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China Approves $25 Billion Nuclear Infrastructure Expansion Across Coastal Provinces
China’s State Council approved the construction of eight new nuclear power reactors across four coastal sites (Jinqimen, Taipingling, Zhuanghe, and Laiyang) valued at over $25 billion (RMB 170 billion). The massive energy infrastructure push includes demonstration projects for China’s upgraded Hualong One 2.0 pressurized water reactor technology, reinforcing national clean energy capacity. **(World Nuclear News)**

Shield Machine Completes Record Under-Yangtze High-Speed Rail Tunnel
On July 30, 2026, the 4,000-tonne shield tunneling machine "Linghang" completed the 14-kilometer Chongming–Taicang underwater tunnel beneath the Yangtze River. Reaching depths of 89 meters, the engineering breakthrough paves the way for 350 km/h bullet trains along the Shanghai–Chongqing–Chengdu high-speed rail corridor without slowing down when crossing the major waterway. **(Metro News)**

China’s H1 2026 Water Conservancy Investment Exceeds $75 Billion
China invested 515.1 billion yuan ($75.82 billion) in water conservancy infrastructure construction in the first half of 2026, according to data released by the Ministry of Water Resources on July 24. A total of 25 major water conservancy projects were newly launched during the six-month period, generating 1.34 million jobs and strengthening nationwide flood control capabilities. **(Ministry of Water Resources)**

China Finalizes $28 Billion Investment List for 2026 Key Infrastructure
The National Development and Reform Commission finalized the third batch of key national construction projects for 2026, allocating 193.5 billion yuan ($28.4 billion) from ultra-long special treasury bonds. Total year-to-date funding reached 800 billion yuan supporting 1,417 major projects in transport along the Yangtze River, urban underground pipeline networks, and major water conservancy works. **(Xinhua)**

China’s H1 2026 Railway Fixed-Asset Investment Reaches $53.4 Billion
China State Railway Group announced that fixed-asset investment in the national railway sector reached 363.2 billion yuan ($53.46 billion) during the first half of 2026, up 2.1% year-on-year. Over 355 kilometers of new railway lines were put into operation, marking a strong start to the rail infrastructure targets established under China’s 15th Five-Year Plan. **(China State Railway Group)**