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Public Opinion Poll # 4

Palestinians Give Less Support For Bombings Inside Israel While Two Thirds Support The Saudi Plan And 91% Support Reforming The Pa, But A Majority Opposes Arrests And Opposes The Agreements That Led To Ending The Siege On Arafat's Headquarter, Nativity Church, And Preventive Security Headquarter

15-19 May 2002

These are the results of opinion poll # 4, conducted by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR) between 15-18 May 2002. The poll deals with public attitudes toward the peace process and reconciliation, armed confrontations, evaluation of PA performance, calls for political reform, and popularity of Arafat, Fateh, and Islamist groups. The total sample size of this poll is 1317 from Palestinians 18 years and older, interviewed face-to-face in 120 locations in the West Bank (810) and the Gaza Strip (507). The margin of error is 3%.

MAIN RESULTS:

The results of this poll indicate that while the latest Israeli incursion into the West Bank left little impact on Palestinian public attitudes regarding peace and violence, it did have a significant impact on attitudes regarding domestic affairs. The incursion exposed to full view the faults of the Palestinian Authority (PA) leading the street to demand fundamental reforms. As a result, the issue of internal political reform became an important issue by itself; indeed, from this moment on, it can go hand in hand with that other most important issue, ending occupation. This is the most important finding of this poll.

1. Peace Process and Reconciliation

- **Two-thirds support the Saudi initiative (defined as two states, 1967 borders, full normalization and peace)**

- **70% support reconciliation between the two peoples after peace and statehood**
- **54% support Palestinian participation in the peace conference called for by the US**
- **But only 17% expect to see a quick end to armed confrontations and return to negotiations**

The results of the poll show a high level of support for the Saudi initiative even when the issue of refugees is omitted. Two-thirds of the respondents supported the initiative that has been defined as meaning: (1) the establishment of two states, Palestine and Israel, (2) Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders, and (3) full normalization and peace between Israel and the Arab states. This dovish attitude is confirmed by the high level of readiness to embrace reconciliation (70%) between the two peoples in the context of a peace agreement and the establishment of a state recognized by Israel. It is also confirmed by the willingness to support (54%) participation of the Palestinian side in the peace conference that has been called for by the US. It is important to note the reference in the question to the US role in holding the conference, which may have led some to oppose it.

Despite these positive peace-related signals, the public remains pessimistic. Only 17% expect negotiations to resume soon enough and armed confrontations to stop. An additional 39% do expect that negotiations will resume but expect to see some armed attacks continuing, while 36% expect that armed confrontations will not stop and the two sides will not return to the negotiations table. These expectations are not different from those found in our two previous polls in December and July 2001.

Support for the Saudi initiative increases in the Gaza Strip (70%) compared to the West Bank (64%), in the Ramallah region (70%) compared to Nablus (61%), Hebron (62%) and Jerusalem (54%), among women (70%) compared to men (62%), among the young (61%) compared to the old (74%), among the illiterates (79%) compared to holders of BA degree (51%), among students (57%) compared to housewives (72%) and retired persons (90%), and among supporters of Fateh (77%) compared to supporters of Hamas (56%). The high level of support for the Saudi initiative among Fateh supporters indicates that the Palestinian national movement remains solidly behind a two-state solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict despite 19 months of violence.

2. Armed Confrontations

- **Support for bombings inside Israel drops to 52%, but support for armed attacks against soldiers and settlers remain very high (92% and 89% respectively).**
- **86% oppose the arrest of those who carry out bombing attacks inside Israel**
- **67% believe that armed confrontations have helped achieve Palestinian national rights in ways that negotiations could not**

The results show a reduction in the level of support for bombings against Israeli civilians inside Israel from 58% last December to 52% in this poll. This reduction does not seem to be the outcome of street dissatisfaction with the intifada or military confrontations. To the contrary, the street seems more confident in this poll, compared to the one in December, that armed confrontations have helped achieve Palestinian national objectives in ways that negotiations could not, with the percentage rising from 61% to 67%. The results also show a wide-spread opposition to the arrests of those who carry out bombing attacks reaching 86%, compared to 76% last December. The percentage of support for armed attacks against Israeli soldiers and settlers inside the West Bank and the Gaza Strip remained as high as it was last December, 92% and 89% respectively.

