



## IS DIVORCE THROUGH ENGLISH CIVIL COURTS A REQUIREMENT?

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ  
السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

If a man divorces his wife according to the conditions which are established by the Islamic scholars according to the Shari'a, then that woman is divorced from that man. After her 'Idda period she will have no ties or relationship with that man. She is free to marry whomsoever she chooses, incidentally as is he. Divorcing the wife through the English Civil Courts is not a requirement which needs to be fulfilled in order for the divorce to take place according to the Shari'a.

On the other hand, most divorces which take place through the English Civil Courts will also bring about an Islamic divorce. The condition is that the husband has signed or verbally declared the occurrence of the divorce.

In conclusion, a woman who is divorced according to the conditions set by the Islamic scholars becomes a single woman after her 'Idda period is complete and is no longer married to, what would now be more correctly, her ex-husband.

وَاللّٰهُ اَعْلَمُ وَعِلْمُهُ اَحْكَمُ وَ اَنْتُمْ