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DRC Daily Monitoring Report

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Copper **$14,500/t** ▲ +0.6% | Cobalt **$34,620/t** → | Tin **$50,925/t** ▲ +0.1% | Gold **$4,038.40/oz** ▲ +0.8% | Brent **$115.81/bbl** ▲ +3.7% | CDF per USD **2,258.33** ▼ -0.3%

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 26 Oct 2026. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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

1. **Mineral-sector clashes kill multiple, wound 20+** — Kolwezi
2. **Ebola patient escapes treatment facility** — Nord-Ubangi *(approx.)*
3. **WHO launches Ebola vaccine clinical trial** — Bunia, Ituri province
4. **Mining minister inspects CEEC certification facilities** — Kolwezi
5. **Opposition leader Epenge arrested after passport confiscation** — Kinshasa
6. **PM launches infrastructure and energy projects** — Kindu
7. **FARDC soldier kills colleague at camp** — Mambasa

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

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

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Mineral sector violence in Kolwezi; IPDHOR demands transparency

ELEVATED

Clashes between artisanal miners and security forces in Kolwezi, Lualaba province, resulted in multiple deaths, over 20 wounded, and more than 60 arrests, according to IPDHOR's 26 October statement. Four wounded remain hospitalized at Kasulo Health Centre without adequate provincial authority support. The organization reports panic in multiple city quarters (Mutoshi, Kasulo, Cinq, Diur, Lafatain) following reports of attacks on Chemaf workers attributed to artisanal miners. Parents retrieved children from schools; residents sought shelter. IPDHOR demands immediate official communication on the security situation, urgent protective measures, independent evaluation of violence, transparent casualty and arrest tallies, disclosure of detention locations, and suspension of the provincial Interior/Security and Mines ministers pending investigation.

REPORTED DeskEco

FARDC soldier kills colleague at Mambasa camp in Ituri

GUARDED

The exact circumstances and motives remain unclear. The alleged perpetrator was arrested. The Nouvelle Société Civile Congolaise of Babila Teturi called for an investigation to establish the circumstances and determine responsibility.

REPORTED Congo Quotidien

PUBLIC HEALTH

WHO launches Ebola vaccine clinical trial in Bunia

HIGH

The trial, known as Tumaini, will assess whether Ervebo (approved against Zaire strain) offers protection against the Bundibugyo strain responsible for the current epidemic. Two additional candidate vaccines—one from University of Oxford using adenoviral vector technology and another from Moderna using mRNA technology—are expected to join the trial shortly. The study will include pregnant women and children aged 12 and older.

REPORTED ShiaWaves

Ebola patient escapes from Nord-Ubangi treatment facility

ELEVATED

This is the second confirmed patient to escape in the province. Investigations are ongoing to locate the patient. Nord-Ubangi is the eighth province affected by Ebola, with 3 confirmed cases and 1 death to date; the province has no dedicated Ebola Treatment Centre.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

Maize prices double in Kasai; food security concerns rise

GUARDED

The 100% price increase affects a staple food for many households and raises concerns for low-income families already struggling to meet basic needs. Local sources provided no clear explanation for the price spike. Residents hope for a price decline to improve food access.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

US CDC imposes DRC travel attestation for US-bound air passengers

GUARDED

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a notice requiring airlines to obtain attestations from passengers arriving in the United States confirming they have not been present in the DRC during the previous 21 days. The notice is scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on 27 October 2026. Airlines and aircraft operators must collect attestations from travelers regarding recent DRC travel. The measure also references controlled free pratique requirements for airlines transporting passengers to the US.

CONFIRMED Envoy Global

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Opposition leader Prince Epenge arrested after passport confiscation

ELEVATED

Opposition figure Prince Epenge, president of the ADD Congo party, was arrested by unidentified individuals on 26 October after his passport was confiscated by the Direction Générale de Migration (DGM) at N'Djili airport on 25 October. He was prevented from traveling to Rome for the Coalition Article 64 (C64) opposition conclave scheduled for 26–27 October. Epenge was located at the Conseil National de Cyberdéfense (CNC) undergoing interrogation. The DGM cited a pending justice matter related to the death of Epenge's former bodyguard, killed during a C64 march on 15 September. Martin Fayulu's team demanded Epenge's immediate release and access to medical treatment. Fayulu and other opposition delegates were also initially prevented from traveling but Fayulu recovered his passport and boarded the flight.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

Coalition Article 64 opens opposition conclave in Rome

ELEVATED

The five principal leaders of the Coalition Article 64 (C64)—Martin Fayulu, Moïse Katumbi, Delly Sesanga, Jean-Marc Kabund, and Augustin Matata Ponyo—opened a two-day conclave in Rome on 26 October to harmonize positions on DRC political issues. Discussions covered the political and security situation, prospects for inclusive national dialogue, constitutional questions, and the coalition's future direction. The leaders also examined the position to adopt toward the FRN (Front for the Refoundation of the Nation) led by former president Joseph Kabila. At the opening, participants called for the immediate release of Prince Epenge, arrested in Kinshasa on 26 October.

