

### Arabic Transcript:

ا: كيف بدت الحرب وشو كانت الاسباب؟

ب: اسباب الحرب، حسب ما كالتو الامريكان، انه احنه عدنه اسلحة دمار شامل. ف... دخلو للعراق علمود يطلعون اسلحة الدمار الشامل، بس قبلها جانو ال (يو ان) موجودين بالعراق قبل سنين مو ببداية الحرب، جوي ال (يو ان) وفتشوا، وفتشوا دوائر حكوميه، وفتشوا مدارس، وفتشوا معامل ومصانع، وكلشي ما لكوا. ف... يعني فكرة اسلحة الدمار الشامل، العالم كله جان يعرف انه ماكو بالعراق. وال (يو ان) الامم المتحده كالت لتدخلون للعراق، حذرت الامريكان من انه يدخلون للعراق بس مع هذا دخلوا! فهذا السبب جان، حسب الامريكان. بس العراقيين برأيهم انه الامريكان دخلوا علمود النفط.

ا: اسباب اقتصادية؟

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### English Translation:

**Girl behind the camera:** How did the war start? And what were the reasons?

**Zahraa:** The reason for the war, according to the Americans is weapons of mass destruction. They came to Iraq to find the weapons of mass destruction, but before that the UN inspectors were in Iraq years before and they searched government institutions, schools, plants and factories and they did not find anything. So, the idea of the WMD was ... the entire world knew they didn't exist in Iraq. The UN and the entire world warned the Americans about going into Iraq. So that was the reason, according to the Americans, but for the Iraqis, they think that the Americans came for oil.

**Girl behind the camera:** Economical reasons?

**Zahraa:** And because they opposed Saddam Hussein.

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