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Lingohack

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Today's Headlines:

Syrian rebels leave Homs

Paris: Missed warnings

Lions poisoned

Transcript:

Syrian rebels have begun leaving the last areas they've been holding in the city of Homs. A local **ceasefire** agreed with the government is allowing them to leave. It's a deal which means that the entire city is now back in government hands.

An opportunity to arrest the suspected **ringleader** of last month's attacks in Paris may have been missed. Abdelhamid Abaaoud slipped through an international operation to capture him in January, while he was in the Greek capital, Athens.

Two Maasai farmers have been charged after **allegations** that they poisoned a famous pride of lions in Kenya. Eight lions from the Marsh Pride in the Maasai Mara National Reserve are being treated for poisoning. Two others have been found dead. It's thought that the lions had killed three of the farmers' cows.

Words and phrases and definitions:

ceasefire

agreement to stop fighting

ringleader

leader of a criminal group

allegations

statements that haven't been confirmed

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

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.

ceasefire / ringleader / allegations

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2. A _____ will give both sides the opportunity to negotiate.
3. It was a daring robbery. The _____ was sentenced to ten years in prison.

Answers:

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