

Fatwa no. 10811

Q: A man was brutally beaten by a group of oppressors. They took him to a mountainous area where they threatened to kill him unless he pronounced a conditional divorce. They asked him to make a triple divorce (three simultaneous pronouncements of divorce) conditional upon doing one of the following three things:

- 1. Following so and so in matters related to Jihad (striving in the Cause of Allah).**
- 2. Hunting them down to avenge the murder of so and so.**
- 3- Telling anyone about what they had done to him.**

The man obeyed them under coercion and they set him free. When he returned home, he did one of the three things by telling his friends what had happened. The man asks whether the divorce he pronounced under coercion has taken effect. Will it also take effect if he does any of the other two things? Please clarify the ruling of Shari`ah (Islamic law). May Allah reward you best.

A: If the reality is as mentioned, no divorce shall take effect even if he does any of the other two things. This is because they coerced him to pronounce a conditional divorce. And threatened to kill him if he tells anyone about one or all three things.

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

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