

US Federal Reserve seeks prosecution of wrongdoers

Salvage of BCCI London begins

LONDON, Sept 13: The British staff of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) and its Abu Dhabi shareholders have each begun work to try to relaunch the local operation that regulators closed down amid broader allegations of major fraud, reports Reuters.

visit the Emirate to explain the situation, Khan said. Abu Dhabi was all the more sensitive because it has supported the US-led international force in the Gulf war.

structured bank, whose board was approved by the Bank of England, still exist. But any application for a licence must have central bank approval.

ists. In 1981, the Fed approved the purchase of Financial General Bankshares, a Washington-based bank holding company, by a group of Persian Gulf investors.

Consortium meet next week for more aid

India gets \$635m IMF loan

WASHINGTON, Sept 13: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a \$635 million Dollar loan to India Thursday, to compensate for a drop in the country's international earnings and a rise in the cost of its oil imports, reports AP.

package for India, expected to be about six billion Dollars, for its fiscal year beginning April 1.

has found its exports in less demand because of the economic slowdown in the West.

Dollar, gold fall in NY

NEW YORK, Sept 13: The Dollars Thursday fell in active trading against most foreign currencies, as did the price of gold, after fresh US economic indicators increased the chance of a new drop in interest rates by the Federal Reserve, reports APF.

Japanese bankrupt cos liabilities all-time high

TOKYO, Sept 13: The liabilities of companies going bankrupt in Japan soared to an all-time high of 957 billion Dollars in August, surpassing the previous record in April, a credit research company said Friday, reports APF.

Egawa, an upmarket Osaka Restaurant operated by waitress turned investor Nui Onoue who has been arrested on forgery charges, was declared insolvent August 22. Its estimated liabilities of 410 billion Yen (three billion Dollars) made it the second-biggest bankruptcy in Japanese history.

India biggest borrower of World Bank

Other elements considered were equity participation, a subordinated loan and a redundancy package for staff who would inevitably be lost in a relaunched smaller bank.

The Abu Dhabi authorities were offended not only by the action of the Bank of England in leading regulators in a number of countries to shut down BCCI on July 5, but also by the failure of British officials to

AP from Washington adds: "Systematic and deliberate criminal fraud" by the BCCI overwhelmed the Federal Reserve, making it impossible to uncover BCCI's illegal ownership of a US bank sooner, Fed officials said Friday.

The Fed, the Justice Department and other government agencies have recently come under fire for alleged failure to pursue BCCI's illicit activity earlier.

25 pc species of plants face extinction

TOKYO, Sept 13: A quarter of about one million species of plants that exist no earth today are in serious risk of extinction in the next 20 to 30 years, according to a World Health Organization (WHO) statement released in Japan this week, reports Kyodo.

Major investment co liquidated in UAE

ABU DHABI, Sept 13: A major Gulf investment company, the first of its kind in the region, is being liquidated after suffering large losses, local investment sources disclosed Thursday, reports APF.

It was the first Gulf venture to invest local private funds abroad. Most investors through NISICORP are wealthy Gulf businessmen, but the sources said they numbered no more than 200.

Indonesia is now doing so well that it gets only World Bank loans and not IDA credits.

Soviet envoy in Riyadh to seek economic aid

RIYADH, Sept 13: Soviet Presidential Envoy Yevgeny Primakov arrived Thursday in Saudi Arabia and met King Fahd amid reports he would be seeking economic aid from the oil-rich Kingdom, reports APF.

talks they say are a key to world economic growth in the future. The meeting comes against a backdrop of upheaval in the Soviet Union and calls for greater Western trade assistance.

value of five to six billion European Currency Units (six to 7.2 billion Dollars) and include grain, meat, sugar and other products.

China expects good harvest despite flood

BEIJING, Sept 13: China's grain harvest this year will be the second-largest in history despite heavy losses from floods, an official report predicted Friday, reports AP.

China's gold output continues to grow

BEIJING, Sept 13: China's gold production kept growing last month despite the recent disastrous floods in vast areas of the country, an official with the State Gold Administration said, reports Xinhua.

of its planned annual production target by the end of August.

India revises Rupee upward

BOMBAY, Sept 13: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) here today announced an upward revision of the Rupee by 0.45 per cent in relation to the Pound Sterling, making the British unit cheaper by twenty paise, reports PTI.

Bush's threat to veto loan guarantee shocks Israel

JERUSALEM, Sept 13: US President George Bush's threat to veto huge loan guarantees to Israel has left Israeli officials in a state of near-shock, Israel Television said, reports Reuters.

Washington, Sept 13: President George Bush went head to head with the powerful American Jewish community on Thursday, pledging to veto 10 billion Dollars in loan guarantees for Israel to win a 120-day pause for Middle East peace, reports Reuters.

state over four billion Dollars in aid — "nearly a thousand Dollar for every Israeli man, woman and child."

Japan's economy enters downturn, say experts

TOKYO, Sept 13: The nation's economy is now at a "delicate stage," with consumer spending and corporate capital outlays running out of steam, economists and business executives say, challenging the governments latest upbeat report on the state of the economy, reports Kyodo.

IDB grants \$ 200m loans to 11 member countries

RIYADH, Sept 13: The Saudi-based Islamic Development Bank has granted 199.558 million Dollars in loans for projects and trade in 11 member countries, including Indonesia and Pakistan, reports APF.

The new buying and selling rates for spot delivery are 2.2452 and 2.2340 Sterling per Rs 100, corresponding to Rs 44.54 and Rs 44.76 per Sterling respectively.

Loans have also been granted to Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Iran, Jordan, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey.



MOSCOW: Red Army soldiers from a local division load bags of potatoes in a state-run shop here September 12. A serious food shortage is expected this winter and the army has been called in to help harvest and distribute food stuffs.