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58 % Wanted Daylight Saving Time to Have Reversed in Ramadan: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

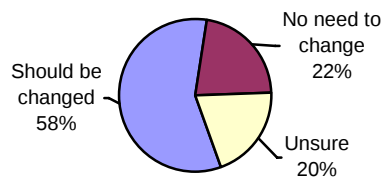
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of all Pakistanis expressed discomfort with the current time schedule in the month of Ramadan; 58% would have preferred switching off day light saving time when Ramadan began where as for 22% it does not matter and 20% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “Some people believe that before Ramadan the day light saving time should have been changed, while others do not think there is any need for that. What is your view on this?” Majority (58%) claimed they would have preferred the time to have been changed before Ramadan began, 22% believe there is no need to change time just for Ramadan, where as 20% of the respondents were unsure.

The poll found that a proportionately higher percentage of respondents from NWFP (83%) support reversal of day light saving time at the start of Ramadan.

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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 2765 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during August 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 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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