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Making Conditions in the Marriage Contract

Moroccan Arabic transcript:

ي: منين كيكتبو لعقد، سميته؟ لعدول، كاين لعدول كيكون حاضر لعدول، بات لعروسها، اماي لعروسة، و ابات لعربيس و اماي لعربيس. لعدول كيسول لعروسة، كقول لها اشنه بغيتي نكتب في عقد. لمرا، الزوجة تقدر تشرط، غادي نقى نخدم آآآ سميتها؟ خصه يعطيني الشهريه ديالي. هذا الشي ممكن في العقد و حتى التمن ديال سميتها؟ ديال آآآ ديال المهر. دابا علاش هذا؟ من حيث المدونة هي ألي خولت هذا الشي ان لمرا تقدر تشرط هذا الشي من حيث ما عرفتي تقدر ال آآآ الاوضاع تتبدل و لمرا يقدر يقول لها راجلها جلس في الدار، ذيك الساعة عندها العقد، العقد راه مكتوب في عقد. ولكن دابا هذا الشي ما كينقالش، دابا غير على حسب كاين ألي كيديره و كاين ألي ما كيديروش، كاين ألي كيديره و كاين ألي ما كيديروش. هذا الشي ألي كاين.

English translation:

Y: To make the marriage contract, the judge, the bride's father, the bride's mother, the groom's father and the groom's mother need to be present. The judge asks the bride what she would like to have in the marriage contract. The wife could make conditions that she will continue to work and that she gets her monthly allowance. It is possible for these things to be part of the contract – and even the amount of the dowry. Why is all of this now possible? It is because the Bill [the new Family Law] has allowed these things to happen – that the woman can make a condition like this one. One never knows, the circumstances could change and the husband could tell the woman to stay at home, but if she has it written in the contract, it can't happen. But these things are not explicit; there are some people who follow it and others who don't. That is all.

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