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**Logistics Base Boosts Sino-Central Asian Connectivity**
The China-Kazakhstan (Lianyungang) Logistics Cooperation Base, BRI's first tangible project opened in 2014, runs a 220,000-sq-m yard with 1,763 berths and 410,000-TEU capacity, handling over 50% of China's westbound transit cargo. First-half China-Kazakhstan rail freight reached 18.7 million tons, up 9%; Kazakh rail exports to China rose 20% to 8.5 million. Jan-Jul bilateral trade hit $32.4 billion, up 24.1%. **(China Daily)**

**'Next New Three' Items Send Air Cargo Soaring**
China's "next new three" — AI products, robotics, and innovative medicines — are driving air cargo growth. In the first half of 2026, international air cargo and mail reached 2.32 million metric tons, up 13.9% year-on-year. China added 92 international air freight routes and over 217 weekly round-trip flights. Shenzhen Customs supervised 20.04 billion yuan in mechanical and electrical exports, up 20%. **(China Daily)**

**China's Holiday Consumption Market Posts Steady Growth**
Over October 1–3 of China's seven-day National Day holiday, foot traffic and revenue at 78 monitored commercial districts rose 3.4% and 5.3% year on year, MOFCOM said. The trade-in program drove 19.63 billion yuan ($ 2.93 billion) in sales for 3.48 million consumers, including 46,000 vehicles and 1.51 million appliances. Authorities projected 2.13 billion trips; Oct 1 rail trips hit a record 25.2 million. **(Global Times)**

**China's Express Courier Sector Reaches €98.7 Billion in Business Revenue**
China's express delivery sector achieved over 770 billion yuan (approximately €98.7 billion) in business revenue while handling more than 100 billion parcels, according to data released by the State Post Bureau. Sustained consumer demand, automated sorting networks, and expanding rural logistics infrastructure drove the sector's steady growth, solidifying China's global express courier leadership. **(State Post Bureau of China)**

**China’s Social Logistics Value Expands to €31.2 Trillion in Jan–Aug 2026**
China's total social logistics value reached 243.6 trillion yuan (€31.2 trillion) in the first eight months of 2026, expanding 4.9% year-on-year, according to the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing. Momentum was propelled by high-tech equipment manufacturing, modern warehousing, and integrated industrial supply chains, underscoring resilient domestic trade and efficient multimodal distribution operations nationwide. **(Xinhua)**