



# POLL NO.103 SEPTEMBER 2024

WEST BANK

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## One year since the war began:

### Decline in optimism in the West Bank regarding outcomes of war on Gaza Rise in support for armed struggle as a means of achieving goals

#### **Increase in percentage of respondents who believe the October 7 attack serves Palestinian national interests**

Almost a year since the start of Israel's war on the Gaza Strip, a public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre (JMCC) in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, showed an increase in the percentage of those who believe the October 7, 2023 attack waged by Hamas against Israel, serves Palestinian national interests, going from 39.6% last May to 45% in this poll. Contrastingly, the percentage of those who believe the attack harmed the interests of the Palestinian people dropped from 30.2% last May to 24.5% in this poll, while 20.1% said it neither served nor harmed national interests.

#### **Decrease in percentage of those polled who expect the war to end in Hamas' favor:**

In regards to possible outcomes of the war, there was a setback in the percentage of respondents who believe the war will end in Hamas' favor, from 67.1% in October of last year, to 45.7% in this poll, while it was 41.4% last May. In contrast, there was a rise in the percentage of respondents who said the war would not end in favor of either party, from 16.8% in October of last year to 32.6% in this poll.

#### **Decrease in the percentage of respondents who expect the war to end with a rise in Hamas' popularity**

Similarly, the percentage of respondents who expect the war will end with an improvement in Hamas' popularity, dropped from 71.6% in October of last year to 56.5% in this poll, while it was 55.1% last May. Contrastingly, there was an increase in the percentage of respondents who said Hamas' popularity would drop with the end of the war, from 7.6% in October of last year to 12.7% in this poll.

#### **Divided public opinion on the future of the Gaza Strip after the war:**

Regarding the future of the Gaza Strip, around half of the respondents, 54%, expected Gaza to remain under Hamas rule after the war, while 15.1% said they expected it to be put under international administration, and 14.7% expected the PA to play a role in managing Gaza. Meanwhile, only 5.3% expected the Gaza Strip to be under Israeli control. These expectations are similar to expectations of respondents last May.

#### **Increase in the percentage of those who support military resistance as a means of achieving goals:**

Finally, the poll showed a rise in the percentage of those who support military resistance as a means of achieving the goals of the Palestinian people, to 51.2% in this poll, from 40.8% last May. In contrast, the percentage of respondents who support peaceful, diplomatic, political action as a means of achieving national goals dropped from 44.5% last May to 35.7% in this poll.

It should be noted that the poll was conducted in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, but did not include the Gaza Strip given the inability to secure a random sample because of the current situation in Gaza.

## **Methodology:**

A random sample of 715 people over the age of 18 were interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank including East Jerusalem between 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 the interviews were conducted in randomly selected homes, and the respondents inside each home were also selected randomly according to Kish tables. The interviews were conducted in 80 sampling points chosen randomly according to population.

### **In the West Bank 715 people were surveyed from the following areas:**

**Hebron:** Hebron, Dura, Idhna, Taffuh, Deir Samit, Beit Kahil, Beit Ummar, Yatta, Khursa, Qalqas, Al-Fawwar Refugee Camp . **Jenin:** Jenin, Al-Yamun, Qabatiya, Ya'bad, Al-'Attara, Siris, Misliya, Jenin Refugee Camp. **Tubas:** Aqqaba, Tayasir. **Ramallah & al-Bireh:** Al-Bireh, Deir Dibwan, Beituniya, Khirbet Abu Falah, Atara, Kharbatha Al-Misbah, Qrawat Bani Zeid, Al-Jalzun Refugee Camp. **Jericho:** Jericho, Aqabet Jaber Refugee Camp. **Jerusalem:** Abu Dis, Al-Jib, Beit 'Anan, Al-Ram, Qalandia Refugee Camp, Kufr Aqab, Wadi Al Joz, Al Thouri, Al Tur, Old City, Beit Hanina. **Bethlehem:** Beit Sahur, Al-Khadr, Al-'Ubeidiya, Al-Doha, Hindaza, Ayda Refugee Camp. **Nablus:** Nablus, Salim, Urif, Qaryut, Talfit, Deir Sharaf, Askar Refugee Camp. **Salfit:** Al-Zawiya, Kafr Al-Dik. **Tulkarem:** Tulkarem, Attil, Seida, Tulkarem refugee camp. **Qalqilya:** Qalqilya, Jinsafut.

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

#### Sample Distribution

23% said they live in villages, 5.6% refugee camps, and 70.6% and in towns/cities.

