
Today's Headlines:

Dengue fever outbreak in Delhi

Drugs raid in the Caribbean Sea

UK starts womb transplants

Transcript:

Thousands of patients arrive every morning at Delhi's hospitals suffering the high fever and terrible joint pain that have earned dengue its alternative name – break bone fever. Tempers are **running high**. 25,000 people in India have been infected so far this year, according to the official figures. But the real number is reckoned to be hundreds of times higher.

Operation Martillo in action – moving 1,100 kilograms of cocaine and over 2,000 kilograms of marijuana. And then offloaded to a **human conveyor belt** on Miami Beach. The **haul** makes it a record year for the US coastguard.

This is Vincent – the world's first baby born from a transplanted womb. It happened in Sweden a year ago. His mother, who preferred not to be identified, said she wanted her success **to inspire** other women. Now a team at London's Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital hopes to repeat that success here. Around one in 5,000 women is born without a uterus and already more than a 100 potential transplant recipients have been identified by the UK team.

Words and phrases and definitions:

running high

(here) getting extreme

human conveyor belt

line of people passing objects from one place to another

haul

large amount of illegal items such as drugs or weapons

to inspire

to make people feel they can do the same thing

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/IVmXh2E>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

running high / human conveyor belt / haul / to inspire

1. When the cargo ship hit the rocks, people formed a _____ to take all the boxes of whisky ashore.
2. Police found the _____ hidden under the engine of the car.
3. Tensions on the ship were _____ after the captain announced there was no more food left.
4. The boxer hoped _____ young people to take up the sport, just as he had done several years earlier.

Answers:

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2. Police found the **haul** hidden under the engine of the car.
3. Tensions on the ship were **running high** after the captain announced there was no more food left.
4. The boxer hoped **to inspire** young people to take up the sport, just as he had done several years earlier.