

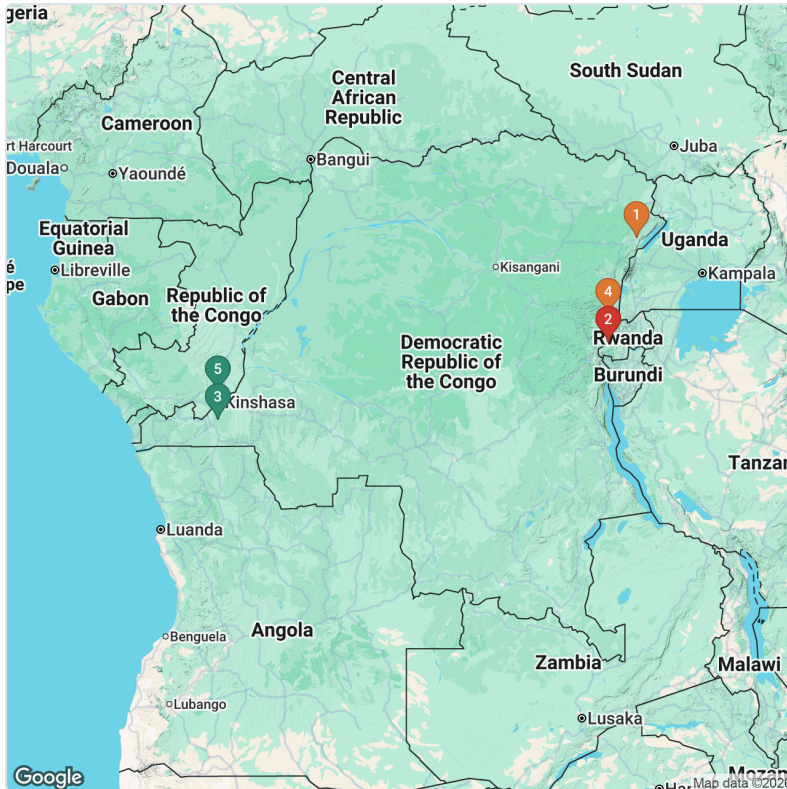


Copper **\$14,797/t** ▲ +0.1% | Cobalt **\$39,640/t** ▼ -0.1% | Tin **\$53,745/t** ▼ -0.1% | Gold **\$4,329.55/oz** ▲ +0.1%
| Brent **\$99.25/bbl** ▼ -1.1% | CDF per USD **2,267.50** →

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · LBMA Gold Price PM · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 23 Sep 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

● SECURITY ● PUBLIC HEALTH ● MINING ● POLITICS ● ECONOMY ● GEOPOLITICS



- 1** DRC Ebola outbreak reaches record 7,400+ confirmed cases — ituri (*approx.*)
- 2** M23-backed forces exploit artisanal miners in eastern DRC — eastern drc
- 3** UDPS and allies hold pro-government rally in Kinshasa — kinshasa
- 4** Food insecurity worsens amid conflict and Ebola outbreak — eastern drc
- 5** DRC football team decorated for World Cup 2026 performance — kinshasa

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

VERIFICATION CONFIRMED corroborated by 2+ sources REPORTED single source

SECURITY & CONFLICT

M23-backed forces exploit artisanal miners in eastern DRC

HIGH

Amnesty International documented abuses by M23 fighters against artisanal miners in eastern DRC mining zones, including extrajudicial killings, torture, forced labour, and forced recruitment. A miner testified earning approximately 2.17 USD per day for ~5 hours of work, receiving only one fried dough portion and water as food. The report alleges M23 facilitates smuggling of gold and coltan to Rwanda with Rwandan state assistance. Approximately 120 workers labour per pit under these conditions.

