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## Press Release

A public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communications Center

- \* Decline in Fatah and Hamas popularity; however, Fatah enjoys higher popularity with 32.5% compared with 17.8% for Hamas.**
- \* Palestinian leaders also face similar trend: President Abu Mazen enjoys support from 11.7% while Ismaeel Hanieh, the deposed PM, is supported by 13.3%.**
- \* Palestinians are frustrated from the negotiations; a majority of Palestinians supports halt of negotiations if Israeli settlement activities continue; rise in ratio of those who support the resistance.**
- \* Performance of Fayyad's government receives lesser support; the majority of those who support Fayyad are from Fatah**

The results of the public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media and Communications Center (JMCC) during the period 8-13 April, 2008, showed general feeling of frustration among the Palestinians with regards to the future of the Palestinian cause and the peace process in light of the ongoing Israeli aggressions and the split between Gaza Strip and the West Bank, which also impacted the level of popular confidence in the political parties and figures in the Palestinian Occupied Territories.

### Parties and leaders: a confidence crisis

The poll with a random sample of 1,199 persons showed significant retreat in the level of confidence in the political figures in general while those who don't trust any figure moved from (27.4%) in November 2007 to as high as (36.4%) this month, April. The same trend applies to those who don't trust any political factions as the ratio moved from (29.9%) last November to (33.6%) this April. Level of trust in political leaders went down as level of support to President Abbas went down from (18.3%) last November to (11.7%) this month. Ratio of support to the deposed PM Ismaeel Hanieh also went down from (16.3%) in November 2007 to reach (13.3%) this April. The same applies to PLC member Marwan Barghouthi who is still inside Israeli jails as ratio of support moved down from (14.3%) to (12.8%) this month.

With regards to trust in the political parties, support to Fatah Movement decreased from (40%) in November 2007 to (32.5%) this April while Hamas Movement's popularity went down from (19.7%) to (17.8%) this month.

#### The negotiations: frustration and diminishing flexibility

The poll conducted by JMCC coincided with several aggressions against the citizens in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, mainly "the Gaza Holocaust" at the end of February. Number of martyrs from that date until the date of these results reached around 200. The poll also came at a time when President Mahmoud Abbas issued an implicit threat in his speech at the recent Arab Summit in Damascus that he would halt the negotiations with Israel if the settlement activities continue, especially the negotiations that started after Annapolis Conference.

At the level of the negotiations, the results showed decline in public support to the negotiations from (67.9%) last November to (61.2%) this April while there was a slight difference between those who support the continuation of the negotiations launched by Annapolis Conference (30.8%) and those who oppose these negotiations (25.7%); moreover, a majority (41%) believes there is no difference between continuation of negotiations and halt of negotiations.

With regards to the implicit threat by President Abu Mazen on halt of the negotiations in case Israeli settlement activities continue, a majority of the Palestinians supports such a step with a small minority (13.3%) that agrees to continue negotiations along with settlement activities. However, the majority (65.8%) thinks that President Abu Mazen would not execute this threat to halt negotiations.

A similar trend was also noted at the level of political positions: ratio of Palestinians who support the two state solution retreated from (53%) last November to (47.1%) this April. Palestinians who express optimism regarding a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict decreased from a ratio of (44.9%) in March 2007 to (36.2%) this month. Position of Palestinians on the available options in case the negotiations fail were divided between three main options: the higher ratio (27.4%) supported the start of a third Intifada; a ratio of (27%) said the alternative is to dissolve the PNA while (12.9%) chose the step of unilateral declaration of independence.

#### Resistance is the best option

Ratio of Palestinians who support resistance operations against Israeli targets in general rose from (43.1%) in September 2006 to (49.5%) this April. It should be noted that the majority of those who support this option (58.1%) come from Gaza Strip compared with (24.5%) from the West Bank.

