

Yemeni Arabic transcript:

س: قاتني أنه كمان بتاكلوا الفاصولياء كثير... ليش فاصولياء؟

ل: فاصولياء. لو تلاحظي انه نحننا ناكل فاصولياء في القراع و في العشاء.. يعني تقريبا كل يوم وجبتين... برأيي انه أغلب الناس ياكلوا فاصولياء في أغلب الوجبات لأنه الفاصولياء رخيصة و لأنه من أرخص المأكولات في اليمن. بالذات أنه أغلب الناس دحين دي اليومتين يعني بدي السننتين الأخيرة.. أغلب الناس دخلهم أستوى أقل، عشان كده مايقدروش يشتروا إلا فاصولياء، وبعدين يشتروها بكميات كبيرة، يعني تكون أرخص... يكون عليها خصم ببشترتوا فاصولياء بالكيلو و بفيوروها و يطرحوها باكياس و يطرحوها بالديش.. بالتلاجة.. وبعدين كلما.. مثلا في الصباح ولا في الليل يخرجوا كيس و يطبخوه. أغلب العائلات يسوا كده لأنه أول شي رخيص وبعدين كمان لأنه الفاصولياء زيمة تقولي حاجة مشهورة.. وفي عدن بالذات.

English translation:

S: You also said that you (Yemenis) eat beans a lot, why beans in particular?

L: Beans. If you would notice we eat beans in breakfasts and dinners. Meaning we eat it in two meals everyday. In my opinion most people eat beans in most meals because it's cheap, one of the cheapest foods in Yemen. Especially that most people nowadays, I mean in the last two years, most people's income has decreased. For this reason they can only buy beans, and they buy it in large quantities so they get a discount and get it for cheaper. Then they boil it, put it in plastic bags and store it in their freezers. Then, like in the morning or the evening they take out a bag of beans and they cook it. Most families do this because first of all it's cheaper and also because beans are a famous dish... especially in Aden.

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