Support for bombing attacks inside Israel increases in the Gaza Strip (59%) compared to the West Bank (47%), in Tulkarm (60%) compared to Jerusalem (35%), in refugee camps (65%) compared to cities and villages (50%), among the young (61%) compared to the old (43%), among refugees (58%) compared to non-refugees (47%), among holders of BA degree (57%) compared to illiterates (47%), among students (66%) compared to retired persons (25%), among those with the lowest income (55%) compared to those with highest income (28%), and among supporters of Hamas (70%) compared to supporters of Fateh (47%).

3. Evaluation of PA Performance, and the Calls for Reform

- **39% give positive evaluation to the performance of the Palestinian leadership during the latest Israeli incursion**
- **65% oppose the agreement to end the siege on the Preventive Security headquarter, 58% oppose the deal on the Nativity Church, and 49% oppose the Muqata'a deal in Ramallah**
- **83% believe there is corruption in PA institutions**
- **21% give positive evaluation to Palestinian democracy**
- **91% support fundamental reforms in the PA, 85% support unification of security services, 95% support the dismissal of ministers accused of mismanagement or corruption, 83% support the holding of elections, and 92% support the adoption of a basic law or constitution**
- **48% support and 44% oppose changing the Palestinian political system so that power would reside into the hands of a prime minister making the office of the president ceremonial**
- **89% support a democratic system of government**

The results show a high level of disappointment with the performance of the PA during the latest Israeli incursion into the West Bank. Moreover, there is a broad disappointment with the perceived corruption in PA institutions and with the status of democracy in Palestine. For example, positive evaluation of the performance of the PA leadership during the Israeli incursion did not exceed 39%, while the performance of the security services received 40% positive rating, and the ministries received 32% positive rating. On the other hand, civil society organization received a much higher positive rating of 72%.

The poll also shows strong opposition to deals made to end the siege on the Preventive Security headquarter in Beitunia (65%), the Nativity Church in

Bethlehem (58%), and the Muqata'a (Arafat's headquarter) in Ramallah (49%). The percentage of those who believe there is corruption in PA institutions reached 83%, and the positive evaluation of the status of democracy in Palestine did not exc21%.

This negative assessment of the PA led to an overwhelming demand for reform as indicated by the findings of this pol. The level of support for the internal and external calls for reform stands at 91%. Specifically, a majority of 85% support the calls for the unification of the security services under one command; 95% support the dismissal of ministers accused of mismanagement or corruption; 83% support the holding of general elections for the president and the Legislative Council in the next few months; and, 92% support the adoption of a basic law or constitution. But only 48% support and 44% oppose the call for changing the political system so that power would reside in the hands of a prime minister while the office of the president would become ceremonial.

The poll shows an overwhelming support (89%) for a democratic system of government characterized by the following five main features: periodic political elections (receiving 95% support when standing alone), the election of the head of the state for a limited period only (82% alone), full freedom to form political parties (80% alone), free press with no state censorship (82% alone), and a judiciary independent of the executive (78% alone).

The results indicate that support for changing the Palestinian system of government, so that power would reside into the hands of a prime minister and the position of the president would become ceremonial, increases in the West Bank (51%) compared to the Gaza Strip (43%), in Hebron (60%) and Jerusalem (53%) compared to Ramallah (39%), among men (56%) compared to women (41%), and among non-refugees (53%) compared to refugees (42%). This is the first time that this question has been asked and therefore the results can not be compared to pervious periods.

4. Popularity of Arafat, Fateh, and the Islamists

- **35% would elect Arafat as a president compared to 36% last July and 46% in July 2000**
- **19% give support to Marwan Barghouti, 13% to Ahmad Yasin, and 10% to Haidar Abdul Shafi and Sa'eb Erikat**
- **Fateh has the support of 32% of the street compared to 28% last December and 37% in July 2000**
- **The Islamist groups have the support of 25%, the same as in December, but compared to 17% in July 2000**

The poll shows that Arafat's popularity has remained almost unchanged since December standing at 35%. This represents a significant drop compared to Arafat's popularity before the eruption of the intifada, where it stood at 46% in July 2000. But the popularity of Marwan Barghouti, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council and Fateh Secretary General currently in an Israeli jail, almost doubled from 11% in December to 19% in this poll. Barghouti's name has never showed up in our surveys prior to the start of the second Palestinian intifada in

September 2000. In a third place came Ahmad Yasin of Hamas with 13%, followed by Haidar Abdul Shafi and Sa'eb Erikat (10% each), Farouq Qaddoumi (8%), Hanan Ashrawai (6%), Ahamd Qurai' (2%), and Mahmud Abbas (1%).

