

Fatwa no. 137

Q: The content of the Fatwa request and the statements of the questioner after summoning him on 22/5/1392 A.H. Read as follows: a quarrel took place between my wife and me so I hit her, then I had a dispute with her brother. Consequently, I pronounced one Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband). Then, I revoked the Talaq and we resumed our marriage for two years. Afterwards, I got angry with my wife's brother because he provoked her against me and I pronounced one more Talaq. I finally revoked this second Talaq. Please provide me with your Fatwa (legal opinion issued by a qualified Muslim scholar) regarding this matter.

A: If the reality is as you mentioned in the Fatwa request; that you pronounced one Talaq, then you revoked it, then after a long period you pronounced another Talaq, then you revoked it in the presence of two just witnesses, she is your wife if the revocation of Talaq has taken place before the expiry of her `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce).

However, if you give your wife another Talaq, it will be the third and you will not be able to remarry her unless she first marries another man with a new marriage contract and a new Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom) - subject to her consent - and this marriage ends lawfully.

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

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