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GALLUP PAKISTAN POLL FINDINGS ON **USE OF FORCE**

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Majority of the Pakistanis are Against Using Force to Get their Demands Fulfilled: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of the Pakistanis believe that using violent means to get one's rights/demands fulfilled is improper, while peaceful strikes and taking out rallies are acceptable.

When the respondents were asked *"In your view, which of the following steps/actions are fair and unfair in order to get your demands/rights fulfilled (To Strike, Take out Rallies, Destroy government/private property, Murder threats, Take Foreigners as Hostages, and Suicide Bombing?)"* fifty six percent (56%) said that it is fair to organize a strike and 55% respondents think taking out rallies is fair. Contrary to popular belief 90% of the Pakistanis think destroying government or private property is unfair, 89% consider murder threats unfair, 88% said taking foreigners as hostages is unfair and 92% of the respondents said suicide bombing is an unfair means of getting one's demands/rights fulfilled. However a small proportion of people consider some of these actions "unfair but at times necessary" to get one's demands fulfilled.

The data reveals no significant differences across all demographics. People of various ages, gender, and from both rural and urban locations hold broadly similar views on these subjects.

"In your view, which of the following steps/actions are fair and unfair in order to get your demands/rights fulfilled?"

Step/Action	Fair	Unfair	Unfair but Necessary	No Response
To Strike	56%	35%	9%	-
Take out Rallies	55%	35%	9%	1%
Destroy govt./pvt property	2%	90%	7%	1%
Murder Threats	2%	89%	7%	1%
Take Foreigners as Hostages	2%	88%	9%	1%
Suicide Bombing	2%	92%	5%	1%

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 2572 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country during February 15-16, 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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