

Moroccan Arabic transcript:

ب: مدينة الدار البيضاء... مدينة الدار البيضاء, مدينتي كيما قلت لك ولدت و عشت و قريت و خدمت فيها آآ هي مدينة كبيرة, أكبر مدينة في المغرب. نظن ان الساكنة ديالها حوالي 6 مليون دابا آآ فيها كيتركز الاقتصاد ديال المغرب لان هي مدينة اقتصادية...

ن: ايه هي الاماكن ألي هي مشهورة...؟

ب: في الدار البيضاء؟

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ب: مشهور مسجد الحسن الثاني ألي هو أكبر مسجد من بعد مسجد الحرمين الشريفين في آآ السعودية...

ن: {سؤال غير واضح}

ب: هو تسمى... هو تبنى آآ باش يخلد اول آآ الملك الحسن الثاني الله يرحمه ألي بنى هذاك المسجد باش يكون معلمة اسلامية في آآ في ال آآ في العالم العربي و في ال آآ العالم باسره. كاين فيه مدرسة, كاين فيه مكتبة, كاين فيه آآ مكان لصلى ألي هو... كبير بالزاف... يمكن 20 ألف مصلي...

ن: {سؤال غير واضح}

ب: هو يعني ألي كيميزه ثاني انه مبنى على آآ مبنى على ال آآ المحيط الاطلسي... ف... و المعمار دياله هو معمار مغربي مئة بالمئة يعني بالفسيفساء آآ و الفسيفساء ألي هو أصعب آآ الاشياء لانه يعملها آآ كتعمل بقطع صغيرة يعني كيطلب صبر و كيطلب مهارة و كيطلب جهد كبير.

ن: {سؤال غير واضح}

ب: خلى بالزاف السنوات لانه بدا من... يعني ما... عندي بحث عليه في الدار فما آآ هو ال آآ الحرفين كانوا مغاربة و لكن ال آآ المهندس كان فرنسي آآ خذا عدة سنوات انه يتبنى لانه كان, لان المساحة دياله كبيرة و كتطلب بالزاف ديال الوقت.

English translation:

B: Casablanca city is my city. As I told you, it is where I was born, grew up, studied and worked. It is the biggest city in Morocco. I think its population is about 6 million people. It is where the Moroccan economy concentrates because it is the economic capital.

N: What is it famous for?

B: Casablanca?

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B: It is famous for Hassan II Mosque, which is second biggest mosque after the holy mosque in Saudi Arabia.

N: [*Inaudible question*]

B: It was built to commemorate the King Hassan II (may Allah have mercy on him); he was the one who built it to be an Islamic landmark in the Arab world and the rest of the world. It has a school, library, and a huge prayer area that can hold up to 20 thousand persons.

N: [*Inaudible question*]

B: The other characteristic that distinguishes it is that it was built by the Atlantic Ocean and its architecture is 100% Moroccan. It was built with mosaic, which is the hardest thing because it is made with small pieces and requires a lot of patience, skill and effort.

N: How long did it take to build?

B: It took many years. I have information about it at home but I do not know it by heart. The craftsmen were mostly Moroccans but the designer was French. It took many years to build because it covers a big area and so it requires a lot of time.

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