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The latest PCPO-poll prepared by Dr. Nabil Kukali revealed the following key results:

- (83.3 %) of the Palestinians support going to the International Criminal Court in The Hague to file war crime charges against Israeli leaders.
- (53.2 %) believe that the Palestinian Resistance won the battle of the “Protective Edge” (“The Eaten Straw”).
- (72.4 %) are worried about their personal security and that of their families.
- (55.0 %) are pessimistic about the political future of the Palestinian territories.
- (57.9 %) believe that firing missiles is a good idea.
- (50.2 %) evaluated to various degrees the present general situation as ‘bad’.
- (63.7 %) support conducting legislative and presidential elections soon.
- (82.6 %) are in favor of extending the work at el-Karame border crossing to 24-hours (around the clock).

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 November 22 – December 4, 2014 covered a random sample of (1012) Palestinian respondents representing the various demographic specimens of Palestinians (18 years and above) living in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip. It revealed that (83.3 %) of the Palestinian public support going to the International Criminal Court to file war crime charges against Israeli leaders.



Dr. Kukali

Dr. Nabil Kukali, President and founder of the Palestinian Center for Public

Dr. N. Kukali

Opinion, said in a statement that the overwhelming majority of the Palestinian public support going to the ICC to file charges against Israeli political and military leaders to litigate them for war crimes committed in Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including Jerusalem.

Furthermore, **Dr. Kukali** stated that a clear majority of the Palestinian public believe that the firing of rockets from Gaza Strip is a ‘good idea’ because this might be the only weapon against

the Israelis that would make them feel what Palestinians are suffering from them. It's the right of the Palestinians to defend themselves when they are attacked in their homes.

Dr. N. Kukali added that half of the Palestinians evaluated the present general situation in Palestine as 'bad' and that (72.4 %) of the respondents are worried about their personal security and that of their families, and that a clear majority of them are pessimistic about the future political situation in the Palestinian territories.

Dr. N. Kukali further pointed out that a significant majority of the Palestinian public support running legislative and presidential elections soon as they perceive that such a step is necessary for ending the schism between the two major Palestinian parties, Fatah and Hamas. The elections, **Dr. Kulali** said, should be considered as the best referendum on the popularity of any leadership or party, would also accelerate the reconstruction process in Gaza Strip and promote the democratic building process by involving people in choosing their representatives and forging their future. In this context, **Dr. Kukali** emphasized the fact that the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO) is an independent institution and is not affiliated or biased to any political inclination or party. In addition, public opinion polls and surveys, he said, are conducted by PCPO with utmost neutrality and professionalism and PCPO is devoted to provide researchers, research centers and universities, policy makers, Palestinian political parties, business men, the media, any parties interested or involved in Palestinian affairs as well as ordinary people with reliable information and data on the level and inclinations of the Palestinian public opinion with regard to topics and politics of general, public interest.

Dr. Kukali said the results of the poll were as follows:

The International Tribunal in The Hague

Responding to the question: " *Would you support, or oppose, going to the ICC to file charges against Israeli political and military leaders as to try them for war crimes committed in Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including Jerusalem?*", (83.3 %) said "Yes, I would support", (6.3 %) said "No, I would oppose" and (10.4 %) answered "I don't know".

Evaluation of the last Gaza war

Regarding the question: " *Now four months after the ceasefire between the Palestinian Resistance and Israel has been enforced, to what extent do you think the Palestinian Resistance has achieved its goals in the battle of the "Eaten Straw" (Protective Edge)?*", (34.8 %) said "to a high degree", (41.5 %) "to a moderate degree", (13.9 %) said "to a low degree" and (3.6 %) said "the Resistance didn't achieve any objectives", whilst (6.2 %) said "I don't know".

And further regarding the question in the same context: "Do you think the Palestinian Resistance won the battles of the 'Eaten Straw' and the 'Solid Structure'?", (53.2 %) said "Yes", (27.3 %) said "No" and (19.5 %) said "I don't know".

And with respect also to the relevant question: "What is your opinion about firing rockets from Gaza at Israel?", (29.8 %) said "I favor that very much", (29.8 %) "I favor that", (21.3 %) said "I'm undecided about this action", (5.1 %) said "I oppose such action", (5.6 %) "I strongly oppose such action" and (8.4 %) said "I don't know".

