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Senegal: How marriages between men of the Jawandoo caste and women of the Toroodo caste are viewed by the Toucouleur people (1999-2001)

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Recent information on how the Toucouleur people view marriages between men of the Jawandoo caste and women of the Toroodo caste could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, in *Les Toucouleur de Fouta Tooro : stratification sociale et structure familiale*, a book published in Dakar in 1969, the author wrote that the caste of the *tooroBBé* (plural of *toorodo*) was at [translation] "the top of the Toucouleur social hierarchy," and that it [translation] "was, in fact, part of the political and religious aristocracy of society in general" (Yaya Wane 1969). As for the *jaawamBe* (plural of *jaawanDo*), the same author noted that this caste was [translation] "forced to submit to the *tooroBBé* if only to obtain their means of subsistence from them" (*ibid.*).

In describing marital relationships among the Toucouleur, Yaya Wane explained that [translation] "the *tooroBBé* often take *FulBe* (Peul), *seBBé* and *jaawamBe* as wives, while it is more difficult for the men from these three castes to marry *tooroBBé*, due to the latter's great reluctance to give their women to non-*tooroBBé*" (*ibid.*).

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

Reference

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