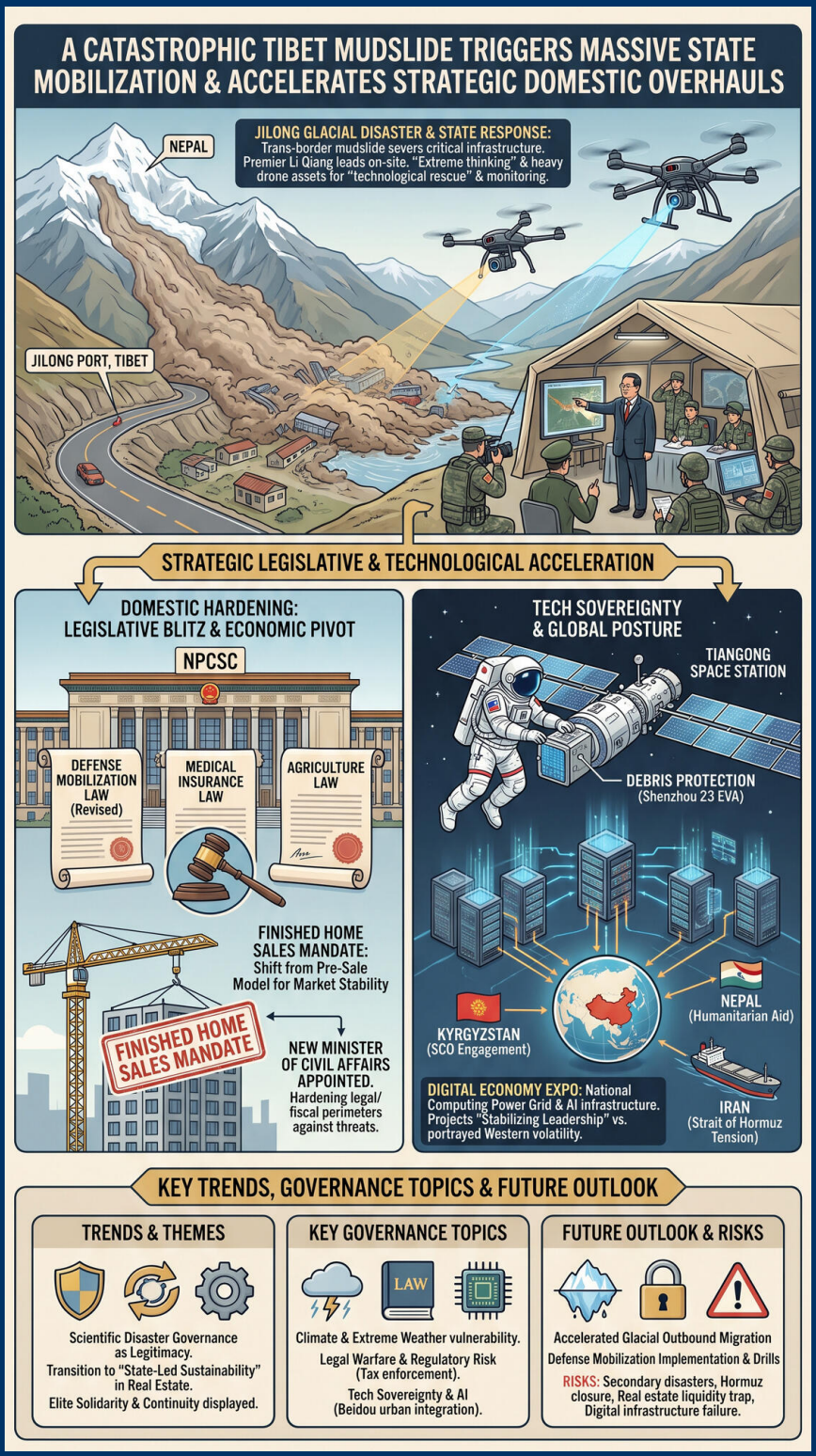
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A CATASTROPHIC TRANS-BORDER GLACIAL MUDSLIDE IN TIBET TRIGGERS A MASSIVE STATE MOBILIZATION AS LEADERSHIP ACCELERATES DOMESTIC LEGISLATIVE OVERHAULS AND TECHNICAL SELF-RELIANCE.

