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Hello, I'm Karin Giannone and this is BBC World News – The Headlines.

President Biden has said that a wartime effort is needed to defeat coronavirus, warning that the worst of the pandemic is yet to come. He's **bringing in**¹ stricter rules on face masks and expanding testing and vaccinations.

So-called Islamic State group says that it **carried out**² a double suicide bombing in Bagdad which killed at least thirty two people and wounded over a hundred. IS said it had targeted Shia Muslims.

Google has threatened to **shut down**³ its search engine in Australia, if the government passes a law forcing digital giants to pay media outlets for news content. The legislation would make big tech companies negotiate payments with local publishers and broadcasters.

Japan's government has reaffirmed its commitment to hold the delayed Olympics, following reports that the event could be cancelled.

¹ Bring in (phrasal verb): to introduce a new law

² Carry out (phrasal verb): to perform or complete a particular task or job

³ Shut down (phrasal verb): to stop the working or functioning of a product or service