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

- **42.2%** Support, to different degrees, the appointment of Mahmoud Abbas “Abu Mazen” as a Palestinian Prime Minister.
- **35.9%** believe that the new Prime Minister has to change all the Present Ministers.
- **53.8%** don’t expect the American President “Bosh” and the quadric-Committee to carry out “The Road Map” even after a new Palestinian Minister has been appointed.
- **51.5%** believe that appointing a Palestinian Prime Minister at present Is suitable.
- **43.0%** call for a halt to suicidal attacks in Israel.
- **53.3%** support, the Palestinian President, Yaser Arafat at present but to different degrees.

**Majd Kokaly-Information Department:**

A poll recently conducted by the **PCPO** and prepared by **Dr.Nabil Kukali** included a random sample of 619 adults, 18 years and older, from the West Bank including East Jerusalem.

President of the PCPO, **Dr. Nabil Kukali**, stated that the poll took place on March 14-20,2003 and the average age of the respondents was 30.55 years, and the margin of error was 3.9± percent points.

**Kukali** also stated that the percentage of female respondents was 43.5%, while that of the male ones was 56.5%. He also explained that the respondent’s location of residence was as follows: 49.4% city, 37.6% village, and 13.0% refugee camp. He

pointed out to the average size of respondents' families that was 6.22 persons, and the average number of schooling years was 11.99 years.

**Dr. Kukali** believed that according to the results of this poll, Arafat's popularity has increased from 44% in January 2003 to 53.3% nowadays. It seems, he added, that appointing a Prime Minister was regarded by the Palestinian people a serious step, which was taken by their President to implement reformation inside the Palestinian National Authority Structure and Organizations.

Such a step has led to an increase in the President's popularity.

**Dr. Kukali** said the results of the poll were as follows:

**1. Please, express the extent of your support to appointing Mr. Mahmoud Abbas "Abu Mazen " as a Palestinian Prime Minister?**

	27 Mar 2003
1. Strongly agree	16.0%
2. Somewhat agree	26.2%
3. Somewhat disagree	20.5%
4. Strongly disagree	21.2%
5. No Opinion	16.1%

**2. Some people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip believe that appointing a Palestinian Prime Minister will lead to the cessation of the uprising whereas others have a contrary belief. Which of the following is the nearest to your own opinion?**

	27 Mar 2003
1. It will have a great affect	15.7%
2. It will affect the cessation to some extent.	29.0%
3. It won't affect the cessation to a great extent.	37.5%
4. To some extent, it won't affect the cessation	11.0%
5. I don't know.	6.7%

**3. Do you believe that the new Palestinian Prime Minister has to leave the present ministers in their positions or to change them either partly or totally?**

	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. Leave the present ministers in their positions</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
<b>2. Change all of them</b>	<b>35.9%</b>
<b>3. Change some of them only</b>	<b>29.9%</b>
<b>4. I don't know</b>	<b>24.1%</b>

**4. Will the American President "Bush" and the quadric- committee carry out "The Road Map" after the appointment of a Palestinian Prime Minister or not? ?**

	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. Yes</b>	<b>22.5%</b>
<b>2. No</b>	<b>53.8%</b>
<b>3. I don't Know</b>	<b>23.7%</b>

**5. Do you believe that the appointment of a Palestinian Prime Minister at present was suitable or not?**

	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. Very Suitable</b>	<b>21.3%</b>
<b>2. Suitable to some extent</b>	<b>30.2%</b>
<b>3. Unsuitable to some extent</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>4. Completely unsuitable</b>	<b>22.8%</b>
<b>5. I don't Know</b>	<b>12.9%</b>

**6. Do you have confidence in Mr. Abu Mazen as a Prime Minister, in terms of his objectively to make decisions or not?**

	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. I greatly trust him</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>2. I trust him to some extent</b>	<b>33.3%</b>
<b>3. To some extent, I don't trust him</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
<b>4. I don't trust him greatly</b>	<b>21.3%</b>
<b>5. I have no opinion</b>	<b>15.9%</b>

