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e-mail: pcpsr@pcpsr.org http://www.pcpsr.org An overwhelming majority is satisfied with the make-up of the national unity government but the public is split into two equal halves with regard to its acceptance of the quartet conditions and almost three quarters are in favor of the saudi initiative

These are the results of the latest poll conducted by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip during March 22-24, 2007. This poll deals with several issues including the national unity government, the peace process, the domestic balance of power, and the Sunni-Shii strife in Iraq. Total size of the sample is 1270 adults, 830 in the West Bank and 440 in the Gaza Strip, interviewed face to face in 127 randomly selected locations. Margin of error is 3%.

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MAIN RESULTS:

Findings show that the Palestinian public is satisfied with the make-up of the national unity government which was formed just one week before the conduct of the poll. The success of Fateh and Hamas in forming a unity government has created hope, optimism, and great expectations particularly regarding the ability of the new government to end infighting, enforce law and order, and reduce international financial sanctions and diplomatic boycott.

But the public is divided on the issue of international or Quartet conditions for resumption of financial assistance and diplomatic engagement. Half of the public wants the government to accept the conditions and the other half does not want it to do so. Despite this split, a clear majority supports the recognition of Israel when this recognition is part of a settlement that creates a Palestinians state and resolves all issues of the conflict. Moreover, an overwhelming majority supports the current ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and wants to see it expanded to include the West Bank.

Moreover, it seems that the formation of the national unity government, the majority belief that this development will lead to more moderation regarding Israel inside Hamas, and the increased talk about reaffirming Arab commitment to it in the March 2007 Arab Summit have increased public support for the Saudi Initiative from about 60% last December to about three quarters in this poll. It is worth noting that support for a permanent settlement, such as the Saudi Initiative, does not preclude support for an interim one. Findings show that more than 70% support the conduct of Palestinian-Israeli negotiations on an interim settlement that would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state in the largest part of the occupied territories to be followed by negotiations leading to a comprehensive permanent settlement.

The formation of the national unity government did not lead to changes in the domestic balance of power between Fateh and Hamas as both have maintained the same levels of popularity as in our poll last December. The same applies to the popularity of PA president Mahmud Abbas and PA Prime Minister Isma'il Haniyeh; as in our December poll both receive in this poll almost equal percentage of support.

In this poll, we have examined for the first time public perception of the Shii-Sunni sectarian violence in Iraq. Findings show that a majority of Palestinians view the current violence in Iraq to be partly sectarian in nature. Among those who do see it that way, a majority believes that the PA, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Fateh and Hamas side with the Sunnis while Iran and Hezbollah side with the Shiis. As for Syria, about one third believes it stands with the Sunnis and another third believes it side with the Shiis.

(1) National Unity Government

- 88% are satisfied with the make-up of the national unity government and 11% are dissatisfied.
- In evaluating the Mecca Agreement between Fatch and Hamas, 62% believe that both sides had to compromise a little while 9% believe that Hamas had to accept Fatch's position and 4% believe that Fatch had to accept Hamas position.
- A small minority not exceeding 13% blames Hamas for the failure of its former government to improve Palestinian conditions
- The largest percentage (43%) wants the enforcement of law and order to be the top priority of the unity government.
- 69% expect the unity government to last at least until the end of the year while 23% expect it to fall before the end of the year.
- 48% want the unity government to accept the conditions of the Quartet and 48% does not want it to accept them.
- In the aftermath of the formation of the national unity government, public expectations are high: a majority ranging between 65% and 71% expect improvements in the ability of the government to pay salaries, the enforcement of law and order, the fight against corruption, the prevention of infighting, the easing of financial sanctions, and the return to Palestinian-Israeli negotiations.

Findings show that the overwhelming majority of the Palestinians (88%) is satisfied with the make-up of the national unity government while 11% say they are dissatisfied with it. Among other things, this near consensus may have been caused by the perception of a large part of the respondents (62%) that the Mecca Agreement that led to the formation of the unity government has been the outcome of modification in the positions of the two sides, Fateh and Hamas, with only 9% believing that Hamas had to acquiesce to Fateh's demands and 4% believing that Fateh had to acquiesce to Hamas's demands. 20% said neither side had to change its position.

Findings also show that only a small percentage (13%) holds Hamas responsible for the failure of its former government to improve Palestinian conditions. The largest percentage (37%) blames Israel, 25% blame the international community and the US, and 13% blame other Palestinian parties such as Fateh.

The largest percentage (43%) believes that the top priority for the unity government should be the enforcement of law and order while 26% believe that it should be the ending of the current financial sanctions. 17% believe the top priority should be the conduct of political reforms and 13% believe it should be the return to the peace process. One reason for placing the peace process at a low level of importance might be due to public perception that it is not the role of the unity government to negotiate and that negotiation with Israel is the responsibility of the PA president and the PLO. Alternatively, the public might believe that no progress is possible in negotiations any way.

The public is divided into two equal halves regarding how the unity government should respond to the Quartet conditions: 48% want it to accept them and 48% do not want it to accept them. If Israel recognizes the unity government, 49% say the government should in this case recognize Israel and 47% say it should not. Support for the recognition of Israel increases among men (52%) compared to women (47%), among supporters of Fateh (66%) compared to supporters of Hamas (32%), among retired persons (76%) and employees (57%) compared to students (36%), and among people older than 48 years of age (56%) compared to those between 18-22 years of age (38%).

Findings also show high expectations among the majority of Palestinians with 69% expecting the unity government to continue in office at least until the end of the year while 23% expect it to fall before the end of the year. Moreover, 71% expect improvement in the ability of the government to pay salaries, 69% expect improvement in the government's ability to enforce law and order, 65% expect improvement in economic conditions, 65% expect improvement in their personal safety and security, and 65% expect improvement in the fight against corruption and the implementation of reform measures. 71% expect the chances for infighting to recede while 67% expect the financial sanctions to ease. Almost two thirds (65%) expect return to Palestinian-Israeli negotiations in the near future. In fact, 54% expect that formation of the national unity government to lead Hamas to become more flexible and moderate in its position regarding Israel. 18% expect the opposite to happen.

