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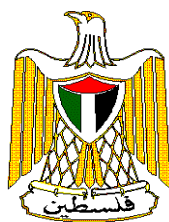
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PCBS is pleased to release the main results of the survey on the perception of youth towards Intifada, 2003 which was conducted as a module with the youth survey during August and September of 2003 on a sample of 5,600 households in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The results show that 75.5% of the Palestinian youth (10-24) years are considering that the major cause behind the eruption of the Intifada is Sharon's visit to the Al – Aqsa Mosque in September 2000, (73.4% in the West Bank, and 78.6% in the Gaza Strip).

Regarding the youth's view about whether the Intifada will achieve the aims of the Palestinian people in independence, 60.8% of them consider the Intifada as a suitable tool to achieving the Palestinian people's goals (59.4% in the West Bank, and 63.0% in Gaza Strip). The results show also that 60.1% of the youth do not support dilating the Intifada (57.8% in the West Bank 63.7% in Gaza Strip).

91.3% of the respondents believe that youth have a big role in directing the Intifada and taking decisions in this regard. (89.0% in the West Bank and 95.0% in Gaza Strip).

Regarding the youth's reactions towards watching pictures of the Intifada's martyrs and the wounded on TVs, 57.4% of them said that they shed tears, 96.2% of them feel sad, 89.7% of them feel angry 35.8% of them have nightmares during their sleep, 48.2% feel worry, 66.3% feel insecure, 55.8% feel frustrated, 51.4% feel loosing appetite to eating, and 78.7% of them feel having a desire to wreak and revenge.

The findings indicate that 57.8% of the youth believe in achieving the political aims of the Palestinian people through negotiations (59.6% in the West Bank and 54.9% in Gaza Strip). The results revealed that the percentage of males believing in achieving political aims through negotiations is 51.3% against 64.4% for females. In addition, this percentage increases by age for both males and females. Regarding the youth optimism towards achieving peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis, 53.7% reported that they are not optimistic (51.3% in the West Bank and 57.3% in Gaza Strip).