

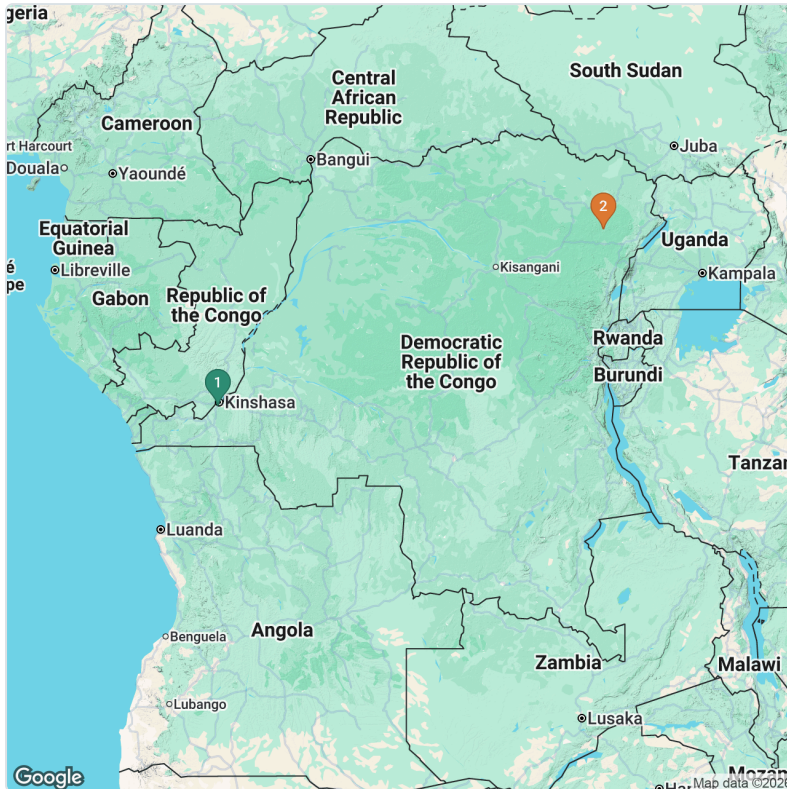


Copper **\$14,751/t** ▲ **+0.1%** | Cobalt **\$39,345/t** → | Tin **\$51,100/t** ▼ **-3.6%** | Gold **\$4,107.90/oz** ▼ **-1.7%** |
Brent **\$106.06/bbl** ▲ **+0.4%** | CDF per USD **2,268.27** ▲ **+0.1%**

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 15 Oct 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 Tshisekedi convenes Superior Defence Council for security assessment — Kinshasa
- 2 Ebola vaccine clinical trial to launch for Bundibugyo strain — Ituri province (approx.)

THREAT LEVEL **CRITICAL** **HIGH** **ELEVATED** **GUARDED** — also the coloured bar beside each item
VERIFICATION **CONFIRMED** corroborated by 2+ sources **REPORTED** single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Tshisekedi convenes Superior Defence Council to assess national security

ELEVATED

President Félix Tshisekedi chaired a meeting of the Superior Defence Council on 14 October at the African Union City to evaluate the security situation across the entire national territory. The meeting included the Prime Minister, Vice-Prime Minister (Defence Minister), and senior defence and security officials. The FARDC Chief of Staff presented an operational assessment of units deployed nationwide, and Tshisekedi issued precise instructions to the armed forces and security services to ensure territorial integrity and civilian protection.

CONFIRMED Presidency (official_drc)



PUBLIC HEALTH

Kenya confirms second Ebola case; first death recorded in country

HIGH

Kenya's Ministry of Health confirmed a second Ebola case on 14 October—a 39-year-old close relative of the country's first patient, who had lived in the DRC for seven years and arrived in Kenya on 3 October via Uganda. The first patient died on 5 October. Both cases are linked to the DRC's Bundibugyo outbreak. Kenya has traced 128 contacts of the first case, with over 100 in quarantine. The country has heightened border and airport screening.

