

The third question of Fatwa no. 18020

Q 3: A woman is working outside her house and her husband said to her, "If you spend any of your salary, this will be the last thing between me and you." If she spent any of her salary, will she be regarded as divorced from him?

A: If a husband says to his wife, "If you do such-and-such, this will be the last thing between me and you," this is considered an implicit pronouncement of Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband). If his intention is to divorce his wife, one pronouncement effecting Talaq has occurred, if she has performed the condition hinging upon it. However, if he says it intending to frighten her and prevent her from doing something, but not to pronounce Talaq, he has to make the Kaffarah (expiation) for a broken oath if she does what he forbade her from doing. She is not considered to be divorced, according to the more correct of the two opinions maintained by the scholars.

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

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