

## 1249 - If A Wife Deserts Her Husband Marriage Will Not Be Nullified

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### the question

What is the iddah period of a woman who deserts her husband? Is the marriage nullified, or must the husband pronounce the divorce, or does a kuli' go into effect?

### Detailed answer

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If a woman deserts her husband, the marriage contract will not be nullified. It remains valid until the husband divorces the wife, the wife gets a divorce (khul), or the Qaadi (judge ruling according to Islamic shariah) annuls the marriage contract.

Allaah knows best.