

**Poll no. 115:** Palestinian Emergency Government, the “Swiss Agreement” and  
Palestinian Elections  
Date: 26 October, 2003

In the recent poll prepared by PCPO-president Dr.Nabil Kukali and conducted by the PCPO,

- 36.1% are satisfied to various degrees with the emergency government new formed.
- 43.7% support to various degrees the appointment of Mr. Ahmed Qre' (Abu El-A'la) as prime –minister.
- 32% support to various degrees the draft statement of understanding, which is known as “Switzerland paper”.
- 30.9% support to various degrees the holding of political elections in the Palestinian territories.
- 26.3% are of the opinion that AL-JAZEERA is the most watched TV satellite channel.
- 38.2% are of the opinion that Al-QUDS daily newspaper is read more than the other newspapers.
- 53.4% trust to various degrees the polls conducted in the Palestinian territories.

**Majd kokaly- information department:**

A poll recently conducted by the PCPO and prepared Dr. Nabil Kukali included a random sample of (619) Palestinian adults, 18 years and older, from Gaza strip and the West Bank including east Jerusalem.

The poll reveals that 43.7% of the Palestinians are satisfied to various degrees with the emergency government recently formed. 32% support to various degrees the draft statement of understanding known under the name of “the Switzerland paper”.

President of the PCPO, Dr. Nabil Kukali, stated that the poll took place 15-20 October, 2003, and the average age of the respondents was 31.49 years with a 3.94 % margin of error.

Kukali stated that the percentage of female respondents was 49.8% while that of the male ones was 50.2%. He explained that the respondents' location of residence was as follows: 51.9% city, 31.4% village and 16.7% refugee camp. He pointed out to the average size of respondents' families that was 7.92 persons and the average number of schooling years was 12.43 years.

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

1. Are you satisfied with the Palestinian emergency government recently formed under the chairmanship of Mr.Ahmad Qre' (Abu Al-A'la) or not?

	26 October, 2003
1. Highly satisfied	8.3%
2. Somewhat satisfied	27.8%
3. Somewhat unsatisfied	19.6%
4. Absolutely unsatisfied	23.9%
5. No opinion	20.4%

2. The news agencies mentioned that the Palestinian Prime Minister “Abu Al-A’la” would present to the legislative council after 30 days two options. One is the renewal of the office of the emergency government, and the other is the presentation of an ordinary government, which requires the approval of the legislative council. What is your opinion?

	26 October, 2003
1. Renewal of the office of the emergency government	15.9%
2. Presentation of a new ordinary government to the legislative council for approval	43.1%
3. No opinion	41.0%

3. Please express the degree of your support or your disagree to the appointment of Mr.Ahmed Qre’ (Abu El-A’la) as prime- minister of the emergency government.

	26 October, 2003
1. Strongly support	8.6%

2. Somewhat support	35.1%
3. Somewhat oppose	17.3%
4. Strongly oppose	17.9%
5. I don't know	21.1%

4. Mention your favorite candidate to the office of the Palestinian prime minister after the elapse of the 30 days, which is the office period of the present emergency government, presided by Mr. Abu Ala (open question).

1. Do not know	44.3%	2. No one	36.8%
3. Abu Mazen	3.1%	4. Saeb Erekat	3%
5. Mohammad Dahlan	2.8%	6. Ahmad Qrei'	1.8%
7. Mustafa Barghouti	1.6%	8. Ahmad Yassen	1.5%
9. Yasser Abded Rabbo	1.5%	10. Marwan Barghouti	1.1%
11. Yasser Abded Rabbo	1%	12. Nabil Abu Rdeineh	0.8%
13. Jibreel Rjoub	0.8%	14. Naser Yosef	0.5%
15. Farouq Qaddoumi	0.5%	16. Ahmad AbedlRahman	0.3%
17. Nabil Amro	0.3%	18. Salam Fayad	0.3%
19. Ghassan Al-Shaka	0.2%		

Unofficial Israeli and Palestinian personalities signed on 12/10/2003 draft statements of understanding, which are called “the Switzerland paper.” The summary of these statements of understanding are as follows:

- a. The end of the conflict: The agreement, which will be achieved, will be a permanent settlement. Neither party will claim any further demands thereafter.
- b. Mutual recognition: A Palestinian state will arise beside the state of Israel in conformity with the border lines in 1967, but under certain amendments to the borders.
- c. Right to return: The refugees’ right of return will not appear in the statements of understanding and no return will be allowed to Israel with the exception of a very small figure estimated at some ten thousand only. Whoever is recognized as a refugee will have the right to settle in the Palestinian state or in any other country excluding Israel.
- d. Jerusalem: The formulation (concept) of former US-president Bill Clinton will be adopted; namely the Arab quarters will be put under Palestinian dominance, and the Jewish quarters under Israeli dominance. The concept states also that the “Holy Basin” should be administered by a joint corporation of the three religions.
- e. The settlements: Israel will collect the settlements into bulky masses in the area of Gush Etzion and the settlements around Jerusalem. Ma’ale Adumim could be one of them. The Israelis agreed, due to security considerations, not to merge Ariel settlement into Israel’s territory.
- f. Terrorism: The Palestinians undertake to dismantle the terror organizations and to combat instigation and terror.

5. Do you support the draft statements or not?

	26 October, 2003
1.Strongly support	9.9%
2.Somewhat support	22.1%
3.Somewhat oppose	18.2%
4.Strongly oppose	33.0%
5.Don’t know	16.8%

6. To what degree do you see that the political- security situation is worrying?

	26Oct, 2003
1. Highly worrying	53.5%
2. Worrying	27.2%
3. Not worrying to this extent	5.2%
4. Not worrying at all	7.9%
5. Don't know	6.2%

7. Some people in the West Bank and in Gaza Strip support postponement to a later stage. Which is next to your opinion?

	26 October, 2003
1. Holding political elections at present?	30.9%
2. Postpone political elections to a later stage?	38.6%
3. No opinion	30.5%

8. In case the Palestinian emergency government and the Palestinian National Security Council issue an order to Fatah organization and to other organizations not directly belonging to the security organs of the Palestinian Authority to hand over their arms for confiscation or destruction purposes. How do you think how Fatah and the other organizations should react?

	26 October, 2003
1. Should they hand –over their arms to be confiscated and destroyed	11.6%

2.Hide their arms	56.2%
3.Not to do anything	32.2%

9. Do you believe or not believe that your constituency representatives in the Palestinian legislative council represent you?

	26 October, 2003
1. Highly represent	6.2%
2. Represent	20.2%
3. Moderately represent	20.3%
4. Do not represent	14.4%
5. Absoulotely do not represent	29.3%
6. No opinion	9.6%

10. In general, which satellite channel do you watch the most?

	26 October, 2003
1. Al-Jazeera	26.3%
2. Al-Arabiya	7.5%
3. MBC	7.0%
4. Al-Manar	6.2%

5. Abu-Dabi	4.4%
6. Eqra	3.2%
7. Future	2.9%
8. Dream	2.9%
9. Rotana	2.8%
10. Palestine TV	2.8%
11. LBC	2.6%
12. Israel TV	2.3%
13. Other	9.5%
14. None	19.6%

11. What is the local daily, weekly, or monthly newspapers do you usually read the most?

	26 October, 2003
1. Jerusalem	38.2%
2. Al-Ayam	19.8%
3. Al-Hayat	12.7%
4. Al-Resaleh	1.3%
5. Other	0.2%

6. None	26.1%
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12. Have you ever seen, heard, or read about public opinion surveys that were published or broadcasted in mass media like TV, radio, newspapers or magazines?

	26 October, 2003
1. Yes	61.0%
2. No	24.8%
3. I don't know	14.2%

13. In general, to what degree do you trust what you see or hear about public opinion survey?

	26 October, 2003
1. Very much	14.8%
2. To some degree	38.6%
3. Not so much	23.1%
4. Never	5.5%
5. No opinion	18.0%

General information about the sample:

Sex composition of the sample:

	9 January, 2003	3 February, 2003	14 April, 2003	26 October, 2003
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1. Male	51.3%	53.4%	52.2%	50.2%
2. Female	48.7%	46.6%	47.8%	49.8%

Sample composition according to type of residence:

	9 January, 2003	3 February, 2003	14 April, 2003	26 October, 2003
1.City	48.6%	48.3%	48.3%	51.9%
2.Village/Town	42.3%	43.4%	41.0%	31.4%
3.Refugee Camp	9.1%	8.3%	10.7%	16.7%

Sample composition according to Martial Status:

	9 January, 2003	3 February, 2003	14 April, 2003	26October, 2003
1. Single	36.9%	37.6%	39.6%	35.9%
2. Married	57.5%	57.2%	55.8%	57.3%
3. Other	5.6%	5.2	4.6%	6.8%

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