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TOKYO, Oct 14: Forty-six members of Japan's parliament took illegal donations from the construction industry during elections in July, 1993, a newspaper reported on Thursday, says Reuter.

In the latest in a long-line of financial scandals, the 46 including legislators, Transportation Minister Shizuka Kamei and top opposition figure Ichiro Ozawa, violated laws that forbid politicians to receive campaign funds from companies with contracts with the government, the Asahi Shimbun said in its lead story.

The newspaper says its in-

HONG KONG, Oct. 14: Asian

stock marine's closed generally

higher Friday, was main in-

dex in Tokyo fell after a four-

day winning streak, reports

Stock Average fell 179.54

points, or 0.89 per cent, clos-

ing at 19,969.29. The average

had risen a total of 493.60

points over the previous four

days, including Thursday's

The Tokyo Stock Price

Index of all issues listed on the

first section fell 13.08 points,

or 0.81 per cent, to 1,593.08.

The TOPIX gained 5.56 points,

or 0.35 per cent the day be-

fell moderately on small-lot

selling in the morning, but the

selling later accelerated with

the yen's appreciation against

The dollar ended the week

In Hong Kong, share prices

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same hours on the first subsequent working day.

at 98.87 yen, down 1.01 yen

from Thursday's close and be-

low its overnight New York fin-

ish at 99.46 yen.

Traders said share prices

59.11-point gain.

vestigation of campaign-fund documents revealed that 100 companies that were engaged in government business gave a total of 62 million yen (620,000) to the 46 politi-

The Asahi Shimbun's list of alleged violators included many of the leading lights of the power sharing liberal democratic party and a handful of figures from conservative opposition groups.

Most of the legislators contacted by the newspaper blamed the problem on bookkeeping errors or lack of awareness that the donations in question were illegal.

secretary to the

Iraqi women sell food in Baghdad's market on Thursday. The UN has authorised Iraq to

export a limited amount of oil under strict international control to buy food and medicine, but

Iraq has rejected the conditions as an infringement of its sovereignty. The crisis sparkled by a

build up of Iraqi troops on the Kuwaiti border last week has drawn attention to the crippling

Asian stock markets close higher

closed higher in moderate

Hong Kong market's key indi-

cator of blue chips, rose 18.58

points, or 0.2 per cent, from

9,550.93. The market was

closed on Thursday for a public

SEOUL: Share prices closed

higher in active trading, with

the index rising to a record

high for the fourth consecutive

session. The Korea Composite

Stock Price Index rose 6.83

points to a provisional

share prices closed higher in

light trading, with brokers ex-

pecting the market to con-

tinue to drift early next week.

The NZSE-40 Capital Index

rose 13.51 points to 2.057.22

lower on profit-taking. The

market's Weighted Index fell

58.62 points to 6,567.77 after

closed higher for a third

Invitation for Bids (I.F.B.) for Procurement

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straight day, boosted by over-

Thursday's 130-point gain.

TAIPEI: Share prices closed

MANILA: Share prices

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The Hang Seng Index, the

sanctions imposed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990.

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Tokyo's 225-issue Nikkei Wednesday, closing at

Transportation Ministry, the only sitting obtained member named by Asahi, declined comment when contacted by phone. Ozawa's spokesman was unavailable for comment.

As in the other major corruption scandals that have embroiled Japanese politicians in recent years, most of the campaign contributors were contractors doing construction and civil-engineering work for major government ministries, the newspaper said.

The largest sum received by a single legislator was 10 million yen (100,000 dollars). paltry by the lights of earlier Japanese corruption scandals.

seas buying. The Philippines'

unified composite index of 43

selected issues rose 9.18

prices closed slightly higher,

buoyed by gains in US share

prices Thursday and the

strength in gold stocks. The

All Ordinaries Index rose 7.1

SINGAPORE: Share prices

BANGKOK: Thai share

closed higher. The 30-share

Straits Times Industrials Index

rose 19.48 points to 2,377.30.

prices closed higher on active

buying by overseas investors.

The Stock Exchange of

Thailand Index rose 23.49

share prices closed lower,

dragged down by the fall in

leading blue chips. The KLSE

Composite Index fell 7.22

closed slightly higher in mod-

erate trading. The Composite

Index rose 3.157 points to

13th October, 1994.

Bid Closing

20 Nov '94

21 Nov '94

22 Nov '94

JAKARTA: Share prices

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian

SYDNEY: Australian share

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Riswan Lubis, secretary general of the Welfare Labor Union, will beheld for two more months since he has been in custody for the last six months, the court in Medan ruled.

