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PAKISTAN IS CONCERNED ABOUT INDIA'S NUCLEAR THREAT

According to the findings of a recent Gallup poll, a majority of Pakistan are concerned that if there is a war with India, it will use its nuclear capability against Pakistan. Those who feel threatened by India's nuclear capability are nearly four times more than those who don't.

India's nuclear threat is felt slightly more acutely in the urban areas of Punjab and Sindh compared to the rest of the country. These findings emerge from a public opinion survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan in 75% statistically selected urban localities and 100 villages all over the country. The respondents were asked the following question: "if there is a war between India and Pakistan, do you think India will use nuclear weapons?"

50% of the national sample believed that India will use nuclear weapons while 13% believe that it will not. 37% did not give an opinion.

Computer analysis of the Gallup survey shows that the younger population feels the threat of India's nuclear capability more acutely than their older counterparts. 54% of those under the age of thirty were of the opinion that India will use nuclear weapons compared with 48% of those above sixty. The threat is felt particularly strongly in the urban areas of Punjab and Sindh where more than 55% expressed the fear that in the case of a war, India will use nuclear weapons. The survey which was conducted in the early part of this year showed that nearly two thirds of Pakistanis believed that the chances of war with India were moderate to high. Only 12% of the population believed there were no chances of a war between the two countries. 25% did not answer this question.