Fatwa no. 4895

Q: On Sunday night, 14 Sha`ban, 1402 A.H. at 2:00 am, I had an argument with my wife and I lost my temper and uttered one pronouncement of divorce saying, "You are divorced." After that, I drove her and my two children to my brother's home, until I would know the ruling of Shari`ah (Islamic law). Please bear in mind that she is not pregnant and is breast-feeding her child. It is worth mentioning that this was my first time to divorce her. Please advise me, may Allah reward you the best.

A: If the reality is as you mentioned, you have made one pronouncement of divorce, and you can revoke it as long as she is in her `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce).

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

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