the lifetime till they have teeth. If cavities are not treated, they get larger and affect deeper layers of the teeth. They can lead to severe toothache, infection and tooth loss.

Symptoms of a cavity include toothache, tooth sensitivity, visible holes or pits in the tooth, staining on the surface of the tooth and pain when you bite down.

When cavities and decay become severe, one may have pain that interferes with daily living. **PREVENTION**

Good oral and dental hygiene can help avoid cavities and tooth decay. Basic preventive measures include:

1. Brush your teeth at least twice a day and ideally after every meal, using fluoride-containing toothpaste. To clean between your teeth, floss or use an interdental cleaner.

2. Rinse your mouth.

3. Visit your dentist regularly. 4. Avoid frequent snacking and

sipping sugary drinks. 5. Eat tooth-healthy foods. Avoid foods that get stuck in grooves and pits of your teeth for long periods, or brush soon after eating them.

2 Bangladeshi

eight to 10 cattle traders.

In a statement after the incident, the BSF said the Bangladeshis crossed into the Indian territory and tried to smuggle cattle about 2:30am, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

"As the BSF troop warned them to go back, they didn't listen. Instead, they attacked them with kitchen knives and sticks causing injuries to the members of the troop. Sensing an imminent threat to their life, BSF members fired towards them. Later, two bodies were found ... one BSF member also got injured in the incident," the statement read.

Contacted, Kamal Hossain, commander of the Burirhat BGB camp, said two people were killed in a BSF firing in the border area, but it could not be immediately confirmed whether they were Bangladeshis or

"No official information has been released by the BSF yet. If the BSF provides us with official information in this regard, necessary steps will be taken on the instructions of our higher authorities," he said.

Archaeologists find pre-Columbian mass grave in Peru

AFP, Lima

Archaeologists have found an ancient mass grave containing the remains of pre-Columbian men, women and children in the citadel of Chan Chan in northern Peru, a member of the team said Thursday.

They found the remains of some 25 people, mainly women and children, as well as dozens of ceramic vesseis and objects such as needies used in textile work, archaeologist Jorge Meneses told AFP.

The tomb was discovered about three weeks ago at Chan Chan, some 500 kilometers (310 miles) north of the capital Lima.

The human remains are all but intact, said Meneses.

Chan Chan was a citadel of the Chimu culture, which flourished between the years 900 and 1450 on the north coast of Peru before falling to the Incas.

Chan Chan means "resplendent Sun" in the Chimu language.

The citadel was constructed in an area of some 20 square kilometers (7.7 square miles), had ten walled palaces and some 30,000 citizens at its height.

It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986, but also on its list of World Heritage in Danger.

Pre-Columbian remains and artefacts are frequently discovered in

Last month, workers laying gas pipes on a street in Lima stumbled on the remains of a gravesite that included 2,000-year-old ceramic burial vessels.

Shuttered Singapore news site's editor guilty of defamation

AFP, Singapore

The editor of a shuttered Singaporean news website may face jail after being convicted on Friday of defaming government ministers over a letter published on the portal alleging corruption.

It is the latest case to fuel concerns about worsening press freedoms in tightly controlled Singapore, with authorities accused of using heavyhanded tactics to silence dissent.

The Online Citizen, which was often critical of authorities, had long been in the government's crosshairs, and finally had its licence cancelled last month over a failure to declare funding sources.

On Friday, chief editor Terry Xu was convicted of defaming cabinet members over the publication of a letter on the site stating there was "corruption at the highest echelons", according to court documents.



An explosion, reportedly caused by accumulated gas, made the walls of a building fall in Narayanganj Sadar upazila yesterday. Two women were killed and seven others injured in the incident. PHOTO: STAR

Two killed, 7 hurt in N'ganj

hearing screams, neighbours rushed there and rescued the inhabitants.

Maya was declared dead after

different parts of the building.

happened.

glasses of two She said windowpanes on the first floor were being taken to a local hospital, they also damaged in the incident. She added that eight persons, including While visiting the building, this two children, of four families, were correspondent found cracks on living on that floor.

After visiting the spot, Tofazzal Morsheda Begum, wife of building Hossain, Narayanganj additional owner Moktar Hossain, said she deputy commissioner (revenue),

sealed off the building. Narayanganj DC Mustain Billah said a seven-member committee, led by Additional District Magistrate Rahima Akhter, has been formed to investigate the incident and asked to submit the report within the next 15 working days, said the DC.

He added that legal action would be taken if negligence is found on part of anyone.

US journo jailed for

which has killed over 1,200 people after the coup, Than Zaw Aung said. according to a local monitoring group.

Danny Fenster, who had been working for local outlet Frontier Myanmar for around a year, was arrested in May as he tried to leave the country to see his family.

