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HIGHLIGHTS

- President Felix Tshisekedi wants a second term in office but needs to form a new political movement without destabilising his current Sacred Union alliance.
- Communication minister Patrick Muyaya, has built up a solid network, which he continues to rely on in his new role.
- President Tshisekedi struck a compromise deal with Dan Gertler to recoup state assets, but many questions remain unanswered.
- The arrest of François Beya for allegedly engineering a coup has led to speculation about the stability of President Tshisekedi's government.
- The DRC scored 19/100 (zero being highly corrupt) in Transparency International's 2021 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI).
- The Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) 2021 Democracy Index ranked DRC 164 out of 165 countries (1=best; 165=worst) with a score of 1.40 (1=worst; 10=best)
- Freedom House's Freedom in the World 2022 report ranked the DRC as "Not Free" with an aggregate score of 19/100 (0=Least Free, 100=Most Free).
- Six peace envoys of the DRC president are believed to be held captive by the Cooperative for the Development of Congo (CODECO) militia.
- Uganda and the DRC agreed to extend their joint military operation against the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) in the eastern DRC provinces.
- The United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO) announced the withdrawal of Ukraine due to the war with Russia.



- Fitch Solutions views an increased risk of instability between the DRC's cabinet and parliament as a threat to the cobalt reliant global battery supply chain.
- An in-depth study of artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) in South Kivu Province highlighted the significant contributions ASM makes to development.
- A DRC court appointed Sage Ngoie Mbayo as a temporary administrator of China Molybdenum's Tenke Fungurume copper and cobalt mine.
- As of 11 March 2022, the DRC had recorded 86 290 coronavirus cases, 34 025 active cases, 1 335 deaths and 50 930 recoveries, while 846 704 tests were done.
- Human Rights Watch's World Report 2022 foresee limited scope for improvement of the human rights situation despite government efforts.
- Bruno Lemarquis of France is the new Deputy Special Representative of MONUSCO and Resident Coordinator in the DRC.
- Uganda rejected an International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruling to pay the DRC US\$325 million for war damage caused over two decades ago.
- The East African Community Council of Ministers approved the admission of the DRC into the regional bloc.
- The DRC and Turkey signed cooperation agreements on security, infrastructure, health and transport during President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit.

