

A Poem on the Shaykhs of Fuuta¹

In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

May God bestow His blessings and peace upon our Master, Muhammad, his family, and companions. This poem lists Fuuta scholars, starting with the first:

- 1) Karamako Alfaa Timbo,
- 2) Shaykhu Dalabaa,
- 3) Alfaa Buubakar Bulliiwel,
- 4) Shaykhu Ndantaari,
- 5) Shaykhu Ibraahiima Janne Hoore Doŋol,
- 6) Cerno Aliyyu Ndantaari,
- 7) Alfaa Buubakar Hoore Doŋol,
- 8) Karamoko Muhammadu Hollaande,
- 9) Karamoko Kulabiiyu Kula,
- 10) Cerno Idi Fugumbaa,
- 11) Karamoko Saaliyu Fugumbaa,
- 12) Cerno Haasimii'u Fugumbaa,
- 13) Cerno Muhammadu Boke,
- 14) Alfaa Saaliyu Bari,
- 15) Shaykhu Aagibu, his son,²
- 16) Alfaa Buubakar Teliyaa,
- 17) Alfaa Samba Buriyaa,
- 18) Cerno Mahmuudu Makooma,

¹ This is an Arabic-Fula Ajami bilingual manuscript that lists 99 renowned scholars of Fuuta Jalon who lived between the 17th and the 20th century.

² This refers to the son of Alfaa Saaliyu Buriwii.

19) Shaykhu Umaru Toorodo,

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20) Cerno Samba Mombeyaa,

21) Cerno Saadu Daleŋ,

22) Cerno Aliyyu ʼBuuba Ndiyaŋ,

23) Shaykhu Maawiyatu Maasi,

24) Cerno Dadi Miti,

25) Cerno Maawiyatu Dalabaa,

26) Cerno Buubakar Kaɓɓe,

27) Shariifu Abdullaahi,

28) Cerno Haashimii' u Kula,

29) Alfaa Buubakar Hoore Jooli,

30) Cerno Ibraahiima Hoore Jooli,

31) Cerno Sharifudiini Hoore Doŋol,

32) Cerno Muhammadu Baa Hoore Doŋol,

33) Karamoko Umar Heerikoo Adewaa,

34) Cerno Ibraahiima Hoore Tulel,

35) Cerno Ma'aaju Fello ʼBuri,

36) Cerno Makka Seefuure,

37) Alfaa Buubakar Jeliibe,

38) Karamoko Aliyyu Gombaa,

39) Alfaa Muhammadu ʼBooyi Sangareyaa,

40) Al-Hajji Lamaraana Dakala,

41) Cerno Maadiyu Juntu,

- 42) Cerno Sanusii Bindi,
- 43) Al-Hajji Muhammadu Ayngel,
- 44) Cerno Ahmadu Leelatoo,
- 45) Cerno Ahmadu Galle,

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- 46) Cerno Muhammadu Alfaa Teeni Jannde,
- 47) Al-Hajji Ibraahiima Booje,
- 48) Karamoko Buubakar Booje,
- 49) Shaykhu Umar Garayaa,
- 50) Cerno Boori,
- 51) Shaykhu Booyi Leela,
- 52) Al-Hajji Abdul Jamburiyaa,
- 53) Al-Hajji Buubakar Jamburiyaa,
- 54) Al-Hajji Muhammadu Jaaka,
- 55) Cerno Mahmuudu Sankarelaa,
- 56) Cerno Sulaymaana Lookataa,
- 57) Alfaa Umar Hollaande,
- 58) Cerno Teli Soynde,
- 59) Cerno Usmaani Parawol Hollaande,
- 60) Cerno Naasiru,
- 61) Cerno Usmaani Limbelli,
- 62) Al-Hajji Abdullaahi Keebaali,
- 63) Karamoko Abdullaahi Billel Banta,
- 64) Al-Hajji Muhammadu Hoore Laamu,

- 65) Shaykhu Umar Hoore Fello,
- 66) Shaykhu Sanusii Gongoore,
- 67) Al-Hajji Mahmuudu Buriyaa,
- 68) Alfaa Umar Pelli,
- 69) Karamoko Alfaa Hoore Maasi,
- 70) Cerno Mahdiyyu Malal,

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- 71) Cerno Saafi'iyyu Hoore Yaala,
- 72) Cerno Abdul Suugetaa,
- 73) Cerno Muhammadu Billel Dalabaa,
- 74) Al-Hajji Muhammadu Alfaa Leele,
- 75) Shaykhu Fanta Maadi Kankaŋ,
- 76) Cerno Ahmadu Ludaabe,
- 77) Shaykhu Ibraahiima Yobi Jinkaŋ,
- 78) his son,³ Alfaa Umar,
- 79) Shaykhu Muusaa Neteere,
- 80) Shaykhu Ahmadu Wuuri Sinkiyaa,
- 81) Shaykhu Abdullaahi Seeleyaabe,
- 82) Cerno Sariifu Ningelande,
- 83) Cerno Ma'aju Buruwal,
- 84) Cerno Qaadiri Jakka,
- 85) Cerno Dayeejo Bantangii,

³ The son of Shaykhu Ibraahiima Yobi Jinkaŋ, mentioned in the verse before.

- 86) Cerno Sulaymaana Jinkaŋ,
- 87) Cerno Sanusii Mango,
- 88) Cerno Muhammadu Darasa Fiya,
- 89) Cerno Ibraahiima Labe Deppere,
- 90) Cerno Saydu Ayngel Joobe,
- 91) Cerno Taahiru Heneere,
- 92) Cerno Abdullaahi Seeleyaabe,
- 93) Alfaa Umar Dingiraawii,
- 94) Cerno Bela Heneere,
- 95) Cerno Buubakar Jawne,

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- 96) Cerno Paate Labe Deppere,
- 97) Cerno Muhammadu Labe Deppere,
- 98) Karamoko Al-Husayni Yillaabe,
- 99) and Karamoko Ibraahiima Madiina.

May God bestow upon us their blessings! May God include us in their company, the company of those who have attained salvation, in the name of the five mountains. The first of which are the Abi Qubays Mountain and the Jabal al-Nur (the Mountain of Light), and the other mountains: the two in Medina and the one in the Holy City of Jerusalem. May God preserve us from the dread and intensity of the Judgment Day. May God forgive us and them (the scholars), and may He forgive our fathers and their fathers and our teachers and their teachers. May God forgive them all on the Day of Retribution. May God forgive us and them, and may He forgive every male and female believer, both those alive and those deceased. May God bestow His boundless peace and blessings upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and his followers.