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DRC Daily Monitoring Report

19 November 2026

Covering 18 Nov, 07:00 – 19 Nov, 07:00 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **$13,374/t** → | Cobalt **$33,525/t** → | Tin **$45,118/t** ▲ +0.1% | Gold **$3,739.69/oz** ▲ +0.4%

Brent **$92.12/bbl** ▲ +0.2% | CDF per USD **2,316.15** ▲ +0.7%

Market data — 19 Nov 2026 · 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. **AFC/M23 claims control of Uvira; FARDC dismisses claim** — Uvira, South Kivu
2. **Kabila-linked FRN reportedly seizes Bukondo hill** — South Kivu *(approx.)*
3. **Thousands flee FARDC–FRN fighting, sheltering without aid** — Kalehe, South Kivu
4. **ADF attacks kill at least 35 civilians, hamper Ebola tracing** — southern Ituri *(approx.)*
5. **Oxfam warns Ebola response is weakening as donors cut aid** — Bunia, Ituri
6. **Royalties widened to 16 minerals, incl. Kamoto by-products** — Kolwezi, Lualaba

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

VERIFICATION CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources · REPORTED single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

AFC/M23 claims full control of Uvira after a rapid offensive; FARDC dismisses the claim

HIGH

AFC/M23 rebels announced on 18 November that they had taken full control of Uvira, a major commercial hub and humanitarian corridor on Lake Tanganyika in South Kivu, after a rapid offensive launched the same day. FARDC commander General Dunia dismissed the claim, saying “the enemy is running out of steam on all fronts.” There is no independent confirmation from the ground. If confirmed, the fall of Uvira would mark a significant southward expansion of rebel-held territory beyond Bukavu.

REPORTED XtrAfrika (Facebook)

SECURITY & CONFLICT (CONT.)

Kabila-linked FRN reportedly seizes Bukondo hill in South Kivu as clashes hit several North Kivu fronts

HIGH

An armed group operating under the FRN, the front linked to former president Joseph Kabila, reportedly seized Bukondo hill in South Kivu on 18 November. Clashes were recorded at the same time along several front lines in North Kivu. No casualty figures have been confirmed.

REPORTED Rio Times · XtrAfrika (Facebook)

Thousands flee FARDC–FRN fighting in Kalehe; displaced shelter in the bush near Kahuzi-Biega without aid

HIGH

Thousands of civilians have fled Kalehe territory, South Kivu, as fighting between the FARDC and the FRN intensifies; FARDC airstrikes were reported over the area. DW found displaced families sheltering in the bush and in remote villages around Kahuzi-Biega National Park with no food, medicine or schooling; at one shelter of about 40 people, children were going unfed. Host communities are overwhelmed and aid has not reached most of the displaced. Families in Bukavu have lost all contact with relatives in the affected zones, and men are hiding in forests to avoid forced recruitment by both armed factions.

REPORTED DW

ADF attacks kill at least 35 civilians in Ituri and hamper Ebola contact tracing

HIGH

The UN's Senior Ebola Response Coordinator said attacks by the IS-affiliated ADF on villages in southern Ituri and North Kivu are hampering Ebola contact tracing, with armed-group hostility keeping health workers from affected communities. At least 35 civilians were reported killed in ADF attacks in Ituri. Separately, Barnabas Aid reported that at least 72 Christians have been killed in a wave of ISCAP attacks across the province.

REPORTED Infection Control Today · Maliweb · Barnabas Aid

FARDC captures six suspected M23 fighters in South Kivu

ELEVATED

The FARDC captured six suspected M23 fighters in South Kivu on 18 November. One detainee, Mumbere Moise, said M23 forces had forcibly recruited him after seizing his home area. A former fighter told media that one captured man had been beaten to death in custody; the allegation has not been independently verified.

REPORTED Viory · GlobalSouthWorld (Facebook)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Africa CDC says the continent is "not winning" against Ebola as donor funding falls short

HIGH

Africa CDC Director-General Dr Jean Kaseya said on 18 November that the continent is "not winning" the fight against the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak, which has passed 11,000 confirmed cases and 5,400 deaths. With 400–500 new cases a week, it is the deadliest outbreak in DRC history and the second-largest on record, and it has spread to Uganda, Kenya and Nigeria. Armed conflict, community mistrust, violence against health workers and misinformation continue to hamper the response. In Bunia, Oxfam's Ebola response coordinator Jean-Marie Bofio said the international response is weakening as donor countries cut aid and specialist staff are scarce; two-thirds of the USD 2.9 billion pledged has reportedly not arrived.

