

English Translation:

Woman behind camera: The Iraqi Jews in Iraq.

Man: Yes.

Woman behind camera: We used to have a community...it's not a community by God;

Man: We used to have about...

Woman behind camera: Original Iraqi Jewish people.

Man: Yes.

Woman behind camera: I hope you can talk to us about this period because you know that the documents about them ... I mean not available very much.

Man: Yes.

Woman behind camera: And for us, the new generation, the generation of I mean the 70's, 80's, 90's, we don't have much information so we hear many stories from our parents. I hope you would, whatever you remember, explain about, I mean, the Jewish, I mean, the Iraqi Jews.

Man: The Jewish society in Iraq ...aaa... in fact it was ...aaa.. a beloved society. I mean a nice society that doesn't participate in attacking anybody. It has no aggressive activities.

Woman behind camera: Were its ideas pure religious for example?

Man: No. Jews are a society just like any society. There are religious, religiously committed people.

Woman behind camera: Yes.

Man: They go to the synagogue and they attend...aaa... I mean the, the...

Woman behind camera: The Jewish hymns...

Man: ...the hymns and the religious service. And there are people, I mean who don't go to the synagogue and have nothing to do with it and don't... I mean just like Muslims; there are people who go to the mosque and there are people who don't go to the mosque.

Woman behind camera: Yes.

Man: And just like Christians; there are people who go to church and people who don't go to church.

Woman behind camera: True.

Man: So they were...aaa... people who were known for working hard and very loyal. And they were the people who controlled trade. They would start with very small capitals.

Woman behind camera: Yes.

Man: And after a while you find, because of their hard work and honesty in dealing with others and excellent goods and people like them, they become merchants after a short period and he becomes a well-known merchant, I mean. So they became on top of trade and trade movement in Iraq. This has caused some envy by some of the Iraqi merchants, some people, some important people, so on...some envy started to rise...

Woman behind camera: Some troubles.

Man: And some, some social hatred.

Woman behind camera: Yes, problems.

Man: But, never, I mean on the level of relations and neighbors; we remember from our fathers and grandfathers, they used to love their Jewish neighbors very much. They were harmless, peaceful, kind, nice people; they welcomed ...aaa. people and they were of course Iraqis; their morals are pure Iraqi; their actions are pure Iraqi and they were open-minded and nice people.

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