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## Hassaniya Arabic transcript:

س: باغية أنسولك عن التشكيلة الإدارية للمخيم، كيفاش موزع؟

امرأة: المخيم موزع الي أربع ولايات الي الي بل خمسة... آآ و كل ولاية مسمية أعلى ولاية ولاية من ولايات المدن المحتلة مثلا ذرك ولاية الداخلة مسمية أعلى ولاية الداخلة في في الأراضي المحتلة، ولاية السمارة، ولاية أوسرد و ولاية الداخلة و هناك قصدي شبه ولاية أو دائرة مسمية بسبعة و عشرين فبراير، مسمية أعلى ذكرة إعلان الجمهورية في سبعة و عشرين فبراير. و كل ولاية عندها دوائر، مثلا ولاية الداخلة عندها، تحتوي على سبعة دوائر، ولاية السمارة أملي كانت ستة دوائر بولاية السكانية عادة عندها أسبع دوائر و ولاية أوسرد عندها ستة دوائر و سبعة و عشرين شبه دائرة و كل كل دائرة تنقسم الي أربعة أحياي ... كل حي، الدائرة تنقسم الي أربع أحياي و الحي قصدي يتكون من مجموعة من السكان تفوق تقريبا الميتين و لا هاك...

امرأةً: والي الولاية هو ...

س: هو السلطة العليا؟

امرأة: أه؟

س: هو السلطة العليا في الولاية؟

امرأة: هو السلطة العليا في الولاية أمبعد يتبعو نايب الولاية و منثم روؤساء الدوائر، كل دائرة عندها رئيس و نايبو و المبعد كل بلدية او كل حي عندو رئيسة و امبعد ادجيها نايبة و كل دائرة عندها مجلس خاص يدرس مشاكل الدائرة اللي تطلعلو طبعا من كل حي، كل مسوؤلة حي اطلع مشاكل الخاصة بحيها و يدرسها ذاك المجلس اللي يضمن اعلي مسوؤلات الدوائر، مسوؤلات لحياي و مسوؤلة او مسوؤل الدائرة و النواب و حتي كل دائرة عندها ممرض خاص او دكتور منضم املي لمجلس الدائرة نظرا المتبعية الصحية اللي تطرا ولا لمراض الصحية اللي تطرا داخليا و يدرسوها كاملين في ابلاصة

## **English translation:**

**S:** I would like to ask you about the administrative structure of the camp, how is it distributed?

**WOMAN:** Aaa... the camp is divided into four or even five *willayas*<sup>1</sup> and... aaa... each *willaya* is named after one of the *willayas* in the occupied towns. For instance, now the *willaya* of Dakhla is named after Dakhla *willaya* in the umm... in the occupied territories, Smara *willaya*, Auserd *willaya* and Dakhla *willaya*. And there is, I mean, aaa... a semi-willaya or daira [district] by the name of February 27, named after the Declaration of the Republic Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. And each *willaya* has daira(s), for example, Dakhla *willaya* has... has seven daira(s) – Smara willaya, too. It used to have six daira(s), but due to the increase in population density, now it has seven daira(s). And Auserd willaya has six daira(s) and Al-Auin willaya has six daira(s) and the 27<sup>th</sup> is a semi-daira. And each aaa... daira... umm... is divided into four hay(s)... each hay [neighborhood]... each daira is divided into four hay(s) and... aaa... the hay has, I mean, a group of people of more than approximately... aaa... 200 or 300...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Willaya: Literally a municipality, here it refers to a refugee camp; there are five willayas located in southwest Algeria. Each refugee camp is a fully-functioning municipality, administered by the Saharawi government together with the liberated territories.

**S:** As for the... aaa ... the administration, who is... aaa... you have the *wali*<sup>2</sup> and the... how is it divided? The *wali* of the *willaya* and...?

**WOMAN:** The *wali* of the *willaya*... aaa... **S:** He has the highest power in the *willaya*...

WOMAN: Yes?

**S:** He has the highest power in the *willaya*?

**WOMAN:** Yes, he has the highest power in the *willaya*, and then he is followed by the deputy-*wali* of the *willaya* and then the presidents of the *daira(s)*; each *daira* has a president and his vice-president... Umm, then each... aaa... hay has a female president... who is followed by a female vice-president and... aaa... each *daira* has a special council that studies the issues of the *daira*, which they, of course, receive from the *hay(s)*. Through their president, each *hay* sends the issues specific to that *hay*, and the council studies the issues presented and the council includes the presidents of the *daira(s)* or, I mean, the presidents of the *hay(s)* and the president of the *daira* and the vice-presidents. And even... umm... each *daira* has a special nurse or doctor, who is also part of the council of the *daira*, and this is due to the fact... aaa... to follow the health care issues that... aaa... happen or the diseases that happen... aaa... internally. They all study it together.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wali: Responsible for the entire willaya or municipality; oversees the administration of the willaya as well as projects and overarching issues.

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