He was sentenced to 11 years for incitement, unlawful association and breaching visa rules, his lawyer Than Zaw Aung told AFP.

His client had not decided whether he would appeal, he added.

A junta spokesman did not respond to AFP's request for comment.

Fenster, who has been held in Yangon's Insein prison since he was detained, also faces charges of sedition and terrorism, which could see him jailed for life.

Ming Yu Hah, Amnesty International's Deputy Regional Director for Campaigns said the ruling was "a repreĥensible outcome in a case that has been deeply flawed from the start."

The sentencing was based on evidence from the junta-appointed information ministry that showed at the time of his arrest Fenster had been

which had its licence revoked shortly

Fenster's team were barred from cross-examining the ministry's permanent secretary, he said, and the court did not consider tax evidence that Fenster had already left the outlet and was working for Frontier.

Crisis Group Myanmar senior advisor Richard Horsey described the sentence as "outrageous".

"It sends a message not only to international journalists... but also Myanmar journalists that reporting factually on the situation is liable to get them many many years in prison," told AFP.

He noted US diplomats were working to get him released. "It will be resolved through

diplomatic channels and hopefully very quickly," he said. "But obviously this sentence is a

big setback to US efforts." The sentencing comes days after

former US diplomat and hostage negotiator Bill Richardson met junta chief Min Aung Hlaing in the capital Naypyidaw, handing the increasingly isolated junta some rare publicity.

Richardson, declining to give

Department asked him not to raise Fenster's case during his visit.

Myanmar has been mired in chaos since a February coup, with the military trying to crush widespread democracy protests and stamp out

More than 1,200 people have been killed by security forces, according to a local monitoring group.

SpaceX capsule docks with ISS

AFP, Washington

A SpaceX capsule carrying four astronauts docked with International Space Station on Thursday, kicking off a six-month stay on the orbiting outpost. This mission known as Crew-3

is part of Nasa's multibillion-dollar partnership with Elon Musk's space company, signed after the Space Shuttle program ended in 2011 and aimed at restoring US capacity to carry out human spaceflight, rather than working at local outlet, Myanmar Now, further details, said the US State depend on Russia for links to the ISS. | of Shaivism, said Dr Mozammel and researcher

New class

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proteins to aid nerve repair,

body to produce certain

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Stupp's team, on

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with crew of four

Cambodia hits back at US sanctions over naval base

yesterday angrily condemned a US decision to sanction two senior military officials over a contentious naval base, accusing Washington of showing

contempt" for its sovereignty.

The US Treasury Department this week announced it was freezing any US assets and criminalising transactions with senior defence ministry official Chau Phirun and naval commander Tea Vinh over alleged corruption linked to the Ream Naval Base.

Washington accused the pair, along with other Cambodian officials, of conspiring to inflate costs at the base to pocket the proceeds.

'Cambodia strongly deplores the long-arm jurisdiction of the United States over Cambodian officials on the basis of groundless allegations driven by geopolitical motives," the Cambodian foreign ministry said in a

"The smear campaign and unilateral sanction of the United States against

public figures of a sovereign state.. (displays) an utter contempt for the independence of another country as well as acts as a serious interference in its domestic affairs," the statement

The Cambodian foreign ministry also warned that the move was "another step in the wrong direction" for ties between the two

countries. The base on the Gulf of Thailand has been a running sore in US-Cambodia relations in recent years, with Washington suspecting it is being converted for use by China.

Cambodia has been dismantling facilities at the base that were built partly with American money and played host to US exercises.

Satellite imagery taken in August showed the construction of two new buildings, likely indicating that China is pushing ahead on a new agreement, according to the Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Rare, yet to be recorded

Archaeologists are divided on the identity of the other rare miniature statue of the ancient Tantrik goddess, seated in a lotus pose.

Some academics identified it as goddess Chaturvuja Devi, while others ikened it with three other goddesses --Dashamahabidya Mahakali, Pretasana Devi, or Shabarura Devi.

The Shivalinga having the face of god or goddess is called Mukhalinga. Their sculptures can be single-faced, double-faced, triple-faced, quadruplefaced and quintuple-faced.

In his 1992 book titled "Bengal Sculptures Hindu Iconography up to C 1250 AD", researcher Enamul Haque mentioned only two quintuple-faced Shivalingas discovered in Bangladesh

The one found earlier in Bangladesh is in the National Museum, wrote Enamul, also former director general of the museum. Quintuple-faced Shivalingas can

be found in some ancient temples in India and Nepal. Some are also on display in some Indian museums.

quintuple-faced "Normally, Shivalingas are rare. The Shivalinga in the Sylhet temple is in fact very rare because it includes a bull-like face," said Prof Dr Mokammal H Bhuiyan of Jahangirnagar University's archaeology department.

