



**Poll no. 183**

**December 15, 2013**

**The most recent poll prepared by Dr. Nabil Kukali reveals that:**

- (43.7%) of the Palestinians oppose the invitation of Netanyahu to president Mahmoud Abbas to address the Israeli parliament, the Knesset.
- (56.0 %) anticipate a new confrontation with Israel.
- (51.3%) oppose the continuation of the running peace negotiations with Israel.
- (57.7%) anticipate the failure of the Palestine-Israeli negotiations.
- (67.5%) are to various degrees worried about another potential military confrontation with Israel.
- (55.4%) are pessimistic about the perspective of the success of the peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis.
- (62.0%) are in favor of conducting presidential and PLC elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

**Beit Sahour – Public Relations Office:**

The most recent poll prepared by **Dr. Nabil Kukali**, conducted by the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion ([www.pcpo.org](http://www.pcpo.org)) during the period from 27<sup>th</sup> of November till the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2013 covered a random sample of (1000) Palestinian respondents representing the various demographic specimens of adult Palestinians (18 years and above) living in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip. It revealed that (43.75%) of the Palestinians oppose the invitation of the Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu to president Mahmoud Abbas to address the Israeli Parliament, the Knesset.



**Dr. Kukali**

**Dr. Kukali**, in his capacity as President of the **Palestinian Center for Public Opinion**, said that a majority of the Palestinians feel that the running negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis launched on July 30, 2013 have reached an impasse and that there is no need to continue, particularly due to the Israeli intransigence and the continuation of building settlements and the expansion of the existing ones. **Dr. Kukali** further added that the majority of the Palestinian public anticipate the failure of these negotiations and are not optimistic about the perspective of their success, because they didn't achieve throughout eight successive rounds in Washington any progress. In addition, the poll results unveiled, **Dr. Kukali** said, that also a majority of the

Palestinians anticipate a new military confrontation with Israel and are therefore worried about the possible occurrence of such a confrontation. At the conclusion of his comments, Dr. Kukali expressed his hope to see the negotiations continue in a positive way that would yield to the two nations of the Holy Land on this Christmas eve and the occasion of welcoming a new year welfare, peace and prosperity. "Let's hope that fighting, wars and violent confrontations stay away and that the hands of the clock never move backward, but forward towards peace and amity among the peoples of the region", he said.

### **Visit of the Israeli Parliament (the Knesset)**

Responding to the question: "Do you support or oppose the invitation of the Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu to president Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin) to address the Israeli parliament, the Knesset ?", (33.0 %) said "Yes, I support", (43.7 %) "I oppose" and (23.3 %) said "I don't know".

### **Firing rockets from Gaza into Israel**

Regarding the question: "What do you think about firing rockets from Gaza into Israel ?", (21.4 %) said "I too much favor that", (27.7 %) "I favor that", (22.2 %) "I am reluctant towards such actions", (10.4 %) "I oppose these actions", (12.6 %) "I strongly oppose these actions" and (5.7 %) said "I don't know".

### **Military confrontation with Israel**

With respect to the question: "To what extent are you worried about another military confrontation with Israel ?", (19.6 %) said "too much worried", (29.1 %) "much worried", (18.7 %) "moderately worried", (7.9 %) "not so much worried", (14.9 %) "not worried", (5.6 %) "not convinced of any choice" and (4.2 %) said "I don't know".  
And on the question: "Do you expect in the near future a new confrontation with Israel ?", (56.0 %) replied "Yes", (26.6 %) "No" and (17.4 %) "I don't know".

### **Should the negotiations continue?**

Responding to this question, (51.3 %) oppose the continuation of the running negotiations with Israel, whilst (33.6 %) are for their continuation and (15.1 %) refused to answer the question. And in reply to the question: "Do you think that the continuation of the negotiations between the Palestinian Authority and Israel would bring peace between the two parties in the coming years ?", (6.8 %) said "Yes, I strongly believe", ((28.6 %) "Yes, I somewhat believe", (34.6 %) "No, I somehow don't believe", (22.8 %) "No, I definitely don't believe that" and (7.2 %) said "I don't know".

### **Success of the negotiations**

(57.7 %) of the Palestinians anticipate the failure of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations in the nine months term allocated for their conclusion, whilst only (19.9 %) anticipate their success and (22.4 %) were reluctant to respond to the question.