REPORTED 7sur7.cd

National Assembly adopts referendum law; opposition warns of constitutional risk

ELEVATED

The opposition views the law as a potential pathway to constitutional revision that could enable President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi to seek a third term, contrary to the current constitutional two-term limit. Opposition figures, including Senate member Salomon Kalonda Della, have called on legislators to block the law, arguing it poses risks to constitutional order.

REPORTED France 24 Afrique · Radio Okapi

President Tshisekedi addresses parliament on eastern security crisis

GUARDED

President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi addressed the National Assembly and Senate on 27 October, discussing the security crisis in eastern DRC and government efforts to defend the country's territorial integrity. The address reflected ongoing focus on the security situation and the government's response strategy.

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Sankuru governor bans irregular education management practices

GUARDED

Sankuru Governor Jules Lodi Emongo issued a circular on 26 October prohibiting public school managers from irregular practices including arbitrary staff transfers, paid promotions and arbitrary dismissals. The measure followed the provincial Education Minister's report to the Provincial Council of Ministers detailing dysfunction in the sector, including non-solicited transfers, promotions granted for payment or on confessional grounds, arbitrary revocations and teacher deactivation from payroll lists.

REPORTED 7sur7.cd

🤝 POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

President Tshisekedi congratulates Brazil's Lula on reelection

GUARDED

President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi sent congratulations to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva on his reelection for a fourth term on 25 October 2026. Tshisekedi expressed confidence in Lula's leadership and reaffirmed the DRC's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties and cooperation with Brazil, particularly regarding the protection of tropical forest ecosystems.

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💰 ECONOMY & MACRO

Kasai-Oriental Assembly approves 2026-2030 provincial development plan

GUARDED

The Kasai-Oriental Provincial Assembly declared the 2026-2030 Provincial Development Plan receivable on 26 October, presented by Provincial Minister of Planning Charles Kamanga. The plan prioritizes governance, justice, agro-industry, infrastructure and business climate improvement. Key initiatives include affordable energy access, road and airport infrastructure rehabilitation, and digital coverage expansion via fibre optic. Implementation depends on mobilizing technical and financial partners and securing regular fund transfers from the central government.

REPORTED 7sur7.cd

⚡ ENERGY

DRC and US launch Grand Inga coordination committee in Paris

HIGH

The DRC and United States held the inaugural meeting of the Grand Inga project's coordination and governance committee on 26 October in Paris, co-chaired by DRC Vice-Prime Minister Daniel Mukoko Samba and US Treasury Deputy Secretary Jeremy Wiggins, with World Bank participation. The meeting examined project development options, economic and financial viability conditions, financing mobilization mechanisms, and next implementation steps under the strategic partnership agreement signed in December 2025. The two parties discussed structuring perspectives, risk-sharing arrangements, and the role of financial institutions and private actors.

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Prime Minister Suminwa visits Maniema for infrastructure and energy projects

GUARDED

Prime Minister Judith Suminwa visited Maniema province on 26 October, where she launched symbolic works on the rehabilitation of University Avenue in Kindu (6.5 km, 9 m wide roadway) and laid the foundation stone for a 3 MW photovoltaic central power plant to be built by ANSER in partnership with the FPI (Industrial Promotion Fund). The plant will serve Kindu city and Kasongo territory. The PM also announced priority actions for provincial desenclavement (opening up), including rehabilitation of key transport axes (Mbuji-Mayi–Bukavu via Samba and Kasongo, Kisangani–Ubundu, Kindu–Kasongo) and the Kindu–Kalemie railway.

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⛏️ MINING & EXTRACTIVES

Mining minister inspects CEEC facilities in Kolwezi

GUARDED

Mining Minister Louis Wami Kabamba arrived in Kolwezi, Lualaba province, on 25 October and conducted a field mission on 26 October. He inspected the Centre d'Évaluation, d'Expertise et de Certification (CEEC) facilities, including weighbridges and laboratory equipment. After years of inactivity, the remobilization of these technical installations represents an important step in relaunching the infrastructure, which was inaugurated years earlier. The inspection aligns with the government's vision to clean up the mining sector.

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👁️ WATCHLIST

- Monitor Grand Inga coordination committee follow-up meetings and any announcements on financing commitments, project structuring agreements, or implementation timeline milestones from DRC-US partnership.
- Track location and recapture of escaped Ebola patient in Nord-Ubangi; assess infection risk in surrounding communities; monitor province case trajectory and treatment capacity development.
- Monitor Epenge's legal status and release timeline; assess impact on C64 conclave outcomes and opposition strategy; track international reaction and civil society response.
- Monitor National Assembly and Senate proceedings on referendum law; assess opposition mobilization and any constitutional court challenges; track implications for presidential term-limit debate.

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