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The U.S. buried thorium reactors because they couldn't make bombs. China just built one in the Gobi Desert and it might shatter the Western energy order while liberating the Global South.

The salt has been lit.



China Fires Up World's First Thorium-Powered Nuclear Reactor

Researchers at the Chinese Academy of Sciences revealed the successful refueling of an operational Thorium-powered nuclear reactor.

<https://futurism.com/china-thorium-nuclear-power>

While Washington was busy exporting drone wars and ESG double-speak, China lit up a nuclear reactor in the Gobi Desert that just rewrote the energy playbook.

Not uranium. Not plutonium.

Thorium.

And no, the West didn't see it coming. 1/11

Let's back up.

Molten Salt Reactors (MSRs) were first tested in 1960s America. Clean, meltdown-proof, and perfect for thorium.

But there was a problem.

They couldn't make bombs.

So the Pentagon killed the program and buried the data. 2/11

China did what the U.S. wouldn't.

They exhumed the blueprints, rebuilt the science, and quietly launched a thorium MSR program in 2011.

It wasn't flashy.

But it was focused.

And it had something the West no longer does: patience. 3/11

Why thorium?

3x more abundant than uranium

No enrichment needed

Can't be weaponized

Abundant in India, Africa, Brazil

Ideal for the Global South

So naturally, the U.S. wanted nothing to do with it. 4/11

In 2023, deep in the Gobi Desert, Chinese engineers activated their first 2MW molten salt reactor.

Remote. Harsh.

Perfect for stress-testing the future.

And in June 2024, they took it full power.

But they weren't done. 5/11

In early 2025, they crossed the Rubicon.

They refueled the reactor while it was still running.

No shutdown.

No meltdown risk.

No Western company has pulled that off.

Ever. 6/11

How did they do it?

Centralized funding

Indigenous supply chains

No Wall Street vetoes

No partisan deadlock

Zero need for approval from Washington or Tel Aviv 7/11

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Imagine:

Indonesia, Pakistan, Kenya, Bolivia—running their grids on Chinese-built thorium reactors.

No sanctions.

No LNG extortion.

No lectures about democracy. 9/11

The West told the Global South:

“You can have wind, sun, or nothing.”

China just offered them base-load, sovereign energy with no bomb risk.

That's not a reactor.

That's a geopolitical earthquake. 10/11

The salt has been lit.

Not in Tennessee.

In the dunes of Gansu.

Next: What happens to the Western energy cartel when the Global South goes thorium?

Stay tuned. 11/11

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