

Fatwa no. 2415

Q: I prevented my wife from going out to visit one of the families, but her father permitted her. She went out and left the door of the house opened. I talked to her father about the ill-conduct of the family she went to visit. Then I asked him to consider his daughter divorced, if she did not return to her house. However, when I returned home, I sought refuge with Allah from the accursed Satan and I did not divorce her. I only meant to urge her to return home. What is the ruling in this regard?

A: If the reality is as you mentioned that you only meant by your words to your uncle to urge your wife to return to your house and that you did not divorce her, there is no harm on you. Your words can be taken as a way of threatening or resolving to divorce without doing so. Thus, this is not considered divorce and she is still your wife.

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

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