

**The second question of Fatwa no. 5276**

**Q 2:** [But if you intend to replace a wife by another and you have given one of them a Qintâr \(of gold i.e. a great amount as Mahr\) take not the least bit of it back](#), **What is the meaning of these two Ayahs (verses of the Qur'an)?**

**A:** After Allah commands husbands to deal leniently with their wives and urges them to keep the bonds of marriage, He warns them against abusing their wives or causing them harm in order to compel them to waive any part of their dowry. Moreover, Allah forbids husbands when intending to divorce their wives to marry anyone other than them, to take anything from what they paid to their wives as dowry, even if what they paid was a large amount. Additionally, Allah confirms this prohibition by warning husbands against taking any of the dowry after consummating their marriage and enjoying each other. Husbands are not required to do this after pledging to be just, do their duties, deal leniently and to avoid evil and calumny.

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

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