Palestinians who support bombing operations against Israeli civilians rose also from (44.8%) in June 2006 to (48%) in September 2006 and to (50.7%) this April. It should be noted that the majority of those who support these operations (65.1%) come from Gaza Strip compared with (42.3%) from the West Bank. On the issue of the usefulness of launching the locally made rockets, the Palestinian public is divided on this matter: a ratio of (39.3%) says launching these rockets is useful to the Palestinian national interests while (35.7%) says they are harmful. A ratio of (22.5%) said these rockets make no difference. It should be noted that the majority of those who support firing rockets (47.4%) come from Gaza Strip compared with (34.6%) from the West Bank.

#### Internal reconciliation: general despair

Ratio of those who expect return to a national unity government through dialogue between Fatah and Hamas retreated from (50%) in November 2007 to (42.2%) this month. On the other hand, ratio of those who don't expect such a scenario rose from (44.8%) to (51.5%) this April. Despite the majority support to the Yemeni Initiative towards Palestinian internal reconciliation, still a majority (57.1%) thinks that this initiative won't make any difference in the Palestinian internal conditions.

#### Government performance: notable decline

Level of satisfaction with the manner President Abu Mazen is performing his job as President of the PNA decreased from (50.3%) in November 2007 to (38.9%) this April.

A slight decline was noted in the level of satisfaction with the performance of Salam Fayyad's government in the basic fields, such as fighting corruption, security and economy. Palestinians who believe that the internal security has improved went down from (36.4%) in November 2007 to (34.9%) this April.

Ratio of Palestinians who believe that ratio of corruption increased under the government of Fayyad rose from (23%) in November 2007 to (31.9%) this April. The same applies to the economic conditions as the ratio of those who believe that the economic conditions have improved went down from (26.1%) in November 2007 to (23.7%) this month.

Based on the above mentioned results and when asking the people to compare between the performance of Fayyad's government in the West Bank and the performance of Hanieh's government in Gaza, level of those who believe that the performance of Fayyad's government is better went down from (46.5%) in August 2007 to (36%) this April while those who believe that the government of Fayyad is worse than the government of Hanieh increased from (24.4%) to (29.1%) for the same period.

It is worth noting that despite retreat in performance of Fayyad's government in the eyes of the respondents, it was found out that a high ratio (71%) from Fatah members in the sample said the performance of Fayyad's government is good and better than the performance of Hanieh's government.

## Methodology:

A random sample of 1199 people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between 8-13 April. The interviews were conducted in randomly selected homes, and the subjects inside each home were also selected randomly according to Kish tables. The interviews were conducted in 60 sampling points chosen randomly according to population.

In the **West Bank** 760 people were surveyed from the following areas: **Hebron:** Hebron, Al- Arrub RC, Ithna, Sa'ir, Yatta, Dura, Karma, Taffouh. **Jenin:** Jenin, Jenin RC, Ya'abad, 'Anza, Silit Al Harithiya, Misiliya. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Taqu', Al- Khader, Husan, Al'Lbidiya, Deheishe RC. **Ramallah & al-Bireh:** Ramallah, Al-Bireh, Al Tayba, Al-Am'ari RC, Bal'een, Ras Karkar, Deir Ghassanah, Beit Reema. **Jericho:** Jericho, 'Aqbat Jaber RC. **Jerusalem:** Abu Dies, Al'Izariya, Beit Anan, Qalandiya RC, Shufat, Old City, Beit Hanina, Beit Hanina a-tahta, al-'Issawia, Wadi al-Joz, Silwan, Ras al-Amoud. **Nablus:** Nablus, Qabalan, Odala, Bruqa, Deir Sharaf, Burin, 'Ain Beit El Ma', Kifl Haris, Bidya. **Tulkarem and Qalqilya:** Tulkarem, Tulkarem RC, Baqa Al Sharqiya, 'Anabta, Qalqilia, Kufr Jammal

In the **Gaza Strip:** 439 people were surveyed from: **Gaza:** Shati Refugee Camp (RC), a-Shuja'ia, Attufah, al- Durj, Sheikh Radwan, a-Nasser, a-rimal a- Shamali, a- rimal al- janoubi, Sabra, a- Zeitoun. **Khan Younis:** Absan al- Saghira, Khan Yunis, Bani Suheila, Abasan al- Kabira, Khan Yunis RC. **Rafah:** Rafah, Rafah RC. **Gaza North:** Jabalia, Beit Lahia, Jabalia RC, Beit Hanoun. **Deir al-Balah:** Deir Al Balah, Nussirat RC, al-Maghazi RC.

