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Hassaniya Arabic transcript:

س: أبوا معنها عن هونتيا خالقة قوات الامن، يعني لحماية المواطنين كيف الشرطة و الدرك؟ رجل: موجود، موجودة هون... هون خالقة الشرطة و خالة الدرك الوطني، ألي هي الشرطة تابعة لوزارة الداخلية و الدرك تابع لوزارة الدفاع. هذا يعني مهمتهم حماية و خدمة المواطن مثل أي دولة ثانية في العالم، عندها الشرطة، الدرك و مختلف تشكيلات الاجهزة الامنية ألي هي تحفظ سلامة و أمن المواطنين.
س: و شنهو الفرق من بين الشرطة و الدرك من ناحية آآآ يعني الخدمات ولا الوجبات؟ رجل: الخدمات، مثلا تقد تقول الشرطة يعني كيف قلت أقبيل عنها متابعة لوزارة الداخلية. يعني الشرطة مهمتها تتركز فقط علي العمل الداخلي، داخل الولاية. و الدرك الوطني، داخل الولاية. و الدرك الولاية، علي حدود الولاية. و يعني تقريبا، المهام تتوالها الشرطة إلا يعني مهام أستعصات علي الشرطة... كيف قلت آآآ هذه هي الميزة، يعني و الشرطة تقريبا كيف قلت تعمل الداخل و هي تعني مهمها شي أستعصي عليها يستدعي تدخل الدرك الوطني.

English translation:

S: So, this means that there are security forces to ensure the safety of people in the camps?

MAN: Yes, here there are... here there are the police and the National Guard. The police are part of the Ministry of the Interior and the National Guard is part of the Ministry of Defense. I mean, their role is to secure and protect the citizens like they would do in any other country in the world. We have a police force and a National Guard and different security offices, which ensure the security of the citizens.

S: What is the difference between the police and the National Guard in terms of... aaa... I mean, services and duties?

MAN: The duties... you pretty much can say... I mean, as I said earlier the police are part of the Ministry of the Interior. This means that they mainly work inside the *willaya* and the National Guard is responsible for both inside and outside of the *willaya*, which makes it different from the police in that they can work inside and outside the *willaya* by the border. I mean, pretty much the police respond first to any emergency, and if it gets harder for them, they pass it to the National Guard forces... As I said... aaa... one mainly concentrates inside the camps whereas the other one functions mainly outside the camps... and they take over what the police can't handle.

¹ 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.

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