



Copper **\$14,291/t** → | Cobalt **\$56,290/t** → | Tin **\$55,900/t** → | Gold **\$4,582.10/oz** → | Brent **\$94.39/bbl** →
| CDF per USD **2,264** →

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 24 Aug 2026.
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SITUATION MAP — EVENTS (LAST 24H)

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



- 1** EJVM+ deploys first ceasefire verification mission — Minembwe
- 2** Kwango province: teachers in Popokabaka threaten school boycott over three months of unpaid salaries — Popokabaka
- 3** Tshisekedi outlines five strategic priorities for CHESD's second decade (2026–2036) — Kinshasa

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

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SECURITY & CONFLICT

Doha process momentum: EJVM+ deploys first verification mission to Minembwe as new DRC–M23/AFC talks advance in Switzerland

CRITICAL

The Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism (EJVM+), operating under the Doha process framework, is scheduled to deploy its first fact-finding mission to Minembwe in South Kivu on 24 August 2026 to verify ceasefire compliance. In parallel, a new round of direct talks between Kinshasa and the M23/AFC took place in Switzerland, following a prolonged period of stalled negotiations marked by continued hostilities and mutual accusations of non-compliance. US Special Envoy Massad Boulos welcomed the progress, signalling renewed international engagement. Together, these developments mark a dual-track advance in the Doha process — diplomatic negotiations paired with ground-level military verification.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

President Tshisekedi outlines five strategic priorities for CHESD's second decade (2026–2036)

HIGH

At the 10th anniversary ceremony of the Collège des Hautes Études de Stratégie et de Défense (CHESD) on 20 August 2026, President Félix Tshisekedi outlined five strategic priorities for the decade 2026–2036: (1) sovereign strategic thinking (pensée souveraine) — developing independent Congolese strategic analysis and doctrine; (2) anticipation and foresight — building capacity to predict and prepare for emerging threats; (3) digital and information sovereignty (souveraineté numérique et informationnelle); (4) strengthening strategic research and contributing to a national defence and security doctrine; and (5) reinforcing training, regional security cooperation and the CHESD's role as a lever for peace and sovereignty. Tshisekedi also declared: 'The sovereignty and territorial integrity of the DRC are not negotiable.'

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Kwango province: teachers in Popokabaka threaten school boycott over three months of unpaid salaries

ELEVATED

Teachers in Popokabaka, Kwango province, have threatened to boycott the school year in response to three months of accumulated salary arrears dating back to June 2026. The dispute highlights fiscal stress and governance weakness in provincial administration.

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WATCHLIST

- ▶ EJVM+ Minembwe mission outcome (24 Aug): assess ceasefire compliance and any security incidents; implications for eastern DRC stability.
- ▶ Doha process next negotiation round: track timing, venue, and substantive progress on M23/AFC disengagement and DRC security guarantees.
- ▶ BCC monetary policy and inflation: monitor next rate decision (expected late August/early September) and impact on mining sector credit conditions.
- ▶ Kwango teacher salary crisis: confirm payment resolution; assess risk of broader public sector wage arrears affecting governance.
- ▶ Political party tensions (Ensemble): monitor Kamitatu–Kalonda dispute and any broader factional realignment affecting Tshisekedi coalition stability.
- ▶ Ebola outbreak (17th declared 15 May 2026): track case/death trends, mining sector exposure, and operational disruptions in affected zones.
- ▶ Mining cadastre (CAMI) enforcement: monitor compliance actions and title recoveries; assess impact on mining investment climate.

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