The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percent, with a confidence level of 95%.

### **Sample Distribution**

51.7 % of the respondents were from West Bank, 11.6 % from Jerusalem, 36.7 % from the Gaza Strip.

29.2% said they live in villages 15.0% in refugee camps, and 55.8 % in towns/cities.

50.9% were male, 49.1% were female.

64.7% were married, 29.0%, single, 3.5% widowed, 1.4% divorced, 1.4% no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 35 years.

### **Occupation of Respondents**

- Students 13.6%
- laborers 8.5%
- Farmers/fishermen 1.7%
- Craftsmen 1.2%
- Businessmen/private business 8.3%
- Public Sector Employees 12.6%
- Private Sector Employees 7.3%
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 1.3%
- Housewives 32.8%
- Unemployed 10.3%
- Retired 2.2 %,
- No answer 0.2%.

**Results:**

**Q.1 In general, how optimistic or pessimistic do you feel towards the future? would you say you are: Very Optimistic, Optimistic, Pessimistic, or Very Pessimistic**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Very optimistic</b>	5.6	5.8	5.2
<b>Optimistic</b>	46.5	48.8	42.4
<b>Pessimistic</b>	31.6	27.2	39.2
<b>Very Pessimistic</b>	15.8	17.6	12.5
<b>No answer</b>	0.5	0.6	0.7

**Q.2 Some believe that a two state formula is the favored solution for the Israeli – Palestinian conflict while others believe that historic Palestine cannot be divided into two states, and thus the favored solution is a bi-national state on all of Palestine where Palestinians and Israeli enjoy equal representation and rights, which of these two solutions do you prefer?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Two- state solution: an Israeli state and a Palestinian state</b>	47.1	47.1	47.2
<b>Bi –national state on all of historic Palestine</b>	23.4	25.5	19.6
<b>Palestinian State</b>	10.2	6.6	16.4
<b>Islamic State</b>	2.1	2.1	2.2
<b>Other solution</b>	0.9	1.1	0.7
<b>No solution</b>	13.4	14.2	12.1
<b>No answer/don't know</b>	2.9	3.4	1.8

\* These answers were not included as part of the options read to the interviewee

**Q.3 How optimistic or pessimistic are you about reaching a peaceful Arab-Israeli settlement?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Very Optimistic</b>	2.8	2.9	2.5
<b>Optimistic</b>	33.4	36.6	27.8
<b>Pessimistic</b>	40.5	36.1	48.3
<b>Very Pessimistic</b>	22.6	23.8	20.5
<b>No answer</b>	0.7	0.6	0.9

**Q.4. Do you support the resumption of the military operations against Israeli targets as a suitable response within the current political conditions, or do you reject it and find it harmful to Palestinian national interests?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>A suitable response within the current political conditions</b>	49.5	44.5	58.1
<b>I reject it and find it harmful to Palestinian national interests</b>	45.5	50.0	37.6
<b>Others</b>	1.0	0.8	1.4
<b>I don't know</b>	2.9	3.9	1.1
<b>No answer</b>	1.1	0.8	1.8

**Q.5 How do you feel about the suicide bombing operations against Israeli civilians? Do you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose it, or strongly oppose it?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>N= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	26.1	20.1	36.4
<b>Somewhat support</b>	24.6	22.2	28.7
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	28.4	31.3	23.2
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	18.1	22.6	10.3
<b>Don't know \ No answer</b>	2.8	3.8	1.4

**Q.6 Do you believe that the local rockets that are launched from Gaza Strip towards Israeli regions are a useful means of resistance or futile means of resistance or that these rockets don't make any difference ?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>A useful means of resistance</b>	39.3	34.6	47.4
<b>A futile means of resistance</b>	35.7	38.3	31.2
<b>The rockets don't make any difference</b>	22.5	24.3	19.4
<b>Other</b>	0.7	0.3	1.4
<b>I don't know \ No answer</b>	1.8	2.5	0.6