REPORTED Al Jazeera Arabic · Amnesty International



PUBLIC HEALTH

DRC Ebola outbreak reaches record 7,400+ confirmed cases

ONGOING

CRITICAL

The WHO reported over 3,600 deaths as of 16 September. The virus has spread geographically to South Ubangi, over 1,000 km from the initial Ituri epicentre. IOM has conducted over 33 million health screenings across the region. The outbreak is exacerbated by ongoing conflict, large-scale displacement, overcrowding in displacement sites, limited water/sanitation, and gaps in disease surveillance. IOM Director General Amy Pope stated the organization has received less than one-third of required funding for response.

REPORTED

OCHA / ReliefWeb · RFI Afrique

Food insecurity worsens amid conflict and Ebola outbreak

HIGH

FEWS NET's Food Security Outlook Update (22 September 2026) projects Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes through January 2027 in eastern DRC, with Emergency (IPC Phase 4) expected for households near conflict front lines. Conflict continues to disrupt livelihoods, markets, and trade, widening food consumption gaps and forcing reliance on negative coping strategies (debt, asset sales). An early lean season is expected to begin in September. Ebola containment measures (border closures, roadblocks) are reducing cross-border trade and restricting population movement, weakening trade systems and disrupting food supplies. Women and girls face heightened risks of violence and exploitation. El Niño-driven floods and drought are anticipated to compound displacement, livelihood destruction, and water contamination.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

UDPS and allies hold pro-government rally in Kinshasa

HIGH

Thousands of supporters, dressed in white, gathered at UDPS headquarters in Limete and proceeded along Boulevard Lumumba and Boulevard Triomphal to the Stade des Martyrs. UDPS Secretary General Augustin Kabuya addressed the crowd, framing the mobilization as a 'show of force' in response to the opposition's 15 September march. The march proceeded without major incidents; police presence was lighter than during the opposition rally.

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DRC football team decorated for World Cup 2026 performance

GUARDED

President Félix Tshisekedi decorated 31 players and 8 staff members of the DRC national football team ('Léopards') with the rank of 'Chevalier' (Knight) in the National Order of the Leopard on 22 September 2026 at the African Union City in Kinshasa. The honour recognized the team's historic World Cup 2026 performance: their first-ever World Cup victory and advancement to the Round of 16, finishing 23rd of 48 teams. This achievement ended a 52-year drought since DRC's last World Cup participation. Striker Yoane Wissa thanked the President and government for support and optimal preparation conditions.

CONFIRMED

Presidency (official_drc)



POLITICS & DIPLOMACY

DRC PM represents country at UN General Assembly

GUARDED

Prime Minister Judith Suminwa Tuluka represented the DRC at the 81st UN General Assembly high-level debate (22–28 September 2026) in New York, mandated by President Félix Tshisekedi. The DRC's priorities include peace and security, sustainable development, international cooperation, and multilateralism. Suminwa held bilateral meetings with international partners on peace, security, development, investments, and economic partnerships.

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GEOPOLITICS

Belgium and Rwanda restore diplomatic relations

ELEVATED

Belgium and Rwanda restored diplomatic relations on 22 September 2026, ending a rupture that began in March 2025. Belgian Foreign Minister Maxime Prévot announced the restoration 'as the outcome of frank discussions' with Rwandan counterpart Olivier Nduhungirehe, describing it as 'the fruit of a respectful common effort.' The announcement was made in New York during the UN General Assembly.

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La Libre Belgique



WATCHLIST

- ▶ Monitor M23 mining operations and cross-border resource smuggling to Rwanda; track Amnesty International's full report and DRC government investigation response.
- ▶ Track constitutional referendum timeline and government's next legislative steps; assess opposition's mobilization capacity and risk of further political violence.
- ▶ Monitor daily Ebola case and death counts; track geographic spread beyond Ituri; assess funding mobilization for IOM and health response; evaluate cross-border containment.
- ▶ Track IPC food security phase classifications; monitor cross-border trade recovery post-Ebola containment measures; assess humanitarian access and El Niño preparedness.

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