

# **Arcelor Mittal to close six plants**

**PARIS:** France's minister for industrial recovery, Arnaud Montebourg, has accused ArcelorMittal boss Lakshmi Mittal of "blackmail" and "lies", after the giant steel-maker said it would close six facilities in neighbouring Belgium.

Blaming weak demand for cars, ArcelorMittal said it would close six cold-processing facilities in the Liege region of eastern Belgium, eliminating 1 300 jobs.