



Poll No. 191

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Dr. Kukali: “The PA-President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) enjoys the satisfaction of his people in Gaza Strip with his performance”.

The key poll results are:

(61.2%) of the Palestinians oppose the deployment of UN-multi-national forces in Gaza Strip.

(54.0%) are satisfied with the performance of the PA-president “Abu Mazen”.

(64.7%) rated the stances of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as “negative”.

(88.9%) support the firing of rockets from Gaza at Israel.

(58.1%) are content with the ICRC performance, (71.2 %) with that of the UNRWA.

(75.4%) believe that the deterrence of the Palestinian Resistance has increased.

Beit Sahour – Section of Public Relations:

The latest poll prepared by **Dr. Nabil Kukali** and conducted by the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (www.pcpo.org), during the period from August 14-19, 2014 covered a random sample of (1000) Palestinian respondents representing the various demographic specimens of adult Palestinians (18 years and above) living in Gaza Strip. It revealed that (61.2%) of the Palestinians oppose the deployment of UN multi-national forces in Gaza Strip..



Dr. Kukali

Dr. Nabil Kukali, President of the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion, said in a statement that this survey has been conducted in the Gaza Strip during the temporary six-days cease-fire respite agreed between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

The poll results, Dr. Kukali said, will be published at intervals parallel to the progress of the events in Gaza Strip, hoping to reflect thereby the perceptions and the feelings of the Palestinian street in Gaza, particularly in the light of the Israeli military operation the “Protective Edge” (“The Eaten Straw”). Dr. Kukali added also in his comment that the majority of the Palestinian people are satisfied with the performance of the PA-President Mahmoud Abbas during the Israeli military operation “Protective Edge” against Gaza Strip, and that also a clear majority of the

Palestinians in the Strip rated the stances of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon towards the Palestinian people in Gaza during the raging Israeli aggression as “negative”.

Dr. Kukali further stated that the overwhelming majority of the Palestinians in Gaza Strip support the firing of rockets from Gaza at the Israeli territories, specifically (88.9 %), against (49.1 %) who supported the same issue in a previous poll published on January 15, 2013, and that the deterrence of the Palestinian Resistance has increased in the wake up of the Israeli military operation “Protective Edge”. Dr. Kukali concluded his statement with the comment that the Palestinian public is, in general, satisfied with the performances of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA).

Deployment of UN-forces:

Only (29.3 %) of the Palestinians in Gaza Strip support the deployment of UN-multi-national forces the way they are acting in South Lebanon, whilst (61.2 %) oppose their deployment and (9.5 %) declined to respond to the relevant question.

Firing rockets at Israel:

Responding to the question:”*Would you please tell us your opinion about the issue of firing rockets at Israel ?*”, (60.3 %) said “I strongly support that”, (28.6 %) “I support that”, (7.0 %) were undecided, (1.4 %) said “I oppose that”, (1.0 %) “I strongly oppose that” and (1.7 %) said “I don’t know”.

Deterrence of the Palestinian Resistance:

(75.4 %) of the respondents believe that the deterrence of the Palestinian resistance during the Israeli military operation “the Protective edge” has increased, whilst (12.8 %) think that it has decreased, (8.1 %) believe that it remained unchanged and (3.7 %) declined to answer the relevant question.

Retaliation for the Israeli Aggression:

With regard to the question:”*What was, according to your opinion, the most successful act of the Palestinian Resistance in retaliation for the recent Israeli aggression ?*”, (15.9 %) said “firing rockets at Israel”, (23.3 %) “infiltrating through the enemy lines”, (29.0 %) “the specific military operations (such as: the naval commandos, Nahal Oz), (19.8 %) “the underground border-crossing tunnels” and (12.0 %) “the coordination between the different factions”.

Performance of the PA-President Mahmoud Abbas:

Responding to the question:”*Are you satisfied, or not, with the performance of the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during the Israeli military operation “the Protective Edge” against Gaza Strip?*”, (54.0 %) said “Yes”, (38.6 %) said “No”, and (7.4 %) said “I don’t know”.

Stances of the UN Secretary-General:

Regarding the question: "How would you rate the stances of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon towards the Palestinian people in Gaza during the Israeli military operation "Protective Edge" ?, (64.7 %) said "negative", (17.1 %) "positive", (13.5 %) "balanced towards both sides" and (4.7 %) said "I don't know".

The best Palestinians supporting country:

Responding to the question: "Which country, in your opinion, best backed the Palestinian Resistance against the recent Israeli aggression on Gaza ?", the answer came as follows:

Egypt (32.5 %), Jordan (3.5 %), Qatar (23.5 %), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (2.7 %), Turkey (25.3 %), Iran (8.1 %), USA (0.1 %), UK (0.5 %), France (1.5 %), Russia (1.5 %), UAE (0.1 %) and Germany (0.7 %).

The EU-Monitoring Staff:

(37.7 %) of the respondents were in favor of the Palestinian Authority security forces taking-over the control of Rafah border-crossing on the Palestinian side and an Israeli-Egyptian control of the border-crossing under an EU-monitoring regulation, whilst (56.6 %) opposed that and (5.7 %) were reluctant to answer the question.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):

In respect of the question: "How would you evaluate the ICRC performance during the military operation "the Protective Edge" ?, (58.1 %) said "good", (23.1 %) "fair" (18.0 %) "bad" and (0.8 %) said "I don't know".

The United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA)

Responding to the similar question: "How would you evaluate the UNRWA performance during the military operation "the Protective Edge" ?, (71.2 %) said "good", (21.8 %) "fair", (6.8 %) "bad" and (0.2 %) said "I don't know".

Methodology of the Survey Study

Elias Kukali, Head of the Researches and Studies Section at PCPO, stated that the interviews were conducted face-to-face at the respondents' homes, that have been randomly chosen according to the scientific methodology applied by PCPO. These are selected from (90) sites in Gaza Strip allocated as follows: (15) sites in Gaza North, (28) sites in Gaza City, (18) sites within the governorate Deir El-Balah, (18) sites within the governorate of Khan Yunis and (11) sites within the governorate of Rafah.

Mr. Elias Kukali has further established that the margin of error was ($\pm 3.1\%$) at a significance and confidence levels of (5.0%) and (95%) respectively.

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