(2) Domestic Conditions

- 53% are satisfied with the performance of PA President Mahmud Abbas and 43% are dissatisfied
- Only 6% view conditions of Palestinians in PA areas are good while 82% view them as bad or very bad
- Most important problem confronting Palestinians today is unemployment and poverty followed by Israeli occupation and its daily practices
- 84% believe that corruption exists in the PA and 49% of those believe that this corruption will increase or remain the same in the future
- 27% say that their personal security and safety is assured while 73% say it is not
- 51% evaluate the performance of the "Executive Force" as negative, increasing the level of anarchy and lawlessness, while only 29% see it as positive, contributing to the enforcement of law and order
- In light of the last election experience, 56% see democracy as a viable political system suitable for Palestine while 40% see it as nonviable and unsuitable for Palestine
- 32% say they believe Hamas's goal is to establish a state that guarantees rights but where Sharia, or Islamic law, is the only source of legislation and 16% say they believe it seeks to establish a Sharia state similar to Saudi Arabia

Findings show significant increase in the level of public satisfaction with the performance of PA president Mahmud Abbas compared to findings in our last poll in December 2006: 53% are satisfied now compared to 40% last December. Dissatisfaction in this poll reaches 43%. Despite this improvement and despite the high level of satisfaction with the make-up of the unity government, only 6% describe current condition of the Palestinians in PA areas as good or very good while 82% describe it as bad or very bad. About one third (32%) believe the most important problem confronting Palestinians today is unemployment and poverty while 24% believe it is the continuation of occupation and its daily measure, 23% believe it is corruption and lack of internal reforms, and 20% believe it is internal anarchy.

Findings also show that 84% believe that corruption exists in the PA and among those 49% believe that this corruption will increase or remain the same in the future. About 42% believe it will decrease. It is interesting to note that only 21% believed last December that corruption will decrease in the future. The change might be due to an increase in the level of optimism generated by a high level of expectations from the national unity government.

Only 27% say that their personal safety and security is assured and 73% say it is not. In this regard, it is worth noting that 51% evaluate the performance of the "Executive Force" negatively viewing it as contributing to lawlessness while only 29% evaluate it positively viewing it as contributing to enforcement of law and order. These findings are identical to those we found in our December 2006 poll which means that the formation of the national unity government did not change public views regarding the performance of this force.

But the formation of the unity government might have positively affected, even if slightly, public evaluation of democracy in light of the outcome of the legislative elections in January 2006. Today, 56% view democracy as a viable political system suitable for Palestine (compared to 53% three months ago) while 40% view it as nonviable and unsuitable for Palestine (compared to 43% three months ago).

Finally, the formation of the national unity government did not affect public reading of Hamas's goals regarding the nature of the Palestinian state it seeks to create. 21% (compared to 23% six months ago) view Hamas's goal as the creation of a state that guarantees public liberties and in which Sharia would be one of the sources of legislation. By contrast, 32% (compared to 33% six months ago) view Hamas's goal as the creation of a state that guarantees public liberties and in which Sharia would be the only source of legislation. Moreover, 16% (compared to 13% six months ago) view its goal as the creation of a state based on Sharia like in Saudi Arabia, and 5% (compared to 7% six months ago) view it as the creation of a state based on Sharia like in Afghanistan under the Taliban. 16%, compared to 15% six months ago, believe Hamas's goal is the creation of a state like other Arab states in Egypt, Jordan, and Syria.

(3) Peace Process

- A majority of 72% supports the Saudi, or Arab, initiative and 26% oppose it.
- 63% support and 35% oppose mutual recognition of Israel as the state for the

Findings show that about three quarters of the Palestinians (72%) support the Saudi Initiative while 26% oppose it. This finding points to a significant increase in support for this initiative compared to the situation three months ago when support stood at 59% and opposition at 38%. The increase in the level of support

Jewish people and Palestine as the state for the Palestinian people after the establishment of a Palestinian state and the resolution of all issues of conflict.

- A majority of 54% supports and 43% oppose a permanent settlement in which Israel withdraws from all occupied territories with the exception of settlement areas in less than 3% of the West Bank which would be subject to territorial exchange
- 43% support and 55% oppose a permanent settlement in which East Jerusalem would become the capital of the Palestinian state and Israel annexes Jewish neighborhoods and the Wailing Wall.
- 43% support and 54% oppose a permanent settlement in which the refugee problem is resolved based on UN resolution 194 but with restrictions on refugee return to Israel which would be subject to an Israeli decision.
- A majority of 71% support and 27% oppose the conduct of negotiations with Israel that would aim at establishing a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip and about 80% to 90% of the West Bank to be followed by negotiations between the Palestinian state and Israel on a permanent settlement.
- A majority of 85% supports the current ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. Similarly, 84% support the extension of the current ceasefire to include the West Bank.
- 47% believe that Hamas's goal is to reach a long term Hudna or truce with Israel, 24% believe its goal is to insure the continuation of the conflict and 22% believe its aim is to seek permanent peace with Israel.

might have the result of increased Arab and international interest in the initiative and in light of the plan by the Arab Summit in Riyadh to reaffirm Arab commitment to it. Moreover, the Mecca Agreement, the formation of the unity government, and the public expectation that Hamas will show more moderation regarding Israel might have played a role in increasing public support for the initiative. Support for the initiative increases among supporters of Fateh (82%) compared to supporters of Hamas (63%), among non refugees (76%) compared to refugees (66%), among illiterates (81%) compared to holders of BA degree (70%), among retired persons (87%) compared to students (69%), and among those most willing to buy a lottery ticket (86%) compared to the most unwilling (61%).