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

August 28, 2026, marks a day of profound contrast for the Chinese state, characterized by a massive emergency response to a **natural catastrophe in Tibet** occurring alongside the clinical execution of **strategic legislative overhauls** and technological milestones. The central narrative is dominated by the **Jilong (Gyirong) mudslide**, a trans-border disaster originating in Nepal that has caused significant casualties and severed critical infrastructure. The state has responded with a high-level mobilization, involving the **Politburo Standing Committee**, the military, and advanced drone assets, signaling that disaster management is now a primary theater for demonstrating governance competence and technological integration.

Simultaneously, the **National People's Congress Standing Committee (NPCSC)** concluded a major session, passing foundational laws on **Defense Mobilization**, **Medical Insurance**, and **Agriculture**. These legislative actions, coupled with the appointment of a new **Minister of Civil Affairs**, suggest an intensive effort to harden domestic institutions against both economic volatility and security threats. The move to reform **real estate sales**—shifting from the high-leverage pre-sale model to finished-home sales—represents a fundamental pivot in the national economic strategy, prioritizing long-term stability over rapid, debt-fueled growth.

On the international stage, the state is projecting an image of **stabilizing leadership** in contrast to portrayed Western volatility. President Xi Jinping’s engagement with **Kyrgyzstan** and the **SCO**, combined with humanitarian outreach to **Nepal**, reinforces the "Good Neighbor" policy. This stands in sharp contrast to reports of **United States** diplomatic friction with **Canada** and escalating tensions with **Iran**. The successful **Shenzhou 23 spacewalk** and the massive **Digital Economy Expo** serve as the day's high-tech bookends, framing the state as the global leader in "New Quality Productive Forces" even as it grapples with the raw power of climate-driven geological disasters.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The Jilong Trans-Border Glacial Catastrophe

- A massive mudslide and glacial lake outburst originating in Nepal has devastated the Jilong Port area in Tibet, resulting in significant casualties and "missing persons" across the border.

- Premier Li Qiang conducted an immediate on-site inspection, emphasizing the use of scientific monitoring and "extreme thinking" to prevent secondary disasters such as landslide-induced barrier lakes.
- Rescue operations are utilizing **heavy drones** and **Beidou-guided** equipment to penetrate the "last mile" of the disaster zone where traditional road access has been entirely obliterated.

National People's Congress Legislative Blitz

- The NPCSC passed the newly revised **Defense Mobilization Law** and the **Medical Insurance Law**, signaling a dual focus on national security readiness and social safety net consolidation effective early 2027.
- A significant cabinet reshuffle occurred with **Li Changguan** appointed as the new **Minister of Civil Affairs**, replacing Lu Shiyuan effective immediately.

Fundamental Pivot in Housing Policy

- New regulations mandate a shift toward **finished home sales** (current house sales), aiming to eliminate the risks associated with the traditional pre-sale model that led to unfinished projects market stabilization.
- The CSRC issued opinions to support **real estate financing** through M&A and specific re-financing tools to build a "new development model" for the sector equity-based financing.

Space and Digital Sovereignty

- The **Shenzhou 23** crew successfully completed a 5.5-hour EVA, installing **debris protection** and maintaining solar arrays, underscoring the permanence of the Tiangong space station orbital maintenance.
- The 2026 **Digital Economy Expo** highlights China's compute power, with data transactions reaching 30 billion entries and 370 companies showcasing AI-driven infrastructure.

International Maritime Tensions

- Iran has declared "absolute control" over the **Strait of Hormuz**, threatening to block any vessel not coordinated with Tehran in response to US maritime blockades.
- Reports from the **Russia-Ukraine conflict** indicate heavy Russian strikes on **Odessa** and Kyiv, targeting missile fuel and Western-supplied ammunition depots logistical attrition.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The revision of the **Defense Mobilization Law** (effective Oct 1, 2026) suggests a strategic move to streamline the transition from civilian to military footing, likely in response to a perceived deteriorating regional security environment legislative readiness.

