



**In a recent poll conducted by Near East Consulting about Bin Laden
The Majority believes that Al-Qaeda will retaliate following
Bin Laden's death and that terrorist actions will not decrease.**

Ramallah-The West Bank: Near East Consulting's (NEC) most recent survey about Bin Laden reveals that the majority (85%) of the Palestinians believes that Al-Qaeda will retaliate following his death. In addition, 89% thinks that the terrorism level in the world will not decrease as a result of Bin Laden's elimination.

The survey was conducted in the first week of May on a random sample of 633 Palestinians over the age of 18 in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, including East Jerusalem. The margin of error is +/-3.8% and the confidence level is 95%.

On a question about whether Bin Laden was killed or still alive, 56% of the respondents believe that he was killed, while 44% said he is still alive. In addition, 46% of Palestinians would not oppose to burying Bin Laden in Palestine if this idea was evoked.

With regard to the fate of Al-Qaeda, 42% of the respondents think that Al-Qaeda will become stronger after the death of Bin Laden, while 22% believe it will become weaker, and 36% said its strength will remain the same.

Finally and going back to national issues, NEC asked a question about the ability of the recent national reconciliation between Fateh and Hamas to achieve the aspiration of the Palestinian people. This time, 81% of the Palestinian public believes that this reconciliation will succeed, while 19% still feel that it will fail.