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66 % Would Help an Accident Victim, But Half Prefer not to Inform the Police: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of the Pakistanis claim they would behave compassionately if they witnessed an accident. Sixty six percent (66%) of the respondents stated that in case of an accident they would help the injured person(s) with or without informing the police. Only 17% say they would stay away from the site.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from the urban and rural areas of the country were asked, “What would you do in case of witnessing an accident in which a person is injured?” thirty five percent (35%) of the respondents claimed they would help the injured without informing the police, 31% said that they will help the injured person and also inform the police, while only 17% of the respondents said they would prefer to avoid the situation and stay away from the accident site. Sixteen percent (16%) of the respondents were unsure about their reaction in such a situation.

There is a general apprehension about involving police in such cases where investigation and interrogation can be time consuming and cumbersome. Interestingly, the data reveals that a higher percentage of men (43%) would help an injured person without involving the police as compared to women who would do the same (27%).

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Help the injured and inform the police	31%
Stay away from the site	17%
Not sure	16%

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 in January 2009 among a sample of 2687 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country. 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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