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On Jul 17, 8:40 pm, Yusuf B Gurseay <y...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Jul 16, 10:10 am, phogl...@xxxxxx wrote:

On 16 heinä, 16:16, "Peter T. Daniels" <gramma...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Jul 16, 6:53 am, phogl...@xxxxxx wrote:

On 16 heinä, 10:52, Andrew Woode
<andrew_wo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Maltese <ie> are
fromArabic/a/ if I
remember rightly.

Yes, they have some fancy name for that a
-> ie inArabic, it is a

ima:la

Yes, that is what I was thinking of.

Not just dialects. Classical and Standard also.

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Would you please elaborate? I always thought that a long aaaa in the phonetic feature was recognized by the early grammarians, hence its legitimization.

How early? Al-Sibawaihi kind of early?

Standard or Classical Arabic is a long aaaa, period. But I readily admit my profound, shameful and blasphemous ignorance of the noble tongue, earnestly hoping that your lordship would be as merciful as to light the lamp of your wisdom in the impenetrable desert night of my ignorance.

regular process in some dialects. Well, I reckon the default authority is Joseph Aquilina, and he gives Italian and Sicilian as the source of Mt missier. And there are Romance words in Mt with -ie-, such as bersaljier.-

The _musawwir_ suggestion appeared to date from the 1930s. There may have still been some back then who thought Maltese was the descendant of Phoenician, which was the view in the mid 19th century.

There are some even today (you will find out about that by googling a little), but they seem to be either anti-Arab and anti-immigration nationalists or grinders of some other political axe, such as the pro-Israeli one. Outside serious linguistic circles, it still seems to be a relatively widespread and popular idea.

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