Fateh improved its position from 28% in December to 32% in this poll while that of the Islamist groups remained unchanged at 25%. Of the Islamists, Hamas is the strongest, with 16%, followed by independent Islamists (5%) and Islamic Jihad (4%). One possible reason for the rise in the popularity of Fateh may have been the public satisfaction with attacks carried out by Fateh's armed wing, al Aqsa Brigades, inside Israel and against Israeli check points in the West Bank since December.

**Results of Public Opinion Poll # (4)
15-19 May 2002**

01. The US has called for holding an international peace conference that the Palestinian side has agreed to attend. Do you support or oppose the participation of the Palestinian side in the conference?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
1. Strongly support	7.0	5.7	9.1
2. Support	46.8	48.4	44.4
3. Oppose	29.0	29.5	28.2
4. Strongly oppose	13.9	12.8	15.6
5. Do not know/ No opinion	3.3	3.6	2.8
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

02. Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia has proposed the establishment of full normal relations and full peace between the Arab states and Israel in return for a complete Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders and the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside the state of Israel. Do you support or oppose this Saudi proposal?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
1. Strongly support	9.1	6.2	13.8
2. Support	56.9	57.3	56.4
3. Oppose	22.0	25.1	17.2
4. Strongly oppose	10.3	9.5	11.4
5. Do not know/ No opinion	1.7	2.0	1.2
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

03. After the latest developments, including the Israeli withdrawal from West Bank cities, the call for the holding of an international peace conference, and the willingness of the Israelis and the Palestinians to attend it, what do you expect to happen now?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
1. Negotiations will resume soon enough and armed confrontations will stop	17.2	17.2	17.4
2. Negotiations will resume but some armed attacks will continue	38.8	36.9	41.8
3. Armed confrontations will not stop and the two sides will not return to negotiations	36.1	35.9	36.3

4. Don't know	7.9	10.0	4.5
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

04. There are internal and external calls for wide and fundamental domestic reforms and changes in the institutions and authorities of the Palestinian Authority. Do you support or oppose these calls?

1. Strongly support	32.7	23.0	48.1
2. Support	58.6	68.9	42.0
3. Oppose	5.9	5.4	6.7
4. Strongly oppose	1.1	0.7	1.6
5. Do not know/ No opinion	1.7	1.9	1.6
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

The following measures are among the proposed reform steps. Tell us if you support or oppose each

05-1 The unification of the security services under one Palestinian command

1. Strongly support	27.0	21.4	36.1
2. Support	57.9	65.4	46.0
3. Oppose	10.3	8.8	12.6
4. Strongly oppose	2.0	1.7	2.4
5. Do not know/ No opinion	2.8	2.7	3.0
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

05-2 The dismissal of ministers and other officials accused of mismanagement or corruption

1. Strongly support	53.4	42.7	70.4
2. Support	41.3	50.7	26.2
3. Oppose	3.6	4.2	2.6
4. Strongly oppose	0.5	0.6	0.4
5. Do not know/ No opinion	1.2	1.7	0.4
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

05-3 Holding elections for the president and the Legislative Council during the next few months

1. Strongly support	28.4	21.9	38.9
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2. Support	54.7	59.5	46.9
3. Oppose	12.9	13.7	11.6
4. Strongly oppose	1.7	2.0	1.2
5. Do not know/ No opinion	2.4	3.0	1.4
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

05-4 The adoption of a Palestinian constitution or basic law

1. Strongly support	32.3	25.3	43.6
2. Support	60.1	66.5	49.7
3. Oppose	3.8	4.0	3.6
4. Strongly oppose	0.8	0.9	0.6
5. Do not know/ No opinion	3.0	3.3	2.6
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

05-5 Changing the Palestinian presidential system to a parliamentary system in which power resides in the hands of a prime minister while the position of the president is ceremonial?

1. Strongly support	12.2	11.2	13.8
2. Support	36.1	40.2	29.6
3. Oppose	35.2	33.8	37.5
4. Strongly oppose	9.1	6.4	13.4
5. Do not know/ No opinion	7.3	8.3	5.7
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

06. Palestinian security services say that they are arresting persons who carry out bombing attacks inside Israel. Do you support or oppose these arrests?