"I have not seen such sculptures before. This is a very important creature in terms of archaeology, history and arts," he added. Eminent archaeologist

Mosharaf Hossain termed the find The find indicates the region University. was once dominated by devotees [Tarun Sarkar is a freelance journalist

Hoque, archaeology professor of Jahangirnagar University.

The temple's priest, Manik Chakraborty, said they had been worshiping this Shivalinga for many years, but could not specify any date.

Apart from the two gems, eight more Shivlingas were spotted in three other temples in Sylhet.

Of them, six Shivalingas, between 10 and 34 inches tall, are at Shiva



Five-faced Shivalinga

Temple adjacent to the Kali Temple.

Another 33-inch tall Shivalinga is being worshiped at Bura Shiv Bari temple at Shib Bari. The eighth miniature of Shivalinga is worshiped at Balaram Akhra in Mirabazar in Sylhet city.

Of all these sculptures, the two spotted in the Kali Temple are very significant in terms of aesthetics and gender politics of the time, said Dipti Rani Datta, who teaches oriental art at the Faculty of Fine Arts at Dhaka

Pakistan-China

Pakistan to the UN. The Chinese delegates, according to The New York Times, discussed the situation in the light of the statement made by US Secretary of State William P Rogers in Washington yesterday. Rogers expressed fear that the border clashes

might lead to all'out war. Pakistani officials had the belief that Peking's entry into the United Nations as a permanent member of the Security Council had greatly strengthened their country's position in the dispute with India.

EAST PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE TOPPLED: BHUTTO

ZA Bhutto, leader of Pakistan People's Party, warned that if an attempt was made to form a government from the winners of by-elections to be held in East Pakistan next month, "we will topple it within 40 days." Bhutto was addressing a

huge crowd in Karachi yesterday. It was also reported that Pakistan sajen1986@gmail.com

A 22-year-old university student

caught up in the crowd that rushed

the stage at a rap concert in Texas

last week has died of her injuries,

her family said Thursday, raising

the death toll from the incident to

Bharti Shahani, who attended the

Travis Scott concert at the Astroworld

Festival with a sister and a cousin, had

been comatose and on a ventilator

since the tragedy yesterday in

Houston. Hundreds of people were

mother Karishma Shahani told

journalists. "I won't be able to live

"I think she lost oxygen for 10

minutes one time and seven minutes

at another time," the cousin, Mohit

Bellani, told the local TV station

"I want my baby back," her crying

injured.

ABC13.

without her.

Death toll in Texas concert

the stage.

described.

fighting for his life.

declared an emergency.

tragedy rises to nine

President Yahya Khan assured Agha Shahi, the chief delegate of Pakistan Democratic Party chief Nurul Amin of investigating the manner in which nominees of the Pakistan People's Party were declared elected unopposed in East Pakistan.

ON THE WAR FRONT Kushtia-Jashore-Khulna the

sector, Mukti Bahini ambushed today Pakistani troops in Rajapur area killing four and injuring two enemy soldiers. On the same day in an ambush in Pratappur area of Kushtia district, Mukti Bahini killed 11 enemy soldiers and injured four. Freedom fighters disrupted road communication between Chougacha-Jessore by destroying several culverts

between these two places. Mukti Bahini raided Pakistani position in Chaura area of Comilla district today killing two and injuring three enemy soldiers.

Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at

the open-air venue, dancing and

singing along with Scott but finding

themselves increasingly crushed

against barriers, unable to move and

breathe as the mass pressed toward

on top of them, crushing the bodies

beneath, and the density of the crowd

closer to the stage made it hard to pick

them up and evacuate them, attendees

on the ground, like two people thick.

We were fighting to come up to the

top and breathe to stay alive," Bellani

trampled in the crush is in a coma and

announced singling out Scott and

fellow singer Drake, who took to the

stage in the final 15 minutes of the

concert, well after authorities had

A nine-year-old boy who was

At least 60 lawsuits have been

"There were, like, layers of bodies

Some fell and others tumbled

regeneration. The therapy was injected as a gel into tissue surrounding the spinal cords of lab mice 24 hours after an incision was made in their spines.

The team decided to wait a day because humans who receive devastating spinal injuries from car accidents, gunshots and so on also experience delays in getting treatment.

Four weeks later, mice who received the treatment regained their ability to walk almost as well as before the injury. Those left untreated did not. The mice were then put

level, and the team found dramatic improvements to the spinal cords. The severed extensions of neurons called axons regenerated, and scar tissue that can act as a physical barrier to regeneration was

down to examine the impacts

of the therapy on the cellular

significantly diminished. What's more, an insulating layer of axons called myelin that is important in transmitting electric signals had reformed, blood vessels that deliver nutrients to injured cells had formed, and more motor neurons survived.



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Some 50,000 people jammed into