

ROK government downplays risk

Unions warn of fresh strikes

SEOUL, April 29: A militant South Korean union on Thursday warned the government of a fresh wave of strikes next month if it fails to halt job cuts caused by economic restructuring, says AFP.

Day rallies and the mid-May strikes by some elements of the labour circle, Lee said. He admitted that the 'labour tension has subsided but it is not totally over.'

Labour unrest has petered out since thousands of Seoul subway workers returned to work on Monday after an eight-day stoppage and the union at state-run Korea Telecom called off a planned strike.

He added that while past labour unrest might have deterred foreign investors, 'the growth in the quality of Korea's workforce is expected to boost foreign investment from this point on.'

Donors disagree on wider debt relief for poorest nations

WASHINGTON, Apr 29: Donor countries disagreed here Wednesday on whether more funds should be made available for wider and faster debt relief for the world's poorest nations, reports AFP.

The world's poorest countries by 1998. But the programme has been criticised for providing too little, too late, since almost three years later only two countries have actually received any money.

The World Bank, which is expected to put about two billion dollars, or 10 per cent of its capital, into the current programme, would have to find 4.5 billion if the debt relief were extended to cover the 214 billion dollars in debt of all 41 HIPC countries.

ing Canada and Switzerland told the development committee, which seeks to promote flows of funds from the developed to the developing world, that more and faster debt relief was vital to alleviate poverty.

Eastern European states approve oil ban on Belgrade

BRUSSELS, April 29: Eastern European countries seeking membership in the European Union as well as Cyprus, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland have vowed to apply an oil embargo against Belgrade, the EU said Thursday, reports AFP.

India to renew efforts to sell tea to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, April 29: India will renew efforts to sell its tea to Pakistan, officials said here on Thursday, reports AFP.



An elderly Chinese woman walks down a Shanghai street past a billboard advertisement featuring a Western woman wearing a bra yesterday. Shanghai, the financial capital of China, is also becoming the country's cultural centre as East meets West on almost every street corner, whether in advertisement, restaurants, galleries, dance clubs or shopping centres. —AFP photo

IMF, Russia reach accord on economic programme

WASHINGTON, Apr 29: The International Monetary Fund and Russian officials have reached an agreement that will provide Moscow with a financial rescue package, IMF managing director Michel Camdessus said Wednesday, reports AFP.

months. Some 2.98 billion dollars of that sum will be released over the first 12 months, he said. In a statement issued Tuesday after its session here, the IMF interim committee concluded that "in Russia, economic activity has been recovering from the low point in September... but the fiscal and debt imbalances remain unsustainable."

BP, Statoil, ONGC sign \$1.5b Vietnam deals

HANOI, April 29: US-British petroleum group BP Amoco, Norway's Statoil and state-owned Indian oil firm Oil and Natural Gas Corp. on Thursday signed deals with Vietnam for a potential 1.5 billion dollars, says AFP.

ing director Atul Chandra. The gas extraction will be covered by a production sharing contract with ONGC taking 45 per cent, the BP Amoco-Statoil alliance 40 per cent and Petro-Vietnam 15 per cent.

Asian stock markets close mixed

HONG KONG, April 29: Asian stock markets turned in a mixed performance Thursday despite another record-high overnight close on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones index edged towards the 11,000-point level, reports AFP.

There was some late bargain hunting that saw prices recover from their lows but market sentiment is likely to continue to be weak as we near the weekend. Also the market has run up too fast," said a dealing director with a local brokerage.

SEKYO: South Korean share prices plunged 4.7 percent as investors reacted negatively to reports that the government might move in to slow down the pace of market gains, dealers said.

TAIPEI: Taiwan share prices plunged 2.8 percent as a sell-off by foreign investors in the previous session prompted nervous investors to bail out, dealers said.

Marks and Spencer pulling out of Canada

TORONTO, Apr 29: The British-based retail chain Marks-and-Spencer announced Wednesday it is closing its 38 Canadian stores this year after mounting losses, says AP.

marks and Spencer Canada Inc. will close groups of its Canadian stores during the year, but other timing details of the shutdown have not been decided.

Bangladesh Air Force NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR

Sealed tenders in printed pad are hereby invited from the intending firms for appointment of government contractor for two years (FY-1999-2000 and 2000-2001) for making different kinds of caps, badges ranks and other articles for the use of officers and airmen of Bangladesh Air Force.

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