1. Strongly support	2.3	1.5	3.6
2. Support	8.6	8.6	8.5
3. Oppose	48.6	55.3	37.9
4. Strongly oppose	37.7	31.1	48.1
5. Do not know/ No opinion	2.9	3.5	2.0
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

07. Do you believe that the armed confrontations so far have achieved Palestinian

rights in a way that negotiations could not?

1. Definitely yes	19.7	13.8	29.0
2. Yes	46.8	50.9	40.2
3. No	24.8	25.8	23.1
4. Definitely no	5.2	4.9	5.5
5. No Opinion/ Don't know	3.6	4.6	2.2
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

08. After reaching a peace agreement between the Palestinian people and Israel and the establishment of a Palestinian state that is recognized by Israel, would you support or oppose the process of reconciliation between the state of Palestine and the state of Israel?

1. Strongly support	9.0	5.2	15.2
2. Support	60.6	63.9	55.4
3. Oppose	20.3	22.4	17.0
4. Strongly oppose	8.4	7.0	10.5
5. No opinion/do not know	1.7	1.5	2.0
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

09. After reaching a peace agreement between the Palestinian people and Israel and the establishment of a Palestinian state that is recognized by Israel, how soon do you think will reconciliation between the two peoples be achieved?

1. Reconciliation is not possible ever	42.0	41.9	42.2
2. Only in many generations to come	14.7	14.7	14.8
3. Only in the next generation	9.0	8.6	9.5
4. Only in the next decade	6.1	6.3	5.7
5. On the next few years	16.0	15.6	16.8
6. No Opinion /Don't know	12.2	13.0	11.0

10. After reaching a peace agreement between the Palestinian side and Israel and the establishment of a Palestinian state that is recognized by Israel, the following are steps may be taken in order to enhance relations between the State of Israel and a Palestinian State. For each of the suggested steps please tell me whether you support or oppose it:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
10-1 Open borders to free movement of people and goods			
1. Strongly Support	20.6	14.8	29.8
2. Support	60.2	65.7	51.5
3. Oppose	15.0	14.8	15.4
4. Strongly Oppose	3.5	4.1	2.6
5. Don't Know	0.7	0.6	0.8

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
10-2 Create joint economic institutions and ventures			
1. Strongly Support	10.2	7.7	16.2
2. Support	50.7	53.1	46.9
3. Oppose	31.8	32.0	31.6
4. Strongly Oppose	5.2	5.8	4.1
5. Don't Know	1.4	1.5	1.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
10-3 Create joint political institutions (such as a parliament, designed eventually to lead to a confederate system)			
1. Strongly Support	2.5	2.1	3.2
2. Support	20.2	20.1	20.3
3. Oppose	52.9	57.8	45.2
4. Strongly Oppose	18.7	13.7	26.6
5. Don't Know	5.7	6.3	4.7

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
10-4 Take legal measures against incitement against Israel			
1. Strongly Support	3.0	2.0	4.7
2. Support	29.8	29.0	31.0
3. Oppose	46.8	50.9	40.2
4. Strongly Oppose	15.9	13.2	20.3
5. Don't Know	4.5	4.9	3.7

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
10-5 Adopt school curriculum in the Palestinian state that recognizes Israel and teaches school children not to demand return of all Palestine to the Palestinians			
1. Strongly Support	1.2	0.9	1.8
2. Support	5.6	5.8	5.3
3. Oppose	51.4	57.4	41.8
4. Strongly Oppose	39.7	33.4	49.9
5. Don't Know	2.1	2.6	1.2
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

11. After reaching a peace agreement between the Palestinian side and Israel and the establishment of a Palestinian state that is recognized by Israel, would you, under these conditions of peace, invite an Israeli colleague to visit you in your home?

1. Definitely yes	3.8	3.1	4.9
2. Yes	28.6	30.2	26.0
3. No	38.4	47.2	24.5
4. Definitely no	27.1	17.6	42.4
5. Don't Know	2.1	2.0	2.2
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

12. After reaching a peace agreement between the Palestinian side and Israel and the establishment of a Palestinian state that is recognized by Israel, would you, under these conditions of peace, visit an Israeli colleague in his home?

