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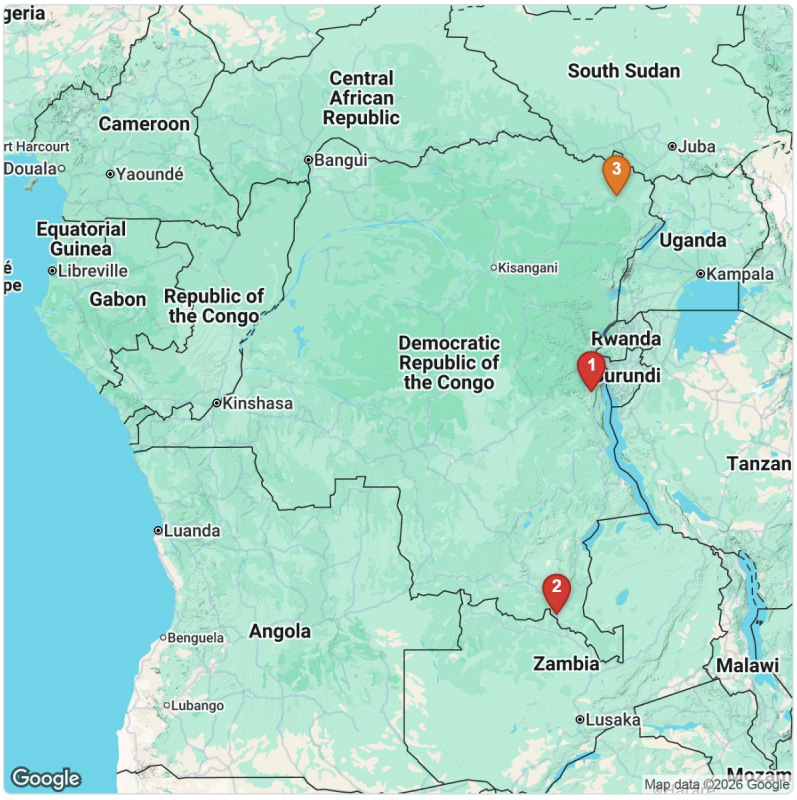
Copper **$13,227/t** ▼ -0.2% | Cobalt **$33,525/t** → | Tin **[price to add]** | Gold **$3,796.37/oz** ▼ -1.4%

Brent **$92.52/bbl** ▼ -0.7% | CDF per USD **2,318** →

Market data — last prices at report build, 18 Nov 2026 · copper: Bloomberg, early 18 Nov · tin: [latest close to add] · cobalt: LME/Fastmarkets, indicative · gold: spot, 02:42 UTC · Brent: early 18 Nov · 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



Base map: Google Maps (map data ©2026 Google) · Pins at approximate locations where marked (approx.)

1. **FARDC and FRN trade blame over air and drone strikes** — near Minembwe, South Kivu *(approx.)*
2. **General says exercises did not damage Kabila's residence** — Kashamata, Haut-Katanga
3. **Crowd attacks Ebola response team** — Durba, Haut-Uele

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

VERIFICATION CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources · REPORTED single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

Rival peace efforts fail to halt fighting in North and South Kivu; no ceasefire in place

HIGH

Al Jazeera reported on 18 November that rival peace efforts, the Doha track and the Washington Accords process, have failed to halt fighting between the FARDC and the Kabila-led FRN in North and South Kivu. No ceasefire is in place, and civilians are bearing the brunt through displacement, violence and disrupted essential services. The UN's daily briefing on 17 November, given by Deputy Spokesperson Farhan Haq, covered civilian deaths in the DRC and calls for aid access; UN News reported on civilians killed the same day.

CONFIRMED Al Jazeera · UN News · UN daily press briefing

SECURITY & CONFLICT (CONT.)

FARDC and FRN trade blame over air and drone strikes that destroyed schools and homes near Minembwe

HIGH

The FARDC and the FRN, which includes the M23, are blaming each other for air and drone strikes near Minembwe, South Kivu, on the night of 16 November. Schools and homes were reported destroyed. Chimpreports reported the accusations on 18 November and said they had not been independently verified; no casualty figures have been confirmed. Kivupost Media said early on 18 November that the competing claims about Minembwe remained hard to verify.

REPORTED Chimpreports · Kivupost Media (X)

Army general says exercises at Kashamata did not damage Joseph Kabila's residence

ELEVATED

General Eddy Kapend, commander of the FARDC's 22nd Military Region, on 17 November denied M23-FRN claims that Joseph Kabila's residence had been bombed. He said military exercises around Kashamata, Haut-Katanga, had neither damaged Kabila's property nor caused casualties. Chimpreports reported the denial on 18 November, noting that Kapend was once jailed over the 2001 assassination of Laurent-Désiré Kabila.

CONFIRMED Chimpreports · TikTok (@mbokamedia, @kivupulse1)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola cases more than double in three months as WHO's Emergency Committee meets

HIGH

WHO's Emergency Committee on the Bundibugyo Ebola epidemic held its third meeting on 17 November. Director-General Tedros said cases had more than doubled since the committee last met three months earlier, to over 11,000 confirmed cases and 5,400 deaths in 67 health zones across eight provinces. Children account for more than a quarter of cases and a third of deaths; seven in ten confirmed cases among under-fives have died. Two-thirds of deaths still occur outside treatment centres. Kenya has nine cases, including two deaths, linked to one imported case, and Nigeria one imported case. WHO has verified 81 attacks on health care.

CONFIRMED WHO · UN News

Crowd armed with stones and machetes attacks Ebola response team in Durba

HIGH

More than 50 people armed with stones and machetes attacked an Ebola response team in Durba, Haut-Uele province, on 17 November, disrupting response operations, Daily News Egypt reported.

REPORTED Daily News Egypt

WATCHLIST

- Track the fighting in North and South Kivu, and whether UN calls for aid access are met.
- Watch for independent verification of who carried out the Minembwe strikes, and for casualty and damage figures.
- Monitor Haut-Katanga for further FARDC activity around Kashamata and any new FRN claims.
- Watch for the Emergency Committee's recommendations, the weekly Ebola figures for 16–22 November, and further attacks on response teams.
- Watch for any movement on the Doha or Washington Accords tracks toward a ceasefire.

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