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Question:

A man issued a written divorce to his wife. She was aware of the divorce, but received the letter after a period of time. When will the 'Iddah (waiting period) begin, upon receiving news of the divorce, or after reading the letter?

Answer:

The 'Iddah (waiting period) starts upon issue of the divorce, and not after reading the letter.

The above mentioned answer has been derived from the following authentic sources:

1. Al-Durr al-Mukhtār vol.3 pg.246, 520

2. Fatāwā Dārul Ulūm Deoband vol.10 pg.295

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Fatwa Dārul Ulūm Zakariyyā, vol. 4, Pg. 289

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