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Copper **$14,110/t** ▼ -1.9% | Cobalt **$33,525/t** → | Tin **$47,905/t** ▼ -3.3% | Gold **$3,940.40/oz** ▼ -0.7% | Brent **$103.60/bbl** ▼ -1.1% | CDF per USD **2,267** ▲ +0.2%

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 3 Nov 2026. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



1. **FARDC repels FRN attacks; heavy weapons fire in Mahanga, Kibanda, Kilongo** — Masisi
2. **FRN leadership meets MONUSCO chief; reaffirms ceasefire commitment** — Goma
3. **Justice ministry seizes 500+ trucks and thousands of tonnes of minerals** — Lualaba *(approx.)*
4. **Mining pollution lawsuit opens in Kolwezi against COMMUS** — Kolwezi

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

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SECURITY & CONFLICT

FARDC repels FRN attacks in Masisi; Kazinga recaptured

HIGH

Government forces and wazalendo allies launched offensives against FRN rebels in villages of Mahanga, Kibanda and Kilongo (Masisi territory, North Kivu) on 3 November, with heavy weapons fire reported. The clashes follow the FARDC's recapture of Kazinga 48 hours earlier after violent combat against FRN rebels in the same territory.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

Washington Accord implementation drops to 33.3% due to military stalemate

HIGH

The accord, concluded over a year ago, continues to struggle to translate commitments into ground reality.

REPORTED mediacongo.net

PUBLIC HEALTH

FRN imposes restrictions on sexual violence victim services in North Kivu

HIGH

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has warned that the FRN (formerly AFC/M23) has imposed restrictive conditions on health workers treating sexual violence survivors in North Kivu, including requirements for victims to report to police within 72 hours before receiving care and to provide detailed medical evidence of assault. These barriers prevent survivors from accessing timely healthcare and violate humanitarian principles. Health workers and NGO staff have been threatened with dismissal or imprisonment if they do not comply.

REPORTED RFI Swahili

US imposes 21-day travel declaration for DRC visitors

ELEVATED

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) imposed a new requirement effective 3 November: all travelers to the United States must attest that they have not been in the Democratic Republic of Congo during the 21 days preceding their flight. The measure targets the current Ebola epidemic epicenter in Africa.

REPORTED La Libre Belgique

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Opposition leader Prince Epenge arrested on fake news charges

HIGH

Senior opposition figure Prince Epenge was arrested and transferred to prison on charges of spreading fake news. The arrest has intensified political tensions, with the opposition denouncing a narrowing of political space. President Tshisekedi has promised a national dialogue, but conditions for its preparation remain contested.

REPORTED France 24 Afrique · RFI Afrique

Coalition C64 opposition condemns Tshisekedi and Kabila

ELEVATED

Martin Fayulu, president of ECiDé and member of the Coalition Article 64 (C64) opposition alliance, condemned both President Félix Tshisekedi and former president Joseph Kabila. The C64, which opposes constitutional change and armed seizure of power, is proposing separate meetings with both men and conducting a European tour to seek commitments from Western partners.

REPORTED RFI Afrique

Claudel Lubaya demands Tshisekedi's resignation over constitutional violations

ELEVATED

Claudel André Lubaya, leader of the Mouvement d'Action pour le Redressement du Congo (MARC), demanded the resignation of President Félix Tshisekedi, accusing him of openly undermining the established constitutional order.

REPORTED mediacongo.net

Prime Minister addresses women parliamentarians on conflict impacts

GUARDED

Prime Minister Judith Suminwa participated on 3 November in a panel on 'Women's Parliamentary Leadership for Peace, Security and Development' at the first Great Lakes Region Women Parliamentarians Conference. She presented government measures addressing conflict impacts on women and children in eastern DRC, including continued state exam fee coverage in occupied zones and support for women's economic empowerment.

CONFIRMED @PrimatureRDC

🤝 POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

Kabila-led FRN meets MONUSCO chief; reaffirms ceasefire commitment

HIGH

Joseph Kabila, leading the Front for the Refoundation of the Nation (FRN), met MONUSCO head James Swan in Goma on 3 November, accompanied by FRN vice-presidents Corneille Nangaa and Bertrand Bisimwa. Discussions covered the Doha peace process, MONUSCO's mandate renewal, ceasefire violations and renewed fighting. Bisimwa stated the FRN reaffirmed ceasefire commitment but warned it would respond to attacks from government forces, citing violations of the Doha accord and demanding Kinshasa honour its obligations.

