Public Opinion Poll #32
5-7 March 1998

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1. How often do you follow the news?
   1) Always
      - West Bank: 28.7%
      - Gaza Strip: 26.5%
   2) Often
      - West Bank: 14.5%
      - Gaza Strip: 19.2%
   3) Sometimes
      - West Bank: 48.2%
      - Gaza Strip: 45.5%
   4) Not Sure
      - West Bank: 08.6%
      - Gaza Strip: 08.7%

2. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the PLC?
   1) Very Good
      - West Bank: 12.6%
      - Gaza Strip: 12.7%
   2) Good
      - West Bank: 38.9%
      - Gaza Strip: 33.6%
   3) Fair
      - West Bank: 29.2%
      - Gaza Strip: 33.5%
   4) Bad
      - West Bank: 06.2%
      - Gaza Strip: 09.8%
   5) Very Bad
      - West Bank: 04.5%
      - Gaza Strip: 05.7%
   6) Don't Know/ No Opinion
      - West Bank: 08.5%
      - Gaza Strip: 04.7%

3. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of your district representative in the PLC?
   1) Very Good
      - West Bank: 16.5%
      - Gaza Strip: 12.2%
   2) Good
      - West Bank: 39.0%
      - Gaza Strip: 34.1%
   3) Fair
      - West Bank: 20.5%
      - Gaza Strip: 27.3%
   4) Bad
      - West Bank: 09.1%
      - Gaza Strip: 13.0%
   5) Very Bad
      - West Bank: 04.3%
      - Gaza Strip: 07.4%
   6) Don't Know/ No Opinion
      - West Bank: 10.6%
      - Gaza Strip: 06.0%

4. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian government (the Cabinet)?
   1) Very Good
      - West Bank: 18.7%
      - Gaza Strip: 24.8%
   2) Good
      - West Bank: 43.2%
      - Gaza Strip: 30.6%
   3) Fair
      - West Bank: 21.3%
      - Gaza Strip: 26.8%
   4) Bad
      - West Bank: 06.6%
      - Gaza Strip: 10.6%
   5) Very Bad
      - West Bank: 04.1%
      - Gaza Strip: 05.0%
   6) No Opinion/ Do not know
      - West Bank: 06.1%
      - Gaza Strip: 02.2%

5. How do you evaluate the performance of the government in the following areas:
### 5-1 Education

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### Total %  West Bank %  Gaza Strip %

5. How do you evaluate the performance of the government in the following areas:

#### 5-1 Education

1) Very Good  
2) Good  

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3) Fair       17.3   18.4   15.6  
4) Bad        05.7   06.2   05.0  
5) Very Bad   01.8   01.9   01.7  
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 03.8   04.4   02.9 

**5-2 Health**
1) Very Good  19.7   17.9   22.6  
2) Good       41.5   40.3   43.4  
3) Fair       20.4   21.5   18.8  
4) Bad        10.6   10.8   10.2  
5) Very Bad   03.8   04.0   03.5  
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 04.0   05.6   01.5 

**5-3 Economy**
1) Very Good  04.9   06.0   03.2  
2) Good       20.4   20.5   20.1  
3) Fair       29.4   27.9   31.7  
4) Bad        26.8   26.0   28.0  
5) Very Bad   12.9   11.9   14.5  
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 05.6   07.7   02.5 

**5-4 Democracy & Human Rights**
1) Very Good  09.0   10.3   07.0  
2) Good       28.5   27.2   30.6  
3) Fair       28.5   27.5   30.0  
4) Bad        16.9   16.8   17.2  
5) Very Bad   09.2   08.1   10.9  
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 07.8   10.1   04.2 

**5-5 Security of Citizens**
1) Very Good  26.9   22.1   34.1  
2) Good       39.7   40.1   39.1  
3) Fair       19.5   20.8   17.5  
4) Bad        06.9   07.2   06.4  
5) Very Bad   03.7   04.7   02.0  
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 03.4   05.0   00.9 

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1) Very Good    16.2   13.8   19.8  
2) Good         37.0   38.5   34.7  
3) Fair         19.4   17.3   22.6  
4) Bad          07.2   07.6   06.6  
5) Very Bad     03.8   02.9   05.2  
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 16.4   19.9   11.1  

7. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian police and security services?

1) Very Good 31.7 30.4 33.9
2) Good 39.6 39.7 39.4
3) Fair 17.4 17.2 17.7
4) Bad 05.3 06.1 04.1
5) Very Bad 02.3 01.8 03.1
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 03.7 04.8 01.9

8. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the institution of the Presidency?

