of Facilitators — former presidents Kenyatta (Kenya), Sahle-Work Zewde (Ethiopia), Masisi (Botswana) and Kokou (Togo) — arrived in Kinshasa on 9 October to meet President Tshisekedi, the culminating leg of a week-long diplomatic shuttle. The AU issued a formal statement demanding 'strict respect for ceasefire commitments' and declaring that 'lasting peace requires political dialogue.' The Kinshasa session follows the panel's first-ever entry into M23-held Goma earlier in the week (5 October), where members met AFC/M23 coordinator Corneille Nangaa directly in occupied territory — marking the first time any senior external delegation held direct talks with AFC/M23 inside Goma — and a multi-party Kigali session on 7 October attended by DRC government, AFC/M23, Qatar, the US and Switzerland. Those prior legs are background context; the Oct 9 Kinshasa meeting and the AU's public ceasefire demand are the day's primary diplomatic development. The Goma entry signals a pragmatic AU shift toward treating AFC/M23 as a political interlocutor, a prerequisite for any viable peace framework.

CONFIRMED AU Peace and Security Council / The East African / Capital FM Kenya

Kabila renews 12-point reform ultimatum and alleges Tshisekedi has covert M23 ties — governing coalition fractures publicly

HIGH

Former President Joseph Kabila renewed his 12-point reform programme on 9 October — demanding an end to armed conflict, restoration of state authority and fundamental political restructuring — and simultaneously alleged that Tshisekedi has undisclosed connections to M23 leadership. Kabila's PPRD has resisted Tshisekedi's third-term drive since 2025. Analysts describe the rupture as a turning point: the two co-architects of DRC's post-2019 political order are now in open conflict, threatening governing coalition coherence during simultaneous military, health and constitutional crises. Tshisekedi has responded by accusing Kabila of sabotaging the national war effort and enabling M23.

CONFIRMED Taarifa Rwanda / Radar Africa / Chatham House

 WATCHLIST

- ▶ Watch for concrete outcomes from the Kenyatta–Tshisekedi Kinshasa meeting (9 Oct): any agreed timeline for formal political talks, new ceasefire verification mechanism, or binding M23 withdrawal benchmarks emerging from the AU shuttle.
- ▶ Monitor Tshisekedi third-term constitutional referendum timeline: track whether C64 opposition escalates from street protests to parliamentary boycott or Constitutional Court challenge, and whether security forces continue using lethal force against demonstrators.
- ▶ Watch Kabila–Tshisekedi rupture trajectory: whether PPRD formally exits the governing coalition, impact on FARDC command coherence and Kinshasa's political capacity, and whether Kabila's M23-ties allegation is taken up by international actors.

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