**Q.7 Do you strongly support, Somewhat support, Somewhat oppose, or Strongly oppose peace negotiations between Palestinians and Israel?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n=439</b>
<b>Strongly Support</b>	17.6	19.7	13.9
<b>Somewhat Support</b>	43.6	43.2	44.4
<b>Somewhat Oppose</b>	19.6	20.0	18.9
<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	17.9	15.5	22.1
<b>I don't know \ No answer</b>	1.3	1.6	0.7

**Q.8 Since Annapolis Conference, there has been repeated talk and reports about Israeli – Palestinian negotiations. Do you believe that the continuation of these negotiations serves the Palestinian national interest or do these negotiations harm the Palestinian national interest or make no difference with regards to the Palestinian national interests?**

	<b>Total</b> <b>n= 1199</b>	<b>West Bank</b> <b>n= 760</b>	<b>Gaza</b> <b>n= 439</b>
<b>Continuation of the negotiations serves the Palestinian national interests.</b>	30.8	32.1	28.5
<b>Continuation of the negotiations harms the Palestinian national interests.</b>	25.7	24.7	27.3
<b>Continuation of the negotiations makes no difference .</b>	41.0	39.6	43.3
<b>I don' t know\ No answer</b>	2.5	3.6	0.9

**Q.9 Palestinian President Abu Mazen issued an implicit threat in his speech before the recent Arab Summit that he would halt the negotiations if Israel continues with the settlement activities. In your opinion, do you support the halt of the current negotiations if Israel continues with settlement activities, or do you support the continuation of negotiations with Israel even if the latter continues expanding settlements?**

	<b>Total</b> <b>N= 1199</b>	<b>West Bank</b> <b>n= 760</b>	<b>Gaza</b> <b>n= 439</b>
<b>I support the halt of the current negotiations if Israel continues expanding settlements</b>	78.8	73.6	87.9
<b>I support continuation of negotiations with Israel even if the latter continues to expand settlements</b>	13.3	16.2	8.4
<b>I don't know</b>	5.8	8.0	1.8
<b>No answer</b>	2.1	2.2	1.9

**Q.10 Palestinian President issued an implicit threat to halt negotiations with Israel if the latter continues expanding settlements. Do you expect the President to execute his threat or not if Israel continues expanding settlements?**

	<b>Total</b> <b>N= 1199</b>	<b>West Bank</b> <b>n= 760</b>	<b>Gaza</b> <b>n= 439</b>
<b>I expect President Abu Mazen to execute his threat if Israel continues expanding settlements</b>	26.9	24.7	30.5
<b>I don't expect President Abu Mazen to execute his threat if Israel continues expanding settlements</b>	65.8	66.8	64.0
<b>I don't know</b>	6.7	7.5	5.2
<b>No answer</b>	0.6	1.0	0.3

**Q.11 If no acceptable peace agreement is reached by the end of 2008, what should the Palestinians do?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Dissolve the PNA</b>	27.0	27.0	27.1
<b>Start a Third Intifada</b>	27.4	25.8	30.1
<b>Continue negotiations</b>	24.0	27.6	17.8
<b>Unilateral Declaration of Independence</b>	12.9	10.5	17.1
<b>Back to resistance *</b>	1.0	0.3	2.2
<b>Other</b>	2.4	2.0	3.2
<b>No answer</b>	5.3	6.8	2.5

\* These answers were not included as part of the options read to the interviewee

**Q.12 How would you evaluate the Performance of the caretaker government headed by Salam Fayyad in the West Bank at the present time compared with the performance of the deposed government headed by Hanieh's in Gaza; would you say that the Performance of Fayyad's government is better, similar or worse than the performance of Hanieh's government?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>The performance of Fayyad's government is better than the performance of Hanieh's government</b>	36.0	36.6	35.1
<b>The performance of Fayyad's government is similar to the performance of Hanieh's government</b>	25.8	25.4	26.4
<b>The performance of Fayyad's government is worse than the performance of Hanieh's government</b>	29.1	26.6	33.5
<b>I don't know</b>	7.3	9.3	3.9
<b>No answer</b>	1.8	2.1	1.1