Findings show that a majority of 63% supports and 35% oppose a mutual recognition in which Palestinians recognize Israel as the state for the Jewish people and Israel recognizes Palestine as the state for the Palestinian people after the establishment of a Palestinian state and the resolution of all issues of conflict. Support for this mutual recognition stood at 58% and opposition at 40% in our poll last December.

Findings show a majority of 54% supports and 43% oppose a permanent territorial solution in which Israel withdraws from all occupied territories with the exception of settlement areas not exceeding 3% of the size of the West Bank which would be exchanged with an equal territory from Israel. Support for this settlement stood at 61% three months ago. With regard to a permanent settlement in Jerusalem -- in which East Jerusalem would become the capital of the Palestinian state but in which Israel would annex Jewish neighborhoods and the Wailing Wall – 43% would support and 55% would oppose the proposed solution. Three months ago, support for this solution stood at 39%. Similarly, 43% would support and 54% would oppose a refugee permanent settlement based on UN resolution 194 but in which actual return to Israel would be restricted and be subject to an Israeli decision. Three months ago, support for this solution stood at 41% and opposition at 54%.

The poll found a high level of support (71%) for entering negotiations whose objective would be the creation of a Palestinian state in all Gaza and about 80% to 90% of the West Bank to be followed by negotiations on permanent issues to be conducted by the state of Palestine and the state of Israel. 27% opposed entering such negotiations. It is worth mentioning that three months ago we found that 58% would support a Palestinian-Israeli agreement that would lead to the creation of a Palestinian state in all Gaza and 80% to 90% of the West Bank to be followed by permanent status negotiations on borders, refugees, and holy places.

As in our last poll three months ago, an overwhelming majority (85%) supports the current ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and a similar percentage (84%) supports extending it to include the West Bank.

Findings show that only 22% consider Hamas's objective to be the arrival at a permanent settlement with Israel while 47% believe that Hamas aims at reaching a long term Hudna or armistice. About one quarter (24%) believe that Hamas wants to insure the continuation of the conflict with no settlement at all.

(4) Domestic Balance of Power

- If new legislative elections are held today, 37% would vote for Hamas, 43% for Fatch, 11% for other lists, and 8% remain undecided. These results are almost identical to those obtained in our last poll conducted three months ago in December 2006.
- If new presidential elections are held today and the only two candidates were PA President Mahmud Abbas and PA Prime Minister Isma'il Haniyeh, 47% would vote for Abbas and 46% for Haniyeh. These results are almost identical with those obtained in our last poll three months ago. But if the only two candidates were Marwan Barghouti and Isma'il Haniyeh, Barghouti would receive 52% and Haniyeh 43%.

(5) Sunni-Shii Strife in Iraq

- 59% agree and 39% disagree that part of the conflict in Iraq is a sectarian strife between Sunnis and Shiis
- Majorities ranging between 50% to 69% believe that Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian Authority take the side of the Sunni Iraqis in their conflict with Shii Iraqis
- On the other hand, 79% believe Iran takes the side of the Shiis and 74% believe Hezbollah too takes the sides of the Shiis in Iraq.
- 69% believe Fatch stands with the Sunnis and 76% believe that Hamas too stands with the Sunnis.
- 75% of the respondents say they stand with the Sunnis of Iraq in their conflict with the Shiis

Findings show that the formation of the unity government did not affect the popularity of the various factions. If elections are held today, Hamas would receive 37% of the vote (compared to 36% last December), Fateh 43% (compared to 42% last December), all other factions 11% (compared to 12% last December), and 8% remain undecided (compared to 10% last December). It is worth noting however that the popularity of Hamas has finally stabilized after continued but slight decline since June 2006.

If new presidential elections are to be held today with only two candidates, PA president Mahmud Abbas and PA Prime Minister Isma'il Haniyeh, competing, the two would receive almost identical percentages of the vote: 47% for Abbas and 46% for Haniyeh. These are almost identical to the results we obtained last December. If the competition was between Marwan Barghouti and Isma'il Haniyeh, Barghouti would win with 52% of the vote against 43% for Haniyeh. In our December 2006 poll, we measured the popularity of Marwan Barghouti against that of Khalid Mish'al: Barghouti received 57% of the vote to Mish'al's 36%.

Findings show that a majority of Palestinians (59%) believes that part of the armed conflict in Iraq is a sectarian conflict between Sunnis and Shiis while 39% disagree with that. A majority (ranging between 50% and 69%) of those who do believe that a sectarian conflict exists in Iraq believes that the Palestinian Authority and Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia stand on the side of the Sunnis in their conflict with the Shiis. By contrast, 79% believe Iran stands on the side of the Shiis. When asked about Syria, about one third (34%) said it stood on the side of the Shiis.

When asked about the position of Hezbollah, Hamas, and Fateh, findings show that about three quarters believe that Hezbollah stands on the side of the Shiis, but 69% said Fateh stands on the side of the Sunnis and 67% said Hamas too stands on the side of the Sunnis. It is worth mentioning that while only 3% said Fateh stands on the side of the Shiis, 13% said Hamas stands on the side of the Shiis.

Three quarters of those who believe that a sectarian conflict exists in Iraq say they stand with the Sunnis, less that 1% say they stand with the Shiis, 18% say they stand with neither side, and 4% say they stand with both sides. Percentage of those who stand with the Sunnis increases in the Gaza Strip (87%) compared to the West Bank (67%), among those living in refugee camps (84%) compared to those living in villages and towns (71%), and among men (79%) compared to women (71%). But supporters of Fateh and Hamas say equally that they stand with the Sunnis (82% and 80% respectively).

