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ON “MOB JUSTICE” TO ROBBERS IN KARACHI

Islamabad – Seventy four percent (74 %) of a national sample of men and women were aware of the recent incident in Karachi where a group of robbers were overpowered and burnt alive as retribution for their crime. At least one of the robbers died on the spot.

When asked their views on whether they favored or opposed this incident, 52 % favored, 42 % opposed and the remaining 6 % did not give a view. The respondents were asked: “(Some robbers were burnt alive in Karachi recently) some people believe that whatever happened was the right thing to do, others believe that it was wrong to take law into ones own hands. What is your view?”

ON CHANGING THE CLOCK: Daylight Saving

Recently the Government announced that from June 2008 Pakistan Standard Time will be moved on hour ahead to conserve electricity and utilize daylight during long summer days. Thirty-seven percent (37 %) respondents were happy with this decision, 40 % were unhappy, 23 % did not give any views. Additionally, respondents were asked whether this method of conserving electricity would be a success or failure. Twenty-nine percent 29% said it would prove successful while almost half the respondents (48 %) said it would fail.

ON EARLY CLOSURE OF SHOPPING AREAS TO SAVE ELECTRICITY

Fifty-one percent (51 %) respondents favored the recent government decree to shut down all commercial markets by 9 o’clock at night; 28 % opposed this

decision, 21 % were indifferent. When asked, “In your view, what are the chances that this decision will be successfully implemented”, 18 % said high chance, 55 % said moderate chances and 26 % said no chance at all; the remaining did not respond

SAMPLE SIZE AND DESCRIPTION

The sample for the survey comprised 1595 men and women distributed in the rural and urban areas of all four provinces. They represented a cross section of various age, income and other socio-economic backgrounds. The field-work was conducted face to face during May 18-19, 2008. The error margin in this type of survey is estimated to be $\pm 3-5\%$ at a 95% confidence level.