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Dr. Nabil Kukali: A rising rate of support is established for the government of national consensus and for the reconciliation.

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The latest poll prepared by **Dr. Nabil Kukali**, conducted by the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (www.pcpo.org) during the period from (2-9) June 2014, covered a random sample of (1000) Palestinian respondents representing the various demographic specimens of adult Palestinians (18 years and above) living in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip. It revealed that (56.3 %) of the Palestinians oppose returning back to the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations.



Dr. N. Kukali

Dr. Nabil Kukali, President and founder of the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion, said in a statement that the success of the government of national consensus will depend upon the way how it deals with so many issues and tackles critical problems such as the payment of the salaries of governmental employees, mergence of the security apparatuses, the mechanism of dealing with the employees of Gaza Strip, the negotiations with Israel, the release of prisoners from Palestinian jails, the traffic through the border crossings, establishing projects, conducting elections and maintaining security.

Dr. Kukali added that there is still a score of open questions that call for a comprehensive serious, national dialogue as to respond to all these pending issues. **Dr. Kukali** further pointed out that notwithstanding the rise of the support rate for the reconciliation and the formation of the government of national consensus, the rate of skepticism and uncertainty is still high, and thus

the coming weeks and months will increase either the rate of assurance and simultaneously minimize the rate of skepticism, or vice versa.

Dr. Kukali further mentioned that a high rate of the Palestinian public, specifically (56.3 %), oppose the return to the negotiating table due to their conviction that the Israeli government is not serious about re-launching genuine negotiations with the Palestinians and evades the implementation of any commitment such as the release of the prisoners and halting the construction of settlements.

Government of the National Consensus.

Responding to the question: "Given the scale (1) to (10), where (1) stands for "very low" and (10) for "very high", how would you rate the success of the government of national consensus?". The result was an average rating of **(6.24)** at a standard deviation of (2.02), which means that the Palestinian public anticipates success for the government of the national consensus.

The Reconciliation

With regard to the question: "Do you think the Palestinian reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas would succeed this time, or not?", (59.1 %) answered "Yes, it will succeed", (30.8 %) "No, it will not succeed", and (10.1 %) answered "I don't know". And further responding to the question: "Do you think that the achievement of the reconciliation was the result of an internal conviction or external pressures?", (48.5 %) said "as a result of external pressures", (36.4 %) "as a result of internal conviction" whilst (15.1 %) said "I don't know".

The Most Appropriate Way of Mergence

In respect of the question: "What do you think is the most appropriate way for the public employees of Gaza Strip regarding the mergence of the public employees of the two previous governments of Gaza and Ramallah?", (47.6 %) answered "by returning the employees of the previous Gaza government to their posts", (35.4 %) "by the return of the public employees of the Ramallah government to their posts in the ministries according to the vacancies", and (17 %) said "I don't know".

The Palestinian – Israeli Negotiations”

Responding to the question:” In general, do you support or oppose the return to the peace negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis under the prevailing circumstances?”, (56.3 %) said “I oppose”, (30.3 %) “I support” and (13.4 %) said “I don’t know”.

Dissolution of the Security Apparatuses

Regarding the question:” Do you support, or not, the dissolution of the security apparatuses in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and the formation of an independent security apparatus?”, (44.9 %) answered “I support that”, (39.5 %) “I don’t support that” and (15.6 %) answered “I don’t know”.

Optimism and Pessimism

And in conclusion, responding to the question:”And regarding the possibility of implementing the Reconciliation Agreement between Fatah and Hamas, are you now more optimistic or pessimistic than in the past?”, (55 %) said “more optimistic”, (30 %) “more pessimistic” and (15 %) said “I don’t know”.

Methodology of the Survey Study

Mr. Elias Kukali, Head of the Quantitative Researches Department at the **PCPO**, said that all interviews of this survey were conducted inside the respondents' homes, i.e. face-to-face during different working hours, at least 5 hours a day, including the evening time, in order to ensure proper representation of those sub-groups of the population, which would otherwise be difficult to reach and selecting one individual in each household using Last Birthday Method. The choices were taken from a total of (168) election sites, from which (124) sites are located in West Bank and (44) sites in Gaza Strip according to the distribution of the Central Election Commission. These election sites were randomly chosen by using the method of the simple random sample. These in turn were the beginning of the random sample choice made from those regions in accordance with PCPO's long experienced methodology.

Mr. Elias Kukali has further established that the margin of error was ($\pm 3.09\%$) at a significance and confidence levels of (5.0%) and (95%) respectively. He added that the rate of the female

respondents in this survey was (49.5%) against (50.5%) male respondents. The distribution of the random sample between the Palestinian two major regions was (61.5%) in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and (38.5%) in Gaza Strip.

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