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**Today's Headlines:**

**EU to catch smugglers' boats**

**Iraqi girls tell their stories on stage**

**Toddler's miracle operation**

**Transcript:**

EU naval vessels will now be able to board and **seize** people smugglers' boats. So far this year more than 130,000 migrants and refugees have crossed to Europe from the North African coast. More than 2,700 have drowned.

On a stage in Baghdad a theatrical performance unlike any other. These girls aren't just playing a part, they're playing themselves. A play about orphans, performed by orphans – drama as a kind of **therapy**. Aged between 12 and 17, 15 actresses, all of them from an orphanage in Baghdad. Each has lost one or both parents. Many have been exposed to violence, trauma and **upheaval**.

To a toddler in Australia now, who has made what doctors are describing as a **miraculous** recovery after his head was internally decapitated in a car crash. This is 16-month-old Jackson Taylor whose neck was completely snapped in the accident although his muscle and skin kept his head in place. Surgeons were able to use part of one of his ribs to reattach his head to his spinal column and he's now fully mobile again and smiling.

**Words and phrases and definitions:**

**seize**

take with official authority

**therapy**

treatment to make someone feel better

**upheaval**

a big change that causes great difficulty

**miraculous**

unexpected and difficult to believe

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/1hqrQII>

**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.

**seize / therapy / upheaval / miraculous**

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