REPORTED Pana Press · L'Actualité · European Sting

PUBLIC HEALTH (CONT.)

WHO to trial two Bundibugyo-specific Ebola vaccines in the DRC this week

HIGH

WHO announced on 18 November that two candidate vaccines designed for the Bundibugyo strain will begin trials in the DRC this week: an Oxford adenoviral-vector vaccine and Moderna's mRNA-1469, both given by ring vaccination to high-risk contacts. Both have passed Phase 1 and will be assessed for safety, efficacy and immune response under the Tumaini framework. No vaccine or treatment has yet been approved for Bundibugyo.

CONFIRMED RFI · Foreign Policy

POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

DRC–Rwanda talks resume in Geneva with Washington Accords implementation stalled

HIGH

A new round of DRC–Rwanda talks is scheduled in Geneva on 19 November to implement the Washington Accords signed on 4 December 2025. Progress is stalled on the two core commitments, the DRC's neutralisation of the FDLR and the lifting of Rwanda's "defensive measures" in eastern DRC, and the two sides dispute not only progress but what counts as compliance. Implementation is overseen by the Joint Security Coordination Mechanism (JSCM), with representatives of the DRC, Rwanda, the US, Qatar, Togo and the AU Commission.

REPORTED Al Jazeera

US Republican lawmakers call for even-handed accountability for the DRC and Rwanda

ELEVATED

US Republican lawmakers published a letter asking the Trump administration to review whether the 28 October sanctions on Rwanda's Ministry of Defence and the Zigama Credit and Savings Society were proportionate, and to evaluate both governments' commitments under the December 2025 Washington agreement even-handedly. The letter adds congressional pressure to the already stalled talks.

REPORTED Top Africa News · Vanguard

Africa Intelligence traces millions of dollars in DRC military contracts with Abu Dhabi firms

ELEVATED

Africa Intelligence reported on 19 November that financial documents show the DRC government paying "astronomical amounts" to security and defence companies operating in Abu Dhabi. The companies involved and the purpose of the contracts are not detailed in the publicly accessible part of the article.

REPORTED Africa Intelligence

ECONOMY & MACRO

Copper falls to a seven-month low, putting DRC export and fiscal revenue at risk

HIGH

Copper fell to its lowest level in seven months on 18 November, as Nvidia's signal of greater discipline in data-centre investment triggered an unwinding of AI-linked positions and Chinese industrial demand stayed weak; tight Shanghai Futures Exchange inventories limited further falls. Copper is the DRC's largest export, and a sustained decline would cut fiscal revenue and squeeze mining profitability. The government plans CDF 5,393.43 billion (about USD 2.34 billion) of public spending in Q4 2026, on projections built on higher copper prices.

REPORTED Trading Economics

ECONOMY & MACRO (CONT.)

DRC–US copper deal has delivered 12,000 tonnes, but major projects remain stalled

ELEVATED

One year after the DRC–US minerals agreement (June 2025, expanded in December 2025), 12,000 tonnes of copper have been delivered to US partners, but the major infrastructure projects tied to the agreement remain stalled, DRC-NEWS reported on 18 November.

REPORTED DRC-NEWS (X)

MINING & EXTRACTIVES

DRC widens mining royalties to 16 minerals, including Kamoto by-products

ELEVATED

The DRC has broadened mining royalties to cover 16 minerals, including by-products of copper and cobalt production at the Kamoto mine near Kolwezi. Related reporting cited an estimated shortfall of more than USD 800 million.

REPORTED Rio Times

WATCHLIST

- Watch for FARDC, UN or independent confirmation of who controls Uvira.
- Track the outcome of the 19 November DRC–Rwanda talks in Geneva and any JSCM statement on the FDLR and Rwanda's "defensive measures".
- Monitor humanitarian access in Kalehe over the next 48–72 hours, and OCHA and UNHCR displacement figures.
- Follow enrolment and early safety signals from the Bundibugyo vaccine trials, alongside the weekly Ebola case figures.
- Watch whether copper recovers or keeps falling, and what that means for the DRC's Q4 fiscal position.

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