The same court also is trying Muchtar Pakpahan, chairman of what is identified as Indonesia's largest indepen-

The government does not recognize any trade union except the state-sponsored

The Medan riots were a watershed in Indonesia's labor rights movement, which has received vocal boosts from several human rights groups. The United States has threatened to withdraw trade privileges to Indonesia if conditions

Workers at Panarun Industries Ltd., which manufacturers international brandname footwear Adidas and Spec, said they are demanding transportation, meal and uniform allowances.

Myanmar arrests 2 Thais with fake money-making

mar authorities have arrested two alleged confidence tricksters from Thailand and a Myanmar accomplice who were trying to peddle a machine they said could print counterfeit money, the Myanmar news agency reported on Thursday, says Reuter.

and local police arrested the two men from northern Thaider town of Tachilek, in northeastern Shan state opposite Thailand.

the state-run news agency said

53.7m homes in Asia, ME watch Star TV programmes

HONG KONG, Oct 14: Asia's satellite television broadcaster Star TV claimed today the network was now seen in more than 53.7 million homes across Asia and the Middle East, reports AFP.

Star TV said its services now reaches a total of 220 million

It reported a 40 per cent jump in audience among countries in Southeast Asia, a 230 per cent increase in viewers in the Middle East and Pakistan, and 15 per cent growth in the greater China market, including Hong Kong

and Taiwan. Gary Davey, Star TV Chief Executive, said "we are now more certain than every we will reach" the goal of 400 mil

Star TV is involved in a dispute over ratings in Taiwan with local Television Station TVB, with both claiming to

The battle for the lucrative Taiwan market began a year ago when TVB launched its first satellite-transmitted channel, challenging Star TV's five channel network.

TVB claimed that its Taiwan-oriented TVBS was the most popular Cable Television channel in Taiwan, capturing two and a half times the viewers of Star TV's Chinese chanUN official says

World spending lots on refugees, nothing on Rwanda

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refugees to find homes and

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KIGALI, Rwanda, Oct 14: The world is spending 384 million dollars on humanitarian aid for Rwandan refugees and almost nothing to get the small war-scarred country back on its feet, the top UN official in Rwanda says, reports

If donors come up with 100 million dollars to help Rwanda return to normal, taxpayers around the world will have to pay less next year to help exiled refugees because they will go home. UN Special Representative Shaharyar Khan said Thursday.

"I am quite clear that what needs to be done is to give the tice," Khan said.

More than two months after the civil war ended. Rwanda has no money to pay the salaries of its government and military employees, or to repair damaged electrical, water and telecommunications facilities, he said.

The country has no judicial system and no way to settle disputes over land ownership. There are 6,000 prisoners, but no prison service. Three or four people are maimed every day by mines because there is no mine-clearing programme.

The airport can't meet air safety standards because it has inadequate fire-fighting vehi-

Khan said that for about 100 million dollar, all these problems could be tackled. He released an updated version of the UN plan of action to return

Rwanda's most crucial needs are money to start the government functioning, temporary housing for refugees. magistrates to decide on competing land claims and a judicial system to address human rights violations, he said.

Rwanda to normality.

chief freed

Jailed MMM

MOSCOW, Oct 14: The jailed head of the huge MMM investment company was freed Thursday after two months in prison on charges of tax evasion and obstructing an investigation, reports AP.

Sergei Mavrodi was released after promising a Moscow court not to leave the

The government has condemned MMM as a massive pyramid scheme that generated huge returns by paying off old investors with new buyers' money. Millions of Russians are said to have been duped in the scheme. Mavrodi registered last month as a candidate for election to Russia's parliament If he wins the October 30 election, he would be immune from prosecution.

Pak power-generating firm to offer 69.28m shares

KARACHI, Oct 14: Pakistan's private power-generating firm hub company (Hubco). will offer 69.28 million ordinary shares at 10 rupees (0.3266 dollars), each, company official said vesterday. reports AFP.

About 53.56 million shares will be offered to resident Pakistanis and inine million. shares to non-resident nationals. The company has reserved 4.64 million for the stateowned National Investment Trust (NIT) and 2.08 million shares for Hubco employees.

Each share of ten rupees will be offered in Pakistan at 13.26 rupees, which includes a 3.26 rupees premium per share.

If the offering on October 17 is oversubscribed, the two Pakistani underwriters will hold a ballot on October 27, notifying successful bidders by October 30.

Mike Woodroffe, Hubco's Chief Executive, told reporters that his company was offering a very "Lucrative and safe opportunity" to local investors. He said Hubco has a total of 888.5 million shares at ten ru-

pees each, of which 335.3 million shares have been sold abroad in the form of 13.412 million global depository rights (GDR), one GDR being equal to 25 ordinary shares of rupees 10 each.

The share sale abroad was underwritten by Deutsche bank and Morgangrenfell.

Richard Cragg of Morgangrenfell said that each offered share is calculated to pay a return of 28 per cent. He said the listing of shares on the Karachi Stock Exchange would increase the firm's market capitalisation by 500 million dollars.