- The mobilization of the **People's Liberation Army (PLA)** and **Armed Police** for disaster relief in Tibet serves as a dual-purpose exercise in rapid deployment and logistics in high-altitude, austere environments civil-military integration.

Climate & Extreme Weather

- The Jilong disaster is explicitly linked to **glacial melting** caused by rising temperatures, highlighting the acute vulnerability of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau to climate change-driven "cascading effects" cryosphere instability.
- **Typhoon Saudel** made a rare double-landfall in Zhejiang, forcing the mobilization of emergency funds (150 million RMB) to mitigate flooding and storm surge risks along the eastern seaboard meteorological anomalies.

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk

- The new **Medical Insurance Law** and **Lawyers Law** revisions indicate a drive to standardize professional services and social security, reducing local variances and centralizing oversight institutional standardization.
- Tax authorities are closing loopholes in **equity transfer taxes**, specifically targeting the misreporting of "cost prices" in stock sales to prevent capital flight and tax evasion fiscal oversight.

Tech Sovereignty & AI

- The establishment of a **national computing power grid** (one of the "Six Networks") aims to ensure AI development is supported by sovereign infrastructure, reducing reliance on external hardware ecosystems computational autonomy.
- Beidou's integration into **urban critical infrastructure** (gas leak detection, precision mapping) is framed as a key component of national safety and administrative efficiency precision governance.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Transition to "State-Led Sustainability" in Real Estate The shift from **pre-sales** to **finished home sales** is the most significant structural economic change reported. For decades, the pre-sale model allowed developers to fund construction using buyer deposits, a practice that led to systemic risk. By mandating that projects be **capped/topped out** before sales and requiring 100% of funds to be held in supervised accounts, the state is forcibly deleveraging the sector. This is a move toward a "quality over quantity" model, intended to protect social stability by ensuring that "what you see is what you get" for homebuyers housing reform.

Scientific Disaster Governance as a Pillar of Legitimacy The response to the Jilong mudslide demonstrates a highly technical approach to governance. The use of **3D modeling**, **satellite monitoring**, and **heavy-lift drones** to manage a remote disaster zone reflects a shift from simple manpower to "technological rescue." The presence of Premier Li Qiang at the disaster site within 48 hours emphasizes that the central government is the ultimate guarantor of safety in the face of **unpredictable climate events**, bridging the gap between high-level policy and ground-level survival emergency mobilization.

Hardening the Legal and Fiscal Perimeter The day's legislative activity suggests a "tidying up" of the domestic legal landscape.

Whether it is the **Medical Insurance Law** reducing hospital costs or the **Defense Mobilization Law** preparing the population for contingencies, the state is building a more resilient, standardized internal structure. The specific focus on **equity transfer tax enforcement** indicates a crackdown on high-net-worth individuals using market complexities to avoid social obligations, reinforcing a "Common Prosperity" fiscal framework tax transparency.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Elite Solidarity and Continuity The state funeral for **Chen Wu**, attended by the entire Politburo Standing Committee, including Xi Jinping, serves as a high-profile display of **top-level unity**. The presence of retired leader **Hu Jintao** (via "various forms" of condolence) and other elders reinforces the image of institutional stability and respect for the party's lineage political protocol.

Social Governance of Marginalized Youth Extended coverage of **juvenile delinquency** and the "Pet Therapy" program for at-risk youth (the case of Xiao Hao) reveals a sophisticated approach to social order. Rather than purely punitive measures, the state is experimenting with "warm judicial" interventions to reintegrate youth who were lured into **overseas fraud rings** rehabilitative justice. This suggests an awareness of the psychological vulnerabilities created by fractured families and the digital siren call of easy money.

