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PUBLIC PERCEPTION ABOUT HATHORA GROUP**

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THE GALLUP POLL

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PUBLIC PERCEPTION ABOUT HATHORA GROUP

Is there a Hathora (hammer) group which goes about killing and maiming people? If it does exist what are its origin and affiliations? These and some other similar questions were the subject of a country wide Gallup survey held recently.

About 2000 respondents belonging to a various age and education groups in the federal capital, the provincial headquarters of Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta and other big and small cities were asked.

QUESTION: A Hathora group is much talked about these days .It is stated they kill and injure innocent people? What do you think about this group?

- 1-Are not the stories circulating about them false? And no organized Hathora group exists.
- 2-Are not they foreign agents?
- 3-Are not they common criminals?
- 4-Any other idea about the origin or affiliation of that group you conceive?

The survey findings showed that 16% of the urban populations do not think that any organized Hathohra group exists as such. 24% think that they are common criminals. 18% say they are agents of foreign countries.

Of those 18% of the total who say group consists of foreign agents, 11% links them with USSR, 3% with Afghanistan (karmal), 2% with India and 1% with USA (CIA).

8% have mentioned a variety of other hypothesis, some vague as well as contradictory for instance. They are an eccentric lot, ghosts, people who want to give a bad name to the government, minions of government, PPP, Al-Zulfikar, terrorists, the unemployed, lunatics, MRD, Qadianies, politicians, Gods will and some deep rooted conspiracy.

Foreign agents theory is more acceptable among the comparatively more educated (24%), than the less educated and illiterates (12%). 47% of the illiterates say they could not guess who the Hathora groups are.

FINDINGS:

	Percent of respondents saying
They are common criminals	24
Foreign agents	18
False stories, no Hathora group exists	16
Miscellaneous responses	8
Don't know /No opinion	34

Percent of respondents saying

EDUCATION WISE	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Above Matric	18	26	24	14	16
UPTO Matric	19	26	21	8	29
Primary	13	25	17	8	35
Illiterates	15	21	12	3	47
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Legend

- a) They are common criminals
- b) Foreign agents
- c) False stories, no Hathora group exists
- d) Miscellaneous responses
- e) Don't know /No opinion