Fatwa no. 8190

Q: After I concluded the marriage contract in the Masjid (mosque), I went to my wife's house where I found her brother and his bad friends gathering and singing unlawful songs using a microphone and beating drums. When I heard this, I got upset and left the house.

I met my elder brother on my way out. I told him in a fit of rage to go to her father and tell him that I want to divorce her. It should be noted that I did not mean it at all. I just said so to express my anger.

I need your advice as regards the ruling of Shari`ah (Islamic law) on this issue.

A: If you only said these words to your brother: "I want to divorce her", this does not mean that you have divorced her; it merely carries promising to divorce.

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

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