And responding to another relevant question in this context: "There are two adverse opinions about firing rockets from Gaza into Israel. One says it is a good idea, the other says it's a bad one. Which of the two opinions is closer to your point of view?", (10.9 %) said "Firing rockets is a bad idea because it escalates the conflict with Israel and exposes Palestinians to danger", (57.9 %) said "firing rockets is a good idea because this might be the only weapon against the Israelis that would make the Israelis feel what we are suffering from them", (22.9 %) said "none of them" and (8.3 %) said "I don't know".

The general situation

Responding to the question: "How would you evaluate the present general situation in Palestine? Is it very good, somewhat good, somehow bad, or very bad?", (8.0 %) said "very good", (40.7 %) "somewhat good", (36.6 %) "somehow bad", (13.6 %) "very bad" and (1.1 %) said "I don't know".

The personal security

With respect to the question: "How far are you concerned these days about your personal security and that of your family? Are you frequently scared, sometimes, rarely or you were never scared?", (31.3 %) of the respondents said "I'm frequently scared", (41.1 %) "sometimes", (17.0 %) "rarely", (8.9 %) said "I have been never scared" and (1.7 %) said "I don't know".

Pessimism and optimism

And with regard to the question: "In the light of the political conditions prevailing at present in the Palestinian territories, would you say you are optimistic or pessimistic about the future?", (55 %) said they are "pessimistic", (33.3 %) "optimistic" and (11.7 %) said "I don't know".

Government of national consensus

Responding to the question: "Are you content or discontent with the way the Prime Minister, Rami el-Hamadallah, is running his office as head of the national consensus government?", (20.5 %) said they are 'very content', (35.8 %) 'somehow content', (20.9 %) said 'somehow discontent', (5.2 %) 'strongly discontent' and (17.6 %) said "I don't know".

The national elections

(63.8 %) of the Palestinian public are in favor of conducting at present elections for a new Palestinian Legislative Council, whilst (30.5 %) opposed that and (5.7 %) were reluctant to answer the relevant question.

Equivalently, (63.7 %) of the Palestinians are in favor of conducting at present presidential elections to choose the president of the Palestinian Authority, whilst (30.6 %) opposed that and (5.7%) were reluctant to answer the relevant question.

Regarding the relevant question: *"If the presidential and the PLC elections - following an agreement between all political parties - would be held in 2015, how far is your intent to participate in these elections ?"*, (27.4 %) said "I would surely vote", (34.6 %) said "I would likely vote", (14.2 %) "I might vote", (7.6 %) said "I don't know whether I would vote or not", (3.7 %) "I likely would not vote", (3.9 %) "I would surely not vote" and (8.6 %) said "I don't know".

The concerns of the citizen

Responding to the question: *"What is your main concern at present? "*, (20.5%) answered " job / money", (36.8%) "the security", (18.7%) "the health" and (24.0%) "the future".

The content with the life

With regard to the question: *"How much are you in general content with your life?"*. Taking into consideration that the answers were on a scale from 1 to 10, where (1) stands for the utmost degree of discontent and (10) for the utmost degree of content. The outcome was in **average (5.29)** at a standard deviation of (2.05). This means that the Palestinian public - in general - are somehow discontent with their lives.

Immigration

On the question: *" If the immigration door to the West would be opened for you, would you immigrate or stay in your country ? "*, (64.4 %) answered "I would stay in my country", (27.3 %) "I would immigrate" and (8.3 %) said " I don't know".

Extension of the work at el-Karame border crossing

Responding to the question: *"Do you support or oppose extending the work at el-Karame border crossing (King Hussain / Allenby bridge) to 24-hours (around the clock) rather than keeping the present routine till 22:00 ? "*, (82.6 %) of the respondents answered "I would support that" whilst only (17.4 %) said "I would oppose that".

The social insurance:

And lastly, with respect to the question: "Do you support, or oppose, the call for establishing a social security fund like the neighboring countries, for example Jordan?", (75.6 %) answered "I support", (15.1 %) "I oppose" and (9.3 %) 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 (170) election sites, from which (126) 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 (± 3.08 %) 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 (49.4%) against (50.6%) male respondents. The distribution of the random sample between the Palestinian two major regions was (62.0%) in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and (38.0%) in Gaza Strip.

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