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

- (59.9 %) of the Palestinians oppose the dissolution of the Palestinian National Authority.
- (60.6 %) are in favor of halting the security coordination with Israel.
- (56.3 %) support the reintroduction of the Palestinian – Arab draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council.
- (46.3 %) are in favor of halting the communications with the United States, whilst (33.2 %) still oppose such a step.
- (59.2 %) evaluate the position of the UN-Secretary General as “negative”.
- (21.1 %) believe that Isaac Herzog will be the next Israeli Prime Minister.

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 January 14 – February 4, 2015 covered a random sample of (1000) 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 (60.6 %) of the Palestinian public support the halt of the security coordination with Israel.



Dr. Nabil Kukali, President and founder of the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion, said in a statement that the majority of the Palestinian public, around (60 %), oppose the dissolution and dismantling of the Palestinian Authority as **Dr. N. Kukali** they still hope that it would pave the way for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and that its dissolution would lead to the loss of the international momentum to the Palestinian issue and lack of interest in creating an independent entity. Furthermore, the dissolution of the Palestinian Authority would leave a national vacuum and conduce to chaos and

lawlessness. The unemployment would rapidly rise and tens of thousands of laborers would lose their jobs in its departments and organs.

Dr. Kukali further stated that around (61 %) of the Palestinian public call for the halt of the security coordination with Israel. It seems that this stance came as a response to the repeated Israeli procedures, practices and transgressions such as retaining the Palestinian customs revenues and the refusal to transfer these funds to the Palestinian Authority, which are in dire need thereof. Add thereto the continuation of building settlements, halt of the peace negotiations, tightening the siege on the Gaza Strip, boosting the barriers and check-points and the continuation of the intrusions and arrests.

Dr. Kukali has further shown that the results of this poll indicate that the Palestinian public is convinced there are no differences between the Israeli leaders and political parties when it comes to the issue of the Palestinian state. Thus, they don't see big differences between the still acting Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu from the Likud, and Isaac Herzog from the Labor Party or even Tzipi Livni, Leader of Hatnuah ("The Movement") as they are all sworn not to reach a permanent and just solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Dr. Kukali added in his comments that the majority of the Palestinians support the reintroduction of the Palestinian-Arab draft resolution to the UN Security Council for a second ballot despite of the fact that the draft resolution has been initially aborted and got only 8 votes at the UNSC. It seems that the Palestinian people are decisively determined to end the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territories by the beginning of 2017 and, subsequently, to establish their own state on the borders of 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capitol, Dr. Kukali said.

Dr. Kukali pointed out that there is a growing resentment among the Palestinians towards the US position as a result of the US vote at the UNSC against the Palestinian-Arab draft resolution, that calls for the end of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories by the beginning of 2017 and its backing "shoulder to shoulder" the Israeli side to foil the Palestinian-Arab draft resolution. The Palestinian public is convinced that this can only be expected from the American administration that was always biased towards Israel to the detriment of the Palestinian rights and constants. That's the reason why around (73 %) of the Palestinian public believe that the role the US played, and still plays, in the Palestinian-Israeli peace process is not constructive and around (46 %) of them call for the halt of communications with the United States.

Dr. Kukali concluded his comments saying that the publishing of this poll coincides with the **21st anniversary of establishing the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion**, which has been founded in Beit Sahour in February 1994. **PCPO** is now one of the pioneer research centers that are acting in the Palestinian territories not only in the field of the public opinion polls, but also in the fields of economic, marketing, social, educational and health research as well as other fields.

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Dissolution of the Palestinian Authority:

(59.9 %) of the Palestinian public oppose the dissolution and dismantling of the Palestinian Authority, whilst (32.4 %) support that and (7.7 %) declined to answer the relevant question.

Security Coordination with Israel:

(60.6 %) of the respondents are in favor of halting the security coordination with Israel, whilst (32.3 %) still stick to it, and (7.1 %) were reluctant to answer the relevant question.

The Israeli Elections:

Regarding the question: *"Whom do you expect to be the next Prime Minister of Israel ?"*, (16.9 %) of the respondents said "Benjamin Netanyahu" (Likud), (21.1 %) "Isaac Herzog" (Labor Party), (15.3 %) "Tzipi Livni" ("Movement" Party), and almost half of the respondents, specifically (46.7 %), answered "I don't know".

In this context, responding to the question: *"Whom, do you think, of the Israeli leaders is more committed than the others to the permanent and just two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ?"*, (5.3 %) of the respondents said "Benjamin Netanyahu (Likud)", (14.3 %) said "Tzipi Livni" ("The Movement"), (14.9 %) "Isaac Herzog" (Labor Party), (44.8 %) said "None of them" and (20.7 %) answered "I don't know".

And further to the question: *"What would the re-election of Benjamin Netanyahu as the Prime Minister of Israel in the upcoming elections scheduled March 2015 conduce to ?"*, (28.2 %) of the respondents said: "It would strongly reduce my belief in the perspective of achieving peace", (20.1 %) "It would somehow reduce my belief in the perspective of achieving peace", (10.2 %) "It would somehow boost my belief in the perspective of achieving peace", (7.3 %) said "It

would strongly boost my belief in the perspective of achieving peace”, (22.9 %) said:”It would have absolutely no impact” and (11.3 %) said “I don’t know”.