Public Health as a Stability Metric The release of the **2025 Health Development Statistics** highlights a significant reduction in **outpatient and inpatient costs**, especially at the grassroots level cost reduction. By reporting a 11.7% drop in community health center fees, the government is signaling that its reforms are tangible to the average citizen, a critical factor for maintaining public mandate during an economic transition.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Multipolar "Alternative" to Western Bullying The broadcast frames the United States as a disruptive, unilateral actor. The bizarre naming dispute between the **US and Canada over Lake Ontario** is used to portray US policy as irrational and "bullying" even toward its closest allies diplomatic absurdity. In contrast, China's interactions with **Kyrgyzstan** and the **SCO** are framed as "mutual achievement" and "destiny sharing," positioning Beijing as the stable anchor of a new multipolar order.

Strategic Depth in the Middle East By reporting on **Iran's** defiance against US blockades in the **Strait of Hormuz**, the media highlights the failure of Western "economic terrorism" maritime sovereignty. The state media provides a platform for Iranian claims of "absolute control," signaling a quiet alignment with those who challenge US maritime hegemony.

High-Tech Export Diplomacy The launch of the **2026 CIFTIS** and the "Sea-Going" (outbound) service zones at the trade fair demonstrate China's intent to export not just goods, but **legal, financial, and digital standards**. The state is actively facilitating the "globalization" of Chinese service firms, particularly in **AI, green energy, and smart healthcare** service trade.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic outlook is characterized by a "new normal" where growth is derived from **computing power** and **high-end manufacturing** rather than traditional property development. While the property sector is being severely curtailed through **legislative deleveraging**, the **digital economy** is being positioned as the new engine of GDP, with significant investments in chip manufacturing and data infrastructure.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Digital Economy Scale:** 20 major computing power entities have integrated into the **national unified computing network**, with 370 enterprises exhibiting 1,100 new technologies data assets.
- **Property Market Deleveraging:** Finished home sales now account for **32.4%** of new transactions, up from 13.9% in 2022, signaling a massive shift in market structure housing pivot.
- **High-Tech Investment:** Investment in high-tech industries grew by **5.0%** in the first seven months of 2026, with **integrated circuit manufacturing** jumping **11.5%** semiconductor capital.
- **Fiscal Tightening:** New tax rules for **restricted stock transfers** eliminate the ability to "forget" cost prices, forcing a 20% tax on the full transfer value if documentation is missing wealth tax enforcement.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Recent personnel shifts indicate a focus on "stabilizers"—individuals capable of managing complex social and civil systems during periods of crisis.

- **Li Changguan:** Appointed as **Minister of Civil Affairs**. His elevation during a period of intense disaster management and housing reform suggests he is tasked with maintaining the social safety net and managing the "civilian side" of national mobilization cabinet transition.
- **Chen Wu (Deceased):** The high-profile funeral for the former CPPCC Vice Chairman emphasizes **continuity and legacy**, serving as a reminder of the party's deep roots in ethnic and economic governance party elders.
- **Li Qiang:** His role as the primary **crisis manager** in Tibet confirms his position as the top executive responsible for domestic resilience, operating as the direct proxy for Xi Jinping's instructions executive authority.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

Lead Stories: The day is headlined by the **Jilong Disaster Response** and the **NPCSC Legislative Session**. These are presented as proof of an efficient, modern state that is both responsive to emergencies and proactive in legal governance. The **Shenzhou 23 EVA** is given significant secondary prominence to maintain a sense of national pride and technological forward-momentum state narrative.

Buried Stories: Reports on **Typhoon Saudel** and **housing market instability** are placed late in the broadcasts, framed as manageable technical issues rather than systemic threats. The **Russia-Ukraine war** is treated as a distant logistical exercise, focusing on the

destruction of Western-supplied material rather than the human or political cost strategic distancing.

