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# DRC Daily Monitoring Report

**30 October 2026**

Covering 29 Oct, 00:00 – 23:59 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **$14,560/t** ▼ -0.8% | Cobalt **$33,510/t** ▼ -3.2% | Tin **$50,400/t** ▼ -2.5% | Gold **$4,031.40/oz** ▼ -0.5% | Brent **$114.88/bbl** ▼ -0.4% | CDF per USD **2,261.56** →

*Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 29 Oct 2026. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.*

## SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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




1. **Interagency task force arrests 60 at Kakanda concession** — Lualaba *(approx.)*
2. **Belgium deploys mobile Ebola lab for vaccine trial** — Bunia
3. **Treatment centre reports zero confirmed Ebola cases** — Ituri *(approx.)*
4. **Fire destroys 20+ homes in Nyamugo quarter** — Bukavu
5. **PRECAPE crisis response project launched for eastern zones** — Beni
6. **ADF operates illegal gold mining in Lubero territory** — North Kivu *(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

### ADF rebels finance operations through illegal gold mining in North Kivu

HIGH

A report by US NGO The Sentry titled "Gold-Backed Brutality" documents how the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) fund their activities in eastern DRC through illegal gold mining and trade. The ADF operates in seven of 22 mining sites in North Kivu's Lubero territory, generating up to USD 1.6 million annually from the Manguredjipa mine alone. Gold is sold in regional markets, particularly Uganda, and transported via the Beni-Kasindi road. The report notes ADF shifted to mineral trafficking after losing financial support from ISIS affiliates in Iraq and ISIL. The ADF also engages in illegal mining in Ituri and Tshopo provinces. The Sentry calls for UN investigation into actors complicit in the trade to support accountability.

REPORTED RFI Swahili

## 🏥 PUBLIC HEALTH

### Belgium deploys mobile Ebola lab to Bunia for vaccine trial

ELEVATED

Belgium's Ministry of Defence made available an A400M transport aircraft via the B-FAST (Belgian First Aid & Support Team) program to deliver a mobile laboratory to Bunia, Ituri province, where a large-scale clinical trial of a Bundibugyo Ebola virus vaccine recently began. The lab supports the trial infrastructure.

REPORTED La Libre Belgique

### Treatment centre in Ituri reports no confirmed Ebola cases

ELEVATED

A treatment centre in Ituri province reported that it is no longer treating any confirmed Ebola cases, marking the first such milestone since the outbreak began in May 2026. Medical staff and residents celebrated the development.

REPORTED France 24

### Vice PM launches PRECAPE crisis response project for eastern provinces

ELEVATED

Vice Prime Minister Shabani Lukoo Bihango (Interior, Security, Decentralization and Customary Affairs) officially launched the Projet de réponse à la crise en appui aux populations de l'Est (PRECAPE) on 29 October. The project, implemented by the DRC's Social Fund, aims to mitigate suffering of families affected by Rwandan aggression in the east, targeting Beni, Walikale and Uvira zones in North and South Kivu provinces with urgent humanitarian assistance.

CONFIRMED @Interieur_RDC

### Fire destroys 20+ homes in Bukavu's Nyamugo quarter

ELEVATED

More than 20 houses were destroyed in a fire that broke out around noon on 29 October in the Nyamugo quarter, Kadutu commune, Bukavu. The fire started on Avenue Virunga and spread to neighboring homes toward Camp Ngabo on Route d'Uvira. The origin remains unknown. Since May 2026, Bukavu has recorded over 3,000 houses destroyed by fire and at least 50 deaths.

REPORTED 7sur7.cd

## 🏛️ POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

### C64 opposition coalition meets EU diplomats in Brussels

ELEVATED

The C64 opposition coalition, formed in May 2026, continued its European tour on 29 October by meeting EU Central Africa officials at the European External Action Service (SEAE) in Brussels. The delegation presented conclusions from their Rome conclave (27 October) calling for inclusive national dialogue and condemning any seizure of power by force. The coalition challenged EU diplomacy on contradictions between stated commitment to Africa as a privileged partner and insufficient action on systematic human rights violations in DRC.

