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DRC Daily Monitoring Report

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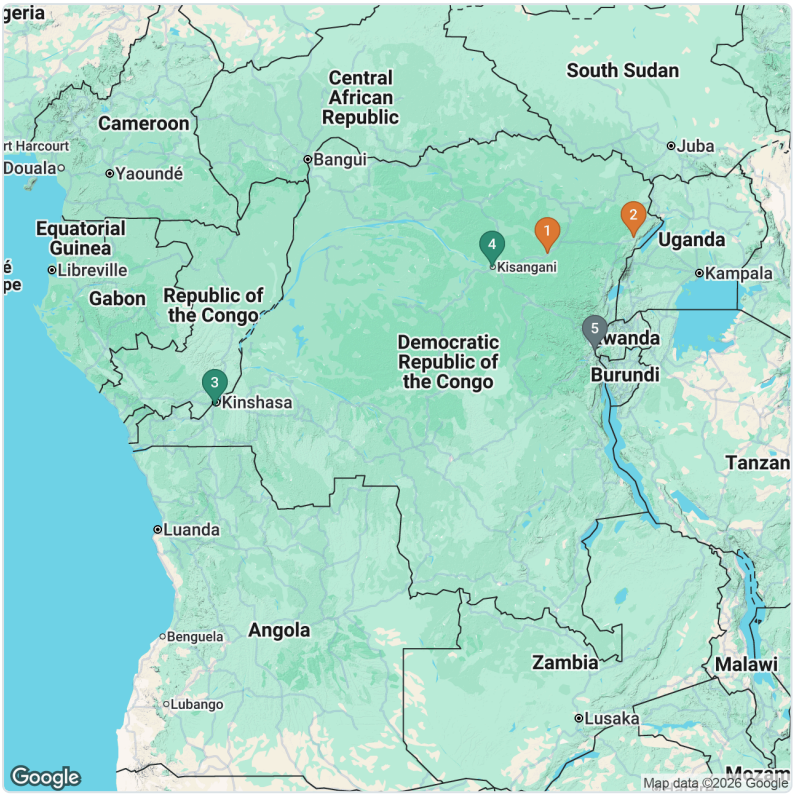
Covering 24 Oct – 25 Oct, 00:00 – 23:59 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **$14,415/t** ▲ | Cobalt **$34,620/t** — | Tin **$50,855/t** ▲ | Gold **$4,007.90/oz** ▼ | Brent **$116.72/bbl** ▲ | CDF per USD **2,264** —

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 23 Oct 2026. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

SECURITY · PUBLIC HEALTH · MINING · POLITICS · ECONOMY · GEOPOLITICS



1. **Health worker killed by protesters during Ebola response** — Bafwasende
2. **Tumaini Phase 2/3 Ebola vaccine trial begins with Ervebo** — Bunia
3. **Tshisekedi rallies parliament against Kabila FRN leadership** — Kinshasa
4. **Tshopo governor mobilizes provincial opposition to Kabila** — Kisangani
5. **M23/FRN collected $3M from beer import taxes** — Bukavu

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

VERIFICATION: CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources · REPORTED single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

AFC/M23 generated $3M from beer import taxes in Bukavu

ELEVATED

According to research by the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), the AFC/M23 rebel group (now the FRN) collected at least $3 million in taxes on beer imports to Bukavu in eastern DRC. The investigation reveals that the Rwanda-backed rebels have favored Rwandan breweries while suppressing Burundian competitors, generating significant revenue from commercial control in rebel-held territory.

REPORTED jeuneafrique.com

FARDC denies false student recruitment announcement

GUARDED

The army stated the document used its official letterhead, seal, and signature without authorization and was deliberately disseminated to sow confusion and damage institutional credibility. The FARDC reiterated that recruitment follows established procedures requiring candidates to pass a mandatory national competition.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Health worker killed by protesters in Bafwasende during Ebola response

HIGH

A nurse was killed by protesters in Bafwasende on 24 October while working for the Ebola response, according to preliminary reports from the Provincial Health Division in Kisangani. The UN Senior Ebola Response Coordinator Julien Harneis condemned the attack and called for a thorough investigation, urging communities to protect health workers and allow them to work safely.

REPORTED reliefweb.int

Ebola vaccine trial (Tumaini) begins in Bunia

HIGH

A Phase 2/3 clinical trial of Ebola vaccines against the Bundibugyo virus, named Tumaini ("hope" in Swahili), began on 24 October in Bunia, Ituri Province. The first participants were vaccinated with Merck's Ervebo shot, which is approved for the Zaire Ebola virus but has not been proven effective against Bundibugyo. The trial uses a ring vaccination approach targeting contacts of confirmed cases. Two additional vaccines—one by Moderna and another by the University of Oxford and Serum Institute of India—are expected to join the trial shortly. As of 20 October, the DRC had recorded 9,704 confirmed cases and 4,687 deaths.

CONFIRMED france24.com · english.news.cn · newscord.org

Uganda imposes 21-day quarantine for DRC returnees over Ebola

ELEVATED

Uganda's health minister announced that returning Ugandan citizens with travel history to the DRC will be required to quarantine for 21 days. The measure also includes restrictions on direct travel from the DRC and provisions to detain those entering illegally, with deportation at their own expense and penalties under Uganda's Health Act. Kenya has similarly strengthened border surveillance, particularly at the Busia crossing with Uganda.

