



Copper **\$14,741/t** ▼ -0.5% | Cobalt **\$39,345/t** ▲ +0.3% | Tin **\$53,000/t** ▼ -0.9% | Gold **\$4,177.30/oz** ▼ -0.3% |
Brent **\$105.69/bbl** ▼ -0.9% | CDF per USD **2,265.04** ▲ +0.1%

Market data — end-of-day close · LME cash settlement · LME/Fastmarkets Cobalt · COMEX front-month · ICE Brent front-month · BCC indicative rate · as of 14 Oct 2026.
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SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 Kabila announces FRN, absorbs M23 — Goma
- 2 Militia extortion of farmers ongoing — Kwamouth
- 3 Tim Kennedy wounded in ambush on Vectus Global PMC operations — Eastern Congo
- 4 Ebola outbreak reaches 9,066 cases, 4,381 deaths; vaccine trial imminent — Ituri Province (approx.)

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

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SECURITY & CONFLICT

Ex-Green Beret Tim Kennedy shot in ambush on Erik Prince's Congo force

HIGH

Tim Kennedy, a former US Army Special Forces soldier and UFC fighter, was shot and wounded in an ambush targeting personnel from Vectus Global, the private military company run by Erik Prince operating in the DRC. Vectus Global has expanded its operations in the DRC from mining security and tax recovery into direct military roles. The ambush marks a significant escalation in the risk profile for private military contractors operating in eastern Congo, where over 100 armed groups remain active.

REPORTED SOFX

Militia extortion of farmers reported in Kwamouth territory

ELEVATED

In the southeast of Kwamouth territory, armed militia members resistant to disarmament are imposing illegal taxes on farmers before they can access their fields. The practice represents ongoing predatory militia activity in conflict-affected areas despite disarmament initiatives.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

UN envoy cites 'window of opportunity' for peace; UNSC urges coordination

ELEVATED

A UN special envoy for the DRC stated on 14 October 2026 that a 'window of opportunity' for peace exists despite worsening security and humanitarian conditions. Separately, the UN Security Council urged greater coordination among competing diplomatic initiatives addressing the eastern DRC conflict — including the Doha Framework, the Luanda Process, and the African Union-led track — warning that fragmented efforts risk undermining each other. Speakers noted that the DRC-Rwanda ceasefire, while fragile, remains nominally in place.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Kabila launches Front for Refoundation of Nation, absorbing M23

CRITICAL

Former President Joseph Kabila announced on 13 October 2026 in Goma that he is leading the Front pour la Refondation de la Nation (FRN), a new politico-military movement that formally dissolves and replaces the Congo River Alliance (AFC) and absorbs the M23 armed group. Kabila, who ruled 2001–2019 and was sentenced to death in absentia in September 2025 for complicity with M23, now openly assumes leadership of the rebel coalition that has controlled Goma and large areas of North and South Kivu since January 2025. Corneille Nangaa (former AFC coordinator), Bertrand Bisimwa (M23 leader), and Emanuel Sultani Makenga (military chief) serve as vice-presidents. The FRN's stated objective is to "put an end to tyranny by any means, including force." The move marks Kabila's transition from alleged covert backer to declared military-political leader and represents a direct challenge to President Félix Tshisekedi's authority.

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Kinshasa mobilizes European partners around FDLR disarmament

GUARDED

The DRC government held diplomatic engagements with European partners on 14 October 2026 focused on advancing disarmament of the FDLR (Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda) as part of the broader Great Lakes peace framework. FDLR disarmament has been a longstanding Rwanda precondition for any security normalization; European engagement signals continued international commitment to the process despite the setback caused by Kabila's launch of the FRN.

REPORTED Actualite.cd

DRC placed on 2026 US Child Soldiers Prevention Act restrictions list

ELEVATED

The Democratic Republic of Congo has been named in the United States' 2026 Child Soldiers Prevention Act (CSPA) list alongside seven other African nations. The designation could block certain forms of US military assistance and direct commercial military sales and training to the DRC. The listing reflects documented use of child soldiers by armed groups operating in or with links to Congolese security forces. The designation has implications for US-DRC security cooperation at a moment when Washington has been pursuing a critical minerals partnership with Kinshasa.

REPORTED Business Insider Africa



LEGAL & REGULATORY

Accountability gap persists in DRC-Rwanda peace agreement

HIGH

A Human Rights Council commission of inquiry investigating atrocities in eastern DRC has faced budget constraints and access limitations, completing its first mission without reaching Goma. The DRC-Rwanda peace agreement (Washington Accords, signed 27 June 2025) contains only one sentence requiring vetting of fighters for serious violations of international humanitarian law before reintegration into the Congolese army or police. No mechanism for prosecution, victim reparations, or systematic accountability has been established. This mirrors the 2009 Goma peace agreement, which folded fighters into the army without vetting, enabling war criminals like Bosco Ntaganda (ICC-wanted) to be absorbed into state forces.

REPORTED AllAfrica



ECONOMY & MACRO

EGMF construction firm navigates economic challenges

GUARDED

EGMF's difficulties may reflect broader construction and infrastructure sector challenges in the DRC, including financing constraints, project delays, or macroeconomic headwinds. Monitoring large firms' health is an indicator of economic resilience.

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HEALTH & HUMANITARIAN

DRC Ebola surpasses 9,000 cases — world's deadliest outbreak; WHO vaccine trial imminent

CRITICAL

The DRC's 17th Ebola outbreak — the world's largest on record — reached 9,066 confirmed cases and 4,381 deaths as of 13 October 2026, per the National Institute of Public Health (INSP). Case fatality rate stands at 48.3%, far exceeding the 2018–2020 outbreak (3,500 cases, ~2,300 deaths). The outbreak began in Ituri province and has spread to seven provinces in the north and east. A WHO-sponsored clinical vaccine trial is expected to launch before end of October. Armed group presence in affected zones, community distrust of health workers, and underpaid frontline staff continue to hamper containment. Separately, UNICEF reports that Ebola has disrupted education for approximately 1.8 million children in eastern DRC.

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ Monitor FRN's military posture, public statements on Doha Framework compliance, and any escalation in armed clashes in North/South Kivu. Track international response from Rwanda, US, AU, and UN.
- ▶ Track daily Ebola case and death counts by province; assess vaccine availability and deployment rates. Evaluate impact of armed conflict on outbreak response in Ituri and Kivu provinces.
- ▶ Track European diplomatic engagement on FDLR disarmament and any new funding or technical support announcements. Monitor FDLR's military activity and response.
- ▶ Track UN commission's investigative capacity and findings on eastern DRC atrocities. Monitor ICC indictments or arrest warrants. Assess DRC-Rwanda compliance with fighter vetting requirements.

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