

Letters:

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**Arab dilemma**

IMF coffers must be boosted to prevent the financial crisis spreading to eastern European economies, so the Prime Minister turns to China and the Gulf states, with their massive trade surpluses (report, 29 October). Perhaps the Arab countries will be impressed with Mr Brown's concern for economies such as that of Latvia, which might otherwise find it hard to finance its contribution to the "coalition of the willing" in Iraq.

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