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Anti-coalition boosts express delivery and geopolitical risks favor shipping and rail transport

On March 7-13, the transportation index fell 1.0%, while express delivery rose 3.2% and air travel fell 4.6%. The Two Sessions' anti-involution policy is beneficial to express delivery, rising chemical prices are driving logistics improvements, international air routes are recovering, shipping is focused on the US-Iran conflict, and geopolitically, railway coal transportation and road transportation are favored. **(Sina Finance)**

China-Europe freight train network grows as competitive link to overseas markets

China-Europe freight trains have developed rapidly in the past ten years. In 2025, there were 19,000 round-trips, transporting more than 2 million TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit), with a total value of \$450 billion, reaching 229 cities in 26 European countries and more than 100 cities in 11 Asian countries. Customs clearance has been accelerated, and trade has gradually become more balanced. **(China Daily)**

Key inland port turns into global trade artery

In 2025, the cargo throughput of Shandong Jining Port will exceed 100 million tons, becoming the first 100 million ton port in the northern inland river. The container throughput of Longgong Port will be 380,000 TEU (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit), a year-on-year increase of 69%. More than 180 new energy ships have been built locally and exported, and it is building a northern inland river shipping center. **(China Daily)**

Record Growth in Autonomous Freight Platooning

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology reported that as of March 2026, autonomous heavy-duty truck "platooning" has covered 1.2 billion kilometers on the G7 Beijing–Ürümqi Expressway. Data shows a 15% reduction in fuel consumption and a 30% decrease in long-haul labor costs. This technology is being exported to Central Asian markets, to facilitate mineral and agricultural trade. **(The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology)**

Air cargo service injects impetus into AI chains

Air cargo played a critical role in sustaining global trade and powering the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence supply chains in 2025, while China's aviation sector is positioning itself to capture a larger share of the market through investment in cargo hubs. According to the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the country's air cargo volume rose 13.3% year-on-year in 2025 to 10.17 million metric tons. **(China Daily)**