The United Nations:

With respect to the question:”Mr. *Khalil al-Hayyeh, a member of Hamas Politburo, accused the United Nations of collusion as to keep the blockade on Gaza and delay the construction works in the Strip. Do you agree with this, his accusation, or not ?*” (27.6 %) said:”I strongly agree with it”, (35.8 %) said:”I somehow agree with it”, (17.2 %) “I somehow oppose to it”, (8.6 %) said:”I strongly oppose to it” and (10.8 %) answered “I don’t know”.

And in this context responding to the question:” *How do you evaluate the position of the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon, towards the Palestinian-Arab draft resolution that has been aborted by the UNSC ?*”, (59.2 %) said ”negatively”, (19.5 %) “positively”, (12.3 %) “neither positively, nor negatively” and (9 %) said “I don’t know”.

The US Administration:

With regard to the question:”*How do you evaluate the US position having voted at the UNSC against the Palestinian-Arab draft resolution that stipulates the ending of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories by the beginning of 2017 ?*”, (63.6 %) said:”negatively”, (12.7 %) “positively”, (13.6 %) “neither positively, nor negatively” and (10.1 %) said “I don’t know”.

And in this context responding to the question:”*Are you in favor, or not, of halting the communications with the United States after backing “shoulder to shoulder” the Israeli side as to foil the Palestinian-Arab draft resolution that scored only (8) votes at the UN Security Council ?*”, (46.3 %) said “I’m in favor of that”, (33.2 %) “I oppose that”, and (20.5 %) said “I don’t know”.

And further to the question:”*How would you evaluate the role the US played, and still plays, in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process ? Was its role constructive or non-constructive ?*”, (1.6 %) said:”very constructive”, (16.7 %) “somewhat constructive”, (29.4 %) “somewhat non-constructive”, (43.6 %) “strongly non-constructive” and (8.7 %) said “I don’t know”.

Benjamin Netanyahu and his Government:

With respect to the question:”*How would you rate your confidence that Netanyahu’s government is committed to the permanent and just two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ?*”, only (2 %) of the respondents said:”very confident”, (13.4 %) “are somewhat confident”, (29.1 %) “not so much confident”, (46.2 %) said:”not confident at all”, and (9.3 %) said:”I don’t know”.

And to the question:” *How would you evaluate the role Benjamin Netanyahu played, and still plays, in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process ? Was his role constructive or non-constructive ?*”, (1.7 %) said:”very constructive”, (16.4 %) “somewhat constructive”, (25.1 %) “somewhat non-constructive”, (47.4 %) “strongly non-constructive” and (8.7 %) said “I don’t know”.

And to the question in the same context:”*Benjamin Netanyahu stated that “the pursuit of the Palestinian Authority to join the International Criminal Court in The Hague should be considered as a clear choice of the PA to indulge in a confrontation with Israel, which will not stand idle. Up to which extent are you concerned about this statement ?*”, (14.5 %) said:”to a high degree”, (26.5 %) “to a mediocre degree”, (20.8 %) “to a low degree”, (27 %) said:”I’m not concerned”, and (11.2 %) said:”I don’t know”.

Failure of the Palestinian-Arab Draft Resolution:

Responding to the question:”*In the light of the failure of the Palestinian-Arab draft resolution on the UNSC, that stipulated the ending of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories by the beginning of 2017, what is the most important measure you would propose to President Mahmoud Abbas to undertake ?*” (7.4 %) said:”to internationalize the conflict with all its implications, such as the activation of the diplomatic and legal confrontation, as well as boycott and delegitimization”, (10.1 %) said ”to seriously adopt the choice of the popular resistance”, (22.2 %) “to conduct presidential and parliamentary elections”, (16.4 %) “to resign from his post as president of the Palestinian Authority”, (17.7 %) “to complete the steps conducting to the national reconciliation”, (15.3 %) said:”to resort to the international institutions as to hold Israel accountable for its actions”, (5.7 %) “to support a third Intifada in the Palestinian territories” and (5.2 %) said:”I don’t know”.

Re-introduction of the Palestinian-Arab Draft Resolution to the UN Security Council:

(56.3 %) support the reintroduction of the Palestinian-Arab draft resolution to the UNSC for a second balloting, while (32.4 %) opposed that and (11.3 %) refused to answer the relevant question.

The National Independence:

With regard to the question:”*Saeb Iriqat, the Palestinian chief negotiator, once stated:”Either the Palestinian Authority transfers the people to the independence, or Israel should assume its responsibility”. Do you support or oppose this statement ?*”, (67.2 %) said:”I support it”, (22.7 %) of the respondents said:”I oppose it”, and (10.1 %) 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. The choices were randomly taken in accordance with a long experienced methodology applied by PCPO from a total of (165) sites from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mr. Elias Kukali has further established that the margin of error was ($\pm 3.09\%$) at a significance level of (95.0%). He added that the rate of the female respondents in this survey was (49.8%) against (50.2%) male respondents. The average age of the respondents was (30.4) years.

About PCPO

The Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO) is a leading full service research institute in Palestine and in a position to organize, implement, handle and conduct national and regional field surveys, studies and researches of any size within the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The PCPO is founded in February 1994 in Beit Sahour by Dr. Nabil Kukali, who became the president of this center since that time. After the arrival of the Palestinian Authority (PA), the PCPO was registered as a research center under license number (Am/2). The Palestinian Ministry of information issued the license that permits establishing satellite offices elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Furthermore, PCPO is registered as a licensed business at the Ministry of Treasury under number 989326251. In addition, we are a member of WIN/Gallup International, ANPOP, WAPOR and ESOMAR.

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