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New China-Central Asia cargo train



New freight train linking China with Turkmenistan set to boost Central Asian trade

The new freight train linking China with Central Asia has departed from Chengdu for its first nine-day journey across five countries, reports Xinhua.

The 35-container freight train left Chengdu, China on 16 July and will stop

at Almaty (Kazakhstan), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Tashkent (Uzbekistan) and Dushanbe (Tajikistan) before arriving in Ashgabat (Turkmenistan).

The state-owned Chinese media site has reported that the freight train network is part of China's 'Silk Road economic belt'

– an agreement signed by eight countries in November last year to strengthen trade between China and Central Asia.