CONFIRMED

AllAfrica · BBC Swahili · La Libre Belgique

Ebola vaccine clinical trial to begin in DRC by end of October

ELEVATED

This represents a critical step in developing treatment options for the Bundibugyo strain, which currently has no approved vaccine or specific therapeutic.

REPORTED

CGTN Africa



LEGAL & REGULATORY

Belgian justice raids homes of Tshisekedi family members in money-laundering probe

HIGH

Belgian federal prosecutors conducted raids on 14 October in Brussels and Brabant (both Walloon and Flemish) targeting residences of nine family members of President Félix Tshisekedi, all Belgian nationals, including his spouse, brothers, a cousin, and two children. The investigation, initiated on the basis of complaints filed by NGOs in July 2025 and pursued by lawyer Bernard Maingain, focuses on money-laundering allegations and scrutinizes Belgian bank accounts of the presidential family. Multiple cartons of documents and vehicles were seized.

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ODEP chair calls for political will to establish economic and financial tribunal

ELEVATED

Florimond Muteba Tshitenge, chair of the Public Expenditure Observatory (ODEP), called on DRC authorities to demonstrate political will to establish the Economic and Financial Tribunal announced six months prior. He argues the tribunal is essential to combating corruption and embezzlement of public funds but requires adequate resources and genuine political commitment. Muteba contends that corruption is deeply rooted in Congolese society, including among the ruling elite, and that resistance to the tribunal reflects vested interests in maintaining impunity. He cited unresolved cases (streetlights, boreholes, SNEL contracts) as evidence of systemic failure to prosecute economic crimes.

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ECONOMY & MACRO

DRC adopts Zongo-Bangui-Douala corridor optimization project

GUARDED

This is a routine infrastructure/trade facilitation initiative relevant to macro economic development and regional integration.

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BCC maintains policy rate; signals conditions for future easing

GUARDED

The central bank also aims to make franc-denominated lending more attractive to support domestic credit growth.

REPORTED

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5G commercial launch imminent in DRC

GUARDED

The DRC's Posts and Telecommunications Ministry has announced the imminent commercial launch of 5G services in the country.

REPORTED

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BCC to manage exclusive currency imports; dollar holdings not illegal

GUARDED

This reflects efforts to centralize foreign exchange management.

REPORTED

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 ENERGY**DRC seeks direct fuel supply from Dangote refinery with UBA financing**

GUARDED

The DRC is negotiating direct fuel supply from Nigeria's Dangote refinery via the Société Congolaise d'Importation et de Raffinage (SOCIR), supported by \$100 million in financing from the UBA Group. This arrangement aims to optimize fuel supply chains and reduce import costs.

REPORTED DeskEco MINING & EXTRACTIVES**Tenke Fungurume Mining warns of possible tailings basin rupture in Kibalasani**

HIGH

On 14 October 2026, civil society organisations issued a formal public alert — making this an Oct 14 news event — demanding Tenke Fungurume Mining (TFM) immediately secure one of its tailings storage facilities (TSF 5 or TSF 3) in Kibalasani, Kolwezi. The alert was triggered by TFM's private communications to communities in Manomapia on 23 and 29 September, in which company agents warned a basin could rupture at the onset of the rainy season and told residents to flee if it occurs. Civil society rejected this approach, arguing TFM — not the population — bears full responsibility for basin stability, and called on the government to enforce an independent inspection with sanctions for non-compliance. A rupture would contaminate soils, rivers, aquifers, and agricultural land, posing serious health and livelihood risks to thousands of people. The alert cites prior NGO reports documenting chronic air, water, and soil pollution from TFM operations and systematic failures in risk management.

REPORTED DeskEco WATCHLIST

- ▶ Follow Belgian investigation progress; assess any charges filed against Tshisekedi family members and impact on president's political position.
- ▶ Confirm Ebola vaccine trial launch by end of October; monitor participant recruitment and early safety data.
- ▶ Demand independent inspection of TFM tailings basins; monitor weather conditions and basin stability through rainy season onset.
- ▶ Monitor Kenya case trajectory and contact tracing outcomes; assess regional preparedness in Uganda and Rwanda.

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