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DRC Daily Monitoring Report

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Covering 15 Nov, 07:00 – 16 Nov, 07:00 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **$13,610/t** ▼ -2.5% | Cobalt **$33,525/t** → | Tin **$48,295/t** ▲ +4.3% | Gold **$3,886.30/oz** ▼ -4.6%

Brent **$95.84/bbl** ▼ -2.5% | CDF per USD **2,265.59** ▲ +0.4%

Market data — last settled close at report build, 16 Nov 2026 · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets cobalt (indicative) · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



1. **ADF night raids kill at least 35 civilians; 14 missing** — Mambasa territory, Ituri *(approx.)*
2. **M23 holds Kitshanga as FARDC moves to retake it** — Kitshanga, Masisi, North Kivu *(approx.)*
3. **Wooden-boat operators strike as river ban takes effect** — Congo River, Kinshasa *(approx.)*

Base map: Google Maps (map data ©2026 Google) · Pins at approximate locations where marked (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 night raids kill at least 35 civilians in Ituri's Mambasa territory; 14 missing

CRITICAL

Reports on 15 November said night raids by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) on villages in Mambasa territory, Ituri, killed at least 35 civilians; 14 people remain missing, so the toll may rise. The attacks followed the group's usual pattern of executions with blades and small arms, looting and arson. The area, under a state of siege since May 2021, overlaps with the Ebola response zone.

REPORTED Maliweb

SECURITY & CONFLICT (CONT.)

M23 holds Kitshanga in Masisi as FARDC moves to retake the town

HIGH

Eye Radio reported on 15 November that M23 rebels hold Kitshanga, in Masisi territory, North Kivu, as fighting with the FARDC continues in violation of the ceasefire. A FARDC source said the army was trying to find a way to retake the town. The article does not say when Kitshanga was captured.

REPORTED Eye Radio · Liveuamap

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola outbreak spirals as deaths mount and containment falters

CRITICAL

An AP report on 15 November described the outbreak as spiralling, with deaths mounting and containment efforts faltering as armed-group violence continues to hamper the response. At the six-month mark (13 November), WHO and OCHA put the toll at 11,254 confirmed cases and 5,505 deaths, with 400–500 new cases a week across 67 health zones in eight provinces; only $1.3 billion of the $2.9 billion pledged by donors has been disbursed, and Africa CDC warns the outbreak risks becoming the worst Ebola event on record.

REPORTED Inside Politic (AP) · Donare.info · Scoop

POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

UN Security Council adds Kabila's FRN to its sanctions list; France welcomes the listing

HIGH

The UN Security Council has added former president Joseph Kabila's Front pour la Refondation de la Nation (FRN), which he formally took over in October 2026, to its sanctions list, Chimp Reports said on 15 November; France issued a statement welcoming the decision on 14 November. The date of the listing and the resolution number are not yet confirmed. Kinshasa accuses the FRN of providing political cover for the M23/AFC rebellion.

REPORTED Chimp Reports

Francophonie summit opens amid DRC–Rwanda clash over Mushikiwabo's candidacy

HIGH

The 20th Francophonie Summit opened in Phnom Penh on 15 November, overshadowed by the DRC–Rwanda rift. Government spokesman Patrick Muyaya accused incumbent Secretary-General Louise Mushikiwabo of "hypocrisy" for citing Lebanon and Haiti in her opening address while ignoring the DRC's crisis. President Emmanuel Macron urged Rwanda to withdraw her candidacy in favour of Romania's Dacian Cioloș; Rwandan Foreign Minister Olivier Nduhungirehe refused. Kinshasa had dropped its own candidate, Juliana Amato Lumumba, to back Cioloș, breaking with the African Union's July 2026 consensus, and threatened to reconsider its OIF membership if Mushikiwabo were re-elected.

CONFIRMED Al Jazeera · RFI · Africanews · Japan Times · AFP · DW · Bangkok Post · Dawn · Kiripost · inkl

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Constitutional review process formally opens amid criticism

HIGH

The constitutional review process formally opened on 15 November amid criticism from the opposition and civil society, Eastleigh Voice reported. President Tshisekedi is serving his second and constitutionally final five-year term, which ends in 2028; critics, including Joseph Kabila's camp, see the change as a bid to extend his hold on power.

REPORTED Eastleigh Voice

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT (CONT.)

ANR bars PPRD cadre François Nzekuye from leaving the country

ELEVATED

The Agence nationale de renseignements (ANR) banned François Nzekuye Kaburabuza — a senior cadre of Joseph Kabila's PPRD, a member of the FCC coalition and a former deputy — from leaving DRC territory on 15 November, under notice MSG-OUT N° 05. No official reason was given.

REPORTED NouveauMedia.cd · @chango_wa (X) · Facebook

ECONOMY & MACRO

Wooden-boat operators strike as Congo River ban takes effect

ELEVATED

The Ministry of Transport's ban on wooden baleinières on the Congo River and all national waterways took effect on 15 November, with the National Police and Naval Force tasked with enforcing it. The Association of Wooden Boat Operators (AAB) declared a general strike from 16 November in protest. A three-month temporary exemption for local wooden riverboats has been reported, which may limit the impact on interior river trade; it is unclear whether the strike covers exempted operators. The ban follows a series of deadly wooden-boat shipwrecks, including 148 killed in April 2025, 107 in September 2025 and more than 30 in a collision on the Congo River in October 2026; the Tshopo provincial assembly has sought a one-year moratorium.

REPORTED ACP · Benin Web TV · Bankable Africa · Rio Times · XtrAfrika (Facebook)

WATCHLIST

- Monitor M23–FARDC fighting and ceasefire compliance, including FARDC efforts to retake Kitshanga, and track the next UN Security Council briefing on the DRC.
- Monitor ADF activity in Ituri and North Kivu over the next 72 hours, the FARDC response to the Mambasa attacks and any further mass-casualty incidents in Mambasa territory.
- Track weekly Ebola case and death counts for 16–22 November, any spread to new health zones or provinces, and the security impact on response operations in Butembo, Beni and Mongbwalu.
- Track opposition and civil-society responses to the constitutional review, including protests or legal challenges to the referendum law.
- Track the outcome of the 16 November OIF vote and Kinshasa's response, including whether it follows through on its threat to reconsider its OIF membership, and the knock-on effect on DRC–France–Rwanda channels.
- Track the UN Security Council listing of Kabila's FRN: the resolution number, effective date and impact on Kabila's movement and finances.
- Track whether the AAB strike takes hold and disrupts river trade, and whether the government upholds or eases the wooden-boat ban amid provincial and operator pushback.

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