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HIGHLIGHTS

- The DRC has a poor understanding of the Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism (ML/FT) risks.
- Government plans to exploit oil reserves which carry significant environmental and humanitarian risks.
- President Félix Tshisekedi has a handful of Pentecostal pastors among his team of advisors, who are not shy about wading into the political, diplomatic and economic arenas.
- Muslim leaders are aggrieved by greater freedoms to larger Christian religious groups.
- The National Assembly approved reforms of the electoral commission (CENI).
- The state of siege was extended in the Ituri and North Kivu provinces, but attacks by Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) continue unabated.
- A United Nations (UN) experts group found no direct links between the Islamic State (IS) and the ADF.
- The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) will deploy its South African Quick Reaction Force (RSA QRF) to the UN Organization Stabilisation Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO).
- Some mining companies will collaborate with battery material supplier Umicore to produce cobalt responsibly.
- As of 18 June 2021, the DRC had recorded 36 578 coronavirus cases, 7 818 active cases, 866 deaths and 27 894 recoveries, while 181 064 tests were done.
- Thirty-two parliamentarians had died of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic with the DRC now in a third wave.
- The volcanic eruption of Mount Nyiragongo created a humanitarian disaster with 6 000 households affected.
- The Tony Blair Institute (TBI) delivered a report to President Tshisekedi on the DRC's economic development.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)



- President Paul Kagame of Rwanda remains dissatisfied with the UN's 'Mapping Report' on genocide while President Tshisekedi has defended the report's integrity.
- President Tshisekedi still wants Faustin Luanga Mukela to become executive secretary of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

