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Copper **$13,955/t** ▼ -3.4% | Cobalt **$33,525/t** → | Tin **$46,325/t** ▼ -5.1% | Gold **$4,074.90/oz** ▲ +4.5%

Brent **$98.32/bbl** ▼ -16.4% | CDF per USD **2,256.67** ▼ -0.4%

Market data — as of report build, 9 Nov 2026. Changes may reflect period-over-period moves rather than single-day changes. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



Base map: Natural Earth (public domain) · Province boundaries: geoBoundaries (CC BY 4.0) · Pins at approximate locations where marked (approx.)

1. **FARDC counter-offensive to retake Bitale** — Bitale, Kalehe *(approx.)*
2. **FRN captures Bulambika on the RN3 corridor** — Bulambika, Kalehe *(approx.)*
3. **ADF attack aftermath; Africa CDC calls for peace corridor** — Cantine-Aloya *(approx.)*
4. **Police prevent arson attack on MSF Ebola centre** — Beni
5. **Military court sentences 66 soldiers to death** — Goma
6. **Kalamu bridge reopened after reconstruction** — Kinshasa
7. **Tshopo seeks moratorium on wooden boat ban** — Kisangani *(approx.)*
8. **Pollution lawsuit against Zijin-controlled COMMUS** — Kolwezi

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

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

SECURITY & CONFLICT

FRN rebels capture Bulambika in South Kivu territorial advance

HIGH

The Front pour la Refondation Nationale (FRN — Kabila's politico-military movement) took control of Bulambika (Kalehe territory, South Kivu) on 8 November following an FARDC/wazalendo withdrawal, consolidating gains made 24 hours earlier when it captured Bitale. Both towns lie on the strategic RN3 route linking Bukavu to Hombo; their successive loss threatens the broader corridor and creates direct risk to Hombo-Sud.

REPORTED Actualite.cd · DRCongo security tracker (Facebook) · Kigali Daily News

SECURITY & CONFLICT (CONT.)

Fighting resumes at Bitale as FARDC attempt to retake town

HIGH

FARDC and wazalendo forces launched counter-offensive attacks on 8 November to retake Bitale, the first settlement in Kalehe after Kahuzi-Biega National Park on the RN3 axis, one day after the FRN captured it. Clashes displaced civilians toward Bulambika, into the park and toward Hombo.

REPORTED Actualite.cd · DRCongo security tracker (Facebook) · Kigali Daily News

Katasomwa returns to army control in Kalehe

ELEVATED

Katasomwa, in Kalehe territory (South Kivu), returned to the control of the DRC Armed Forces, according to a 9 November update.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

Beni-Mbau leaders demand escalated military operations after ADF attack

HIGH

Following the ADF attack on Cantine-Aloya and other villages in Beni territory overnight 5–6 November (before this reporting window), which killed at least 24–33 civilians according to varying sources, community meeting attendees including Bravo Vukulu called for simultaneous military operations across Beni, Lubero, Mambasa and Irumu, coordinated between the FARDC, UPDF, MONUSCO and wazalendo. During the attack, homes, shops and a health post were burned and Ebola patients were forced to flee. The attack is confirmed by Xinhua and UN citations; the community meeting is sourced only locally.

REPORTED Xinhua · Genocide Watch · Today News Africa · FlashMonde (TikTok)

Military court sentences 66 FARDC soldiers to death for cowardice at Walikale

HIGH

The Goma Garrison Military Court (North Kivu) sentenced 66 soldiers of the 3415th regiment to death for mutiny, disobeying orders and cowardice. Of more than 70 on trial, four were acquitted and one was sentenced to 10 years. The soldiers had been arrested on 20 October in Walikale territory.

REPORTED Anadolu Agency · Radio Okapi · UA News

PUBLIC HEALTH

Africa CDC calls for peace corridor to protect Ebola response after Cantine-Aloya attack

HIGH

Africa CDC Director-General Dr Jean Kaseya issued a statement strongly condemning the 5–6 November attack on Cantine-Aloya, calling for a corridor of peace, the protection of civilians and health workers, and safe access for Ebola responders. The attack disrupted patient care, contact tracing and disease surveillance during the ongoing Bundibugyo virus outbreak; Ebola patients were forced to flee health facilities.

