



MAIN STORIES

**A Discreet Palace War
Within Tshisekedi's
Inner Circle**

**Document Leak Shows
Kabila Family,
Associates Looted
DRC Funds**

**Fraud and Bribery
Linked to China-
Congo 'Deal of the
Century'**

**Albert Yuma
Removed as President
of Gécamines**

**Environment Minister
Panned for Allegedly
Facilitating Illegal
Concessions**

HIGHLIGHTS

- President Félix Tshisekedi's inner circle is caught up in a war to unravel a mining dispute. President Tshisekedi has also demanded a ban on issuing and trading mining permits to combat fraud within the sector.
- Recent revelations unearthed the extent of former President Joseph Kabila's looting of state resources.
- A multimillion-dollar embezzlement and bribery operation were revealed in the China-Congo "Deal of the Century".
- Albert Yuma Mulimbi's influence over the mining sector finally came to an end with President Tshisekedi's removal of the Gécamines board.
- Vice-president and Environment Minister, Ève Bazaiba, has been implicated in a series of illegal forest concessions.
- A court in the DRC, on 6 December 2021, provided the former chief of staff of President Tshisekedi, Vital Kamerhe, with a 'provisional release.'
- The Ugandan armed forces, with the approval of the DRC parliament, entered eastern DRC in an open-ended offensive against the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)
- Amnesty International (AI) expressed concern that the Uganda-DRC military operation could lead to human rights abuse if not properly controlled.
- As of 7 December 2021, the DRC had recorded 58 858 coronavirus cases, 6 815 active cases, 1 113 deaths and 50 930 recoveries, while 306 299 tests were done.
- Doctors Without Borders (MSF) laments the ongoing insecurity in Bambou and Nizi health zones which prevents care for more than 470 000 people.
- The World Bank expressed satisfaction with the DRC's progress in governance and economic reforms, and plans to accelerate the financing of projects.
- The DRC could leverage its cobalt resources and hydroelectric power to become a low-cost, low-emissions producer of lithium-ion battery cathode precursor materials.

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OF CONGO (DRC)



- The DRC was endorsed by the Council of Ministers to join the East African Community (EAC) as the seventh member state.
- China has expressed serious concern with the recent kidnappings and killings of its citizens in the DRC.
- Businessman Alain Mukonda and 12 entities were sanctioned by the US government for supporting Dan Gertler circumvent US sanctions against him.



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