**7. Do you believe that selecting Mahmoud Abbas “Abu Mazen” as the first Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority was suitable or not?**

	27 Mar 2003
1. Very suitable	16.7%
2. Suitable to some extent	29.1%
3. Unsuitable to some extent	18.8%
4. Totally unsuitable	23.3%
5. I don't know	12.1%

**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:**

	12 Dec 2002	9 Jan 2003	27 Mar 2003
1. Such attacks must halt	29.8%	25.7%	43.0%
2. Such attacks must continue	45.3%	56.2%	38.3%
3. Refuse to answer / do not know	24.9%	18.1%	18.7%

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

	12 Dec 2002	9 Jan 2003	27 Mar 2003
1. Strongly support	10.8%	10.8%	4.1%
2. Somewhat support	26.4%	31.4%	28.7%
3. Somewhat oppose	13.8%	14.7%	22.7%
4. Strongly oppose	32.5%	25.9%	31.2%
5. No opinion	16.5%	17.2%	13.3%

**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):**

	12 Dec 2002	9 Jan 2003	27 Mar 2003
1. Strongly support	16.2%	14.1%	17.0%
2. Somewhat support	24.0%	34.9%	36.8%
3. Somewhat oppose	13.1%	18.7%	17.5%
4. Strongly oppose	28.1%	20.2%	15.0%
5. Do not know	18.6%	12.1%	13.7%

**11. What possibility is available to attain peace with the Israelis in the near future?**

	<b>20 Nov 2002</b>	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. A great possibility</b>	8.4%	9.8%
<b>2. Possible</b>	20.5%	41.5%
<b>3. Some what impossible</b>	19.5%	15.9%
<b>4. Totally impossible</b>	33.5%	20.0%
<b>5. I don't know/I refuse to answer</b>	18.1%	12.8%

**12. The Israeli Prime Minister “Ariel Sharon” declared that “Israeli is ready to carry out painful alienation for the sake of Palestinian if the Palestinians have a serious desire to contract peace with Israel. “ Do you think that the Palestinian Leadership can regard such declarations as serious ones or not?”**

	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. Yes</b>	10.3%
<b>2. To some extent</b>	29.3%
<b>3. No</b>	42.2%
<b>4. Uncertain</b>	18.2%

**13. 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?**

	<b>12 Dec 2002</b>	<b>9 Jan 2003</b>	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. Continuation of the Intifada</b>	50.4%	46.9%	34.3%
<b>2. Halting the Intifada</b>	34.2%	40.9%	51.6%
<b>3. Do not know / refuse to answer</b>	15.4%	12.2%	14.1%

**14. Do you think that there is a Palestinian leader other than Yaser Arafat who is able to sign a peace treaty with the Israelis at present, or not?**

	<b>12 Nov 2002</b>	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. Yes</b>	<b>26.6%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>
<b>2. No</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>33.8%</b>
<b>3. I don't know</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>32.8%</b>

**15. When asked: 'to what degree do you support president Arafat'?**

	<b>20 Nov 2002</b>	<b>9 Jan 2003</b>	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>1. Strongly support</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>24.8%</b>
<b>2. Somewhat Support</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>28.5%</b>
<b>3. Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>25.7%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>
<b>4. Strongly oppose</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>29.8%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>
<b>5. No Opinion</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

**16. To what degree do you agree with the notion that some people say "Palestinians ought to support Iraq as they did in 1991, if the United States of American strikes it again"?**

	<b>20 Nov 2002</b>	<b>9 Jan 2003</b>	<b>27 Mar 2003</b>
<b>6. Strongly agree</b>	<b>36.8%</b>	<b>36.9%</b>	<b>54.5%</b>
<b>7. Somewhat agree</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>28.7%</b>	<b>22.5%</b>
<b>8. Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>9. Strongly disagree</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>10. No opinion</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>