



Nation Stands United: 91% Support Ceasefire, 96% Say Pakistan Won the War, Overwhelming praise for military and political leadership across party lines

Islamabad , Pakistan : Gallup Pakistan has unveiled findings from a nationally representative public opinion survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan between May 12 and May 18, 2025, assessing Pakistani public sentiment in the aftermath of the recent ceasefire agreement with India. The survey, covering all provinces and both urban and rural populations, offers insight into public attitudes on the ceasefire, perceptions of responsibility and outcomes of the conflict, evaluations of political and military leadership, and future bilateral cooperation.

Key Findings:

1) Support for Ceasefire: Unanimous support for ceasefire but doubts about ceasefire holding

A vast majority (91%) of Pakistanis viewed the ceasefire as a good decision. Optimism about Indian compliance remains cautious—52% believe India will comply with the agreement, while 34% expect no compliance at all.

2) Perceptions of Conflict Responsibility and Outcome: Pakistanis perceive war was inflicted on the country but it won the war

An overwhelming 87% held India responsible for initiating the conflict. Regarding the outcome, 96% believed Pakistan was more successful than India in the recent conflict.

3) Performance of Pakistani Institutions: Nation gathers around the Army, major boost for Army image

The Pakistani military received high praise, with 97% rating its performance as good or very good. Public opinion of the army improved for 93% of respondents following the conflict. In contrast, the civilian government received a positive rating of 73%.

4) Political Party Ratings: Across party lines praise for PMLN government handling the crisis but also for other political parties

Among major parties, PML-N received the highest positive performance rating (65%), followed by PTI (60%) and PPP (58%).

5) Future Cooperation with India: Despite confrontation , a large proportion in favor of working relationship with India

Views on normalizing relations with India are divided. Trade cooperation received the highest support (49%), followed closely by sports (48%), education (44%), and cultural exchanges (40%). Around a third of respondents consistently opposed such normalization.

6) Perception of International Allies: Positive feelings for most of Pakistani allies including United States.

Public opinion of Pakistan's friendship with China, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Iran improved significantly post-conflict, with China topping the list at 83% positive rating. In contrast, views on the United States were more divided, with only 39% reporting improved sentiment.

7) Reflection on Partition:

When asked hypothetically about 1947, 86% stated they would have supported the creation of Pakistan, reflecting continued support for the country's foundational vision.