

## TRANSFER OF THE FUNDS GENERATED DURING 2023-2024 BY THE PROJECT RAJA

Friday, 26th of April 2024, approximatively 13:20...the moment has finally arrived! Leaving Belgium on the Tuesday, and having participated to a fossil dig in the company of Daoud and one of his brothers during the morning, we (I was accompanied by 4 friends from the Liege region, and the group was fortified by de 2 buddies from the South of France) are getting ready for the Tranfer Ceremony of the Project Raja funds. Our guide (and translator) Haddach first explains the 'script' to Daoud, and then I hand over the envelope containing 5122 dirham (the equivalent of 480 euros, collected since July 2023 either throught the sale of the balpoints, either by the voluntary donations). Our photographer/videographer on duty, Adrien Lafontaine (credit given where credit is due!) made us a little ontage of the event, which you can watch by copying the following address into your browser...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtYmBHB799I>

...but here's already a short view on content of the video part.



**Above left** : the transfer of the envelope; **Above right** : presentation/ handing over of the balpoints.



**Above left:** Daoud admires the balpoints, and smiles seeing the toffees and gaufferettes which I had brought for the children, of which...; **Above right :** ...he immediately hands over a packet to Raja (whom will not recognize it, and continues to concentrate on the interesting people around her).



As far as the still images are concerned, I feel a few added explanations might be of use (also, it gives me a chance to insert a few pictures of my own)





Before the Transfer Ceremony, Daoud had lain the little girl in my arms.  
I presume she'd just been awoken from a noon sleep, and at first she didn't seem quite at ease (**above left**)...  
but that changed when Haddach came and talked to her in the berber language (**above right**)...



Preferring her to feel at ease, I therefore left the girl the opportunity to settle in as she wanted. Haddach (**see above left**) then points out how swell Raja moves about her legs and, having seen what he did (but not having understood the countenance of what he said), she turns to him with an inquisitive look on her face (**above right**).





Once the ceremony finished, Daoud rushes back to the kitchen, and I start a search for the photos I took of the girl last year...but before I can find 'em, Raja rushes toward me (**see above left** – added picture) with a rapidity that surprises me (oh yes...say, what an improvement in her condition!), in order to take my gsm (which I can disable just in time) away from me (**above right**). Her dad then returns to show me a framed photo (taken of me by Haddach during my visit to him in the Ardèche during the Summer of last year; and now residing in the girl's room), returns my gsm to me...did he suggest his daughter to show us how she can now control her legs(?)...in any case, when he scarpers off again Raja turns over to her back, and does a couple of exercises (**see below**).



And here (below) some photos of the exercises from my perspective (allow me to offer my apologies for their poor quality).





After the exercises, some rest...and a return to the activity she likes so much : observing the people around her (**added images**).