And regarding the question:”Do you feel yourself optimistic or pessimistic about the success of the peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis?”, (55.4 %) said they are pessimistic, whilst only (26.8 %) said they are optimistic and (17.8 %) didn’t unveil their stance.

And responding to the question:”Do you think that the two parties, the Israelis and the Palestinians, would be able to forge this time a permanent deal that would put an end to the conflict between them?”, (54.1 %) said “No”, (19.8 %) “Yes” and (26.1 %) said “I don’t know”.

### **The Israeli position**

With respect to the question:” Do you think that the Israeli government is really willing to bring the peace negotiations to success, or do you think that it is not really willing to do that?”, (9.8 %) said “I’m really sure that it is willing that”, (27.6 %) “I think that it is willing that”, (25.0 %) “I think it is not willing that”, (28.0 %) “I’m sure it is not willing that” and (9.6 %) said “I don’t know”.

### **The Elections**

(62.2 %) of the Palestinians support conducting presidential elections immediately in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, whilst (28.0 %) oppose that and (9.8 %) refused to answer the relevant question.

With a similar result, (62.1 %) of the respondents support conducting PLC-elections immediately in the West Bank and Gaza, whilst (28.4 %) oppose that and (9.5 %) refused to answer the question.

### **Data comparison between Gaza Strip and the West Bank**

1. (28.2 %) of the Palestinians in Gaza Strip anticipate the success of the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations against (14.4 %) in the West Bank.
2. (42.6 %) of the Palestinians in Gaza Strip are in favor of continuing the negotiations with the Israelis against (27.7 %) in the West Bank.
3. (32.5 %) of Gaza Strip residents are optimistic about the success of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations against (23.1 %) in the West Bank.

4. (49.1 %) of the Palestinians in Gaza Strip are in favor of firing rockets into Israel against (49.3 %) in the West Bank.
5. (68.3 %) of the Palestinians in Gaza Strip anticipate the occurrence of a new military confrontation with Israel in the near future, against (47.9 %) in the West Bank.

### **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 during different working hours, at least 5 hours a day, including the evening time, in order to ensure proper representation of those sub-groups of the population, which would otherwise be difficult to reach and selecting one individual in each household using Last Birthday Method. The choices were taken from a total of (164) election sites, from which (123) sites are located in West Bank and (43) sites in Gaza Strip according to the distribution of the Central Election Commission. These election sites were randomly chosen by using the method of the simple random sample. These in turn were the beginning of the random sample choice made from those regions in accordance with PCPO's long experienced methodology.

**Mr. Elias Kukali** has further established that the margin of error was ( $\pm 3.0\%$ ) at a significance and confidence levels of (5.0%) and (95%) respectively. He added that the rate of the female respondents in this survey was (49.6%) against (50.4%) male respondents. The distribution of the random sample between the Palestinian two major regions was (61.7%) in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and (38.3%) in Gaza Strip.

## **About PCPO**

The Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO) is a leading full service research institute in Palestine. It is a member of the Founding Team of the Arabic Network for Public Opinion Polls in Cairo / Egypt, member of Gallup International Association (GIA) & Worldwide Independent Network (WIN) , a member of the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) – U.S.A, and World Association of Opinion and Marketing Research Professionals (formerly European Society for Opinion and Marketing Research) (ESOMAR).

The PCPO was founded in February 1994 in Beit Sahour by Dr. Nabil Kukali; the president of PCPO.

PCPO is dedicated mainly to the following activities:

- 1) To conduct public opinion surveys.
- 2) To implement Omnibus polls and services.
- 3) To carry out market studies on all kinds of trading activities.
- 4) To gauge consumer attitudes, consumption habits, and market shares through surveys.
- 5) To do communication researches.
- 6) To conduct focus group sessions and workshops on various topics
- 7) To render services in the field of investment, including feasibility studies.
- 8) To conduct in-depth interviews & brainstorming workshops.
- 9) To provide translation services from Arabic into English, German & Hebrew and vice-versa.

PCPO is now a name for reliability, credibility, competence and experience not only in Palestine, but all over the world.

**Contact Persons: Dr. Nabil Kukali & Elias Kukali**

**Tel: 00970 2 277 4846, Fax: 00970 2 277 4892**

**Mobile: 00970 599 726 878**

**P.O. Box 15, Beit Sahour - Palestine**

**Email: [dr.kukali@pcpo.org](mailto:dr.kukali@pcpo.org)**