

Fatwa no. 1899

Q: During a dispute between my wife and me, her sister attacked me, hitting me and injuring my head. When I wanted to take my wife and leave, her mother followed me and said, "You cannot leave without divorcing her." I replied, "If you want her to be divorced, I authorize her father to grant her divorce in the same way I can do." She regarded my statement as a divorce, but I intended to free myself from her until some people would come and settle the dispute. Is what I said regarded as a divorce?

A: If the reality is as you mentioned that you did not intend to divorce her by saying, "If you want her to be divorced, I authorize her father to grant her divorce in the same way I can do," but you intended to free yourself from your wife's mother and sister until some people would come to end the dispute, your statement will not be regarded as a divorce. It was authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions and every person will get the reward according to what they have intended."

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

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