

Fatwa no. 982

**Q: I divorced my wife by three pronouncements of divorce according to the Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet), because I heard disgraceful news about her. I wrote the divorce paper without making sure of the news. However, I realized later that it was only rumors. I want to return to my wife, given that she is still in her `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce or widowhood). Please advise.**

**A:** If the situation is as you have mentioned, the divorce did not take place, because it was based on a suspicion before the occurrence of divorce itself, and it became evident later that it is not true. Returning to her is based on the divorce that has taken place, which is not true. Thus, you do not need to do anything to return to her; she is still your wife by virtue of the current marriage contract.

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

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