



DRC Daily Monitoring Report

Covering 19 Oct, 00:00 – 23:59 WAT (DRC time)

Copper **\$14,496/t** ▼ -0.7% | Cobalt **\$35,705/t** ▼ -3.0% | Tin **\$51,045/t** ▲ +0.7% | Gold **\$4,160.10/oz** ▼ -0.5% |
Brent **\$109.55/bbl** ▼ -0.3% | CDF per USD **2,265** ▲ +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 19 Oct 2026.
Prices pulled from source at collection, not model-generated.

SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1 **FARDC receives seven vehicles for mobility and evacuation** — Ituri (*approx.*)
- 2 **Transport workers cancel planned strike after negotiations** — Kinshasa

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

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SECURITY & CONFLICT

Seven vehicles delivered to FARDC forces in Ituri

GUARDED

Seven vehicles—two Kamaz trucks, three Land Cruiser jeeps, and two ambulances—were delivered to FARDC units based in Ituri on 19 October at a ceremony in Bunia presided over by Military Governor Maj Gen Gaby Kasongo. The equipment, initiated by Supreme Commander Félix Tshisekedi, aims to improve mobility and medical evacuation capacity for military operations in a province facing persistent armed group activity.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Ebola outbreak reaches eighth DRC province; North Ubangi confirms two cases

HIGH

The Bundibugyo strain Ebola outbreak spread to North Ubangi province, with two cases confirmed in men in their 20s in the Wapinda health zone near the Central African Republic border, including one death. This marks the eighth province affected since the outbreak was declared in mid-May. The DRC has reported at least 9,400 confirmed cases and more than 4,500 deaths nationwide. Ituri remains the principal focus, with substantial transmission persisting in North Kivu and Haut-Uele.

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CAMPUS & EDUCATION

DRC higher education ministry reports infrastructure modernization progress

GUARDED

The Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation reported that the first year of the Suminwa II government achieved improvements in training quality, modernization of university infrastructure, strengthening of scientific research, and alignment of higher education with DRC development needs. Key regulatory advances include adoption of self-financing frameworks for higher education institutions, a 50% fee reduction for students with disabilities and vulnerable students, and establishment of open and distance learning. The ministry transmitted a UNESCO convention on recognition of higher education qualifications to Parliament to strengthen international recognition of DRC diplomas.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister inspects infrastructure modernization in Kasangulu

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Government infrastructure investment and political messaging; reflects state capacity-building efforts and internal political tensions.

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MEDIA & INFORMATION

Anthropic exposes AI-powered disinformation network targeting DRC-Rwanda conflict

ELEVATED

The operation, coordinated through X accounts mimicking legitimate media outlets, was traced to the LKM Company, a French advertising agency with interests in the DRC-Rwanda conflict. The disinformation campaign emerged during a period of heightened conflict when trust in news is already compromised and media resources are severely limited.

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ECONOMY & MACRO

Kinshasa transport workers cancel planned strike

GUARDED

Public transport drivers in Kinshasa cancelled a strike scheduled for 19-20 October after negotiations with the Division of Urban Transport on 18 October. Union leader Émery Kasongo stated that authorities agreed to address drivers' demands and committed to working collaboratively. Transport Division chief Gérard Lokota Mboyo pledged to transmit recommendations to the urban authority for adoption of appropriate measures.

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WATCHLIST

- Monitor Ebola case counts and geographic spread in North Ubangi and adjacent provinces; track cross-border transmission into CAR and community resistance to treatment.

- ▶ Monitor for additional AI-powered disinformation networks targeting DRC-Rwanda relations; assess impact on diplomatic relations and public trust in media.

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