Results of Poll # (23) 22-24 March 2007

		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip		
00)	From among the following satellit	te news stations,	which one you wa	tched most		
	during the last two months?					
	1) Al Arabia	5.4	4.3	7.2		
	2) Al Jazeera	74.5	78.8	67.1		
	3) Al Hurra	0.2	0.1	0.2		
	4) Al Manar	2.2	2.9	0.9		
	5) Palestine TV	6.1	4.3	9.4		
	6) Do not watch TV	4.9	3.9	6.8		
	7) Others	2.6	2.0	3.6		
	8) Do not have a dish	4.0	3.5	4.8		
	9) know Opinion/don't know	0.1	0.2	0.0		
0a)	And which one you watched secon	nd?				
oa j	1) Al Arabia	35.9	35.1	37.2		
	2) Al Jazeera	12.5	12.5	12.3		
	3) Al Hurra	1.4	1.1	2.0		
	4) Al Manar	13.8	18.2	6.2		
	5) Palestine TV	17.5	15.9	20.1		
	6) Do not watch TV	5.2	4.4	6.6		
	7) Others	8.0	8.3	7.5		
	8) Do not have a dish	4.2	3.2	5.9		
	9) know Opinion/don't know	1.6	1.2	2.2		
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01)	Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the performance of Mahmud Abbas since his					
	election as president of the PA?		7 (0.4		
	1) Very satisfied	6.6	5.6	8.4		
	2) Satisfied	46.8	42.0	55.1		
	3) Not satisfied	31.6	35.6	24.7		
	4) not satisfied at all	11.0	11.6	9.9		
	5) DK/NA	4.0	5.2	1.9		
02)	If new presidential elections are to					
	nominated by Fateh and Ismail H	laniyeh was non	ninated by Hamas,	whom would		
	you vote for?					
	1) Mahmoud Abbas	46.7	47.0	46.2		
	2) Ismael Haneyyeh	45.6	45.9	45.3		
	3 DK/NA	7.7	7.1	8.5		
03)	And if the competition was betwe			g Fateh and		
	Ismail Haneyyeh representing Ha	*	•			
	1) Marwan Barghouti	51.5	55.0	46.5		
	2) Ismail Haneyyeh	43.4	40.4	47.9		
	3) No Opinion/ Don't know	5.1	4.7	5.6		
05)	If new elections are held today an		_	ne last PLC		
	elections were nominated, for who	•				
	1) alternative	1.1	1.4	0.6		
	/	4.2	5.4	2.3		
	2) independent Palestine					
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	7) third way	0.9	1.5	0 -
	8) freedom and independence	0.2	0.2	0.2
	9) Palestinian justice	0.2	0.2	0.3
	10) Fateh	42.9	41.0	45.8
	11) none of the above/ DK/NA/ Do			
	not remember	8.4	9.3	7.1
06)	In general, how would you describe areas these days?	conditions of	the Palestinians in	the Palestinian
	1) Very good	0.5	0.4	0.8
	2) Good	5.9	6.7	4.5
	3) So so	12.0	12.9	10.3
	4) Bad			
	,	35.9	36.2	35.4
	5) Very bad	45.7	43.8	49.0
	6) DK/NA	0.1	0.1	0.0
07)	Generally, do you see yourself as:			
	1) Religious	42.9	37.1	52.9
	2) somewhat religious	53.4	57.4	46.5
	3) not religious	3.6	5.3	0.6
	4) DK/NA	0.1	0.1	0.0
08)	Generally, do you see yourself as:			
	1) supportive of the peace process	67.8	64.6	73.3
	2) opposed to the peace process	15.0	15.3	14.4
	3) between support and opposition 4) DK/NA	15.8 1.5	18.4 1.7	11.1 1.1
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	1) Hamas	13.0	12.7	13.4	
	2) Other Palestinian parties such as				
	Fateh	12.5	13.4	11.0	
	3) International actors such as the				
	US	25.3	24.1	27.3	
	4) Israel	36.9	35.9	38.7	
	5) others	7.9	8.8	6.3	
	6) DK/NA	4.4	5.1	3.3	
12)	Do you think that there is corruption	in PA instit	utions?		
12)	1) Yes	84.0	86.2	80.3	
	2) No (go to Q14)	8.1	6.1	11.7	
	3) DK/NA	7.8	7.8	8.0	
13)	If yes, will this corruption in PA insti	itutions incre	ease, decrease or re	main as it is in	
	the future?	27.2	20.2	22.1	
	 Will increase Will remain as it is 	37.2 11.7	39.3 11.4	33.1 12.2	
	3) will decrease	42.2	39.3	47.8	
	4) DK/NA	8.9	10.0	6.9	
	1) 2121111	0.9	10.0	0.5	
14)	Would you say that these days your s	security and	safety, and that of y	our family, is	
	assured or not assured?				
	1) Completely assured	2.1	2.2	1.8	
	2) Assured	25.2	24.7	25.9	
	3) Not assured	52.6	53.1	51.8	
	4) Not assured at all	20.0	19.8	20.2	
	5) DK/NA	0.2	0.1	0.3	
15)	After the electoral experience that to	ok place earl	v this vear, what is	vour	
,	evaluation of democracy in Palestine				
	successful system that is suited for Pa		you see in it a faile	ed system that	
	can not be implemented in Palestine?	?			
	1) successful, suitable to Palestine	55.0	50.5	(1.5	
	(go to Q17)	55.8 40.2	52.5 41.5	61.5 37.9	
	2) failed, unsuitable for Palestine3) DK/NA	40.2	5.9	0.6	
	3) DK/NA	4.0	5.9	0.0	
16)	If you see it as a failed system, what a	alternative sy	stem you think wo	uld be suitable	
	for Palestine?	•	·		
	1) one party system, whereby one				
	party would fully control the		4.7.4	21.5	
	government and parliament	17.5	15.4	21.7	
	2) a system with a strong leader				
	who is not accountable to a	24.3	24.3	24.3	
	parliament 3) a religious system where only	44.3	24.3	44.3	
	men of religion are able to				
	govern	34.9	32.6	39.8	
	4) none of the above, I prefer	5	52.0	27.0	
		10.4	13.4	4.1	
	5) DK/NA	12.9	14.3	10.1	

