CultureTalk North Africa Video Transcripts: http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu The Tunisian Malya

Tunisian Arabic transcript:

اللباس التقليدي في الجنوب أأا المليا... المليا ألي هي يعني أأا عادة يكون لونها احمر و أأا و اكحل. أأ... لقماش يكون... ما يعني نوع لقماش كيما ل ل قمراية ما يحسكش بالحرارة لانه الجنوب كيما تعرف منطقة يعني من اسخن مناطق تونس أأأ... يعني كترا لابس، يعني كنرا مليا نذكر ل ل منطقة الجنوب ول ... يلبسو تحتها بالطبعة مريول فضيلة حن نسمه ألي هو ال البودي يعني محزومة قدام أأا و لحزام، حزام المليا و يشده بال أأا بحاجات ديال accessories يعني أأا حاجة فضة كيما لهلال كيما... يعني مساك يكونو متفنين فيه، مش مساك عادي.

English translation:

The traditional clothing in south Tunisia is called *malya*¹. Its color is usually red and black. It is made of a specific tissue that doesn't make you feel hot since, like you know, south Tunisia is a very hot place. I mean ... Whenever I see a *malya* I remember south Tunisia. Under it, women usually wear a tight top and they hold everything together with accessories made from silver in the shape of a crescent – you know, a pin that they make artistically; not just any kind of pin.

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¹ Traditional Tunisian cloth for women