

The third question of Fatwa no. 9222

Q 3: One day I was playing football with a colleague of mine, and he was kicking the ball towards me. I decided in my mind that if he scores a goal, my wife will be divorced, or I said I will divorce my wife. I cannot remember the exact wording. However, I had no intention of divorcing my wife; it was just a word that came to my mind. I said to myself if this divorce has taken place, I have returned her. I went home and told her about it. I asked her whether she consents to return to me, and she agreed. We returned to each other, and we did not tell anybody about it. Is this considered divorce? If so, have I done right in the way I returned to her? Do I have to pay Kaffarah (expiation)?

A: If the situation is as you mentioned, that the pronouncement of divorce came to your mind without uttering it, this is not considered divorce; you do not have to do anything to return to your wife; and you do not have to pay Kaffarah.

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

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