

Fatwa no. 448

Q: My wife and I had a disagreement and I divorced her once.

We later reconciled and Allah created harmony between us and ameliorated matters. I took back my wife and contacted the Judge of Jizan to explain the matter to him. He told me that if this was by mutual consent there is nothing else that we have to do. It should be noted that I had divorced her once before. Please advise me.

A: If the situation is as you mentioned, that you divorced your wife once and you had only divorced her once before, and you took her back in marriage - if you took her back during the `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce or widowhood) and there were witnesses to your taking her back, it is a valid revocation of divorce and your wife is still considered Halal (lawful) to you. But you have to bear in mind that you only have one pronouncement of Talaq (divorce) left before it becomes irrevocable.

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

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