Man: Jericho, we speak about Jericho, too. A resort in the winter ... many tourists come to it in the summer. I mean, you also notice that mostly on Friday and Saturday you find the Israeli checkpoint ... from the beginning of Jericho until the Israeli checkpoint ... there are a lot of people, from Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem ... as a winter resort ... as a winter resort. Its weather is very good in the winter; it is neither cold nor warm; it is middle [moderate].

Woman behind the camera: What is it famous for? Tell us about Jericho in general, plans, weather ... I mean we are speaking about Jericho, the city of Jericho ... ?

Man: The city of Jericho is famous for dates and bananas, and oranges and lemons. Of course, the farmers here plant bananas the most. I mean, now if you go to Hebron, they tell you “bananas of Jericho.” You know that the bananas are from Jericho right away. And also the water. It has the stream of A’yn al-Sulatan and the stream of A’yn al-A’oga ... the stream called Duoke. So Jericho is a land with a lot of water. As we have said, it is famous for dates, bananas, oranges, and lemons, mostly -- the orange and lemon trees. The inhabitants are very simple, very very good, the people of Jericho. I mean, they receive the guest who is coming down the street: “Hello, welcome, hello, welcome.” They have much goodness and simplicity. We have Jericho
the town, which is the rotary; if you want to know any person or you want to wait for any person, you wait on the rotary only quarter to half an hour … you will find the person coming by himself, because he will pass through the rotary. The street of Jericho are also simple; you have the parks street, of course a street that is full of parks; you have more than seven parks on the same street -- of course wedding parties take place there. You have the téléphérique, which is also called the cable car. It goes up from the A’yn al-Sultan, the stream, the spring which comes out of the earth; it passes above Old Jericho and then it goes up to Mount Qarantal, and Mount Qarantal also has a big church or a big monastery there. And when the téléphérique is going, it stops at the orchards of bananas and dates beneath, so you stop and see all of the dates. It [Jericho] is also famous for bikes, because it has no hills -- only two, the hill of Kef al-Waad, the basic one, and the major hill, which is where the Open Jerusalem University is. Famous for bikes, every house has two or four bikes, I mean two or one bike. It is also a crossing, a major crossing, to Jordan. How Gaza is a crossing to Rafah [he means Egypt], it [Jericho] is a major crossing to Jordan. We have the waiting area; there is the waiting area first, and then the Israeli gate, and then the Israeli bridge, and then Jordan.

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