REPORTED Xinhua Africa · africanews · AllAfrica

Defense ministry meets CIRGL delegation on regional security

GUARDED

Vice-Prime Minister and Defense Minister Guy Kabombo Muadiamvita received a CIRGL delegation led by Executive Secretary Dr Mubita Luwabelwa on 3 November at the Defense Ministry. The meeting followed recent statutory defense meetings held in Lusaka, Zambia, and focused on implementing recommendations from those sessions.

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🧭 CIVIL SOCIETY & ADVOCACY

Multi-stakeholder forest governance dialogue opens in Kinshasa

ELEVATED

A two-day dialogue on forest governance and transparency in Congo Basin resource management began on 3 November in Kinshasa, organized by Environews-RDC with support from the Pulitzer Center. The forum brought together journalists, public institutions, civil society and the private sector to strengthen transparency in managing Congo Basin forests, share experiences and develop a common roadmap for responsible and inclusive governance. Participants emphasized the need for dialogue across sectors and the role of journalism as a decision-support tool.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

⚡ ENERGY

US-DRC Grand Inga governance committee convenes in Paris

HIGH

The inaugural Grand Inga Coordination and Governance Committee met at World Bank offices in Paris, with Deputy Prime Minister Daniel Mukoko Samba and US Treasury official Jeremy Wiggins as co-chairs. The committee, established under the December 2025 US-DRC Strategic Partnership Agreement, focused on coordinated phased development of the Grand Inga hydropower complex on the Congo River. The DRC aims to process minerals domestically and power operations with Congolese workers. Inga's estimated capacity is 42,000 megawatts; Inga 1 and 2 currently operate at ~1,800 megawatts. The first phase is projected to generate 4,000–6,000 jobs.

REPORTED IndexBox

Energy-mining nexus coordination meeting held

GUARDED

On 3 November, the Minister of Hydraulic Resources and Electricity, Aimé Sakombi Molendo, met with the Director General of the Mining Cadastre (CAMI), Popol Mabolia Yenga, to evaluate implementation of recommendations from the 77th Council of Ministers meeting (6 February 2026) on overlaying energy and mining maps. The meeting focused on leveraging this cartographic coordination to guide infrastructure development.

CONFIRMED @Min_Resshyd_rdc

⛏ MINING & EXTRACTIVES

Justice ministry orders probe into illegal mining and mineral smuggling

HIGH

Justice Minister Guillaume Ngefa Atondoko Andali ordered the opening of judicial investigations into alleged illegal mining activities in Lualaba and Haut-Katanga provinces following an inter-agency operation. Over 500 trucks and heavy equipment, plus several thousand tonnes of copper and cobalt, were seized at multiple mining sites, notably at Menda. Investigations will examine fraud, illegal resource exploitation, and smuggling; no criminal liability has yet been established.

REPORTED AllAfrica

Mining pollution lawsuit opens in Kolwezi against COMMUS

ELEVATED

A judicial battle over environmental and health damages opened at Kolwezi Commercial Court on 3 November. Twenty-seven plaintiffs, including eight children, sued COMMUS (a copper and cobalt mine controlled by Chinese giant Zijin Mining), the Congolese state, and the national environmental agency (ACE) for pollution. Residents report stream contamination with acid, fish depletion, skin irritation from water contact, and lack of access to environmental impact assessments. The first hearing addressed procedural matters; substantive examination of the case continues.

REPORTED DeskEco

👁 WATCHLIST

- Monitor FARDC territorial gains in Masisi and FRN response; assess casualty figures and civilian displacement from 3 November clashes.
- Track Doha peace process negotiations following 3 November MONUSCO-FRN meeting; assess ceasefire compliance and government response to FRN demands.
- Monitor Kolwezi court proceedings on COMMUS pollution case; assess environmental remediation orders and corporate compliance.
- Monitor Ebola case trends in Bunia health zone (Ituri); assess community transmission and case detection capacity amid treatment center reorganization.

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