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Moroccan Arabic transcript:

ي: التعليم في المغرب تبدل في السنوات الاخيرة، التعليم الابتدائي و حتى الاعدادي و الثانوي تبدل بزاف بسميته؟ من حيت آآآ بفضل القانون الجديد. دابا في دابا ولات كتعطى أهمية من حيت ما كانش غير المغربية، اللهجة المغربية في المغرب، كاين الشلحة، كاين وحد اللغة سميتها تفنغ. تفنغ هي أمازيغية ألي ولات كتقرى في بعض المدارس. من حيت بفضل الاحزاب السياسية و بفضل الجمعيات المغربية ألي تدافع على حقوق الامازغية آآآ أنه ولات دابا كتتدرس في بعض المدارس، ماشي في كل المدارس و لكن في بعض المدارس. يمكن ان شاء الله غادي تتعمم علاش؟ من حيت الاغلبية ديال لمغاربة آآآ أمازغين، كاين أمازغين و كاين ناس ديال الصحراء، كاين ناس لعرب و راك تعرفي أول سكان آآآ في ألي جاو للمغرب هم بر ابر آآآ هذا المازغية ولات كتدرس دابا في المدارس، المدارس الابتدائية و ان شاء الله غادي تتعمم. اللغات ألي تتدرس هي من الابتدائي، في المدارس الابتدائية كتدرس اللغة الفرنسية و بعض على المدارس كتدرس اللغة الفرنسية و بعض على المدارس كتدرس تفنغ. آآآ بطبيعة الحال كاين المواد ألي تتدرس باللغة العربية و في التانوي كاين كتدرس طبعا اللغة العربية، اللغة الانجليزية و اللغة آمم و اللغة الفرنسية و كاين ألي كيتخصص في لغة اخرى، كاين الايطالية، كاين الاسبانية و كاين حتى الروسية. آآمم من بعدها مي واحد كيطلع للجامة يقدر ياخذ لغة اخرى، أنا بحال خذيت الايطالية و قريتها خمس سنين في الجامعة.

English translation:

Y: In the last years, education in Morocco has changed... Primary, secondary and high school education has changed a lot, thanks to the new law. Nowadays, [education] is given more importance, especially that, for example, we don't just learn Moroccan, the Moroccan dialect; there is Techlhit and there is another language called Tefeniq. Tefeniq is basically Amazigh [language] – it is taught at some schools. All of this thanks to the political parties and the Moroccan organizations that fight for the rights of the Amazigh – now it is taught at some schools. Not all schools, but some and in sha'Allah¹ it will spread to other schools. Why so? It is because the majority of Moroccans are Imazighen [Berber]; there are Imazighen, there are people from the Sahara, there are Arab people and, as you know, the first inhabitants of Morocco were Berbers. Amazigh [language] is now taught at primary school and, in sha' Allah, it will become widespread. The [other] languages that are taught... in primary school... are taught... –I am talking about public schools, not private—they teach Arabic language, French, and some schools teach Tefeniq. Of course, some courses are taught in Arabic. And in high school, they of course teach Arabic, English and French. There are some people who specialize in another language. There is Italian, Spanish and there is even Russian. Afterwards, when one goes to university, he can take another language. For example, I took Italian and I studied it for five years in university.

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¹ In sha' Allah: God willing (literally: "If Allah wills"): An Arabic expression used in a variety of contexts, but generally used to show respect for God's omnipotence when talking about a future event, especially one which is desired or anticipated.

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