**Q.13 In general, do you think the performance of the caretaker government headed by Salam Fayyad is better when compared to previous governments? Didn't change, or become worse?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>It's performance has become better</b>	31.4	33.2	28.2
<b>Didn't change</b>	37.7	34.7	42.8
<b>It's performance has become worse</b>	24.8	24.1	26.0
<b>I don't know</b>	5.3	6.8	2.7
<b>No answer</b>	0.8	1.2	0.3



**Q.14 In general, under the caretaker government headed by Fayyad, do you think that the percentage of corruption has increased, decreased, or didn't change?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Percentage of corruption has increased</b>	31.9	32.8	30.3
<b>Percentage of corruption has decreased</b>	28.5	29.1	27.6
<b>Percentage of corruption didn't change</b>	32.6	30.8	35.8
<b>I don't know</b>	6.6	6.8	6.2
<b>No answer</b>	0.4	0.5	0.1

**Q.15 In general, under the deposed government headed by Hanieh in Gaza, do you think that the percentage of corruption has increased, decreased, or didn't change?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>The percentage of corruption has increased</b>	29.8	30.3	28.9
<b>The percentage of corruption has decreased</b>	30.1	23.7	41.2
<b>The percentage of corruption didn't change</b>	31.8	34.3	27.3
<b>I don't know</b>	7.6	10.9	1.8
<b>No answer</b>	0.7	0.8	0.8

**Q.16 Do you think that the caretaker government headed by Fayyad assisted in pushing the current PA reform process forward? Backward? Or it didn't have any influence on the current reform process?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>It assisted in pushing the current PA reform process forward</b>	32.2	33.6	29.8
<b>It assisted in pushing the current PA reform process backward</b>	21.9	22.0	21.9
<b>It didn't have any influence on the current reform process</b>	41.2	38.8	45.3
<b>Don't know</b>	4.2	5.0	2.7
<b>No answer</b>	0.5	0.6	0.3

**Q.17 In general, under the caretaker government headed by Fayyad, do you think the security and internal security conditions have improved, deteriorated or have not changed?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Security and internal security conditions have improved</b>	29.6	34.9	20.5
<b>Security and internal security conditions have deteriorated</b>	31.9	27.2	39.9
<b>Security and internal security conditions did not change</b>	35.4	35.5	35.3
<b>No answer</b>	3.1	2.4	4.3

**Q.18 In general, under the deposed government headed by Hanieh in Gaza, do you think the security and internal security conditions have improved, deteriorated or have not changed?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n=439</b>
<b>Security and internal security conditions have improved</b>	28.5	18.7	45.6
<b>Security and internal security conditions have deteriorated</b>	39.9	44.3	32.1
<b>Security and internal security conditions did not change</b>	26.1	28.3	22.3
<b>No answer</b>	5.5	8.7	0.0

**Q.19 In general, under the caretaker government headed by Fayyad, do you believe that the economic conditions have improved, deteriorated, or have not changed at all?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>The economic conditions have improved</b>	23.7	22.8	25.3
<b>The economic conditions have deteriorated</b>	49.7	49.9	49.4
<b>The economic conditions didn't change</b>	24.1	25.1	22.3
<b>Don't know</b>	1.9	1.4	2.7
<b>No answer</b>	0.6	0.8	0.3

**Q.20 In general, under the deposed government headed by Hanieh in Gaza, do you believe that the economic conditions have improved, deteriorated, or have not changed at all?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>The economic conditions have improved</b>	4.0	3.7	4.6
<b>The economic conditions have deteriorated</b>	72.8	68.2	80.9
<b>The economic conditions didn't change</b>	18.3	20.5	14.5
<b>Don't know</b>	3.9	6.2	0.0
<b>No answer</b>	1.0	1.4	0.0