		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
17)	Do you support or oppose the curren	t cease fire a	greement in Gaza	between the
	Palestinians and the Israelis?			
	1) Definitely support	26.0	26.1	25.9
	2) Support	58.6	57.5	60.4
	3) Oppose	11.2	11.6	10.4
	4) Definitely oppose	2.9	2.9	2.9
	5) DK/NA	1.3	1.9	0.4
18)	Do you support or oppose expanding	the agreeme	ent to include the V	Vest Bank also?
	1) Definitely support	25.8	26.7	24.2
	2) Support	58.3	57.5	59.7
	3) Oppose	11.7	11.7	11.7
	4) Definitely oppose	2.7	2.0	4.1
	5) DK/NA	1.5	2.2	0.4
19)	In your view, is it possible or impossi			
	permanent status agreement with the by Abu Mazin?	e Olmert gov	ernment in negotia	tions conducted
	1) Certainly possible	2.1	2.2	1.8
	2) Possible	39.8	37.7	43.5
	3) Impossible	39.5	39.4	39.6
	4) Certainly impossible	14.8	16.4	12.2
	5) DK/NA	3.8	4.3	2.9
20)	Do you believe that armed confronta national and political rights in ways			
	1) Definitely yes	12.2	8.2	19.3
	2) Yes	35.9	34.2	38.8
	3) No	42.1	45.4	36.2
	4) Definitely no	6.5	8.3	3.3
	5 DK/NA	3.3	3.9	2.4
21)	With regard to relations with Israel,	what do you	think the goal of H	lamas is?
	1) reach a permanent peace with Israel after the			
	establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip	22.0	24.1	18.3
	with East Jerusalem as its capital			
	2) reach a long term Hudna (truce) after the			
	establishment of a Palestinian state in the West	46.8	44.1	51.7
	Bank and the Gaza Strip with East Jerusalem as its capital			
	3) the continuation of conflict and armed confrontations with Israel	24.3	23.8	25.1
	4) DK/NA	6.9	8.1	4.9

		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
22)	And regarding domestic Palestinian	affairs, what	do you think the go	al of Hamas
	is?1) The establishment of a state that			
	guarantees basic freedoms such as			
	freedom of the press, multiparty			
	system, and periodic elections			
	whereby Islamic Sharia is one of			
	the sources of legislation	20.8	21.3	19.8
	2) The establishment of a state			
	that guarantees basic freedoms			
	such as freedom of the press, multiparty system, and			
	periodic elections whereby			
	Islamic Sharia is the only			
	sources of legislation	32.3	29.7	36.8
	3) The establishment of a state			
	like other Arab states in Egypt,			
	Jordan and Syria	15.9	14.4	18.4
	4) The establishment of a state that rules in accordance of			
	Islamic Sharia just like in			
	Saudia Arabia	15.9	18.6	11.2
	5) The establishment of a state	10.5	10.0	
	the rules in accordance of			
	Sharia just like it was under			
	the Taliban in Afghanistan	5.1	5.4	4.7
	6) Others (specify:) 7) DK/NA	2.5 7.6	2.6 8.0	2.4 6.8
	national unity government and the minister Ehud Olmert?1) Negotiations will resume soon enough and armed	neetings betwe	ch Abu Mazii and	i isi acii prime
	confrontations will stop	19.2	16.5	23.9
	2) Negotiations will resume but some armed attacks will			
	continue	47.0	44.5	51.5
	3) Armed confrontations will not			
	stop and the two sides will not			
	return to negotiations	27.8	31.5	21.3
	4) DK/NA	6.0	7.6	
			7.0	3.2
24)	In your view, what from among the			
24)	national unity government?			
24)	•			
24)	national unity government? 1) Enforce law and order and end anarchy 2) End the financial and political	following show	ald be the top prior 39.7	48.9
24)	national unity government?1) Enforce law and order and end anarchy2) End the financial and political boycott of the PA	following shou	ıld be the top prior	ity of the
24)	 national unity government? 1) Enforce law and order and end anarchy 2) End the financial and political boycott of the PA 3) revive the peace process and 	43.0 25.6	39.7 25.3	48.9 26.2
24)	 national unity government? 1) Enforce law and order and end anarchy 2) End the financial and political boycott of the PA 3) revive the peace process and negotiations to end occupation 	following show 43.0	ald be the top prior 39.7	48.9
24)	 national unity government? 1) Enforce law and order and end anarchy 2) End the financial and political boycott of the PA 3) revive the peace process and negotiations to end occupation 4) Embark or political reforms 	43.0 25.6 13.0	39.7 25.3 14.0	48.9 26.2 11.2
24)	 national unity government? 1) Enforce law and order and end anarchy 2) End the financial and political boycott of the PA 3) revive the peace process and negotiations to end occupation 	43.0 25.6	39.7 25.3	48.9 26.2
24)	 national unity government? 1) Enforce law and order and end anarchy 2) End the financial and political boycott of the PA 3) revive the peace process and negotiations to end occupation 4) Embark or political reforms including fighting corruption 	43.0 25.6 13.0	39.7 25.3 14.0	48.9 26.2 11.2

