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“Frankly speaking, some of the customs and traditions that are operating now are bad, some traditions that have developed in Libyan society. They are not linked to Islam at all, and in fact clearly go against it. All the justifications for these customs are weak and feeble, like the one saying that women will take her inheritance to the house of her husband and a large part if it will go to him.

“So I think what we really need now, more than a law or constitution, is a real effective raising of awareness to reach those in society who are stopping women from being able to gain their rights to inheritance.

“There is also fear on the part of the women toward their brothers. And because of lack of awareness, she might accept a symbolic sum of money in return for renouncing her rights to inheritance, or the family house. And, I don’t know, she might be forced into doing this.

“So the process has several elements., Certainly there is an important legal factor. But also the social customs and traditions are a negative element in trying to secure women’s rights to inheritance.”

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