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Which Is the Legitimate Government of Kosova?

Around 41 percent of interviewed persons recognise the UN Civil Administration as the legitimate government of people of Kosova, around 29 percent are for the Provisional Government of Hashim Thaçi, and ca. 8 percent recognise the Government of Bujar Bukoshi as the current legitimate government.

76 percent of interviewed persons think that the best option for solving the Mitrovica problem is driving the Serbs out of Mitrovica.

About the survey

Since the end of the crisis in Kosova, deployment of the international peacekeeping forces commanded by NATO and establishment of UN Civil Administration, normal life seems like starting as from the beginning. Three months afterwards, consequently, many issues are still pending and awaiting solution.

New reality created in the post-war period has caused ambiguities and dilemmas for the citizens of Kosova. Among them is also the existence of three "governments" on Kosova: the Provisional Government of Hashim Thaçi, the Government of Bujar Bukoshi, and the UN Civil Administration.

One of the purposes of this survey was to shed some light on what Kosovan Albanians think of the recently established situation.

Methodology

This survey was carried out between 7-16 September 1999 in six towns of Kosova: Prishtina, Prizren, Gjakova, Mitrovica, Peja and Gjilan.

The sample consisted of 1000 respondents, Albanian inhabitants aged 18 years plus, and was run in urban areas only, divided into 100 sampling points throughout above-specified six towns.

The fieldwork was conducted with 28 interviewers and 6 supervisors (one supervisor per town), under supervision of the management team from local branch office.

The outfit of professionals from the Prishtina branch office of BBSS Gallup International conducted this poll.

Results

Results from this survey are presented alongside the questions asked:

1. In your opinion, which ONE of the following institutions is the legitimate government of the people of Kosova?

1. Provisional Government of Hashim Thaçi	29.5 %
2. Government of Bujar Bukoshi	8.3 %
3. UN Administration	41.3 %
4. Refused	5.0 %
5. Don't know	15.9 %

2. Do you think the UN Administration is implementing correctly what it was envisaged for normalisation of life in Kosova?

1. Is implementing completely	24.3 %
2. Is implementing partially	59.8 %
3. Is not implementing at all	9.5 %
4. Refused	0.9 %
5. Don't know	5.5 %

3. Which ONE of the following options is the best solution for the problem of Mitrovica?

1. Unification of Albanians and Serbs within Mitrovica.	19.2 %
2. Town partition in Albanian and Serb side.	0.8 %
3. Driving Serbs out of Mitrovica.	76.0 %
4. To stay as is now, in the present state.	0.4 %
5. Refused/Don't Know	3.6 %

4. Which ONE, in your opinion, was the driving force that had led to the Kosova crisis? Was it...

1. Policy of Milosevic and its government?	49.8 %
2. Policy and behaviour of the Kosova's Serbs?	7.7 %
3. Serb people in general? or	34.4 %
4. Foreign interests?	6.8 %
5. Other	0.3 %
6. Refused/Don't Know	1.0 %

5. Which ONE of the following do you think should be the proper basis for the prosperity of Kosova?

1. International donations and support.	63.4 %
2. Foreign subsidies.	17.0 %
3. Local business and entrepreneurship.	12.4 %
4. Refused/Don't Know	7.2 %

Conclusions

Based on the results presented in this survey, we can conclude:

1. The majority of respondents recognise the UN Administration as a legitimate government of people of Kosova.
2. The majority of respondents think that the UN Administration is partially implementing what it has envisaged for normalisation of life in Kosova.
3. The majority of respondents think that driving the Serbs out of Mitrovica is the best solution for solving the Mitrovica problem.
4. The majority of respondents think that the Policy of Milosevic and its government was the driving force that led to the Kosova crisis.
5. The majority of respondents think that international donation and support is the proper basis for the prosperity of Kosova.