

The first question of Fatwa no. 17671

Q 1: I quarreled with my wife because she left the house and went with her family to the market during my absence. I got angry when I knew about this and I said to her, "Do not leave the house again. If you go to the market, do not return to the house and go to your family's." I have intended to divorce her if she goes to the market again, but now I do not know if the Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband) will be effective if she goes out to the market with me. I have only meant her going out with her family and not with me. It is worth mentioning that my family lives in Madinah and I work in Yanbu`. I have no objection to my wife going out to the market with a Mahram (an unmarriageable relative), such as her brother, for necessity. Is this permissible? Is it permissible for her to go out if I grant her permission?

A: If you have intended to prevent her from going out to the market except in your company or the company of a Mahram, there is no problem if she goes out as you have intended and there is no blame on you.

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

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