1) Very Good 36.6 33.5 41.4
2) Good 37.1 39.6 33.2
3) Fair 13.1 11.8 15.0
4) Bad 03.0 03.4 02.5
5) Very Bad 02.3 02.0 02.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 07.9 09.7 05.1

9. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian opposition parties? (Cancelled from P31) Translated

1) Very Good 10.6 09.7 12.0
2) Good 29.7 30.5 28.6
3) Fair 26.6 23.6 31.3
4) Bad 16.3 17.8 14.0
5) Very Bad 03.2 02.9 03.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion 13.6 15.5 10.6

10. In your view, do we have a free press?

1) Yes 24.8 24.3 25.5
2) To some extent 34.7 32.6 37.9
3) No 30.7 30.6 30.8
4) No Opinion/ Do not know 09.9 12.5 05.8

11. In your opinion, can people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip criticize the Palestinian Authority without fear?

1) Yes 37.1 38.8 34.2
2) No 56.1 51.7 62.9
3) Do not know 06.8 09.5 02.8

12. Some people say that they feel comfortable dealing with Palestinian officials in the authority, but others say they feel uncomfortable. Based on your own personal
16. If you want to evaluate the status of democracy and human rights under the Palestinian Authority, you would say it is:

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17. In your opinion, what direction is the government heading toward?

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18. There are different Palestinian views regarding the proposed Public Assembly Law, which is being discussed now by the PLC. Some think that people should have the right to hold public meetings without prior permission from the Palestinian Authority, while others think that holding such public meetings should require prior permission. What do you think?

1) No need for prior permission from the PA  
   22.6  
2) Prior permission by the PA should be a requirement  
   72.4  
3) Others (specify,-)  
   01.0  
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion  
   04.0

19. The PLC is currently debating a proposed law regarding carrying weapons. The proposed law requires Palestinian factions and organizations to license any weapons they may have. Some people support the requirement that factions and organizations license their weapons, while others oppose such a requirement at the present time. What do you think?

1) I support the requirement that Palestinian factions and organizations license their weapons  
   74.0  
2) I oppose the requirement that Palestinian factions and organizations license their weapons  
   20.0  
3) Others (specify,-)  
   02.4  
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion  
   03.6

20. The PLC is currently debating a proposed law regarding Political Parties. The proposed law requires Palestinian factions and political parties to register themselves in the Ministry of Justice as political parties. Some people support the requirement that factions register themselves, while others oppose such requirement under the present circumstances. What do you think?

1) I support the requirement that Palestinian factions register themselves in the Ministry of Justice  
   72.0  
2) I oppose the requirement that Palestinian factions register themselves in the Ministry of Justice  
   16.1  
3) Others (specify,-)  
   00.6  
3) No Opinion/ Do not know  
   11.3

21. Given the current conditions of the Palestinian-Israeli peace process, do you support or oppose the Oslo Agreement?
1) Support 66.6 64.7 69.6
2) Oppose 28.9 29.3 28.3
3) No opinion/Don't know 04.5 06.1 02.0

**22. How do you evaluate the performance of the following institutions towards the recent American-Iraqi crisis?**

**22-1 PLC**

1) Very Good 23.6 23.4 23.8
2) Good 41.7 41.2 42.5
3) In Between 15.3 14.4 16.8
4) Bad 07.1 07.8 06.0
5) Very Bad 02.1 01.9 02.5
6) No opinion/Don't Know 10.2 11.3 08.5

**22-2 Executive Authority (Cabinet)**

1) Very Good 20.0 19.6 20.6
2) Good 41.9 43.7 39.1
3) In Between 17.7 15.7 20.9
4) Bad 07.7 08.2 07.0
5) Very Bad 01.5 01.2 01.9
6) No opinion/Don't Know 11.2 11.6 10.5

**22-3 Police and Security Forces**

1) Very Good 19.4 20.8 17.4
2) Good 37.6 37.2 38.2
3) In Between 17.9 16.1 20.6
4) Bad 09.7 10.0 09.2
5) Very Bad 04.0 03.3 05.1
6) No opinion/Don't Know 11.4 12.6 09.5

**23. Which of the following political trends do you support?**

1) PPP 01.1 01.1 01.0
2) PFLP 02.5 02.2 03.1
3) Fateh 45.6 42.3 50.8
4) Hamas 09.1 07.9 11.1
5) DFLP 01.1 01.3 00.7
6) Islamic Jihad 02.4 03.2 01.2
7) Fida 00.3 00.4 00.1
8) Independent Islamists 02.9 03.4 02.0
9) Independent Nationalists 03.1 03.6 02.3
10) None of the above 29.4 31.8 25.7
11) Others 02.5 02.8 01.9