



Fatwa no. 1838

Q: On the 14th of Ramadan, it happened that I was lying on my bed after Fajr (Dawn) Prayer and my wife came and stretched out beside me. She started caressing me until we ended up having conjugal intercourse.

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On a previous day also during Ramadan we had engaged in foreplay until I ejaculated. What is the ruling on a man having sexual intercourse with his wife or ejaculating during the daytime in Ramadan? What is the ruling on kissing and engaging in foreplay?

A: First: If the reality is as you mentioned, and you intentionally had sexual intercourse with your wife during the daytime in Ramadan while you were observing Sawm (Fasting), both of you have to make up for that day and perform Kaffarah (expiation). The Kaffarah is to free a believing slave, and if this is not possible, you have to observe Sawm for two successive months; any one of you who cannot observe Sawm must feed sixty poor people thirty Sa's (1 Sa' = 2.172 kg) of wheat, dates, rice, or foodstuffs similar to that which you provide for your own family; giving each poor person half a Sa'. Second: If the reality is as you mentioned and you engaged in foreplay with your wife during the daytime of Ramadan while fasting until you ejaculated, you also have to make up for that day. Your wife also has to make up for the day if she experienced ejaculation without having conjugal intercourse. Third: It is permissible for someone who is fasting to kiss their spouse if they are confident they will not ejaculate. However, it is Makruh (reprehensible) if ejaculation is feared. Anyone who kisses or engages in foreplay with their spouse while observing Sawm and ejaculates, their Sawm will be spoiled, according to the soundest opinion of scholars. They have to make up for the day, but they do not have to perform Kaffarah.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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