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According to a recent Gallup poll fewer Pakistanis feel an immediate threat of war from India in the on setting winter of 1987, than they did a year ago at the beginning of winter 1987. But reduced tensions have not relaxed Pakistanis. They have only become more ambiguous about India designs. More Pakistanis are today unable to give an opinion on what are the chances of war with India, or whether Pakistan should sign a no war pact with her.

In a recent survey conducted all over the country by Gallup Pakistan, 19% of the respondents feared that the chances of war with India were high. A year ago the figure was 37%.

A year ago 13% of the respondents were unable to make up their mind on whether Pakistan should sign a no war pact with India, while a majority of 71% supported the proposed pact. Today the "No opinion" figure has doubled from 13% to 26% while support for the proposed pact has declined from 71% to 57%.

The Gallup Survey was conducted with a nationally representative sample located in 200 statistically selected villages and towns all over the county.

### **CHANCES OF WAR**

Question: What are the chances of war between India and Pakistan?

|            | <b>Percent of Respondents</b> |                          |                         |                           |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|            | <b>1985<br/>December</b>      | <b>1986<br/>February</b> | <b>1986<br/>October</b> | <b>1987<br/>September</b> |
| High       | 26                            | 15                       | 37                      | 19                        |
| Some       | 37                            | 40                       | 38                      | 37                        |
| None       | 14                            | 24                       | 12                      | 15                        |
| No opinion | 23                            | 11                       | 12                      | 33                        |

Question: In the present circumstances should Pakistan sign a no war pact with India?

|            | <b>Percent of Respondents</b> |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|            | <b>1980</b>                   | <b>1981</b> | <b>1982</b> | <b>1983</b> | <b>1984</b> | <b>1985</b> | <b>1986</b> | <b>1987</b> |
| Support    | 53                            | 46          | 54          | 57          | 52          | 55          | 71          | 57          |
| Oppose     | 30                            | 31          | 18          | 16          | 19          | 19          | 16          | 17          |
| No opinion | 17                            | 23          | 28          | 27          | 29          | 26          | 13          | 26          |