

Fatwa no. 9692

Q: Allah guided me to get married last year during my annual holiday. After my holiday, I took my wife to my parents' house to live with them, as I work in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

After leaving my homeland, there was misunderstanding between my wife and my mother, which turned into a fierce argument. When I heard the news, I flew into such a rage that I wrote a letter to my wife informing her that I am not responsible for her from today's date onwards, that she could take the furniture and some money, and that she was Mubah (permissible) to other than me (free to marry). Fifteen days later, after reconsidering the matter, I tried to reconcile. I wrote to her father saying that I had taken my wife back. I also contacted his friend Yusuf by phone, to tell him that I had taken her back and he told some people. This is all that happened, and I am sorry that my words and expressions are poor. What should I do, as I want my wife, but I had flown into a rage? I wish I had not sent her that letter of Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband).

A: If the situation is as you mentioned, what happened from you is regarded as one pronouncement of Talaq. You can take her back in marriage, as long as she is in her 'Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce or widowhood) with two just men as witnesses. The 'Iddah is three menstrual periods if she is still menstruating, otherwise it is three months. If the woman is pregnant, it ends when she gives birth.

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

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