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Algerian Circumcision Ceremony

Algerian Arabic transcript:

ف: bon الطهارة ما ما كانتش difference بالزاف بين آآ les villes لخرين. كايين هداك النهار, bon يوكلو ال famille و يوكلو الغاشي آآ و ل آآ الطفل ألي آآ ألي يختنو له يعطو له شغل آآ يدير الحنة, يربط الحنة و الناس تعطي. كايين ألي يعطو دراهم, كايين ألي ما يعطوش دراهم. bon المهم حاجة ...

س: قداش يختن الولد؟

ف: يعني العمر نتاعه؟

س: واه

ف: كايين ألي يختن وليده بكري, كايين ألي, كايين آآ كايين عامين, كايين ثلاث سنين. maximum قبل ما يدخل لمسيد ألي هو ستة سنين, قبل ما يبدا يقرا آآ هدي هي من بين عامين, بين عامين و ستة سنين و لا خمس سنين. هدي هي.

English translation:

F: Well, for circumcision there isn't much difference between —uh—the other cities. Well, on that day, people prepare food for the family and for the neighbors—uh—and the—uh—the child who—uh—who was circumcised, they give him some sort of—uh—they put the henna—they put henna on his hand and people give him gifts. There are some who give him money, and some who don't give money. Well, the most important thing—

S: When does the child get circumcised?

F: You mean how old?

S: Yes.

F: There are people who circumcise their child early; there are some who are—uh—who are two years old, some who are three years old. But, maximum, before he starts school, which is six years old—before they start studying—uh— So it is between two years—between two years and six years or five years old. That is it.

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