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## Algeria

### Algeria Boosts Rail Network Expansion with USD 2.8 Billion Investment in New Trains

Algeria has committed USD 2.8 billion to revitalise its rail network, a crucial step in the country's efforts to improve transportation and promote connectivity within the continent.

Zawya reports that the new trains include high-capacity locomotives, passenger transport cars, self-propelled trains, high-speed self-propelled trains, freight coaches and manoeuvring locomotives. Algeria's rail network is managed by the National Company of Rail Transport (SNTF) and currently has over 200 stations covering mainly the north of the country.

Sifian Aibash, the company's transport manager, said the country will fund the project in stages. The first will include purchasing 400 train coaches for around USD 1.03 billion.

Algeria, a prominent oil producer has already issued an international tender for the supply of passenger transport rolling stock. The tender scope covers 6 self-propelled train sets, each with six standard gauge electric carriages for passenger transport and spare parts.

The country has also commenced electrification projects in anticipation of installing high-speed trains which will link the country's most important cities. With over 5,000 kilometres of rail already in operation, Algeria is poised to extend its network with new lines to improve travel times, bridge community gaps, and drive economic development. This move is part of Algeria's broader objective to ensure complete connectivity by 2035.

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