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A Libyan Teacher's Schedule

English translation of Libyan Arabic:

Abed: I would like to talk to you a bit about, I mean, my daily routine, which of course is during work days, which start when studying days, of course, or to be more specific, I mean, during teaching days, I mean. I mean... aa... there is, of course, schedule, it all depends on the schedule given by the school administration. I mean, the school administration is, of course, the one that arranges the teachers and classes. Each teacher, of course, picks his schedule up. Perhaps, I mean possibly, the first class, I mean, starts in the morning at 8:00 am or 7:00 am. Of course, we have the course system, I mean, first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh class. Of course, between the first 3 classes, I mean, after the 3 first classes there is a break; we call it break period. During the break of course, students go outside to the school commons and have their breakfast ...aaa... umm... for 15 minutes in some schools and in other schools, they give half an hour. Then fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh classes start. I am present at all times at the school. I mean if I have a class, according to the schedule. But, I mean, if I don't have, I mean, anything on that day; teaching day, I mean, it is possible to, I mean, finish any work related me, for example, I read my emails in case, for instance, some of my friends email me or for instance, I go to ...aaa... to, I mean, to the market, for example if, I mean, if I need some clothes or some personal things for myself. And, of course, in this day also, I practice my favorite hobby which is, of course, soccer. It, of course, also has a special schedule and a specific place in my day off.

And...aaa... of course, this is how it works based on the school calendar and of course there are office hours with the students. I mean we may meet at the school's library if they, I mean, need any explanation about a subject. Or for example, if there is an activity, for instance, we have 'The Cultural Week'... 'The Cultural Week', which is conducted 3 days of the week ... I mean, it is usually on the month of the Bird which is, according to the Libyan calendar, the month of April, I mean, month four. I mean, it lasts through days 5, 6, and 7 of April and on day 7, there is a ceremony. I mean during days 5 and 6, there are some activities for the students. For example, we open activities for the students like drawing, singing, acting, physical activities, and all other activities. I mean, every student chooses the activity he wants to do and registers his name.

...aaa... then, I mean, I mean students engage in their activities under the teachers' supervision. During the last day, of course, if it was a physical activity for example, say soccer, volleyball ...aaa... basketball... I mean, the winning team gets a prize in the last day which is day 7. Also the competition of the Glorious Quran - we have the Glorious Quran competition. The readers perform under teachers' supervision, not necessarily Islamic teachers but they can be of other subjects. They carry the Holy Quran and they have already understood and memorized the rules and the correct ways to read the Quran. They supervise this competition. And of course, the winners are given prizes on the last day which is usually, I mean, we usually leave for a Thursday - I mean Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday would be the last day and the ceremony day to recognize all the participants who performed well in drawing or art, etc... I mean and other activities.

And this is how it works, and during regular days, teaching at school goes as specified on the schedule of classes. And of course, exams are of course, under the supervision of the administration. Of course, teachers certainly are divided into different committees, one for mentors and one for supervisors. I mean, there are some of them who distribute the exam questions for the different committees and the supervisors are, of course, within the committees and of course, I mean, they, I mean, supervise the students and they receive the exam answers from the students ...umm...aa...I mean, this is how, I mean, the teaching schedule works on a daily basis.

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