REPORTED France 24 Afrique · RFI Afrique

## 💰 ECONOMY & MACRO

### Prime Minister presents 2027 budget to National Assembly

GUARDED

Prime Minister Judith Suminwa Tuluka presented the 2027 budget law to the National Assembly on 29 October. The presentation included sectoral priorities for health and education, with emphasis on government achievements and planned investments for the coming year.

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## ⛏️ MINING & EXTRACTIVES

### Interagency operation arrests 60 foreign nationals at Lualaba mining site

HIGH

An interagency task force led by the Direction générale de migration (DGM) conducted a control operation at Boss Mining's Kakanda concession in Lualaba province, resulting in the arrest of approximately 60 people, including Chinese, Lebanese, Syrian, Moroccan, Iraqi and Palestinian nationals. Large quantities of cash in US dollars and Congolese francs were seized, along with mining equipment. Several detainees lacked required documentation for residence and work in the DRC. Congolese civilians and military personnel were also apprehended. The operation is part of a broader interagency mission to combat illicit mining, demilitarize mining sites and enforce compliance with mining legislation.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

### DRC cobalt export cap signals market power amid price decline

HIGH

The DRC capped cobalt exports at 96,600 tonnes annually for 2026–2027, up from 44,333 tonnes in 2025, but cobalt prices fell approximately 31% in Q3 2026. Analysis notes that while the quota controls port volume, it does not control buyer demand or substitution (lithium iron phosphate batteries, which use no cobalt, comprised ~85% of China's battery output in July 2026). The key question for DRC is not export volume but industrial capacity, skilled jobs and wealth retention in producing communities.

REPORTED The Africa Report

### Mining Minister visits Lualaba, emphasizes sector cleanup

ELEVATED

Mining Minister Louis Wkabamba conducted an official visit to Lualaba province on 29 October, inspecting the Provincial Mining Division's facilities. He stressed the importance of safety and hygiene compliance and reminded mining administration officials of the need for patriotism, integrity, results-orientation and meritocracy in their duties. He urged discipline, responsibility and moral probity to support mining sector cleanup and natural resource governance.

CONFIRMED @MinMinesRDC

## 🌍 GEOPOLITICS

### Tshisekedi addresses Russia-Africa Summit, calls for partnership diversity

HIGH

President Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi addressed the third Russia-Africa Summit in Moscow on 29 October, emphasizing that diversifying partnerships does not mean choosing sides, but rather strengthening DRC's decision-making autonomy. He reaffirmed the DRC's commitment to preserving sovereignty and independence while pursuing peace and security in the east. Tshisekedi denounced illicit exploitation of natural resources fueling eastern conflicts and called on Russia to support UN Security Council resolutions demanding Rwandan troop withdrawal. A bilateral meeting with President Vladimir Putin was scheduled for 30 October.

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### Tshisekedi calls on Russia to support UN Rwanda withdrawal resolution

HIGH

President Tshisekedi called on Russia to support implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2773 (adopted 21 February 2025), which condemns Rwanda's alleged support for M23 and demands immediate withdrawal of Rwandan troops from DRC. Tshisekedi made the appeal during his speech at the Russia-Africa Summit in Moscow, reaffirming commitment to diplomatic paths through Washington and Doha mediation processes.

REPORTED Anadolu Agency

## 👁️ WATCHLIST

- Monitor outcomes of prosecutions and asset seizures from 29 Oct Lualaba mining operation; assess whether enforcement signals sustained crackdown on illicit mining networks or remains isolated action.
- Track result of Tshisekedi-Putin bilateral meeting scheduled for 30 Oct; assess whether Russia commits to supporting UN resolutions on Rwandan troop withdrawal.

- Monitor Ebola vaccine trial enrollment, safety data and efficacy readouts; track case and death trends in Ituri and other affected provinces.

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