96270 - A man’s saying to his wife “I will divorce you” does not count as a divorce

the question

If a man says to his wife, “In sha Allaah I will divorce you and get rid of you,” but he does not say anything other than that, does that count as a divorce? His intention was not to divorce her, rather it was meant only as a threat, and he is certain about that.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

A man’s saying to his wife “In sha Allaah I will divorce you and get rid of you,” does not count as a divorce, rather it is a threat of divorce in the future, so no divorce has taken place, unless he instigates it after that.

And Allaah knows best.