**Q.21 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way President (Abu Mazen) is performing his job as a president of the PNA?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	13.3	11.8	15.9
<b>Somewhat Satisfied</b>	25.6	25.8	25.3
<b>Somewhat dissatisfied</b>	18.3	20.9	13.9
<b>Very dissatisfied</b>	36.1	33.3	41.0
<b>No answer</b>	6.7	8.2	3.9

**Q.22 Do you expect Hamas to take control over the West Bank as it did in Gaza?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Yes</b>	17.0	17.0	17.1
<b>No</b>	74.7	75.1	74.0
<b>I don't know</b>	7.0	7.1	6.8
<b>No answer</b>	1.3	0.8	2.1

**Q. 23 Do you expect that all the parties will agree once again to a national unity government through national dialogue between Fateh and Hamas?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Yes, I expect the parties to agree to a national unity government</b>	42.2	41.7	43.1
<b>No, I don't expect the parties to agree to a national unity government</b>	51.5	51.7	51.3
<b>I don't know</b>	5.3	5.5	5.0
<b>No answer</b>	1.0	1.1	0.6

**Q. 24 Do you expect Hamas and Israel to reach a truce?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Yes</b>	39.9	40.5	39.0
<b>No</b>	54.3	52.5	57.4
<b>I don't know</b>	4.9	5.8	3.4
<b>No answer</b>	0.9	1.2	0.2

**Q. 25 A major debate took place over the Yemeni Initiative that has been signed recently between Hamas and Fatah. Do you perceive the initiative and signing it as a positive development or negative development or that it won't make any difference vis – a –vis the Palestinian internal conditions?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>N= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>The initiative and signing it was a positive development</b>	28.4	29.1	27.3
<b>The initiative and signing it was a negative development</b>	8.7	11.3	4.1
<b>It won't make any difference</b>	57.1	51.3	67.2
<b>I don't know</b>	4.8	6.8	1.4
<b>No answer</b>	1.0	1.5	0.0

**Q. 26 If PLC elections were to take place today, which party would you vote for?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>N= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b> Hamas</b>	19.3	17.8	22.1
<b>Fatah</b>	34.0	32.5	36.7
<b>Other parties</b>	15.3	16.4	13.4
<b>I will not vote</b>	28.1	29.1	26.4
<b>No answer</b>	3.3	4.2	1.4

**Q. 27 Do you think it is best for the Palestinian interests that Hamas accept or reject the international community demands to Hamas to recognize international legitimacy and UN resolutions related to the Palestinian–Israeli conflict?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>To accept the international community demands to Hamas to recognize international legitimacy and UN resolutions related to the Palestinian–Israeli Conflict</b>	49.2	48.3	50.8
<b>To reject the international community demands to Hamas to recognize international legitimacy and UN resolutions related to the Palestinian–Israeli Conflict</b>	37.9	37.1	39.4
<b>Don't know</b>	10.8	12.4	8.2
<b>No answer</b>	2.1	2.2	1.6

**Q28. According to some reports corruption files are being handled by the PA Attorney General, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the Attorney General's performance related to the corruption files?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Satisfied</b>	29.9	26.2	36.2
<b>Dissatisfied</b>	34.4	36.3	31.2
<b>Didn't hear about it</b>	30.1	31.7	27.3
<b>Don't know</b>	4.2	4.1	4.3
<b>No answer</b>	1.4	1.7	1.0

**Q29. Which Palestinian Personality do you trust the most?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Isma'eel Haniyeh</b>	13.3	10.8	17.8
<b>Marwan Barghouti</b>	12.8	12.9	12.5
<b>Mahmoud Abbas ( Abu Mazen)</b>	11.7	11.3	12.3
<b>Moustafa Barghouti</b>	2.8	2.9	2.5
<b>Khaled Mish'al</b>	2.5	2.0	3.4
<b>Mohamad Dahlan</b>	1.8	0.0	4.8
<b>Salam Fayyad</b>	1.4	1.4	1.4
<b>Saeb 'Erikat</b>	1.3	1.3	1.1
<b>Yasser Arafat</b>	1.2	1.3	0.9
<b>Ahmad Sa'dat</b>	1.0	0.9	1.1
<b>Others</b>	6.2	6.6	5.5
<b>Don't trust any one</b>	36.4	40.5	29.4
<b>No answer</b>	7.6	8.1	7.3

