

'Britain will take French business'

LONDON: London mayor Boris Johnson yesterday described France's Socialist government as left-wing revolutionaries that were driving investors away in a dispute with steelmaker ArcelorMittal.

The Conservative mayor mocked the French government as "sans-culottes", a radical left-wing class during the French Revolution of 1789, saying Britain would welcome business fleeing from France.

The French government is pressing the steel giant to avert closure of two furnaces in France, after a French cabinet member said it was no longer welcome because of years of broken promises. – Reuters