



## MAIN STORIES

**Félix Tshisekedi Already  
on 2023 Campaign Trail  
in Greater Kasai**

**Fayulu and Kabila,  
Allies of Tomorrow?**

**'President Has Not  
Kept His Word'**

**Anti-Graft Chief Says  
\$530 Million Mining  
Payments Missing**

**Uganda and Rwanda  
Paying Tshisekedi 'A  
King's Ransom' to Open  
Shop In the DRC**

**DRC Rule of Law Must  
Improve to Realise EAC  
Potential**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- President Felix Tshisekedi has embarked on an early presidential campaign while some believe former president Joseph Kabila and Martin Fayulu could team up against the President.
- Moïse Katumbi launched his party "Together for the Republic" for the 2023 presidential election but remains a member of the ruling Sacred Union coalition.
- President Tshisekedi faces grass-roots challenges as many of his earlier promises have thus far failed to materialise.
- The DRC's central bank has failed to account for US\$530 million paid by Gecamines to the government during former President Kabila's final term in office.
- Joseph Kabila is planning to sue those who alleged that he was involved in siphoning off state funds during his final term in office.
- The DRC has become a prized market for Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya within the context of a wider geo-economic gambit by President Tshisekedi.
- The DRC's prospective membership of the East African Community (EAC) is on hold to harmonise rules.
- Garda World's Risk Forecast for 2022 anticipates intensified violence in North Kivu that will impact the mining and extraction, as well as humanitarian sectors.
- The DRC and Ugandan military launched the second phase of joint operations against the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) following initial successes.
- As of 12 January 2022, the DRC had recorded 81 719 coronavirus cases, 29 564 active cases, 1 225 deaths and 50 930 recoveries, while 846 704 tests had been done.

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)



- The United Nations Development Programme's Global Knowledge Index (GKI) 2021 scored the DRC 27.1 (100 being best) with a ranking of 152 out of 154 countries (1 being best).
- Dubai's DP World signed a final agreement with the DRC to develop a deep-sea port.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) concluded the first review of the DRC under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) and disbursed US\$212.3 million to reinforce international reserves.
- The United States (US) imposed visa restrictions on eight individuals involved in wildlife trafficking in the DRC in an effort to disrupt the illicit trade.