1. Definitely yes	3.9	3.0	5.5
2. Yes	27.2	29.0	24.3
3. No	39.6	47.7	26.6
4. Definitely no	27.3	18.1	42.0
5. Don't Know	2.0	2.2	1.6
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

13. In your opinion, is lasting peace possible between Israelis and Palestinians?

1. Definitely Possible	1.6	1.7	1.4
2. Possible	26.4	28.0	23.9

3. Impossible	37.1	41.6	30.0
4. Definitely impossible	31.6	25.1	42.0
5. No opinion/ do not know	3.3	3.6	2.8
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

14. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli soldiers in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, I....

1. Strongly support	46.7	34.9	65.5
2. Support	44.9	56.2	26.8
3. Oppose	5.8	5.4	6.3
4. Strongly oppose	1.1	1.4	0.6
5. No Opinion /Don't Know	1.6	2.1	0.8
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

15. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli civilians inside Israel, I....

1. Strongly support	20.6	12.3	33.7
2. Support	31.4	35.1	25.4
3. Oppose	42.4	46.4	36.1
4. Strongly oppose	4.5	4.8	3.9
5. No Opinion /Don't Know	1.1	1.4	0.8
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

16. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli civilians settlers in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, I....

1. Strongly support	45.9	33.3	65.9
2. Support	43.4	54.2	26.2
3. Oppose	8.1	9.0	6.7
4. Strongly oppose	0.9	1.1	0.6
5. No Opinion /Don't Know	1.7	2.3	0.6
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

17. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions?

1. Yes	83.4	82.7	84.6
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2. No	8.5	10.0	6.1
5. No opinion/ Don't Know	8.0	7.3	9.3
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

18. Will this corruption in PA institutions increase, decrease or remain as it is in the future?

1. Increase	47.9	52.3	41.3
2. Remain as it is	8.8	8.7	8.8
3. Decrease	29.7	25.6	36.1
4. Don't Know/ No Opinion	13.6	13.4	13.8

19. In democratic systems of government, periodic political elections take place, the president is elected for a limited period only, political parties are formed in full freedom and compete in the elections, the press enjoys freedom with no state censorship, and the judiciary is independent of the executive authority. Tell us first if you support or oppose this system as a whole and then whether you support or oppose each of the features separately:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
19-1 The democratic system as a whole			
1. Strongly support	31.8	23.1	45.6
2. Support	57.1	64.3	45.8
3. Oppose	7.4	8.7	5.5
4. Strongly oppose	0.7	0.7	0.6
5. Do not know/ No opinion	3.0	3.2	2.6
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

19-2 The holding of periodic political elections

1. Strongly support	31.5	22.6	45.6
2. Support	63.0	70.7	50.7
3. Oppose	3.6	4.3	2.6
4. Strongly oppose	0.3	0.4	0.2
5. Do not know/ No opinion	1.6	2.0	1.0
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

19-3 The election of the president for a limited period only

1. Strongly support	29.3	21.3	42.3
2. Support	53.0	60.3	41.2
3. Oppose	13.8	13.7	14.0
4. Strongly oppose	1.7	1.7	1.6
5. Do not know/ No opinion	2.2	3.0	1.0
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

19-4 Full freedom to form political parties

1. Strongly support	23.9	18.2	33.1
2. Support	55.7	60.6	47.9
3. Oppose	15.0	15.5	14.2
4. Strongly oppose	1.7	2.0	1.4
5. Do not know/ No opinion	3.6	3.8	3.4
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

19-5 Free press with no state censorship

1. Strongly support	27.1	21.4	36.1
2. Support	54.6	61.5	43.6
3. Oppose	15.1	14.2	16.6
4. Strongly oppose	1.6	0.7	3.0
5. Do not know/ No opinion	1.6	2.1	0.8
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

19-6 judiciary independent of the executive

1. Strongly support	27.5	22.2	36.1
2. Support	50.6	58.3	38.3
3. Oppose	16.2	14.1	19.5
4. Strongly oppose	0.8	0.6	1.2
5. Do not know/ No opinion	4.9	4.8	4.9
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

20. If general political elections for the president and the legislative council do take place in the coming months, would you participate in them?

