

**English Translation:**

**Man:** ...aa... they have decided to drive all the Jews out...

**Woman behind camera:** Yes.

**Man:** ...from Iraq and a crisis was caused...aa... I mean even with transportation ...aa.. world-wide in this subject. And people made an air bridge between Iraq and between Israel. It was transporting people by plane on a daily basis in order to transport the Jews from Baghdad or generally from Baghdad Airport to Israel.

**Woman behind camera:** And something happened called, if you remember it, *farhod el-Yahod*<sup>1</sup>

**Man:** Because people...

**Woman behind camera:** What does the word *farhod* mean?

**Man:** *Farhod* originally is a word that started in the Turkish era.

**Woman behind camera:** Yes.

**Man:** So because the salaries of the *genderma*<sup>2</sup> or the Turkish police...

**Woman behind camera:** What is it called?

**Man:** The police, the *genderma*...

**Woman behind camera:** *genderma*...

**Man:** Yes, it's called *genderma* or the Turkish police; [salaries] used to be delayed a lot, I mean, sometimes two months would pass with no salary.

**Woman behind camera:** yes

**Man:** So from where would they take their salaries? They also have families and they want to eat. So they go... they made a decision among themselves, a police director, I don't know, I mean the people in charge of the police made a decision, that is that the pay

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<sup>1</sup> *Farhod*: a Farsi word that means 'many shops'. In the Iraqi dialect it means 'mass looting'.

<sup>2</sup> *Genderma*: the Turkish police.

day is called the day of *farhod*. He [any police officer] goes and shops. He takes clothes, and he takes... all for free<sup>3</sup> from, from the merchants.

**Woman behind camera:** *Farhod* is a Turkish word?

**Man:** The word *farhod*, the first time it was practiced was by the Turks.

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<sup>3</sup> Free here doesn't mean that the stuff was given for free. It actually means that the *genderma* used to steal their basic needs on a massive scale.