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GALLUP PAKISTAN POLL FINDINGS ON **LOAD SHEDDING**

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70 % Say Load Shedding is A Serious Problem. Less Than 10 % Use Generators or UPS. Views are Divided on Government's Ability to Address the Crisis: GALLUP PAKISTAN: GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 70% of the Pakistanis living in electrified areas are facing grave problems related to electricity load-shedding in their areas.

Load-shedding seems to be one of the most serious problems faced by the people of Pakistan. The majority (70%) said that load-shedding is a big problem in their local areas. 23% respondents claimed to have 'some' load-shedding related problems while only 6% stated to have no load-shedding related problems in their areas.

Power outages every few hours have become a hindrance for people to continue with their daily chores. When respondents were asked "What do you usually do in order to continue your work during load-shedding?" 22% said they use gas-lamps, 31% make use of 'emergency-lights', while only a small fraction of the respondents use UPS and Generators (6% & 8% respectively). Twenty one percent (21%) said that they do not do anything and the rest 12% try to utilize day-light.

People are hoping that this grim problem of load-shedding will come to an end soon. Thirty eight percent (38%) of the respondents have shown faith in the current government by claiming there are 'some' chances that the current government will take the country out of the prevailing energy crisis. While 12% think that there are a lot of chances of relief, 26% of the respondents have no hopes in the current government's ability to find a solution to this problem. The remaining gave no response.

The study was carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The survey was carried out among a sample of 2912 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country during 29th & 30th March 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approx. + 2-3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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