CONFIRMED Africa CDC · AllAfrica · KBC · Naturel CD · @Dr_JeanKaseya

Police prevent arson attack on MSF Ebola centre in Beni after patient death

HIGH

On 9 November, security forces in Beni's Byautu neighbourhood prevented an arson attack on an MSF-operated Ebola Treatment Centre where 36 patients were hospitalised; MSF condemned the attempt. The attack followed clashes triggered by the death of a woman receiving treatment at the facility, reportedly the wife of an alleged wazalendo commander. No casualties were reported in the confrontation with law enforcement.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

Two new Ebola vaccine candidates recommended for clinical trials in DRC

ELEVATED

Two new vaccine candidates for Bundibugyo virus disease have been recommended for clinical trials in the DRC.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Government warns political parties against military activities; threatens dissolution

HIGH

At the 102nd Council of Ministers, Vice-Prime Minister and Interior Minister Jacquemain Shabani Lukoo reiterated the formal ban on military, paramilitary or similar activities within political parties, citing Law n° 04/002 of 15 March 2004 (Arts. 9, 21 and 31), and warned that the Interior Ministry would apply dissolution for violations. The warning, delivered on 8 November, comes in the context of the FRN's creation and the government's earlier suspension of 13 parties' activities, including Kabila's PPRD.

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C64 opposition seeks national dialogue amid eastern conflict

ELEVATED

Five major opposition figures united in the Coalition Article 64 (C64) — Martin Fayulu, Moïse Katumbi, Jean-Marc Kabund, Matata Ponyo and Delly Sesanga — seek to meet President Tshisekedi and former President Kabila to prepare a national dialogue, as announced after their Rome conclave (25–27 October). The coalition, founded in May 2026, is named after Article 64 of the constitution, which empowers citizens to resist unconstitutional seizures of power. Kinshasa has threatened to prosecute opposition members who meet Kabila in Goma, where he now leads the FRN. The impasse reflects tensions between conflict resolution, political inclusion and government control, with 2028 elections approaching.

CONFIRMED France 24 · RFI · Actualite.cd · The Great Lakes Eye · Ground.news

Kinshasa recalls Tshuapa and Mongala provincial leaders amid institutional crises

ELEVATED

Kinshasa recalled the provincial leaders (animateurs) of Tshuapa and Mongala provinces amid institutional crises and reinforced monitoring to prevent contagion to other provinces.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

National Assembly moves to elevate five historical figures to national hero status

GUARDED

The National Assembly adopted a resolution proposing to elevate Étienne Tshisekedi, Simon Kimbangu, Kimpa Vita, Christophe Munzihirwa and Emmanuel Kataliko to the rank of National Hero of the DRC.

CONFIRMED Radio Okapi · Actualite.cd

ECONOMY & MACRO

IMF and DRC reach staff-level agreement on $771M support package including Ebola response

HIGH

After discussions held 22 October – 4 November, an IMF team led by Calixte Ahokpossi and the Congolese authorities reached staff-level agreement on the fourth ECF and third RSF programme reviews. Total support is $771M, of which $240M is for the Ebola response; Board approval is provisionally expected in December 2026. The IMF highlighted fiscal pressures from conflict and Ebola and called for revenue measures, wage control and spending rationalisation. Single source; verify independently.

REPORTED CongoQuotidien

Tshopo requests moratorium on wooden boat ban

ELEVATED

The ban on wooden boats (baleinières) on the Congo River and its tributaries, announced by Vice-Prime Minister and Transport Minister Jean-Pierre Bemba in October, takes effect on 15 November. In a letter to President Tshisekedi dated 6 November and reported on 8 November, Tshopo provincial assembly president Mateus Kanga Londimo requested a one-year moratorium for goods transport: he supports the passenger ban for safety but warns that an immediate goods ban would cause food shortages and price spikes in a landlocked province with no alternative road network. Bemba has already refused a moratorium; Tshopo, Maï-Ndombe and Mbandaka have all requested the same 12-month transition.

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ECONOMY & MACRO (CONT.)

