

Fatwa no. 360

Q: My brother married a Lebanese woman with a 7,000 Liras Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom); 2,000 Liras in advance and 5,000 Liras to be paid to her 20 years after their marriage. But it was Allah's will that my brother died two years later. They did not have children during this period. The wife took her share of inheritance like other inheritors. Is it permissible for her to take her inheritance and her delayed Mahr? It should be noted that the established convention is that delayed Mahr is paid to the wife in the case of divorce yet this has not been mentioned in their marriage contract. I need your advice.

A: The wife deserves to take the entire Mahr if the marriage has been consummated. What is mentioned by the questioner here that the husband died, that the delayed Mahr has to be paid 20 years after marriage, that the wife took inheritance with other inheritors and the convention of paying delayed Mahr in the case of divorce does not affect the basic rule mentioned above.

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