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|  | 0.14 | R: (Arabic) |  |
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|  | 0.19 | K: Hello. |  |
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|  | 0.22 | R: Hi Karin |  |
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|  | 0.24 | K: You’re a busy man. You hear me? |  |
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|  | 0.30 | R: Just a minute I want to.. I am available yes. |  |
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|  | 0.35 | K: How are you? |  |
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|  | 0.38 | R: So busy, I have to work so much but its okay. |  |
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|  | 0.47 | K: What are you doing these days? |  |
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|  | 0.49 | R: I now work in Masafer Yatta today, I have to finish a |  |
|  |  | professional opinion to send to the court about the |  |
|  |  | situation there. |  |
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|  | 1.02 | K: Okay, what are you trying to do in court? Complicated |  |
|  |  | things? |  |
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|  | 1.15 | R: Yes, we are working. |  |
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|  | 1.17 | K: I was gonna ask you, do you think you could send me he |  |
|  |  | masterplan that you have for Qalkilyah? |  |
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|  | 1.15 | R: I sent you, yeah? Or not? |  |
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|  | 1.27 | K: No, you didn’t send me. |  |
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|  | 1.30 | R: Okay I will send you. |  |
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|  | 1.32 | K: Thank you, that would be really nice of you if you could |  |
|  |  | send that. I want to ask you, I heard that the system for |  |
|  |  | making plans changed before and after the PM Fayad came |  |
|  |  | up with a new procedure for doing plans, is that correct? |  |
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|  | 1.51 | R: Yeah. |  |
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|  | 1.54 | K: How did he change the system, the planning system? OM |  |
|  |  | Fayad. |  |
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|  | 2.00 | R: No he did not change anything about the planning |  |
|  |  | system, Fayad was not connected to the planning system, |  |
|  |  | he concentrate in the planning policy, we have to |  |
|  |  | differentiate between the planning policy and system. And |  |
|  |  | actually the assumption of the Fayad government was a |  |
|  |  | deal with.. what’s it called? To enable (inaudible). This is |  |
|  |  | the main change of the Fayad government. |  |
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|  | 2.45 | K: Okay, did he change the coordination process with the |  |
|  |  | CA or how were things done before and after? |  |
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|  | 2.56 | R: They created a special committee. A committee for |  |
|  |  | joining between the Palestinian representative of the PA |  |
|  |  | and join the meeting with the ICA. And with the |  |
|  |  | representatives of the communities. They discuss the |  |
|  |  | planning in area C. Who continues to manage the planning |  |
|  |  | is through the ICA. |  |
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|  | 3.40 | K: Okay, and did this have a big impact on the discussions |  |
|  |  | and the decisions of the planning? His reform when it |  |
|  |  | comes to planning, did it have a big impact on the |  |
|  |  | processes, did it make things easier or did he facilitate in |  |
|  |  | any way towards the local communities or so on? I still |  |
|  |  | don’t fully understand what it was that he did that was |  |
|  |  | revolutionary or renewing. |  |
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|  | 4.18 | R: Yes, not renewing, they are beginning to accelerate the |  |
|  |  | process, that means to give the permission to an |  |
|  |  | international authority, the EU, UN Habitat and French |  |
|  |  | Embassy and the British council to finance the project of |  |
|  |  | planning within area C. Okay? This is very important |  |
|  |  | change, it means they give the permission to enable |  |
|  |  | Palestinian planning within area C and despite this are |  |
|  |  | being under Israeli administration. As occupation. Okay? |  |
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|  | 5.12 | K: Did the.. sorry, speak. |  |
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|  | 5.15 | R: The Fayad government begin to pace that we have to |  |
|  |  | expand the PA to manage area C and if they are going to |  |
|  |  | our vision, to manage are C the planning is part of our |  |
|  |  | mission, our (?), so we can work in parallel, by planning |  |
|  |  | the village and locality in area C, to establish them, to |  |
|  |  | follow them etc, and to enable authorising this plan |  |
|  |  | through the CA. |  |
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|  | 6.02 | K: Did this lead to an increase in number of plans |  |
|  |  | submitted to the ICA? |  |
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|  | 6.09 | R: Yes. |  |
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|  | 6.12 | K: So more plans after the reform from the PM? |  |
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|  | 6.16 | R: This is a process, they began with the private initiative, |  |
|  |  | and then back to what we call counter-planning. Related |  |
|  |  | to the issue of how we deal with the plan in area C, |  |
|  |  | financed by the European community, and the PA actually |  |
|  |  | they finance me to initiate a plan. Five plans in area C, |  |
|  |  | okay? Just I want to reply somebody. (Speaking Arabic) |  |
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|  | 8.46 | K: You mentioned the involvement of the EU, today, could |  |
|  |  | you describe the organs or the players of the EU or the UN, |  |
|  |  | like which parts? |  |
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|  | 9.08 | R: Actually all these bodies were involved, difference in |  |
