Fatwa no. 329

Q: A dispute arose between a husband and his wife "S.S.". The concerned husband thus intended to divorce his wife as he was angry with her. He went back to Riyadh and visited the Guaranty and Marriage Court to do the divorce. He then revoked the divorce on 10\12\1392 a. H., afterwards, the concerned man was asked to bring a photocopy of the request that he submitted to the court. He did so and it read the following: Dear respected President of Guaranty and Marriage Court:

I submit this request to your Eminence to inform you of my desire to divorce my wife S.S.`A. According to Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet). Please take the necessary measures. Date of request is: 08\11\1392 A. H.

Then the Committee called his Eminence the President of the concerned Court and asked him regarding the matter. He replied that `A. R. `A. Contacted him and submitted to him the request mentioned above. Thus the President told the man in question that no divorce had taken place and that nothing is registered in the court to that effect. It is worth mentioning that the concerned husband did not submit anything other than his request mentioned above.

A: After the Committee had studied the matter it became clear to us that `A. R. `A did not divorce his wife S.S., he only promised to divorce her, i.e. he did not actually give her a divorce and their marriage is thus still in effect.

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

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