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Total West Bank Gaza Strip

		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
25)	How do you read the Mecca Agre	eement between F	ateh and Hamas?	For example,
Ź	do you see in it a Hamas acceptai			
	conditions or do you see in it a Fa			
	international conditions?	P		
	1) Hamas acceptance of Fateh's			
	views	8.7	8.5	9.1
	2) Fateh acceptance of Hamas	0.7	0.5	7.1
	views	4.2	4.5	3.8
	3) neither this nor that, both	7,2	4.5	5.0
	modified their positions a little	61.8	58.7	67.2
	4) neither this nor that, both sides	01.0	30.7	07.2
	did not change their positions	19.6	21.2	16.7
	5) DK/NA	5.7	7.1	3.2
	3) DK/NA	5.7	7.1	3.2
26)	Now after the formation of the n	ational unity gave	mmant tall us w	hat wann
26)	Now, after the formation of the n			
	expectations are with regard to the		s. Ten us n you th	ilik tillilgs will
26.1	improve, worsen or stay the same			
26-1	Economic conditions such as p	•		2.0
	1) Will definitely improve	2.6	2.4	2.9
	2) Will improve	62.7	58.9	69.4
	3) Will stay the same	17.6	19.8	13.8
	4) Will worsen	12.2	13.3	10.2
	5) Will definitely worsen	2.0	2.6	1.0
	6) No Opinion/ Don't know	2.9	3.1	2.6
26-2	Enforcement of law and order			
	1) Will definitely improve	3.6	3.6	3.5
	2) Will improve	65.5	63.9	68.2
	3) Will stay the same	16.2	17.2	14.5
	4) Will worsen	10.8	11.0	10.4
	5) Will definitely worsen	1.4	1.6	1.1
	6) No Opinion/ Don't know	2.5	2.6	2.3
26-3	Fighting corruption and carry	ing out internal	reforms	
	1) Will definitely improve	3.2	3.1	3.5
	2) Will improve	62.1	59.3	66.9
	3) Will stay the same	21.0	21.9	19.5
	4) Will worsen	10.2	11.7	7.4
	5) Will definitely worsen	1.2	1.0	1.4
	6) No Opinion/ Don't know	2.4	3.0	1.3
26-4	Status of democracy, particula			
-0.	1) Will definitely improve	2.4	2.4	2.4
	2) Will improve	56.2	52.0	63.4
	3) Will stay the same	24.8	26.5	22.0
	4) Will worsen	10.9	12.2	8.7
	5) Will definitely worsen	1.1	1.2	0.7
	6) No Opinion/ Don't know	4.6	5.7	2.8
26-5			3.1	2.6
20-3	Payment of salaries in the pub		2.0	2.0
	1) Will definitely improve	3.2	2.9	3.8
	2) Will improve	67.7	65.3	71.9
	3) Will stay the same	15.8	17.3	13.2
	4) Will worsen	8.0	8.9	6.3
	5) Will definitely worsen	1.0	1.0	1.1
25.5	6) No Opinion/ Don't know	4.3	4.6	3.7
26-6	Safety and security for you an			
	1) Will definitely improve	3.2	3.5	2.8
	2) Will improve	61.5	56.1	71.0
	3) Will stay the same	21.8	26.2	14.2
	4) Will worsen	9.0	9.2	8.7

		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
	5) Will definitely worsen	1.5	1.7	1.2
	6) No Opinion/ Don't know	2.9	3.4	2.1
27)	And what do you arrest to have	an with the fallow	ina iaawaa9 In waw	u aninian will
27)	And what do you expect to happe the chances that they occur or co			
	decrease, will decrease, will stay as			
27-1	Internal infighting	s it is, will illerease	, will definitely like	rease, DR/NAJ
27-1	1) Will definitely decrease	7.3	8.9	4.6
	2) Will decrease	63.3	64.3	61.6
	3) Will stay as it is	12.7	11.3	15.2
	4) Will increase	13.6	12.4	15.2
	5) Will definitely increase	0.8	0.5	1.3
	6) DK/NA	2.2	2.5	1.6
27-2	International financial sanction		2.3	1.0
21-2	1) Will definitely decrease	4.9	5.5	3.8
	2) Will decrease	62.3	5.5 58.9	3.8 68.4
	3) Will stay as it is	62.3 17.5	38.9 18.1	08.4 16.5
	4) Will increase	10.8	18.1	8.7
	5) Will definitely increase	0.5	0.7	0.2
	6) DK/NA	4.0	4.9	2.4
27-3			4.7	2. 4
27-3	International political boycott		4.0	2.5
	1) Will definitely decrease	4.3	4.8	3.5
	2) Will decrease	59.7	55.6 20.7	66.8
	3) Will stay as it is	18.8	20.7	15.6
	4) Will definitely increase	10.5	10.4	10.7
	5) Will definitely increase	1.1	1.6	0.2
27.4	6) DK/NA	5.6	7.0	3.2
27-4	Building of Israeli settlements			1 1
	1) Will definitely decrease	1.3	1.4	1.1
	2) Will decrease	22.8	16.4	33.8
	3) Will stay as it is	25.5	26.1	24.4
	4) Will increase	38.8	43.7	30.4
	5) Will definitely increase	7.2	8.2	5.6
25.5	6) DK/NA	4.4	4.2	4.7
27-5	Building of the separation bar			0.0
	1) Will definitely decrease	1.0	1.1	0.9
	2) Will decrease	18.0	10.8	30.7
	3) Will stay as it is	30.4	31.0	29.2
	4) Will increase	37.9	44.3	26.7
	5) Will definitely increase	9.0	10.2	6.8
	6) DK/NA	3.7	2.5	5.7
30)	And advers			
28)	And what are your expectations			
	negotiations? Do you think the ty	wo sides will retur	n to negotiations	in the near
	future?	ć A	<i>5</i> 0	7 4
	1) Certainly yes	6.4	5.8	7.4
	2) Yes	58.6	57.3	60.9
	3) No	25.4	26.7	23.1
	4) Certainly no	4.9	5.3	4.1
	5) DK/NA	4.7	4.8	4.5
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		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
,	nd what about the current ceasefi	re, will it be n	naintained or will it	collapse in the
	ear future?			
	Certainly maintained	2.8	2.1	4.0
/	Maintained	49.9	48.5	52.4
	Collapse	40.1	42.5	35.9
/	Certainly collapse	2.8	2.2	3.8
5)	DK/NA	4.4	4.7	3.9
ch	and what about the Israeli occupateckpoints and the closures, will the fore?			
	Certainly will increase	4.7	4.9	4.5
	Will increase	28.8	29.6	27.5
	Will remain the same	37.6	39.9	33.6
	Will decrease	22.8	20.5	26.9
,	Certainly will decrease	2.8	2.0	4.1
	DK/NA	3.2	3.1	3.4
1)	rael? or will it become more hard Certainly Hamas will become ore moderate	line? or will i	t stay unchanged?	14.6
2)	Hamas will become more			
	oderate	40.6	41.6	38.9
	Hamas will become more			
	ardline	12.9	12.0	14.4
	Certainly Hamas will become			
	ore hardline	5.3	3.6	8.2
	Hamas will stay unchanged	22.8	23.8	21.2
6)	DK/NA	4.6	5.7	2.7
	re you satisfied or dissatisfied with	_	ernment of national	unity?
	certainly satisfied	26.3	23.8	30.8
/	satisfied	61.3	61.9	60.4
	dissatisfied	9.7	11.3	6.9
	Certainly dissatisfied	1.0	0.8	1.3
5)	DK/NA	1.6	2.2	0.7
en	o you expect the government of na ad of this year or do you expect it certainly it will stay at least			
ur	atil the end of the year will stay at least until the end	22.0	18.5	28.0
3)	the year will not stay until the end of	47.0	49.3	43.0
41.	e year	18.3	17.9	19.0
4)	certainly it will not stay until			
4) th	e end of the year DK/NA	4.8 7.9	4.9 9.4	4.7 5.3

