Fatwa no. 9428

Q: Please be advised that I swore by divorce thrice that my wife will not go to her family unless there is an excuse such as an illness or the like. Then, she and her children became ill, and they went to her family's house. They will not return home until I go to them. Please enlighten us, and may Allah reward you good.

A: If the reality is as you mentioned, that you swore by divorce three times that your wife should not visit her family without an excuse, such as illness, she has not broken that oath by going there, as she and her children are ill. She is not considered divorced. Further, we recommend that you do not make a similar oath, as swearing by divorce thrice is a Bid`ah (innovation in religion). May Allah grant us success.

May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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