

# Life

- At the age of 19, he married a French woman living in Morocco, with whom he had four children. While continuing this union , he married in 2005 a French woman of [Malian](#) origin , Adja-Damba Dante , nicknamed Demdem . He converted to Islam [in](#) 2004 . In 2005, he joined the [Tabligh brothers](#) movement , which he later left and now considers a [sect](#) . He recounts in a documentary dedicated to him on [Netflix](#) : "There were people who ended up dead, committed suicide in Iraq. People who were next to me. And that freaked me out, I don't know where I could have ended up." Originally [Catholic](#) , he indicated in 2016 that Barack Adama, his friend from the group Sexion d'Assaut, convinced him to convert [to Islam](#) , as well as after an interview with an [imam](#) .
- In March 2018, he indicates that he requested [French nationality](#) and that it was refused to him. According to [Closer](#) magazine , this decision was due to his “ [bigamy](#) ”, which is not authorized in [French](#) or [European law](#) . However, Maître Gims disputes this version of the facts. In an interview with the [Journal du Dimanche](#) , in 2022, to the question: “We lend you a second wife in Morocco. Are you polygamous? ”, he replies: "That's totally false. I live with DemDem and the children. I was married only once. » He specifies: “the refusal [of the nationality application] is linked to an offense that I committed when I was a minor. But my record is clean”. According to an investigation by the newspaper [Le Parisien](#) , his first application for nationality was blocked for failure to pay fines [for](#) traffic [offenses](#) , and due to his inability to establish the center of his material interests in France, the interpreter and his family would live too much in [Morocco](#) and not enough in France to be considered French .
- At the beginning of 2022, he relaunched the procedure for obtaining French nationality . The [Minister of the Interior](#) , [Gérald Darmanin](#) , estimates the January 25, 2022 on [France Inter](#) that the rapper's recent comments on the New Year did not demonstrate "good proof of assimilation into French society" . The minister nevertheless assured that his request would be, like all the others, re-examined by his services . He has a Congolese diplomatic passport obtained in 2022