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DU announces fresh exam dates

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University authorities have announced fresh dates of some examinations which were postponed earlier. According to a DU press release yesterday, the degree (Pass and Subsidiary) examinations of Statistics and Home Economics 1993, earlier scheduled for November 12 and 13, will be held on November 23 and 24.

Besides, the LLB (Law) last part examinations of 1992, earlier scheduled for November 13, will be held on 24.

Saifur off to Jeddah

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman left Dhaka last night for Jeddah to attend the annual meeting of the board of governors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). He is leading a four-member Bangladesh delegation to the meeting, reports BSS.

Fuller meets Speaker

William P Fuller, President of the Asia Foundation, called on Speaker Shaukat Razzak Ali at his office chamber in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni was present on the occasion, reports BSS.

Newsmen robbed of

By Staff Correspondent

A senior journalist Joynal Abedin and his friend Akbaruzzaman were robbed of cash and wrist watches at the Suhrab Uddyan yesterday evening. Abedin, an editorial consultant with the Financial Express, was having evening walk along with his friend. They were waylaid by several gunmen who snatched Tk 200 from Abedin and two wrist watches from them.

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Several MPs hurt as Benazir rolls prayer beads

Fist fights, scuffles during Leghari's NA speech



Pakistani opposition MPs and activists assault a ruling party supporter outside the parliament building in Islamabad yesterday.

— AFP photo

ISLAMABAD, Nov 14: Several opposition MPs were injured today in Pakistani Parliament, where fist fights, scuffles and pandemonium broke out during a speech by President Farooq Ahmed Leghari, reports AFP.

Witnesses said at least five deputies were assaulted as they emerged from the hall following the 45-minute session, during which the opposition continuously booted and shouted slogans against the president.

Barely 20 minutes into his speech, an army officer leapt from his seat and positioned himself in front of Leghari's podium, afraid that dozens of screaming opposition members would attempt to attack the president.

One member of the National Assembly, Rao Qaiser, was taken out of the parliament building on a stretcher and had facial bruises. The official Associated Press of Pakistan said two other opposition MPs were injured.

The uproar made Leghari's address inaudible. The opposi-

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British MP tells press in city
Aid, investment will be affected if talks fail

By Staff Correspondent

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