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## HIGHLIGHTS

- The proposed citizenship law is a high-risk gamble for instability; electoral reforms to improve the institutional mechanisms for electing leaders could be a better option.
- Renegotiating mining contracts is necessary but comes with geo-political and economic risks.
- Using a former rebel leader in the rebel disarmament group raises questions about justice for past atrocities committed by such leaders.
- The DRC scored of 8.85 (10 being highest) in the Basel AML Index on money laundering/terrorist financing (ML/TF) risk, placing it second in the world.
- The Allied Democratic Forces' (ADF) shift in tactics creates more problems for the security and international forces to achieve victory.
- Continued instability in eastern DRC, despite the state of siege, again questions the role of United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO).
- DRC is hosting 5.2 million internally displaced people (IDPs) due to rising militancy and banditry in eastern DRC.
- As of 20 September 2021, the DRC had recorded 56 387 coronavirus cases, 24 461 active cases, 1 068 deaths and 30 858 recoveries, while 306 299 tests were done.
- The government has been criticised about poor conditions in prisons following the death of 150 inmates in the first six months of 2021 in a penitentiary in Kinshasa.
- China supports the DRC government punitive measures against illegal Chinese mining operations.
- A multi-billion investment plan seeks to re-industrialise the DRC through doubling the number of industrial production units by 2026 and putting the country on a long-term course of growth to 2040.
- A diplomatic row is brewing between the DRC and Nigeria following alleged harassment of Nigerian diplomats.

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- President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda wants to deploy Ugandan troops in the DRC to fight the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)
- Increased trade of US\$250 million between the DRC and Turkey is expected following a state visit by President Felix Tshisekedi.

