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Qaddafi and Berlusconi visit in Tripoli the High Speed Intercity train designed by AnsaldoBreda

AnsaldoBreda, a Finmeccanica company operating in the sector of rail transport, presented today in Tripoli a new high speed (more than 200 km/h) Intercity train designed in association with the Libyan railways.

The train was visited by Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Qaddafi and the Italian Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, accompanied by Finmeccanica CEO, Pier Francesco Guarguaglini.

This high speed train, offering passengers all comforts and state-of-the-art information technologies, has been designed to cover the coastline railway line Ras Ajdir – Sirt, where Ansaldo STS has recently won a 541 million euro contract for the making of the signalling, telecommunication and feeding systems, as well as the railway line connecting Tripoli to Bengasi, two of the most important lines within a more general project for infrastructures that Libya is going to launch.

As to high-speed trains, AnsaldoBreda is particularly famous for its V250 model, used for the railway line connecting the Netherlands to Belgium. Furthermore, the company has recently won a contract for the automatic subway of Ryad in Saudi Arabia.