Hubco is building a 1.57-billion-dollar, 1,200-megawatt, oil-fired generation plant at hub, near Karachi, which is to be completed in 1997.

Saudi Arabia's Xenel group and national power of UK have contributed 150 million dollars of the 371-million-dollar equity, which is 24 per cent of the total project cost. The remaining funds will

come from international lending agencies and a group of countries including France. Italy, Japan, UK and USA.



An environment-friendly invention - the collapsible tin can. Fitted with a pull-ring at both ends, it can be collapsed after use. It can even be flattened by a woman's delicate hand and disposed of in a space-saving manner, emphasizes inventor Walter Prus from Tegernsee, Bavaria. By means of this method, ten cans can be reduced to the size of the flat package in the front of the picture. -IN photo

Russian rouble makes spectacular recovery

MOSCOW. Oct 14: The Russian rouble made a spectacular recovery gaining sharply against the dollar in trading here to close at 2.994,

At close vesterday, the battered Russian currency had stood at 3,736 to the dollar. The surge in the rouble

comes two days after the Russian money plunged radically, dropping from around 3,000 to nearly 4,000 in a record low of 3.936 against the dollar in what President Boris Yeltsin said Wednesday was a threat to national secu-

Traders said supply of US dollars on the Moscow interbank currency exchange (MICEX) at the start of Thursday's trading session exceeded initial demand for the Greenback by more than 300 million dollars.

Experts said the flood of dollars on the Moscow market was due to massive intervention by the Russian central bank after Yeltsin and the government promised to take

steps to redress the rouble's sharp decline.

The start of Thursday's trading session was delayed by an hour as authorities introduced new restrictions limiting foreign currency purchases by commercial banks and aimed at curtailing speculative buy-sell operations.

Central bank Chairman Viktor Gerashchenko on Tuesday attributed the rouble's radical slide to pure "speculation" on the market and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said Wednesday that the government 'can't control everything."

But Yeltsin blamed the currency's problems on sabotage and the chief of Russia's Federal Counter Intelligence Service (FSK), Sergel Stepashin, said on television Wednesday that the rouble's plunge had been an orchestrated attempt to undermine the government and Yeltsin.

The rouble's crash sparked panic and confusion throughout Russia.

Exchange Rates

Following are the Sonali Bank's dealing rates to public for some selected foreign currencies effective as on October 13. (Figures in Taka)

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US Dollar	40.3830	40.4150	40.0950	40.0355	39.8725
Pound Sterling	64.2337	64.2846	62.7841	62.6909	62.4357
DM .	26.4815	26.5025	25.7636	25.7254	25.6207
F Franc	7.7365	7.7426	7.5264	7.5152	7.4846
C Dollar	30.3113	30.3353	29.4772	29.4335	29.3137
S Franc	31.7654	31.7906	30.8903	30.8445	30.7189
Jap Yen	0.4105	0.4108	0.3954	0.3948	0.3932
Indian Rupee	1.2939	1.3036	1.2722	1.2531	AN DESAIL
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Iranian Riyal	0.0233	0.0235	0.0228	0.0225	- 5

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UAE Dirham	10.9960	10.8556
Kuwaiti Dinar	135.8325	133.7779
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S Krona	5.4596	5.3851
Malaysian Ringgit	15.6949	15.4905
Singapore Dollar	27.2196	26.8574
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Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong port

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The above were the Thursday's shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka

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Deputy General Manager (Purchase)

4000 shoe factory | workers on strike in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Oct 14: About 4.000 workers at an Adidas show factory were on strike for the second day Thursday to demand more allowances, refocusing attention on Indonesia's restrictions against

labor activism, reports AP. It was the biggest work stoppage in Indonesia since a union-inspired strike in April by 50,000 workers in Medan, Indonesia's third-largest city, turned into an ethnic riot that left at least three people dead and scores injured.

The shoe factory strike in Tangerang, just outside Jakarta, coincided with a court sentencing a trade unionist on Wednesday to eight months in jail for inciting workers in Medan to take to the streets.

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Indonesia Labor Union.

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RANGOON, Oct 14: Myan-

Military intelligence agents land and their alleged confederate in the Myanmar bor-

The authorities found their machine was no more than an old repainted duplicator, incapable of printing bank notes.

Action was being taken against the three, the news agency said, but gave no de-

Star TV, which is a subsidiary of media baron Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. Ltd. said in its latest estimate that the number of households receiving Star TV jumped by 28 per cent since January to become Asia's pre-eminent satel lite broadcaster

Based on the new findings.

It said notable growth was in the Indian sub-continent, where 69 per cent more homes could see Star TV than

lion viewers by end of 1996.

have the largest audience.