

Turkey inaugurates first high-speed line



TURKISH prime minister Mr Recep Tayyip Erdogan officially opened the first part of the Ankara - Istanbul high-speed line on March 13. The 206km section runs from Sincan to the west of Ankara to Inonu near Eskisehir. The inaugural train completed the trip in 1h 28min.

Turkish State Railways (TCDD) launched the country's first high-speed rail service the following day, which is being operated by a fleet of 10 six-car 250km/h emus supplied by CAF, Spain.