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**A poll carried out by the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO) and
prepared by President Dr. Nabil Kukali.**

45.3% support the continuation of suicidal attacks

45.1% support to varying degrees the American “Road Plan”

45.5% believe that no Palestinian leader other than Arafat can currently sign a peace treaty with Israel.

50.4% support the continuation of the Intifada.

47.9% support to varying degrees the Palestine Legislative Council (PLC’s) approval of the new government

64.9% believe to varying degrees that the appointment of Shaul Mofaz as the Defense Minister of Israel will aggravate the political situation.

From the Public Relations Office:

A poll recently conducted by the PCPO and prepared by Dr. Nabil Kukali included a random sample of 1000 adults, 18 years and older, from the West Bank including East Jerusalem.

The poll reveals that 45.1% of Palestinians supports to varying degrees the American plan “ROAD MAP” as perceived by President Bush to achieve peace in the region, while 42.2% oppose to varying degrees this plan, and 12.8% express no opinion.

When asked, “Do you or not believe that there would be a Palestinian leader other than Arafat that can currently sign a peace treaty with Israel?”

45.5% give a negative answer; while 26.6% give a positive answer, and 27.8% say, “Do not know”

President of the PCPO, Dr. Nabil Kukali, stated that the poll took place November 6-10,2002 and the average age of the respondents was 31.92 years, and the margin of errors was ± 3.1 percent points.

Director of Public Relations at the PCPO, Dr. Walid Shomaly, said that the percentage of female respondents was 50.8%, while that of the male ones was 49.2%. Dr. Shomaly also stated that the respondents location of residence was as follows: 53.8% city, 34.5% village, 11.7% refugee camp. He pointed out to the average size of respondents' families that was 7.1 persons, and the average number of schooling years that was 11.9 years.

Dr. Shomaly said that results of the poll were as follows:

1. Do you believe that the appointment of Shaul Mofaz as the Defense Minister of Israel would or not aggravate the political situation?

%48.5	1.would aggravate
% 16.4	2. Would somewhat aggravate
%20.8	3. Would not aggravate
% 14.3	4. Do not know

2. Based on President Bush's perception of peace in the region, an American working plan by the name of the "Road Plan" was recently announced. The plan includes the following stages:

1. First stage:

- a) Stopping violence between Israelis and the Palestinians before the impending elections in January 2003.
- b) Carrying out reforms, holding elections, and amending the Palestinian constitution.
- c) Designating a Palestinian Prime Minister.

2. Second Stage: Establishing a Palestinian state with temporary borders in 2003 and complete the reformation process.

3. Third stage: Holding negotiations to discuss the final and fixed borders of the Palestinian State and other issues like refugees, Jerusalem, water. These problems should be solved by the year 2005.

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose this plan:

20.7%	1. Strongly support
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24.4%	2. Somewhat support
14.3%	3. Somewhat oppose
27.9%	4. Strongly oppose
12.7%	5. No opinion

3. Head of Israeli State Moshe Katsav met Lately with Prime Minister Sharon in his Office. The latter told him that elections are inevitable after the extreme right refused to join the government.

Do you believe that holding early elections and a change in the Israeli Government?

7.2%	1. Will be in favor of the peace process
23.7%	2. Will be against the peace process
50.5%	3. They will not make a difference
18.6%	4. No opinion/ Don not know

4. What does the Intifada mean to you?

12.9%	1. Holding demonstrations, sit-ins, and marches.
25.5%	2. Carrying out suicide attacks inside Israel
36.0%	3. Carrying out military attacks against Israeli soldiers.
25.6%	4. No opinion/ refuse to answer

5. What do you expect from the Intifada to achieve after 25 months of its inception?

18.1%	1. A Palestinian State on the whole Gaza Strip and West Bank with East Jerusalem as its capital.
13.2%	2. A Palestinian State on parts of Gaza Strip, the West Bank, including certain neighborhoods in East Jerusalem.
15.6%	3. Full autonomy
35.7%	4. do not expect anything
17.4%	5. do not know

6. Do you support or oppose PLC's approval of on the new government introduced by Yasser Arafat?

21.3%	1. Strongly support
26.6%	2. Somewhat support
15.2%	3. Somewhat oppose
20.7%	4. Strongly oppose
16.2%	5. Do not know

7. Do you or not believe that there could be another Palestinian leader that can currently sign a peace treaty with Israel?

26.6%	1. Yes
45.5%	2. No
27.8%	3. Do not know

8. Some people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip support suicidal attacks in Israel, while others support a halt to such attacks now. Which is closer to your opinion:

29.8%	1. Such attacks must halt
45.3%	2. Such attacks must continue
24.9%	3. Refuse to answer / do not know

9. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the current Israeli – Palestinian security coordination?

10.8%	1. Strongly support
26.4%	2. Somewhat support
13.8%	3. Somewhat oppose
32.5%	4. Strongly oppose
16.5%	5. No opinion

10. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the notion that says that the political process (i.e. peace process) is the best thing we can get under current conditions (i.e. international changes):

16.2%	1. Strongly support
24.0%	2. Somewhat support
13.1%	3. Somewhat oppose
28.1%	4. Strongly oppose
18.6%	5. Do not know

11. Some people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip support the continuation of the Intifada, while others call for a halt to it which of these two opinions is closer to yours?

50.4%	1. Continuation of the Intifada
34.2%	2. Halting the Intifada
15.4%	3. Do not know / refuse to answer

12. In the elections for Presidency and for Palestine Legislative Council (PLC) that were held in 1996, the late Samiha Khalil was the only rival of Yasser Arafat for the presidency of the Palestinian Authority (PA). If elections were being held today, who would you think be his strongest rival for presidency?

Open question:

0.2%	21.Nabil Amro	1.2%	11.Ahmad Qrei'	74.6%	1.Do not know
0.2%	22.Abdallah Shami	0.8%	12.Jibreel Rjoub	3.3%	2. Saeb Ireikat
0.2%	23.Ahmad Tibi	0.8%	13.Yasser Abed Rabbo	3.2%	3.Marwan Barghouthi
0.1%	24.Ali Jarbawi	0.5%	14.Nabil Abu Rdeineh	2.1%	4.Mustafa Barghouti
0.1%	25.George Habash	0.4%	15.Nayef Hawatmeh	2.0%	5.Ahmad Yaseen
0.1%	26.Hussam Khader	0.4%	16.Mohammad Dahlan	2.0%	6.Abu Mazen
0.1%	27.Abdel Rahim Mallouh	0.2%	17.Nabil Sha'th	1.8%	7.Hanan Ashrawi
0.1%	28.Mahmoud Darwish	0.2%	18.Ismail Abu Shanab	1.8%	8.Farouq Qaddoumi
0.1%	29.Mahmoud Zahhar	0.2%	19.Ahmad Sa'adat	1.5%	9.Abdel Aziz Rantisi
0.1%	30.Ghassan Khatib	0.2%	20.Abdel Sattar Qassim	1.5%	10.Haider Abdel Shaifi