50.2% were male, 49.8% female.

66.0% were married, 30.3% single, 1.2% widowed, 2.5% divorced.

The average age of the respondents was 33 years.

**Results:**

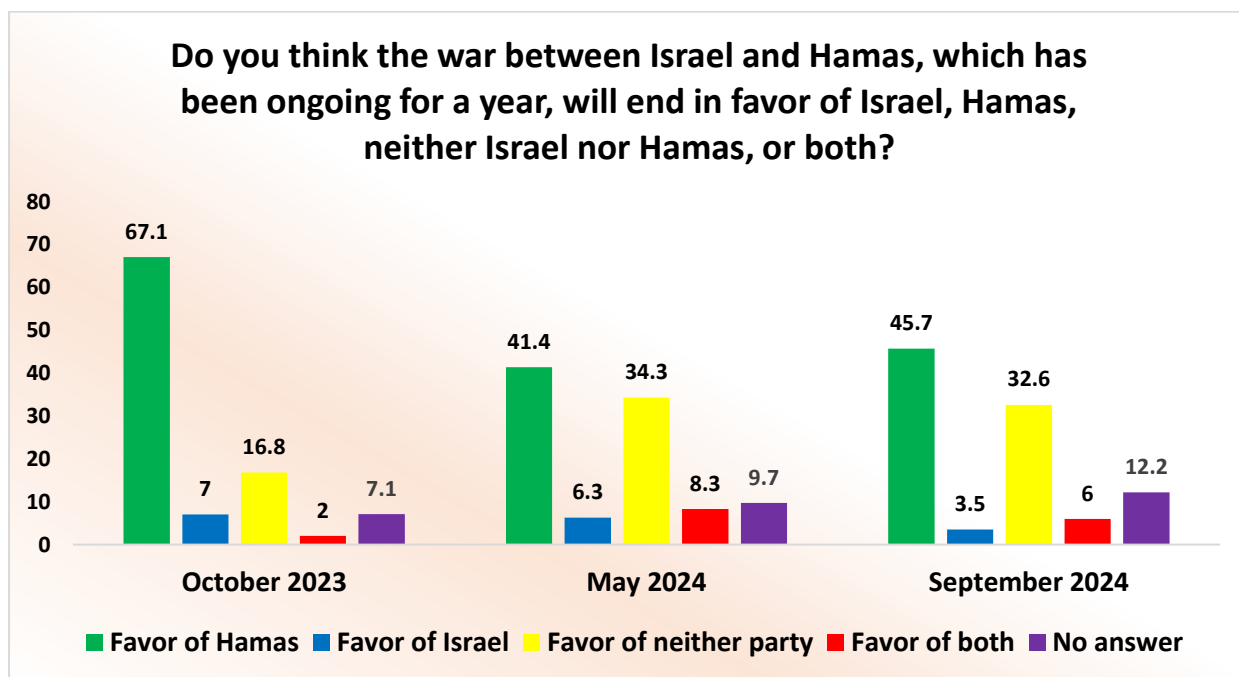
Q1- Hamas waged an attack on Israel on October 7, 2023 followed by a war between both parties, which is still ongoing. Do you think this serves Palestinian national interests? Does it hurt Palestinian national interests? Does it neither serve nor harm these interests?

	West Bank n= 715
It serves Palestinian national interests	45.0
It harms Palestinian national interests	24.5
It neither serve nor harm the Palestinian national interests	20.1
I don't know/no answer	10.4



