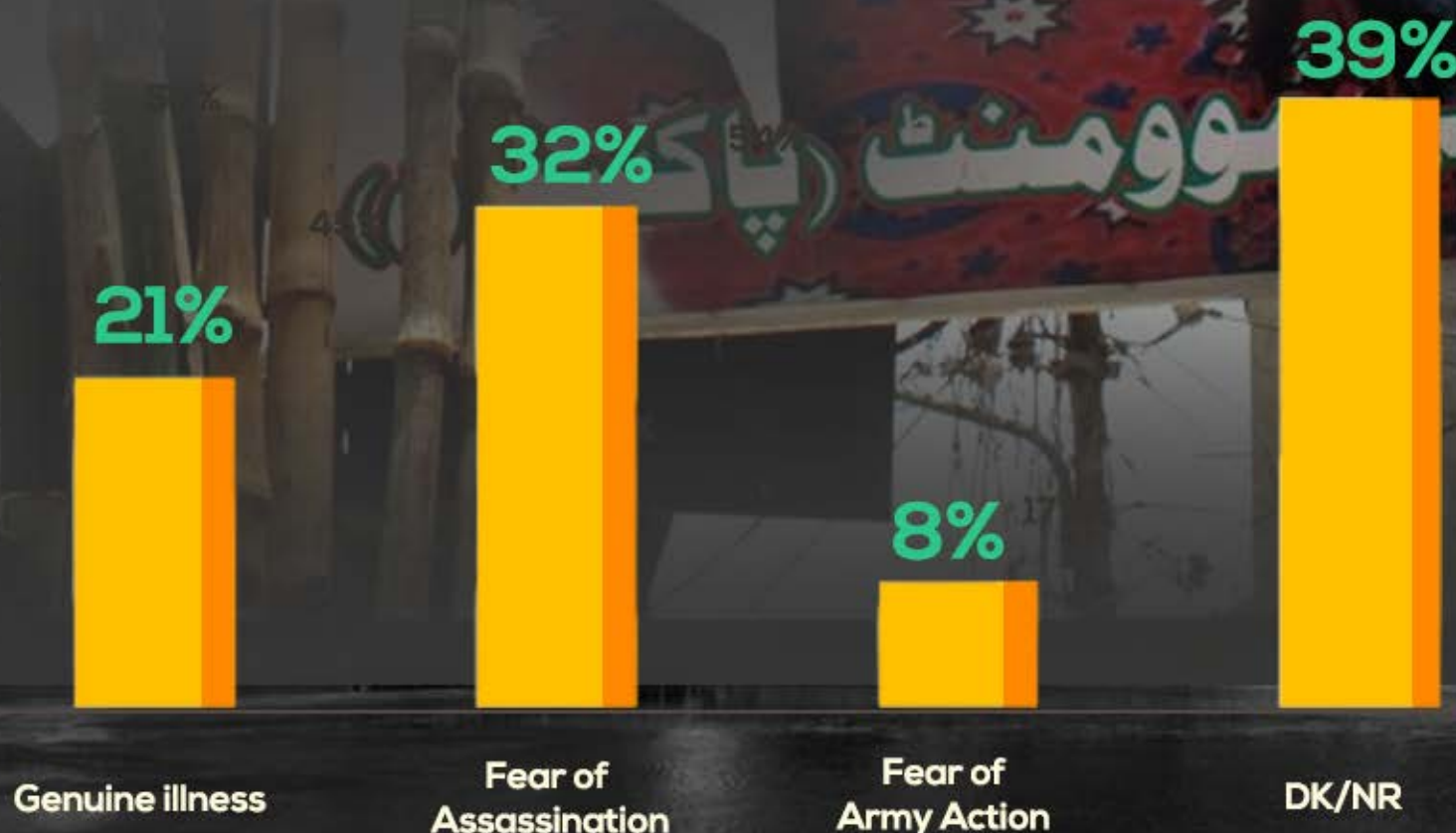


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According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1991 (24 years ago) respondents were asked for their views regarding MQM leader Altaf Hussain's foreign stay in London. Some attributed the reason of his foreign stay to illness for which he was undergoing treatment in London, while others had different opinions. According to the results, 21% respondents said that Altaf Hussain was staying in London because of his genuine illness while 32% said that he was staying in London because of a fear of assassination. Only 8% said that he was in London for fear of army action. 39% of the respondents did not respond.

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