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the question

His wife insisted on divorce, and he told her “Think about it for one month.” But she did not change her mind, and she left. When the month was nearly over, he wrote a letter of divorce, intending to send it to her exactly at the end of the month. She got in touch with him one day before the end of the month and said, “I want to come back.” So did the divorce take place?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-‘Uthaymeen, may Allaah preserve him, who replied as follows:

The matter is according to his intention; if he intended divorce, then the divorce has happened. But it seems that he did not want the divorce to happen until the end of the month, so on this basis the divorce did not happen.

And Allaah knows best.