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**Q.30 What is your opinion about each of the following Palestinian figures; is it a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or a very negative opinion?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Mahmoud Abbas ( Abu Mazen)</b>			
<b>Very positive</b>	15.6	14.9	16.9
<b>Somewhat positive</b>	32.3	33.4	30.3
<b>Somewhat negative</b>	21.1	20.5	22.1
<b>Very negative</b>	27.1	25.5	29.8
<b>I don't know \ No answer</b>	3.9	5.7	0.9

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Marwan Barghouthi</b>			
<b>Very positive</b>	30.9	26.8	37.8
<b>Somewhat positive</b>	48.1	47.4	49.4
<b>Somewhat negative</b>	9.0	10.4	6.6
<b>Very negative</b>	5.3	6.4	3.2
<b>I don't know \ No answer</b>	6.7	9.0	3.0

Ismaeel Hanieh	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
Very positive	20.0	16.7	25.7
Somewhat positive	25.4	27.1	22.6
Somewhat negative	22.6	20.4	26.4
Very negative	26.8	28.0	24.6
I don't know \ No answer	5.2	7.8	0.7

Mustafa Barghouthi	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
Very positive	12.3	9.5	17.1
Somewhat positive	49.0	44.5	56.9
Somewhat negative	18.7	20.9	14.8
Very negative	10.5	11.8	8.2
I don't know \ No answer	9.5	13.3	3.0

Salam Fayyad	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
Very positive	10.4	8.6	13.7
Somewhat positive	31.7	33.3	28.9
Somewhat negative	22.1	22.0	22.3
Very negative	30.0	27.8	33.9
I don't know \ No answer	5.8	8.3	1.2

Khaled Misha'l	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
Very positive	15.2	12.6	19.6
Somewhat positive	22.6	24.7	18.9
Somewhat negative	18.8	17.9	20.3
Very negative	35.9	33.3	40.3
I don't know \ No answer	7.5	11.5	0.9

**Q31. Do you support, oppose, or you didn't hear about the partial strike that the government employees observed recently?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Support</b>	51.4	50.4	53.1
<b>Oppose</b>	35.2	41.2	24.8
<b>Didn't hear about the partial strike</b>	10.9	6.3	18.9
<b>Don't know</b>	1.6	1.3	2.1
<b>No answer</b>	0.9	0.8	1.1

**Q. 32 Which of the following Palestinian Political figures would you like to be the President of the Palestinian National Authority?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Marwan Barghouti</b>	25.0	24.7	25.5
<b>Mahmoud Abbas ( Abu Mazen)</b>	19.1	18.7	19.8
<b>Isma'eel Haniyeh</b>	14.3	13.2	16.2
<b>Khaled Mish'al</b>	6.6	6.1	7.5
<b>Moustafa Barghouti</b>	5.9	5.7	6.4
<b>Salam Fayyad</b>	2.8	3.3	2.1
<b>Muneeb Al Masri</b>	2.6	3.2	1.6
<b>I don't know</b>	12.0	13.4	9.6
<b>No answer</b>	11.7	11.7	11.3

**Q33- Which Palestinian Faction do you trust the most?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
	<b>n= 1199</b>	<b>n= 760</b>	<b>n= 439</b>
<b>Fateh</b>	32.5	31.1	35.1
<b>Hamas</b>	17.8	15.0	22.8
<b>Islamic Jihad</b>	2.8	2.1	3.9
<b>PFLP</b>	2.4	2.5	2.3
<b>Other Islamic Factions</b>	2.0	2.6	0.9
<b>National Initiative List</b>	1.0	1.4	0.2
<b>Others</b>	1.4	2.1	0.2
<b>Don't trust any one</b>	33.6	36.4	28.7
<b>No answer</b>	6.5	6.8	5.9

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