Fatwa no. 2052

Q: A man concluded his marriage contract to a woman, but he did not consummate the marriage. He visited her family, and they treated him badly, so he became angry. After a discussion with a relative of his, he said, "My wife will be unlawful for me if I return to Al-Ta'if where she lives except in the summer." This was three months ago. If he visits Al-Ta'if in the summer, what should he do?

A: If the reality is as you mentioned, it is permissible for this man to return to Al-Ta'if where his wife lives before the summer and make Kaffarah (expiation) for an oath, which is feeding ten needy people, half a Sa` (1 Sa`=3 kg. Approx.) of wheat for each, clothing them or manumitting a believing slave. If he cannot afford that, he must observe Sawm (fasting) for three days. However, if he goes there in the summer, he does not have to make Kaffarah.

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

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