REPORTED news.cgtn.com · rfi.fr

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Tshisekedi mobilizes parliament, accuses Kabila of treason

HIGH

President Félix Tshisekedi held a meeting on 24 October with representatives of the Union sacrée de la Nation (USN), his parliamentary majority, to rally support in response to Kabila's assumption of FRN leadership. Tshisekedi accused Kabila of treason, stating the former president "never really loved" the nation and calling him "a coward." He attributed Kabila's move to military pressure and international sanctions, and blamed Rwanda for backing the offensive. Tshisekedi demanded discipline and cohesion from his coalition partners and called for additional financial resources to sustain military operations in the east.

REPORTED democrata.es · rfi.fr

National Assembly adopts referendum law on constitutional revision

HIGH

The opposition has denounced the measure as a maneuver that could enable President Tshisekedi to extend his term beyond 2028, when his current mandate expires.

REPORTED france24.com

Tshopo governor mobilizes opposition to Kabila's FRN alliance in Kisangani

ELEVATED

On 24 October 2026, Tshopo Province Governor Paulin Lendongolia convened a gathering at Kisangani's Place de la Poste bringing together ruling-coalition political parties and civil society organizations to express opposition to Joseph Kabila's newly announced Front for National Renewal (FRN) alliance. The event underscores provincial-level resistance to Kabila's military-political realignment.

REPORTED mediacongo.net

Mongala governor and provincial assembly summoned to Kinshasa

GUARDED

The governor of Mongala province and members of its provincial assembly bureau received an urgent summons to Kinshasa on 24 October from Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Jacques Shabani Lukoo Bihango. The specific reasons for the summons were not disclosed, but such actions typically signal central government intervention regarding administrative, security, or political matters.

REPORTED wansom.ai

Prime Minister's Maniema visit postponed to Monday

GUARDED

Prime Minister Judith Suminwa Tuluka's visit to Kindu, Maniema province, originally scheduled for 25 October, was postponed to 26 October. No official reason was disclosed. The visit is expected to include the State Minister for Industry and the Minister for SMEs, along with senators from the Union sacrée de la Nation.

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🤝 POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

South African envoy urges all-inclusive dialogue in DRC

ELEVATED

South Africa's High Commissioner to Rwanda, Tinyiko George Hlungwane, stated that the DRC needs an all-inclusive national dialogue to resolve its internal conflict, with Congolese people taking the lead in finding solutions. He emphasized that the African Union should facilitate dialogue but not dictate outcomes. Hlungwane's remarks follow the AU Panel of Facilitators' 7 October call for renewed political engagement and ceasefire respect after consultations with AFC/M23 leaders in Goma.

REPORTED newtimes.co.rw

DRC opposition delegation to visit Rome and European capitals

ELEVATED

A delegation of five DRC opposition leaders under the C64 coalition is scheduled to visit Rome on 26 October for talks, followed by visits to Brussels, Paris, and London. The delegation includes Cardinal Ambongo, Archbishop of Kinshasa, and aims to secure international support for organizing an all-inclusive national dialogue and to discuss human rights protection.

REPORTED rfi.fr

⚡ ENERGY

Hydrocarbons ministry advances oil block development and regional cooperation

ELEVATED

The Ministry of Hydrocarbons announced on 25 October that Minister Acacia Bandubola Mbongo is accelerating the strategic roadmap for developing oil blocks 1 and 2 in the Albertine Graben. The ministry also reported strengthened energy cooperation with the Central African Republic and signed an amendment to the production-sharing contract for the Common Maritime Interest Zone with Angola.

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⛏️ MINING & EXTRACTIVES

Saemape director general suspended amid corruption allegations

ELEVATED

The Director General of Saemape (mining sector regulatory authority) was suspended by the Minister of Mines Louis Watum Kabamba following allegations of corruption and mismanagement. The minister's office clarified that suspension is a conservatory measure within the minister's tutorship authority, distinct from revocation of the presidential appointment. A commission was established to investigate allegations involving the DG and associates, with the DG's technical director already in detention.

REPORTED deskeco.com

🌍 GEOPOLITICS

President Tshisekedi meets German deputy foreign minister on Rwanda aggression and peace

ELEVATED

On 24 October 2026, President Félix Tshisekedi held talks with German Deputy Foreign Minister Serap Güler at the African Union headquarters. Discussions focused on Rwanda's military aggression against the DRC, regional peace in the Great Lakes, and bilateral cooperation. Güler reaffirmed Germany's position that Rwanda's security concerns do not justify violations of international law or DRC sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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WATCHLIST

- Track parliamentary votes on military funding and Tshisekedi's next political moves; assess cohesion within USN coalition and any defections.
- Monitor security incidents targeting health workers; assess impact on Ebola response operations and community trust in health interventions.
- Track Tumaini trial enrollment, safety data, and vaccine efficacy results; monitor community acceptance and participation rates in Bunia and surrounding areas.
- Monitor referendum timeline, opposition mobilization, and international response to constitutional process; assess likelihood of term-limit extension.

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