		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
34)	Do you think the national unity go	vernment shou	ld accept or reject	the Quartet
	condition which demands recognit	ion of Israel?		
	1) Certainly it should accept	5.4	5.0	6.1
	2) It should accept	42.1	42.9	40.6
	3) It should reject	40.3	38.9	42.8
	4) Certainly it should reject	8.0	8.1	7.8
	5) DK/NA	4.2	5.1	2.6

35) And what if Israel recognized the national unity government, should or should not the national unity government in turn recognize Israel?

1) Certainly it should	8.4	8.6	8.1
2) It should	40.8	41.4	39.7
3) It should not	38.7	36.2	43.2
4) Certainly it should not	8.5	9.2	7.4
5) DK/NA	3.6	4.7	1.6

36) There is currently talk about conducting Palestinian-Israeli negotiations with the aim of establishing a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip and about 80% to 90% of the West Bank to be followed by negations between the Palestinian state and Israel on the remaining issues such as permanent borders, refugees, holy places in Jerusalem, and others. Do you support or oppose the participation of the Palestinian Authority including the national unity government of Fateh and Hamas in such negotiations?

1) Certainly support	9.6	10.0	8.8
2) Support	61.3	59.5	64.4
3) Oppose	22.0	22.6	21.0
4) Certainly oppose	4.5	4.6	4.4
5) DK/NA	2.6	3.3	1.4

37) There is a proposal that after the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and the settlemnet of all issues in dispute, including the refugees and Jerusalem issues, there will be a mutual recognition of Israel as the state of the Jewish people and Palestine as the state of the Palestinians people. Do you agree or disagree to this proposal?

1) Definitely agree	7.3	6.6	8.4
2) agree	55.8	56.6	54.3
3) disagree	27.3	27.0	27.9
4) definitely disagree	7.5	6.8	8.6
5) DK/NA	2.1	3.0	0.7

38) And what is the Palestinian majority opinion on this issue? Do most Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza support or oppose the recognition of Israel as the state of the Jewish people and Palestine as the state of the Palestinian people at the end of the peace process?

1) Majority supports	54.2	54.2	54.2
2) Majority opposes	36.3	36.5	35.8
3) DK/NA	9.5	9.3	10.0

39) And what is the Israeli majority opinion on this issue? Do most Israelis support or oppose the recognition of Israel as the state of the Jewish people and Palestine as the state of the Palestinian people at the end of the peace process?

1) Majority supports	47.2	45.5	50.2
2) Majority opposes	42.4	44.6	38.5
5) DK/NA	10.3	9.8	11.3

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40B)	According to the Saudi plan, Israel will retreat from all territories occupied in 1967
	including Gaza the West Bank, Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, and a Palestinian
	state will be established. The refugees problem will be resoved through negotiation
	in a just and agreed upon manner and in accordance with UN resolution 194. In
	return, all Arab states will recognize Israel and its right to secure borders, will sign
	peace treaties with her and establish normal diplomatic relations. Do you agree or
	disagree to this plan?

Total

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1) Certainly agree	8.4	8.0	9.1
2) agree	63.3	63.3	63.2
3) disagree	20.9	20.9	20.9
4) Certainly disagree	4.8	4.9	4.4
5) DK/NA	2.7	2.9	2.3

- If Israel and the Palestinians return to permanent settlement negotiations, various compromise proposals may come up on the table. I will read to you now several items that might be included in the final settlement with the Palestinians. For each of theses items tell me the extent to which you agree or disagree to it, taking into account all its elements.
- 41-1A As to the **territories** issue: Israeli withdrawal from all of the Gaza Strip. But in the West Bank, Israel withdraws and evacuates settlements from most of it, with the exception of few settlement areas in less than 3% of the West Bank that would be exchanged with an equal amount of territory from Israel in accordance with the attached map {show map}

1) Certainly agree	5.1	4.8	5.5
2) agree	49.2	47.6	52.1
3) disagree	35.3	35.8	34.2
4) Certainly disagree	7.5	8.7	5.5
5) DK/NA	3.0	3.1	2.7