Conspicuous Omissions: There is almost no mention of **unemployment rates** or specific **local government debt** levels, despite the radical shift in housing policy which usually impacts local revenues. The coverage of the Jilong disaster focuses on the "foreign" origin (Nepal) and the "scientific" response, largely avoiding questions about the long-term sustainability of infrastructure in high-risk glacial zones environmental silence.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The world is portrayed as a contest between **responsible Chinese sovereignty** and **unstable Western hegemony**.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Portrayed as an erratic, "bullying" force, willing to pick fights with Canada over 400-year-old names irrational actor and failing to achieve its military objectives in Iran while "falsely" claiming mission completion strategic failure.
- **Nepal:** Framed as a **vulnerable partner** in need of Chinese technical and humanitarian assistance. The disaster is a "trans-border" event where China is the provider of relief humanitarian leader.
- **Russia:** Portrayed as a **competent military power** methodically dismantling Ukrainian infrastructure and Western supplies, with a focus on logistical precision military efficacy.

LEADERS

- **Xi Jinping:** The **strategic visionary**, whose instructions guide everything from disaster relief to the future of the SCO and domestic defense centralized wisdom.
- **Trump:** Framed as a leader focused on "bullying" and empty rhetoric ("Mission Accomplished") while the underlying conflicts in the Middle East and with allies persist ineptitude/volatility.
- **Li Qiang:** The **tireless administrator**, shown on the ground in harsh conditions, embodying the government's "people-first" commitment competent executive.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding (Domestic):** The state is heavily seeding the idea that the "era of property speculation" is over. By focusing on the **Medical Insurance Law** and **finished home sales**, the narrative is being shifted from wealth accumulation to **life quality and safety** social engineering.
- **Propaganda (Technological):** The use of the term "水晶宫" (Crystal Palace) to describe Huzhou's historical water management and its connection to modern Beidou gas detection is a "continuity play," linking ancient Chinese wisdom to modern high-tech sovereignty cultural legitimacy.
- **Censorship/Reframing:** The Jilong disaster is framed as an unavoidable natural event triggered by events outside China's borders (Nepal). This **externalizes blame** for the loss of life and focuses the audience on the state's superior rescue response rather than the inherent risks of building ports in glacial valleys blame displacement.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Accelerated Glacial Outbound Migration:** The Jilong disaster will likely lead to a "scientific" retreat from high-risk glacial valleys, with the state using the event to justify **forced relocations** under the guise of "ecological protection" climate resettlement.
- **Consolidation of the Real Estate Sector:** The mandate for finished home sales will cause a **liquidity crunch** for small and medium developers. Expect a wave of **state-led M&As** as larger, well-capitalized (often state-owned) firms absorb the assets of those who can no longer fund projects via pre-sales sectoral consolidation.
- **Defense Mobilization Implementation:** The new law taking effect in October suggests that **civic defense drills** and supply chain audits for military readiness will become a routine part of urban life in 2027 readiness culture.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Completion of the Jilong road bypass and a probable memorial service for the "missing" victims. Potential **counter-measures** by the US in the Strait of Hormuz could lead to a localized maritime clash or spiked insurance rates for global shipping shipping risk.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Implementation of the new **Medical Insurance Law** will cause a shift in hospital procurement strategies, likely favoring **domestic generic drugs** and equipment to meet cost-reduction targets. The first batch of "finished-only" housing projects will hit the market, testing consumer confidence in the new sales model market test.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The Qinghai-Tibet Plateau will become the center of a new **integrated disaster monitoring system**, with massive investment in AI-linked geological sensors. The **National Computing Grid** will reach maturity, making China the primary provider of "compute as a service" to SCO and Global South partners, effectively creating a **sovereign internet of things** digital hegemony.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The convergence of climate instability and aggressive deleveraging creates a high-stakes environment where physical disasters could trigger economic shocks.

- **Secondary Disaster Escalation in Tibet:** Trigger: Persistent rain or seismic activity destabilizing the newly formed barrier lakes. Likelihood: High. Impact: Catastrophic for downstream Jilong and Nepal border regions. Mitigations: Immediate **controlled drainage** and 24/7 drone reconnaissance flood risk.
- **Strait of Hormuz Closure:** Trigger: US attempt to escort a non-coordinated vessel through the strait leading to an Iranian kinetic response. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Global energy price shock. Mitigations: Diplomatic backchannels and **increased use of overland pipelines** through Central Asia energy security.

