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GALLUP PAKISTAN POLL FINDINGS ON **ONE-DISH WEDDINGS**

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Limitation on Wedding Feasts is Welcomed by 67 % : GALLUP PAKISTAN

Islamabad, April 10, 2009

According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of Pakistanis claim to be happy with the government's recent decision on having only one dish at all weddings.

Traditionally, wedding feasts in Pakistan are a lavish event with several main courses. Often, the extravagance of the feast is interpreted as a reflection of the hosting family's economic well-being; this creates undue social pressure for the less affluent members of society. In the beginning of 2009, the Punjab Government announced it will strictly implement the one-dish law, namely that all wedding feasts are to be limited to one-dish in order to bring some semblance of egalitarianism in our society and uniformity between various segments.

When the respondents were asked "*Recently Punjab government has announced strict implementation of one dish restriction at weddings. Do you favor or oppose this step?*" most of the respondents (67%) have shown support for this decision, while only 15% oppose it. Seventeen percent (17%) are not sure whether they favor or oppose this step. The remaining 4% did not answer. With rising inflation and deteriorating economic conditions it is not a surprise that the percentage of people who oppose this decision has decreased considerably from 26% in 2003 to 15% in 2009.

Question: *Recently Punjab government has announced strict implementation of one dish restriction at weddings. Do you favor or oppose this step?*

Support	67%
Oppose	15%
Don't Know	17%
No Response	4%

The study was carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2901 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country during 11th & 12th January 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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