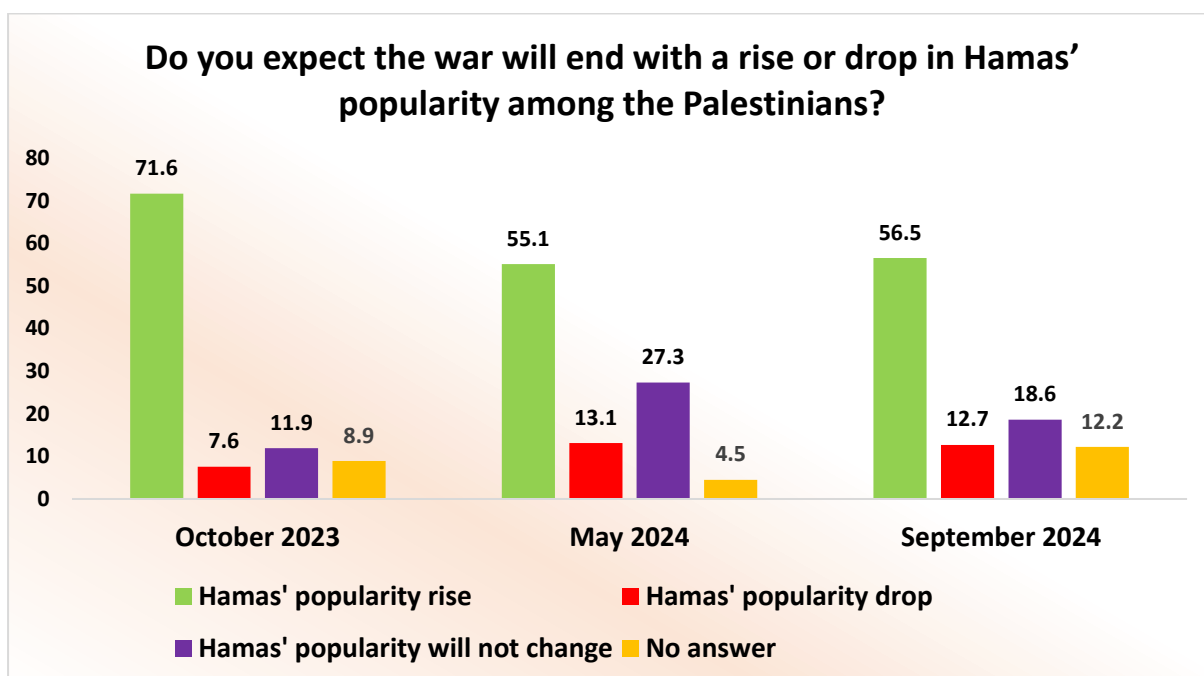
Q2- Do you think the war between Israel and Hamas, which has been ongoing for a year, will end in favor of Israel, Hamas, neither Israel nor Hamas, or both?

	West Bank
	n= 715
In favor of Hamas	45.7
In favor of Israel	3.5
In favor of neither party	32.6
In favor of both parties	6.0
No answer	12.2



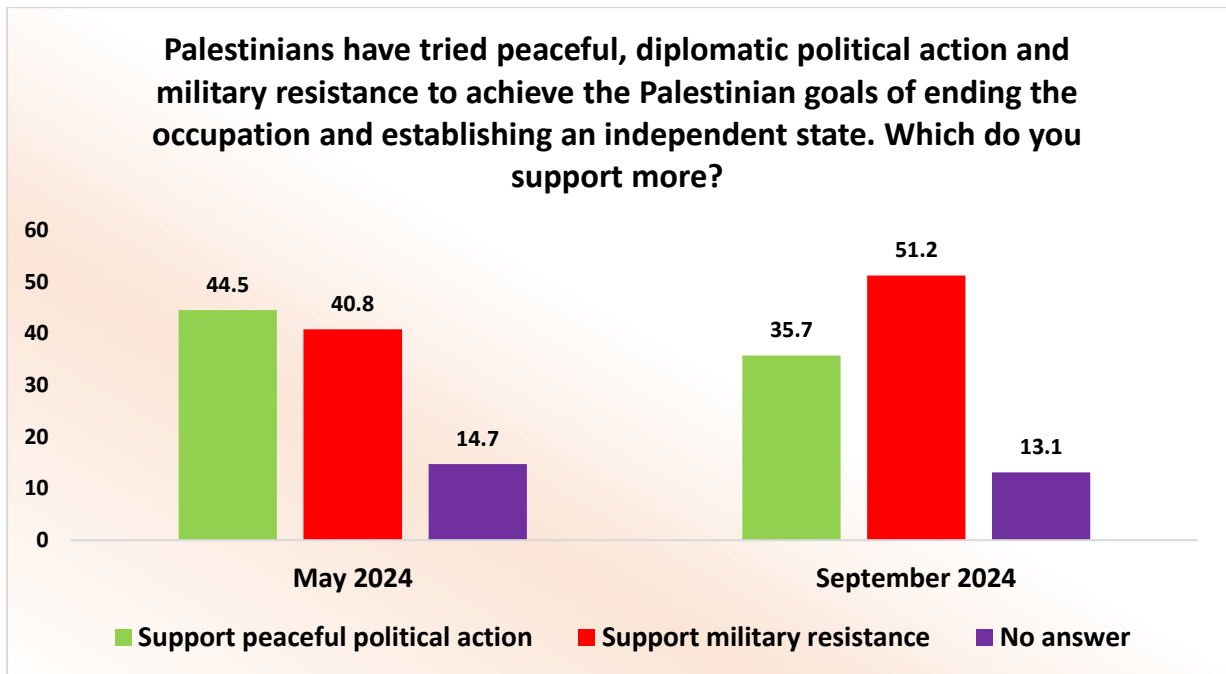
Q3- Do you expect the war will end with a rise or drop in Hamas' popularity among the Palestinians?