- **Real Estate Liquidity Trap:** Trigger: A "buyer's strike" as consumers wait for finished homes while developers run out of cash to complete them. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Major hit to local GDP and banking stability. Mitigations: **CSRC-backed M&A** and local government "delivery guarantees" financial contagion.
- **Digital Infrastructure Failure:** Trigger: Cyberattack or hardware failure within the newly centralized national computing power grid. Likelihood: Low but increasing. Impact: Systemic shutdown of AI-driven urban services. Mitigations: **Redundant node construction** and air-gapping of critical control systems systemic cyber risk.
- **Defense Mobilization Social Backlash:** Trigger: Intrusive enforcement of new defense mobilization requirements in tier-1 cities. Likelihood: Low. Impact: Social friction and loss of trust. Mitigations: Framing mobilization as **disaster-response training** rather than war preparation social order.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

The current reporting provides a highly curated view of the state's strengths, leaving several critical questions unanswered.

- **The Cost of "Zero Casualty" Policies:** The transcripts do not detail the economic cost of the massive mobilization in Jilong or who is paying for the **150 million RMB** in emergency typhoon funds fiscal opacity.
- **Nepal's Sovereign Reaction:** While China offers aid, there is no reporting on whether **Nepal** views the Chinese rescue incursions as a breach of sovereignty or a necessary lifeline regional diplomacy.
- **Unemployment and Housing:** The shift to finished-home sales will inevitably slow construction starts. The impact on **migrant labor employment** is completely unaddressed labor market gap.
- **Glacial Lake Outburst Predictability:** The media frames the Jilong event as a sudden catastrophe, but ignores whether previous **remote sensing data** had warned of the lake's instability early warning failure.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Defense Mobilization" is an Economic Diversion:** Hypothesis: The push for national defense readiness is not about a coming war, but a way to militarize social governance to manage the fallout of the **collapsed property sector**. By creating a "state of emergency" mindset, the government can more easily control protests from unpaid construction workers or disgruntled homebuyers.
- **The Jilong Mudslide as a Strategic Withdrawal:** Hypothesis: The state may have known the area was untenable and is using this disaster to permanently shut down a high-cost border port, redirecting trade through more **geopolitically stable** and geologically safe routes in the SCO network.
- **Black Swan: The "Data-Led" Market Crash:** If the **national computing power grid** becomes the single point of failure for the entire digital economy, a single "perfect storm" of hardware shortages and cyber-attacks could paralyze the nation's ability to conduct trade, leading to a **digital Great Depression**.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Review the **Defense Mobilization Law** for implications on international trade; the law likely includes provisions for the "requisitioning" of logistics assets during periods of crisis mobilization risk.
- **Economic:** Coordinate with Beijing on **trans-border water management**. The Jilong event proves that Himalayan infrastructure is a shared risk that requires a multilateral glacial monitoring treaty.
- **Diplomatic:** Leverage the "finished home" sales model as a **global governance standard** for property markets in the Belt and Road, positioning it as a safeguard against Western-style financial crises.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Monitor **Jilong Port** closures; a significant portion of trans-Himalayan trade is now disrupted, requiring a shift to air-freight or alternative overland routes via Pakistan logistics disruption.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensure 100% documentation for **equity transfers** in China. Tax authorities are now using "presumptive cost" rules (full value taxation) for undocumented transactions tax compliance.
- **Investment:** Shift capital toward **domestic computing power** and data-security firms. The state's focus on the "Six Networks" ensures that these sectors will have guaranteed state support and minimal competition from foreign firms compute sector.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The 24th Session of the 14th NPCSC concluded with a significant body of new laws focused on internal resilience and national security.

