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Hasina goes to Chandpur tomorrow

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will go to Chandpur tomorrow to visit the spot of the launch disaster and meet the members of the victims' families, reports UNB.

Razzak, Delwar visit ailing Rouf MP

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali accompanied by Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain last night visited ailing Abdur Rouf, the BNP MP from Kushtia, now under treatment at the Suhrawardy Hospital. They stayed for sometime with him and enquired about his health, reports BSS.

ROK team arrives

A four-member Korean youth volunteers team arrived Dhaka yesterday evening from Seoul, a Korean embassy press release said, reports BSS.

Meet on Padma bridge

MEHERPUR, Aug 26: Speakers at a discussion meeting here today deplored the construction of a bridge over the Padma river to link greater Khulna and Barisal with Dhaka. The meeting decided to form action committees in Khulna and Barisal divisions to realise the demand, reports UNB.

2nd Buriganga Bridge construction begins

KERANIGANJ, Aug 26: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today inaugurated the construction work of the second Buriganga Bridge on the southern side of the river at Zinzira, reports UNB.

Shahid President Ziaur Rahman had laid the foundation of the bridge on February 6 in 1981 at Babu Bazar side in the capital.

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