|  |  | emphasising and different rules, okay? From what I know, |  |
|  |  | there are some things I don’t know exactly in the high |  |
|  |  | level, in the military level. Just I know that they begin the |  |
|  |  | initiative to push the planning in area C. |  |
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|  | 9.40 | K: And today, how does it work? |  |
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|  | 9.45 | R: Today the situation is different. |  |
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|  | 9.48 | K: Yes, but today, which are the people or organs in the EU |  |
|  |  | or UN who have an impact? |  |
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|  | 10.00 | R: They continue but not accelerate, actually they lower |  |
|  |  | the speed involving, because of politics since the beginning |  |
|  |  | of the Trump administration. The situation has changed, |  |
|  |  | the relation between the Israelis and the Palestinians has |  |
|  |  | changed. This is a direct impact of the rules of planning in |  |
|  |  | area C. |  |
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|  | 10.32 | K: Okay but how do they enforce their influence, do they |  |
|  |  | do they come and sit down together with the local |  |
|  |  | committees? |  |
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|  | 10.40 | R: Actually rarely. Today as I know, there are no meetings. |  |
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|  | 10.48 | K: Okay, also before the pandemic? Do people regularly |  |
|  |  | come and visit? |  |
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|  | 11.00 | R: No, even before. This is not connected to COVID-19. |  |
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|  | 11.10 | K: There was barely any representation form the EU? |  |
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|  | 11,15 | R: Actually COVID-19 freezing all the meetings, because |  |
|  |  | the limitations of this. |  |
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|  | 11.25 | K: Do they also have communications with the ICA? The |  |
|  |  | representatives from the European countries? Or the EU. |  |
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|  | 11.35 | R: I don’t know. |  |
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|  | 11.38 | K: Okay. How do you as a person start and finish a plan, |  |
|  |  | how do you know what is needed for for example a |  |
|  |  | masterplan? How do you as a professor start and finish a |  |
|  |  | plan? |  |
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|  | 12.05 | R: Myself I call, I follow up, I discuss, for instance the |  |
|  |  | village such as Tuwani, or (?) I continue to follow up, this is |  |
|  |  | my rule. I different from the political arena because I am |  |
|  |  | not a politician. I am a professional and I am committed to |  |
|  |  | the community, the representative asks me and I have to |  |
|  |  | reply to them as a coordinator or a mediator. |  |
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|  | 12.45 | K: but do they come to you with a set of requirements that |  |
|  |  | they want to have realised? |  |
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|  | 12.54 | R:In some cases yes. But I actually consider the political |  |
|  |  | arena, I understand that there are now no finance, I try to |  |
|  |  | involve more and to push the PA to authorise the plan, |  |
|  |  | because I think they have to expand the rule, the PA to be |  |
|  |  | an administrator and to authorise, not the Israeli |  |
|  |  | occupation. This is my attitude. |  |
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|  | 13.33 | K: And how can you push or influence them to approve |  |
|  |  | more plans? |  |
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|  | 13.38 | R: I send the plans to the PA. For instance the area of |  |
|  |  | (inaudible). |  |
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|  | 13.50 | K: And do you have an expected time perspective when |  |
|  |  | you do this? Do you expect a plan to be started and |  |
|  |  | realised after a certain amount of years? |  |
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|  | 14.00 | R: I think yes. |  |
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|  | 14.04 | K: What is the approximate time for when you do a |  |
|  |  | masterplan for a village or a plan? |  |
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|  | 14.10 | R: Actually it takes some time, about two years, one year |  |
|  |  | and to authorise approximately two years. |  |
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|  | 14.18 | K: What happens after the ICA rejects plan, is there a way |  |
|  |  | you can actually start to build and hope that the decision |  |
|  |  | can be changed along the way? |  |
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|  | 14.30 | R: Actually most plans come to organise (inaudible), no |  |
|  |  | plan done for new never holds. Unfortunately. That means |  |
|  |  | the community continues to develop, some of them |  |
|  |  | consider the plan, some of them not consider, and the |  |
|  |  | Israelis in many cases not reject just they freeze, |  |
|  |  | sometimes only in military areas, such as in Masafer Yatta, |  |
|  |  | they refuse the plan but the community continue to |  |
|  |  | develop. |  |
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|  | 15.22 | K: Good, because I read somewhere that the EU |  |
|  |  | encourages the communities to focus more on building and |  |
|  |  | less on planning, even without the ICA approval. Is that |  |
|  |  | correct? |  |
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|  | 15.40 | R: Excuse me, again? |  |
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|  | 15.43 | K: The EU encourages the communities to do less planning |  |
|  |  | and more building. More hands-on building. |  |
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|  | 15.55 | R: This is not the EU, this is the needs of the community. |  |
|  |  | Not because of the EU countries. |  |
