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year stock I have fallen primarily reflects the significant debt and resulting high leverage that ABI will incur to fund the deal," said Linda Montag, Moody's senior vice-president. The sale of the debt is being under-

written by Deutsche Bank, Barclays and Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Markets pages 23 & 24

The swift defusing of the potential crisis in the Gulf came days before Iran's landmark nuclear deal is supposed to be implemented. Iranian and US officials said the prompt release of the sailors stemmed from the

Now it's personal – employers given

right to check emails are work-related

But images broadcast in Iran of the sailors held with their hands behind their backs threaten a backlash in the US. The two countries appeared to disagree over whether there had been an apology.

According to US officials, the

Islamic regime to resolve the incident. "Conditions have changed now. Iran does not want to create any tensions in an already volatile region," said Naser Hadian, a professor at Tehran University. Analysis page 2



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sages you send from the office. The European Court of Human Rights has ruled that a company in Romania

did not breach the privacy rights of an employee when it monitored his Yahoo Messenger account. The man's employer sacked him in 2007 after presenting him with a

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Workers of Europe beware: your

employer may have the right to read

those personal emails and instant mes-

45 page transcript of messages he had exchanged with his brother and fiancée in work hours from a work computer. He had set up the Yahoo account at his employers' request to chat with professional clients but was banned from using it for personal reasons.

He complained his employer breached his human right to privacy,

but the ECHR concluded it was "not unreasonable for an employer to wantto verify that the employees are completing their professional tasks during working hours".

The judges said the employer had not snooped around other documents on his computer and had accessed the Yahoo messages on the assumption they were work-related.

Workplace privacy is an increasingly vexed topic as technology blurs the lines between work and personal life. Some companies allow employees to access work emails on their personal smartphones, while others allow workers to use their work phones for personal calls and texts.

Wearable technology is also creeping into some workplaces, raising legal questions about who should be allowed to access personal data they generate.

One of the seven judges, Paulo Sérgio Pinto de Albuquerque, disagreed with the ruling. "Workers do not abandon their right to privacy and data protection every morning at the doors of the workplace," he wrote. "Even where there exist suspicions of cyberslacking ... the employer's right to interfere with the employee's communications is not unrestricted."

Jules Quinn, an employment partner at law firm King & Spalding, said the case was a warning to workers: "Woe betide an employee who thinks he or she can use a work system, intermingling personal and business traffic, without their employer monitoring."

However, Ben Willmott, head of public policy at the CIPD, the UK's professional body for HR, warned the decision was "not a green light for businesses to start snooping on employees".



**World Markets** 

STOCK MARKETS	CURRENCIES						INTEREST RATES						
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FTSE 100	5960.97	5929.24	0.54	€ index	86.497	86.311	\$ index	106.744	106.220	Ger Gov 2 yr	102.65	-0.31	0.00
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