	West Bank
	<b>n= 715</b>
Hamas' popularity will rise	56.5
Hamas' popularity will drop	12.7
Hamas' popularity will not change	18.6
I don't know/no answer	12.2



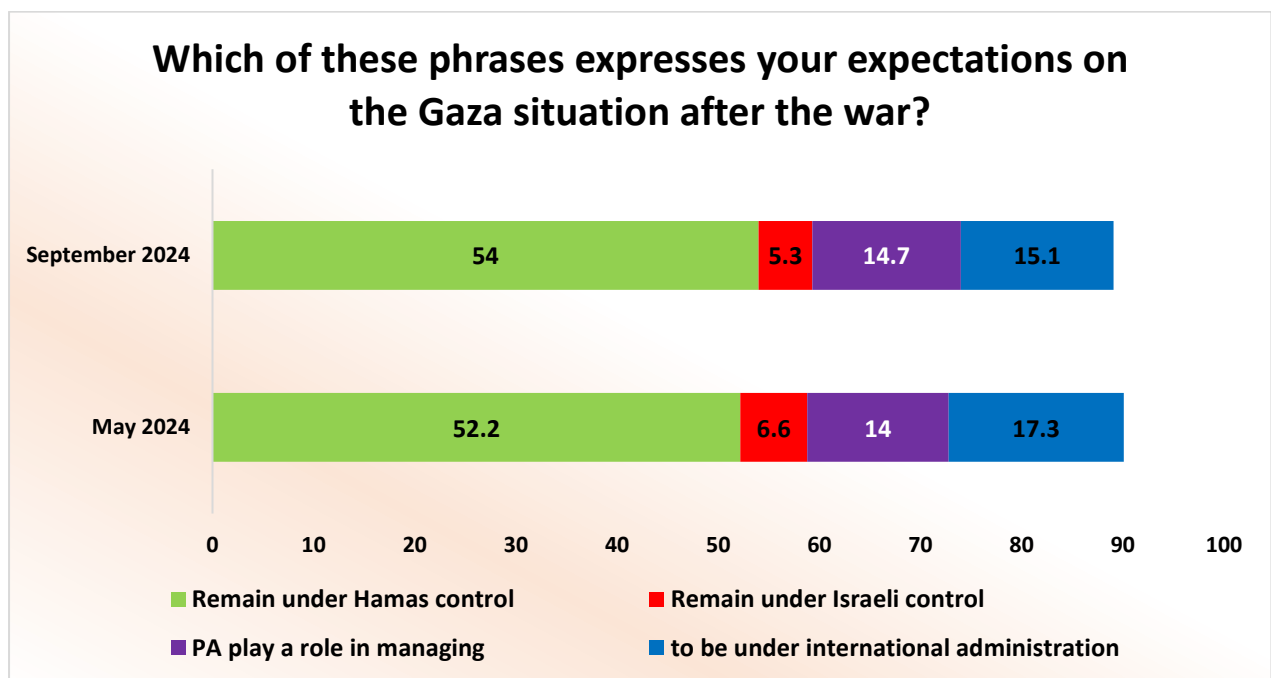
Q4- Palestinians have tried peaceful, diplomatic political action and military resistance to achieve the Palestinian goals of ending the occupation and establishing an independent state. Which do you support more?

West Bank	
n= 715	
I support peaceful, diplomatic political action	35.7
I support military resistance	51.2
I don't know/no answer	13.1



Q5- Which of these phrases expresses your expectations on the Gaza situation after the war?

	West Bank
	<b>n= 715</b>
I expect Gaza to remain under Hamas control after the war	54.0
I expect Gaza to remain under Israeli control after the war	5.3
I expect the PA to play a role in managing Gazan affairs after the war	14.7
I expect Gaza to be under international administration after the war	15.1
I don't know/no answer	10.9





Q6– Which political or religious faction do you trust the most?

West Bank	
n= 715	
Fatah	10.3
Hamas	15.9
Others	2.1
Don't Trust anyone	61.8
No answer	9.8

\* This is an open ended questions- no options were given to the interviewee

