**Public Opinion Poll # 27**

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**Highlights**

**              77% support President Abbas’s call to hold a referendum\*.**

**              77% will vote (YES) to the (Prisoners’ Declaration).**

**             74% support that the PLO is the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinians.**

**              83% support that (resistance) be focused in the Occupied Territories.**

**              94% support a commitment to a democratic political system and regular elections.**

**              Willingness to vote for Hamas declined from 50% (5 April 2006) to 37% now (13 points decline). Voting for Fateh is stable at 37%.**

**              64% support a national unity government.**

**              68% oppose the use of mosques as a platform for the Prime Minister and others.**

**              57% evaluate the performance of Prime Minster Ismail Hanneyeh as (good).**

**              48% evaluate the performance of President Mahmoud Abbas as (good).**

**              54% believe that the current government distributes money in an (unfair) manner.**

**              61% oppose that Hamas recognize Israel now in exchange for funding.**

**              49% believe that funding should go directly to the Ministry of Finance.**

**              33% blame Fateh and Hamas for having a primary role in the exacerbation of the current crises.**

**              55% oppose to the establishment of the new security force, if not agreed upon by President Abbas.**

**              63% say that their household’s income level had declined since the latest PLC elections.**

**              41% of the respondents feel less secure than they did 4 months ago.**

**\*** *In his speech before the representatives of the various political groups (25 May 2006), President Mahmoud Abbas declared that he will call for a referendum on disputed issues if the partners do not come to an agreement within ten days. The disputed issues were elaborated in the (Prisoners’ Declaration) which was signed by imprisoned leaders from all political groups. The Declaration calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, and the confinement of resistance to the Occupied Territories. President Abbas called upon the parties to adopt the Declaration.*