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Majority Wants Educational Institutes to Keep Functioning Despite Security Concerns: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

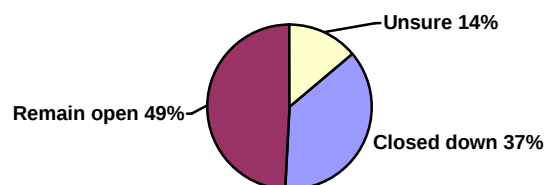
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After the suicide attack on Islamic University in the capital city of Pakistan, many schools and universities were closed down causing concern among various quarters. To find out the public's perceptions on this, a Gilani Research Foundation survey was carried out by Gallup Pakistan. According to this survey, almost half of all Pakistanis (49%) want educational institutes to keep functioning under all circumstances, however there should be proper safety measures taken for the protection of students, 37% support shutting down educational institutes whereas 14% gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Recently there were suicide attacks in International Islamic University in Islamabad after which many other educational institutions were shut down for a few days. Do you think it is correct to shut down all institutions or should they remain open with special security arrangements?*” Forty nine percent (49%) believe that educational institutions should remain open with special security; where as another significant 37% would want them to close down in such crucial times. The remaining 14% were unsure.

The findings of the survey do not show major difference of opinion across respondents of various socio-economic backgrounds.

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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2749 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during October 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

Gallup Pakistan proposes that its poll results be attributed as Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. This is to distinguish our polls from polls on Pakistan sometimes released by other organizations not part of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com) and referred to by the same title. Also please see necessary Disclaimer on our website (www.gallup.com.pk). Gallup Pakistan takes responsibility for only its own polls on Pakistan.

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