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DRC Daily Monitoring Report

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Copper **$14,625/t** ▲ +0.9% | Cobalt **$34,620/t** → | Tin **$51,300/t** ▲ +0.7% | Gold **$4,074.60/oz** ▲ +0.9% | Brent **$113.88/bbl** ▼ -1.7% | CDF per USD **2,261.60** ▲ +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 27 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 accuses Kabila of being Rwanda proxy leading FRN** — eastern drc
2. **ADF finances operations through gold smuggling and extortion** — eastern drc
3. **Opposition figure Prince Epenge arrested at Kinshasa airport** — kinshasa
4. **Vice-PM Interior meets Ituri parliamentarians on security** — ituri *(approx.)*
5. **CODECO attacks kill at least 10 in Djugu, Ituri; armed group** — eastern drc

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

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

SECURITY & CONFLICT

ADF finances operations through gold smuggling and extortion

HIGH

The Sentry's investigation found that the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an Islamic State-affiliated armed group, generates an estimated $1–1.6 million annually from gold mines it controls in the Manguredjipa area of eastern DRC, with much of the gold smuggled into Uganda before reaching other markets. The ADF also funds operations through cocoa production, extortion, and kidnappings. The group's ability to raise funds locally has reduced its dependence on external Islamic State financing. The investigation, based on over 100 interviews and document analysis, raises concerns that Uganda's joint military operation against the ADF has displaced rather than destroyed the group, allowing it to access new gold and cocoa-rich areas.

REPORTED East Leigh Voice · Bloomberg · Security Incidents — M23/FARDC/ADF Keyword Sweep

Vice-PM Interior meets Ituri parliamentarians on security

ELEVATED

Vice-Prime Minister and Interior Minister Shabani Lukoo met on 27 October with Ituri's parliamentary caucus, led by Bungishabaku Katho (Irumu), to discuss the province's security situation and administrative challenges. The discussions focused on the reorganization of rebel movements in neighboring zones and the organization of a peace forum in Ituri.

CONFIRMED Interieur_RDC (social)

CODECO attacks kill at least 10 in Djugu, Ituri; armed group violence continues

ELEVATED

At least 10 people were killed in attacks by the CODECO armed group across four villages on the littoral of Lake Albert in Djugu territory, Ituri Province, on 27 October. The attacks underscore ongoing militia violence in the eastern DRC despite military operations and humanitarian response efforts.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola outbreak passes 10,060 cases, 4,887 deaths in DRC

CRITICAL

The outbreak, caused by the Bundibugyo virus, remains the deadliest in the country's history. Cases have spread to Kenya (9 infections, 2 deaths), Nigeria (1 imported case), and Uganda (previously 20 cases, 2 deaths, declared over in late August). The fatality rate stands near 50 percent. No approved vaccine or specific treatment exists for the Bundibugyo strain, though clinical trials of two antiviral approaches and vaccine candidates have been underway since July. The outbreak spans the country's north and east, regions plagued by armed group violence and low state presence, complicating containment efforts.

NEEDS FOLLOW UP RFI Afrique · France 24 Afrique · AllAfrica · · OCHA/ReliefWeb · WHO +1 source

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Tshisekedi accuses Kabila of being Rwanda proxy leading FRN

HIGH

President Félix Tshisekedi publicly accused his predecessor Joseph Kabila of being a Rwandan proxy in a speech to lawmakers on 27 October. Kabila, who took charge of the newly formed Front for the Refoundation of the Nation (FRN) this month, is heading a movement that merged with the Rwanda-backed M23 militia. Tshisekedi stated that Rwanda's President Paul Kagame orchestrated Kabila's emergence to lead the insurgency in the eastern DRC. The FRN is structured with Kabila as head and M23 leaders as deputies. Kabila was sentenced to death in absentia in 2025 for treason and alleged collusion with M23.

CONFIRMED ENCA · La Libre Belgique · CGTN Africa +2 sources

Opposition coalition C64 concludes Rome conclave, seeks dialogue with Tshisekedi and Kabila

HIGH

The Coalition Article 64 (C64), comprising opposition figures Martin Fayulu, Moïse Katumbi, Jean-Marc Kabund, Augustin Matata Ponyo, and Delly Sesanga, concluded a three-day conclave in Rome on 27 October. The coalition issued a declaration rejecting any constitutional amendment to extend presidential tenure, allow a third term, or postpone 2028 elections, and announced its intention to seek separate meetings with President Tshisekedi and former President Joseph Kabila to establish conditions for an inclusive national dialogue. The declaration condemned both attempts to retain power beyond constitutional limits and the conquest of power by force, signaling the C64's rejection of Kabila's recent formation of the Front for National Refoundation (FRN) as a politico-military movement.

NEEDS FOLLOW UP RFI Afrique · AllAfrica · mediacongo.net

Opposition figure Prince Epenge arrested at Kinshasa airport

ELEVATED

Prince Epenge, spokesperson for the Lamuka opposition coalition, was arrested on 25 October at N'djili International Airport while attempting to travel to Rome for an opposition conclave scheduled for 26–27 October. He was placed under provisional arrest on 27 October by the Kinshasa/Gombe prosecutor. According to his lawyer, he is being prosecuted for spreading false rumors related to the death of Manassé Lomboto during a recent opposition protest. His passport was confiscated. His lawyer reported concerns about his health condition.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

📰 MEDIA & INFORMATION

Primature denies false document circulating on social media

GUARDED

The Prime Minister's Office issued an official denial on 27 October regarding a false document circulating on social media, stating it does not emanate from the Primature. The office called on the public to exercise vigilance and refer only to official Primature communication channels.

CONFIRMED PrimatureRDC (social)

💰 ECONOMY & MACRO

DRC fiscal mediator recruitment deadline extended to 31 October

GUARDED

The Finance Ministry announced on 27 October that the deadline for applications to the position of president of the National Fiscal Mediation Commission (CNMF) has been extended from 26 October to 31 October 2026. The CNMF, established by law in 2003, is an independent, consultative, and parity-based body tasked with proposing solutions to persistent tax disputes between taxpayers and the tax administration before judicial recourse. The ministry emphasized that recruitment will be transparent, equitable, and merit-based.

CONFIRMED DeskEco

📌 OTHER

Lodja airport closed 34 hours for runway repairs in Sankuru

GUARDED

The closure suspended all takeoffs and landings during the maintenance window.

REPORTED mediacongo.net

👁️ WATCHLIST

- Track ADF gold smuggling routes into Uganda; assess international sanctions enforcement; monitor conflict gold trade implications.

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