

اللغة العربية

Gender of the Number



Question

In your *Arabic Conversation Drills* (episode 31, pg 195) it says:

بِكَمْ يُبَاعُ هَذَا الْقَلَمُ يَا مُحَمَّدٌ؟

= يُبَاعُ بِخَمْسَةِ دُولَارَاتٍ.

Why is it not:

? يُبَاعُ بِخَمْسِ دُولَارَاتٍ

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



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وعليكم السلام

No, it has to be

بِخَمْسَةٍ دُولَارَاتٍ

because the word دُولَارٌ is masculine, and so the number should be feminine.

Probably you say this because دُولَارَاتٍ is sound feminine plural.

That is of no consequence.

The rules pertaining to the number are based on the gender of the مَعْدُودٌ in singular.

Note: خَمْسُ سَيَّارَاتٍ

but: خَمْسَةُ مُسْتَشْفِيَّاتٍ

Hope this is clear.

والسلام,

abdur rahim