1. Yes	77.4	74.3	82.2
2. No	20.5	23.7	15.4
3. Do not know/ no opinion	2.1	2.0	2.4
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

21. If you want to evaluate the status of democracy and human rights under the Palestinian Authority, you would say it is:

1. Very Good	2.3	2.0	2.8
2. Good	18.8	20.5	16.2
3. Fair	28.9	29.1	28.6
4. Bad	27.0	26.9	27.0
5. Very Bad	20.4	18.0	24.3
6. Don't Know/ No Opinion	2.6	3.5	1.2
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

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

1. Yes	52.8	51.0	55.6
2. No	43.9	45.6	41.2
3. Do not know	3.3	3.5	3.2
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

23. How do you evaluate the performance of the following during the latest Israel incursion?

23-1 The Palestinian leadership

1. Very Good	6.9	6.7	7.3
2. Good	32.4	34.1	29.8
3. Bad	32.6	32.6	32.7
4. Very Bad	24.4	22.1	28.2
5. No Opinion /Don't Know	3.6	4.6	2.0
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

23-2 Palestinian security services

1. Very Good	5.6	4.3	7.7
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2. Good	34.8	33.1	37.5
3. Bad	32.7	36.2	27.2
4. Very Bad	21.9	20.4	24.3
5. No Opinion /Don't Know	5.0	6.0	3.4
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

23-3Palestinian ministries

1. Very Good	3.1	2.5	4.1
2. Good	29.3	29.3	29.4
3. Bad	38.3	40.7	34.3
4. Very Bad	21.2	19.1	24.5
5. No Opinion /Don't Know	8.1	8.4	7.7
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

23-4Palestinian civil institutions

1. Very Good	16.9	16.2	17.9
2. Good	55.2	54.5	56.2
3. Bad	15.6	16.3	14.4
4. Very Bad	5.8	5.7	5.9
5. No Opinion /Don't Know	6.6	7.3	5.5
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

Do you support or oppose the deals that were reached in order to:

24-1 End the siege around the president and his headquarter (muqata'a. in Ramallah

1. Strongly support	6.9	5.8	8.7
2. Support	40.5	43.3	35.9
3. Oppose	30.7	31.2	30.0
4. Strongly oppose	17.9	15.5	21.9
5. Do not know/ No opinion	4.0	4.2	3.6
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

24-2End the siege around the Nativity Church in Bethlehem

1. Strongly support	7.1	6.7	7.7
2. Support	32.7	33.5	31.4
3. Oppose	36.2	38.5	32.5
4. Strongly oppose	21.7	18.6	26.8
5. Do not know/ No opinion	2.3	2.7	1.6
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

24-3 End the siege around the headquarter of the Preventive Security service in Bietunia

1. Strongly support	4.6	4.6	4.5
2. Support	21.2	22.9	18.5
3. Oppose	35.2	39.0	29.2
4. Strongly oppose	30.2	25.5	37.7
5. Do not know/ No opinion	8.8	7.9	10.1
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

25. If separate elections for the president of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?

1. Haidar Abdul Shafi	9.5	7.7	12.4
2. Yasser Arafat	35.2	35.6	34.5
3. Ahmad Yasin	13.4	12.2	15.2
4. No one	0.9	1.0	0.8
5. Others	30.2	30.7	29.4
6. I will not participate	9.1	10.7	6.5
7. No Opinion / Don't Know	1.7	2.1	1.2
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

26. If separate elections for a Vice President of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?

1. Saeb Erikat	9.6	9.3	10.1
2. Hanan Ashrawi	5.6	5.6	5.5
3. Haidar Abdul Shafi	8.5	6.8	11.0
4. Ahmad Yassin	7.6	6.1	9.9

5. Farouq Kaddomi	7.5	8.0	6.7
6. Marwan Bargouthi	18.9	20.4	16.6
7. Ahmad Qurai'	1.5	1.4	1.6
8. Mahmoud Abbas	1.3	1.4	1.2
9. No one, will decide later	26.3	27.3	24.9
10. I will not participate	10.0	11.1	8.3
11. Others	0.5	0.2	1.0
12. No Opinion / Don't Know	2.7	2.4	3.4
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip

27. Which of the following political parties do you support?

1. PPP	0.7	0.7	0.6
2. PFLP	3.1	3.7	2.2
3. Fateh	31.7	31.1	32.5
4. Hamas	15.5	13.5	18.7
5. DFLP	0.8	1.2	0.0
6. Islamic Jihad	4.0	4.9	2.4
7. Fida	0.0	0.0	0.0
8. Independent Islamists	4.6	4.4	4.9
9. Independent Nationalists	6.4	7.9	3.9
10. None of the above	29.4	28.8	30.4
11. Others	3.9	3.6	4.3