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Xiong'an-Shangqiu High-Speed Railway Opens for Operations

The 552-kilometer Xiong'an-Shangqiu section of the Beijing-Hong Kong high-speed railway opened in late September 2026. Built with a €10.88 billion (81 billion yuan) investment and operating at 350 km/h, the line reduces travel times to two hours and 27 minutes, expanding Xiong'an's high-speed rail connectivity toward southern China. **(China Daily)**

China's Housing Inventories Decline Amid Shift Toward Upgrade Demand

Nationwide inventories of newly built commercial housing in China dropped for six consecutive months as of August 2026. As essential demand shifts to pre-owned properties, the new-home market is increasingly driven by buyers seeking larger upgrades. Transactions in 50 major cities averaged over 120 square meters per deal, balancing supply and demand. **(China Daily)**

Beijing Enacts Stricter Rules for New Home Presales

Beijing implemented guidelines requiring main structures of commercial housing projects to be topped out before presale permits are issued. Prioritizing completed-home sales, the policy caps buyer deposits at 1 percent and strictly supervises presale revenues. Additionally, developers can pay land transfer fees in installments to ease funding pressures. **(Xinhua)**

Direct High-Speed Rail Route Links Eastern and Northwestern China

China launched a direct 1,857-kilometer high-speed rail link connecting Ruijin in eastern Jiangxi province to Yan'an in northwestern Shaanxi province. Traversing seven railway corridors, the direct service slashes travel times from 22 hours to 11 hours, significantly boosting regional logistics, interprovincial tourism, and economic integration across central and western China. **(People's Daily)**

China's Housing Market Stabilizes as Secondhand Sales Outpace New Homes

China's residential property market is showing signs of stabilization as secondhand home transactions outpace new-home sales. According to National Bureau of Statistics data, secondhand registrations rose 10.6 percent year-on-year from January to August 2026. Narrowing price declines across 38 major cities further indicate a gradually rebalancing housing sector. **(China Daily)**