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|  | 16.02 | K: Yes but that its encourages by the EU? |  |
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|  | 16.08 | R: No, this is the needs of the community, the continue to |  |
|  |  | develop, this is their needs, and the EU rule to protect, |  |
|  |  | according to international law. |  |
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|  | 16.23 | K: Is there some kind of agreement that you can start |  |
|  |  | building a singular project before the whole plan is |  |
|  |  | approved? |  |
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|  | 16.32 | R: No, no. I d not know. |  |
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|  | 16.37 | K: Everything has to be approved before you can start? |  |
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|  | 16.44 | R: Submit an application for a building permit, and to try |  |
|  |  | to gain a building permit. |  |
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|  | 16.55 | K: Can you only start once there is the announcement that |  |
|  |  | the plan is approved? |  |
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|  | 17.02 | R: Yes, sure. |  |
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|  | 17.03 | K: Like the media announcement. |  |
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|  | 17.05 | R: Not the media, it is published through the newspaper, |  |
|  |  | two newspapers, one in Arabic and one in Hebrew. |  |
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|  | 17.17 | K: And that second you can start? |  |
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|  | 17.20 | R: According to the law. They follow the regulations, the |  |
|  |  | law. |  |
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| 17.25 | K: What happens when a plan interfere with a sight of |  |
|  | archeological interest? |  |
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| 17.35 | R: Such as (?), they have to freeze like the (?) and you have |  |
|  | to get a permission for the archeological area or from the |  |
|  | military. If not, they mention in the plan that this |  |
|  | continues to be an archeological sight. |  |
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| 18.00 | K: And who is the responsible organ for the archeological |  |
|  | excavations? |  |
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| 18.08 | R: The Israeli administration, the archeological manager. |  |
|  | The Israeli administration. |  |
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| 18.15 | K: And they can decide to freeze a project fully. |  |
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| 18.19 | R: Thats right. |  |
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| 18.24 | K: What happened when a project integers with a military |  |
|  | area, such as a firing zone? |  |
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| 18.30 | R: Excuse me, again? |  |
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| 18.35 | K: Can the same thing happen if it affects a military area? |  |
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| 18.44 | R: Yes, through the military area they are more active. |  |
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| 18.50 | K: Okay, you know if there are any Israeli NGOs who have a |  |
|  | part in the planning process, like BimKom or Peace Now? |  |
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| 19.00 | R: No but there are against, Ragavim, against the plan. |  |
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| 19.12 | K: Okay but are there any working in favour of the plans? |  |
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| 19.14 | R: Just a minute. (Speaking Arabic) Yes Karin? |  |
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| 20.35 | K. I said is there any Israeli NGO working in the favour of |  |
|  | the planning process? |  |
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| 20.40 | R: Regavim. But Regavim is extreme right, who is against |  |
|  | the planning in Area C. |  |
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| 20.48 | K: And is any working for the planning? |  |
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| 20.52 | R: No. I don’t know. |  |
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| 20.57 | K: You said you left the IPCC in 2008? |  |
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| 21.02 | R: No, 2016. |  |
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| 21.05 | K: Sorry, 2016, was there anyone who replaced you? |  |
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| 21.08 | R: Nobody can replace me in this unfortunately. |  |
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| 21.12 | K: What are they doing today, do they still have a big part |  |
|  | in the planning process? |  |
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| 21.20 | R: I think that they cannot do that, I continue to work my |  |
|  | rule and I believe in that (inaudible). |  |
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| 21.35 | K: Do you still have contact with them, have a good |  |
|  | relationship with them? |  |
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| 21.40 | R: No I am freezing all the relationship. |  |
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| 21.42 | K: With the IPCC? |  |
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| 21.47 | R: I continue to work alone because I initiate the project, I |  |
|  | built the IPCC, but I found some thing I don’t don’t want o |  |
|  | elaborate, such as corruption, and I do not want to |  |
|  | continue that. |  |
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| 22.03 | K: Okay, you think that they became corrupted? |  |
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| 22.07 | R: Okay, leave it. |  |
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| 22.10 | K: Sure, don’t worry. Alright, thank you. I am gonna send |  |
|  | you a reminder to send me the plan for Qalkiliah, okay? |  |
|  | Thats fine? Alright, see you. |  |
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| 22.26 | R: Bye bye. Enjoy. |  |
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