

Fatwa no. 1930

Q: A person married a woman who bore him children. His mother is asking him to divorce his wife simply because of a personal reason. His sister together with some benevolent people have tried to convince the mother to give up her request but to no avail. She has even left the house and went to live with one of her daughters. The husband loves his wife dearly and he has never heard of anything bad about her. What should he do? Please give your Fatwa (legal opinion issued by a qualified Muslim scholar).

A: If the reality is as mentioned, that the wife is an upright woman who is dearly loved by her husband but is hated by her mother-in-law only for a personal reason, the husband is not obliged to divorce her in obedience to his mother. It was authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"Submission is obligatory only in what is good (and reasonable)."

The husband should, however, be dutiful to his mother and should keep good relations with her by visiting her, behaving kindly towards her, supporting her financially, and providing her with all that brings pleasure to her heart. Allah Alone is the One Whose help is to be sought.

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

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