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DRC Daily Monitoring Report

17 November 2026

Covering 16 Nov, 07:00 – 17 Nov, 07:00 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **$13,256/t** ▼ -1.1% | Cobalt **$33,525/t** → | Tin **$46,174/t** ▼ -1.1% | Gold **$3,853.00/oz** ▼ -0.8%

Brent **$92.44/bbl** ▼ -3.5% | CDF per USD **2,321** ▲ +0.9%

Market data — last prices at report build, 17 Nov 2026 · copper and tin: LME 3-month at 06:15 UTC (16 Nov cash settlement unavailable) · cobalt: LME/Fastmarkets, indicative · gold, Brent: 16 Nov settlement · changes vs previous close. Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



1. **ADF holds dozens of hostages; weekly toll rises to 62** — Mambasa territory, Ituri *(approx.)*
2. **FARDC and wazalendo reportedly retake Kambali** — Kalehe territory, South Kivu *(approx.)*
3. **Cholera kills 82 in two months** — Katoyi health zone, Masisi *(approx.)*
4. **Wooden-boat owners begin freight strike** — 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 holds dozens of hostages in Mambasa under death threat as weekly toll rises to 62

CRITICAL

Dozens of people abducted by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) two weeks ago are still held at a mining site in Mambasa territory, Ituri. On 15 November, civil society said the ADF was threatening to kill them unless a ransom of $2,000 per person is paid. Radio Okapi reported the statement on 16 November. Military authorities said troops had been reinforced and operations were under way. Kivu Morning Post, citing the human-rights group APDEF, said ADF attacks in the Babila-Babombi chiefdom had killed 62 civilians in one week. cable.cd reported more incursions in the Bakaeku grouping, with over 20 civilians killed and others abducted.

CONFIRMED Radio Okapi · Kivu Morning Post · cable.cd

SECURITY & CONFLICT (CONT.)

FARDC and wazalendo reportedly retake Kambali in Kalehe territory, South Kivu

HIGH

FARDC and wazalendo forces took full control of Kambali, in Kalehe territory, South Kivu, on 16 November, according to a local account posted on Facebook and a YouTube video, both dated that day. The Facebook post also reported fighting at Bulambika. Neither the FARDC nor any news outlet has confirmed it.

REPORTED Facebook (local account) · YouTube

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola outbreak ‘still not under control’ at six months as deaths pass 5,500

HIGH

The Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak has reached six months. An ECDC assessment published on 16 November put it at 11,376 confirmed cases and 5,568 deaths as of 15 November. Africa CDC head Jean Kaseya said the outbreak was still not under control. Bloomberg reported that conflict and hunger are fuelling the crisis.

CONFIRMED ECDC · Africa CDC (@Dr_JeanKaseya, X) · Bloomberg

Cholera kills 82 in Masisi’s Katoyi health zone in two months

HIGH

More than 450 cholera cases and 82 deaths have been recorded in the Katoyi health zone, Masisi territory, North Kivu, over the past two months, Radio Okapi reported on 16 November.

REPORTED Radio Okapi

POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

Francophonie postpones leadership vote to 2027 after DRC–Rwanda deadlock

ELEVATED

Delegates at the 20th Francophonie Summit in Phnom Penh postponed the election of the OIF Secretary-General by a year on 16 November. Outgoing Secretary-General Louise Mushikiwabo of Rwanda announced the decision. She stays in post for 12 more months. According to France 24, Rwanda will not be allowed to field a candidate in the next election. Kinshasa, which backed Romania’s Dacian Cioloș, had threatened to leave the OIF if Mushikiwabo were re-elected. Foreign Minister Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner welcomed “a wise compromise” and said the DRC had every interest in staying in the organization.

CONFIRMED France 24 · RFI · Actualite.cd · Nouveaumedia.cd · Africanews

ECONOMY & MACRO

Wooden-boat owners begin open-ended freight strike over Congo River ban

ELEVATED

The Association des armateurs des baleinières du Congo (AABC) began a general strike on goods transport on 16 November, RFI reported. The strike will last until the ban on wooden boats is lifted. The AABC is calling for a “concerted decision” with Kinshasa. The ban took effect on 15 November on the Congo River and the country’s waterways. Boats operating only on interior rivers have a three-month exemption. No government response to the strike has been reported.

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WATCHLIST

- Track the fate of the hostages held in Mambasa territory, further ADF attacks in Mambasa and Beni territories, and the results of FARDC operations.
- Monitor whether the FARDC and wazalendo hold Kambali, and the reported fighting at Bulambika in Kalehe territory.
- Track the weekly Ebola figures for 16–22 November and the cholera outbreak in Katoyi, Masisi, as violence hampers the health response.
- Track the AABC strike's impact on river freight, and whether the government opens talks or eases the ban.
- Track Kinshasa's position in the OIF after the postponement, and the race for the 2027 vote.

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