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46 % Hold Railway Authorities Accountable for the Death of a Child in an Accident on the Railway Track: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a recent Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, there is a split in opinion over who is to be blamed for the recent death of a child who lost his life when a train crashed in to a van on the railway track in Mian Chunoo. While a higher percentage (46%) of all Pakistanis believes railway authorities need to be held accountable for this tragedy, another significant 32% blame the van driver. Twenty two percent (22%) of the respondents were unsure. It is remarkable that 78% of a nationally representative rural and urban sample of men and women claimed to be aware of the incident and offered a view.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Recently in a place called Mian Chunnoo, an 11 year old child died due to a train crashing into a van. Some people blame the driver of the van while others believe it is due to the negligence of the railway authorities. What is your opinion?*” Thirty two percent (32%) think it is the van driver’s fault whereas 46% think railway authorities are accountable for the death of the child. The remaining 22% of the respondents were unsure.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in the opinion of the people across various demographics.

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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2805 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during January 2010. 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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