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PAKISTANI PUBLIC HAS SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT WAR WITH INDIA

According to a recent Gallup poll the public's concern about the possibility of a war with India has increased dramatically over the last few months.

In October slightly higher than one third of the national urban population (37%) believed that there was a serious possibility of war between India and Pakistan. Nearly the same number (39%) regarded the chances to be modestly high. Only 12% believed that the chances of and imminent war with India were slim. 12% did not express an opinion. The figure on concern of war with India is one of highest in recent years, and a dramatic upsurge from a survey some eight months ago in February 1986, when only 15% believed that chances of war with India were very high. The euphoria after the Zia-Rajiv meeting held nearly one year ago seems to have gradually faded out.

Question: In your view what are the chances of a war between India and Pakistan?

	December 1985	February 1986	October 1986
Very High	26	15	37
Some chances	37	40	39
No chances	14	24	12
No opinion	23	11	12

Despite a serious concern in Pakistan about the possibility of a war with India, the support for no war pact however, remains high. 66% of the national urban population supports it, 24% oppose and 20% have not given an opinion.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan with a statistically selected sample in the urban areas all over the country.