PM Suminwa calls for continued financial governance reforms after FATF delisting

GUARDED

Prime Minister Judith Suminwa called at the latest Council of Ministers for continued reforms in financial governance following the DRC's removal from the FATF (GAFI) grey list.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

Kinshasa's Kalamu bridge reopened after reconstruction

GUARDED

Governor Daniel Bumba's provincial government reopened the Kalamu bridge (also known as Pont Victoire, on Avenue de la Victoire, Kalamu commune) on 8 November after several months of complete reconstruction. The bridge was raised to improve drainage and prevent recurring flooding from the Kalamu River; it now measures 12 metres long and 25 metres wide. The works are part of a broader programme to modernise Kinshasa's urban infrastructure.

CONFIRMED 7sur7.cd · ACP · @GouvernoratK · mediacongo.net

MINING & EXTRACTIVES

DRC urges US to turn minerals partnership into concrete projects

ELEVATED

The DRC called on the United States to move beyond signed agreements and implement tangible investment projects, measuring cooperation by project completion. Officials emphasised local mineral processing, job creation, skills transfer and compliance with mining laws. Discussions covered the Lobito Corridor and increasing DRC copper and cobalt supply to the US. Outlets not independently verified.

REPORTED SMM · Copperbelt Katanga Mining

DRC and US reaffirm acceleration of strategic partnership

GUARDED

The DRC and the United States reaffirmed their commitment to accelerating implementation of their strategic partnership, with discussions focused on critical minerals, infrastructure, energy and investment.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

CNDH denounces detention of 500+ people after Kambove mining-site operation

ELEVATED

The Haut-Katanga branch of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) denounced the detention conditions of more than 500 people held at the Criminal Police premises in Lubumbashi following an operation at a mining site in Kambove.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

Zijin Mining's COMMUS faces $6.3M pollution lawsuit in Kolwezi

ELEVATED

Twenty-seven Congolese residents are suing Zijin Mining-controlled COMMUS over alleged pollution at its Kolwezi copper-cobalt operation, in a case reported at $6.3M. The suit follows Zambia's 2025 Sino-Metals tailings disaster. The DRC supplied 76% of global mined cobalt in 2024, and 96% of Congolese cobalt output goes to China.

REPORTED Rare Earth Exchanges

Chemaf's new management prepares to clear artisanal miners from Mutoshi

ELEVATED

Chemaf's new leadership is working to clear thousands of artisanal miners from its Mutoshi site, with relocation to Makala under discussion with Lualaba authorities, to enable the resumption of its industrial copper-cobalt project.

REPORTED Africa Intelligence

GEOPOLITICS

Kabila accused of betraying South Africa over Congo rebel links

ELEVATED

Prince Simon Sindag Mabhena, speaking for traditional leadership under the Transvaal Kingdom State of Monarch, accused former President Joseph Kabila of sharing South African military intelligence with M23 rebels, reopening wounds for families of the 14 South African SADC soldiers killed in eastern DRC in January 2025. He also accused Rwandan President Paul Kagame of supporting the rebels. No verified evidence supports the intelligence-sharing claim. The background — South African troops helped Kabila defeat M23 in 2013, and Kabila has now joined forces with M23/FRN — is confirmed.

REPORTED AllAfrica · Scrolla.Africa · eNCA

EU proposes 'green relay' partnership model for critical minerals supply

GUARDED

The EU outlined a 'green relay' model to counter Chinese dominance of clean-tech supply chains, naming the DRC among priority partners alongside Brazil, Canada, South Africa, Indonesia, Morocco, Turkey, Japan and South Korea. Eight proposed steps include offtake guarantees, carbon credits, regulatory twinning and coalitions; key hurdles are slow processes, insufficient capital and fragmented EU–member-state coordination.

REPORTED Eurasia Review

WATCHLIST

- Monitor FRN consolidation of Bulambika and Bitale; assess FARDC counter-offensive success on the RN3 corridor over the next 24–72 hours.
- Assess C64 opposition dialogue efforts and government response; track any meetings with Kabila in Goma and prosecution threats.
- Monitor DRC-US Lobito Corridor and other strategic mining projects; track US investment commitments and DRC local processing requirements over the next 30 days.
- Track implementation of the 66 death sentences; assess appeals, commutations or disciplinary impact on FARDC morale.
- Track Bundibugyo virus disease case and death trends; assess regional preparedness and cross-border transmission risk (Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda).
- Monitor EU engagement with the DRC on the 'green relay' partnership; track implementation of proposed mechanisms for critical minerals supply.

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