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**Today's Headlines:**

**Israel responds to Jerusalem attacks**

**Wolf war in French Alps**

**Man Booker winner announced**

**Transcript:**

The Israeli army has begun deploying hundreds of troops in cities across the country to reinforce police tackling **a wave of** Palestinian gun and knife attacks which have intensified in recent days. Three Israelis were killed on Tuesday and more than 20 were injured.

The wolf is a creature of legend, inspiring fear and fascination. They're extinct in the UK. In Europe they were almost **wiped out** but now as a protected species they're **thriving** once more. This is bad news for the shepherds of the High Alps in France. Around 8,500 sheep have been killed in the region over the last 12 months alone.

The Jamaican writer, Marlon James, has won this year's Man Booker Prize. His novel, *A Brief History of Seven Killings*, **centres on** a real-life attempt to kill the reggae star Bob Marley. It is set in the 1970s and 80s.

**Words and phrases and definitions:**

**a wave of**

a large number of related things happening at the same time

**wiped out**

completely destroyed

**thriving**

very healthy or successful

**centres on**

concentrates on the subject of

**Watch the video online:** <http://bbc.in/1RHcz8g>

### 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.

#### **a wave of / wiped out / thriving / centres on**

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