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Today's Headlines:

UK vote on Syria air strikes

US to deploy special force to Iraq

Facebook founder giveaway

Transcript:

British politicians are going to decide today whether to back air strikes in Syria directed against Islamic State militants. A ten-hour parliamentary debate is going to end in a vote on whether the UK should join the US-led coalition that is bombing the **extremists**.

The American Secretary of Defence Ash Carter says US special forces will be deployed to help fight IS in both – Iraq and Syria. Mr Carter said the ground troops will carry out **raids**, free hostages and capture IS leaders.

Facebook founder and his wife – they've **pledged** to their new baby daughter to give away 99% of their shares to good causes. How much is that? That'll be \$45bn.

Words and phrases and definitions:

extremists

people who have views others think are very unreasonable

raids

short, unexpected military attacks

pledged

made a formal promise (here to give away something)

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

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.

extremists / raids / pledged

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Answers:

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