41-2A East Jerusalem would become the capital of the Palestinian state with Arab neighborhoods, the Old City and al Haram al Sharif coming under Palestinian sovereignty. Jewish neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, the Jewish Quarter, and the Wailing Wall would come under Israeli sovereignty

1) Certainly agree	3.9	3.7	4.2
2) agree	38.8	41.7	33.7
3) disagree	44.3	42.7	47.2
4) Certainly disagree	10.3	9.4	11.9
5) DK/NA	2.7	2.5	3.0

41-3A With regard to the **refugee** question, both sides agree that the solution will be based on UN resolutions 194 and 242 and on the Arab peace initiative. The refugees will be given five choices for permanent residency. These are: the Palestinian state and the Israeli areas transferred to the Palestinian state in the territorial exchange mentioned above; no restrictions would be imposed on refugee return to these two areas. Residency in the other three areas (in host countries, third countries, and Israel) would be subject to the decision of the states in those areas. The number of refugees returning to Israel will be based on the average number of refugees admitted to third countries like Australia, Canada, Europe, and others. All refugees will be entitled to compensation for their "refugeehood" and loss of properties.

1) Certainly agree	4.3	2.9	6.8
2) agree	38.4	40.0	35.4
3) disagree	45.0	43.3	48.1
4) Certainly disagree	8.8	10.1	6.6
5) DK/NA	3.5	3.7	3.1

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		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
42)	Some say that part of the armed			
	Shi'its. What do you think? Do y			at there exists a
	sectarian conflict in Iraq between			17.0
	1) certainly accept	15.5	14.5	17.2
	2) accept	43.0	41.1	46.3
	3) do not accept	31.5	33.6	28.0
	4) Certainly do not accept	7.1	7.7	5.9
	5) DK/NA	2.9	3.1	2.6
42)			G '4 16	NI •9•4 4 II
43)	If you think that part of the conf			
	with whom the following parties			ts? [With
42.1	Shi'its, with Sunnits, with both sid		-	2.2
43-1	Saudi Arabia	3.9	4.9	2.3
	1) With Shi'its	59.2	54.2	66.9
	2) with Sunnits,	6.8	6.4	7.5
	3) with both sides	18.2	19.9	15.5
	4) with neither side	12.0	14.7	7.9
42.2	5) DK/NA			
43-2	Jordan	7.1	0.1	5.5
	1) With Shi'its	7.1	8.1	5.7
	2) with Sunnits,	50.0	48.4	52.5
	3) with both sides	8.3	8.0	8.7
	4) with neither side	20.3	20.1	20.6
42.2	5) DK/NA	14.3	15.4	12.5
43-3	Egypt	- A	<i>.</i>	2.6
	1) With Shi'its	5.3	6.5	3.6
	2) with Sunnits,	52.8	48.7	58.9
	3) with both sides	8.8	8.0	10.0
	4) with neither side	19.2	19.6	18.5
	5) DK/NA	13.9	17.2	8.9
43-4	Palestinian Authority			
	1) With Shi'its	1.6	1.9	1.2
	2) with Sunnits,	69.5	68.1	71.7
	3) with both sides	5.2	4.3	6.5
	4) with neither side	15.2	15.2	15.3
	5) DK/NA	8.5	10.6	5.3
43-5	Iran			
	1) With Shi'its	79.8	80.6	78.6
	2) with Sunnits,	5.9	4.2	8.5
	3) with both sides	3.5	2.1	5.5
	4) with neither side	2.4	2.5	2.2
	5) DK/NA	8.5	10.7	5.1
43-6		• • -		• • -
	1) With Shi'its	30.9	31.2	30.5
	2) with Sunnits,	33.7	32.8	35.2
	3) with both sides	12.0	11.2	13.3
	4) with neither side	8.1	7.9	8.5
	5) DK/NA	15.2	16.9	12.6
43-7	Fateh			
	1) With Shi'its	2.6	2.9	2.1
	2) with Sunnits,	69.3	67.4	72.1
	3) with both sides	3.5	2.7	4.7
	4) with neither side	12.9	13.3	12.4
	5) DK/NA	11.7	13.6	8.8

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		Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip	
43-8	Hamas				
	1) With Shi'its	12.8	10.2	16.6	
	2) with Sunnits,	66.8	68.0	65.0	
	3) with both sides	3.9	3.3	4.9	
	4) with neither side	7.9	7.7	8.1	
	5) DK/NA	8.6	10.7	5.5	
43-9	Hizbullah				
	1) With Shi'its	73.5	72.7	74.8	
	2) with Sunnits,	12.0	12.3	11.5	
	3) with both sides	4.3	2.6	6.9	
	4) with neither side	2.5	2.6	2.4	
	5) DK/NA	7.6	9.8	4.4	
	,				
44)	And what about you? Which side y	ou stand with?			
ĺ	1) Shi'its	0.4	0.2	0.7	
	2) Sunnits	75.1	67.4	87.0	
	3) both sides	4.3	5.3	2.7	
	4) neither side	18.1	24.3	8.5	
	5)DK/NA	2.1	2.8	1.1	
	0)212111	2.1	2.0	1.1	
45)	Which of the following political par	ties do vou sun	nort?		
,	1) PPP	0.8	0.7	0.8	
	2) PFLP	4.7	5.4	3.3	
	3) Fateh	29.1	26.8	33.1	
	4) Hamas	26.7	23.2	32.9	
	5) DFLP	0.2	0.1	0.3	
	6) Islamic Jihad	2.5	2.5	2.5	
	7) Fida	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	8) National Initiative (Mubadara)	1.5	1.9	0.7	
	9) Independent Islamists	3.7	4.3	2.8	
	10) Independent Nationalists	3.7	3.8	3.5	
	11) None of the above	26.1	29.8	19.6	
	12) Other, specify	1.1	1.4	0.5	
	12) Suici, speeily	1,1	1,1	0.5	