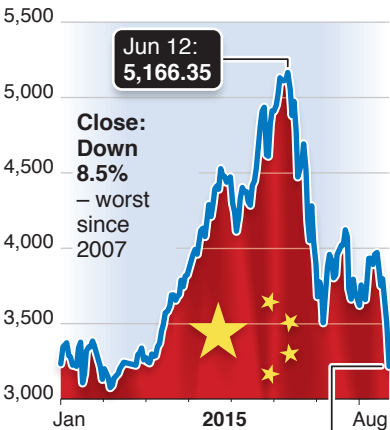


China shares slide 8.5%

Chinese shares are continuing to fall sharply as concerns over the country's slowing growth and volatile markets leads to panic among traders

SHANGHAI COMPOSITE INDEX



■ London's **FTSE 100 index** falls 2.5% on hearing news

Aug 24:
3,209.91

■ Major markets in France and Germany also open down by more than 3%