- **BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:**
  - **Defense Mobilization Law (Revised):** Streamlines the process for transitioning civilian assets to military use and clarifies the duties of citizens and enterprises during mobilization defense readiness.
  - **Medical Insurance Law:** Sets national standards for insurance coverage, drug procurement, and hospital fee structures to reduce the "burden on the masses" health reform.
  - **Agriculture Law (Revised):** Focuses on food security, farmland protection, and the promotion of "high-tech" seeds and machinery agricultural sovereignty.
  - **Lawyers Law (Revised):** Standardizes professional conduct and oversight, integrating the legal profession more closely into the state's governance framework legal ethics.
- **HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:**
  - **Ministry of Commerce/Beijing CIFTIS Presser:** Introduced the "Sea-Going" service zone and focused on the export of Chinese digital and financial services trade expansion.
  - **National Data Bureau Briefing:** Announced the integration of 20 major computing nodes and the release of 1,700 data-infrastructure standards digital economy.

KEY STORIES

- **Jilong Mudslide Catastrophe:** A massive trans-border mudslide and glacial outburst in Tibet's Jilong Port area originating in Nepal. Casualty numbers are significant but unspecified; 216 National Highway is destroyed Gyirong relief.
- **Premier Li Qiang Visit:** The Premier inspected the Jilong disaster site, meeting rescue workers and emphasizing the use of high-tech monitoring to prevent secondary landslides state response.
- **NPCSC Legislative Conclusion:** Passing of Defense Mobilization, Medical Insurance, Agriculture, and Lawyers laws. Appointment of Li Changguan as Civil Affairs Minister legal blitz.
- **Chen Wu State Funeral:** Full Politburo Standing Committee attendance at the cremation of former CPPCC Vice Chairman Chen Wu at Babaoshan political protocol.
- **Shenzhou 23 Spacewalk:** Successful 5.5-hour EVA by astronauts Zhu Yangzhu, Zhang Zhiyuan, and Li Jiaying to install orbital debris shields Tiangong maintenance.
- **Digital Economy Expo (Guiyang):** Showcase of 370 companies, AI-driven infrastructure, and the national computing power grid initiative tech expo.
- **Housing Sales Reform:** National rollout of "Finished House Sales" and new restrictions on pre-sale fund management to reduce developer risk property shift.
- **Xi Jinping Article on Kyrgyzstan:** Published in Kyrgyz media ahead of the SCO summit, emphasizing "Good Neighborly" relations and high-quality development diplomatic outreach.
- **Nepal Aid Message:** Xi Jinping sent a message of condolence and an offer of help to the President of Nepal following the mudslide neighborly aid.
- **Typhoon Saudel:** Double landfall in Zhejiang; 150 million RMB in emergency funds released for three provinces storm response.
- **Strait of Hormuz Blockade:** Iran declares naval control over the strait, responding to US maritime pressure Persian Gulf tension.
- **US-Canada Naming Dispute:** Tensions over the US attempt to rename Lake Ontario, framed as "bullying" by the Canadian Prime Minister North American friction.
- **Russia-Ukraine War:** Russian strikes on Odessa ammunition and fuel depots; Ukrainian drone strikes on an Yaroslavl refinery attrition warfare.
- **Beidou Urban Integration:** Precise gas leak detection and mapping in Tianjin using Beidou satellites and ground stations urban safety.
- **Restricted Stock Tax Loophole:** New rules from the MOF and Tax Bureau requiring full taxation on equity transfers if cost basis cannot be proved tax reform.
- **Public Health Statistics:** 2025 report showing lower patient costs at grassroots health centers and increased childcare coverage health metrics.
- **Juvenile Delinquency Rehabilitative Justice:** Profiles of Xiao Hao and Xiao Lin, youth reformed through vocational training and pet therapy after being lured into crime social stability.

- **Mao Lan Karst Forest Research:** Scientific expedition in Guizhou investigating "Stone-Born" ecology and its lessons for environmental restoration ecological science.
- **Huzhou Cultural Profile:** History of the "Crystal Palace" water system and its impact on the development of Chinese tea culture and art cultural heritage.
- **Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Awareness:** Health special on the "Silent Killer" of CKD, affecting 150 million Chinese citizens public health education.
- **Air-Film Grain Silos:** Construction of massive 55,000-ton grain storage units in central grain reserves using energy-saving membrane technology food security.
- **APEC High-Level Meeting:** Third Senior Officials' Meeting in Dalian focused on trade liberalization and the APEC 2026 agenda regional trade.

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