

Marwan Barghouti still on top of the latest polls

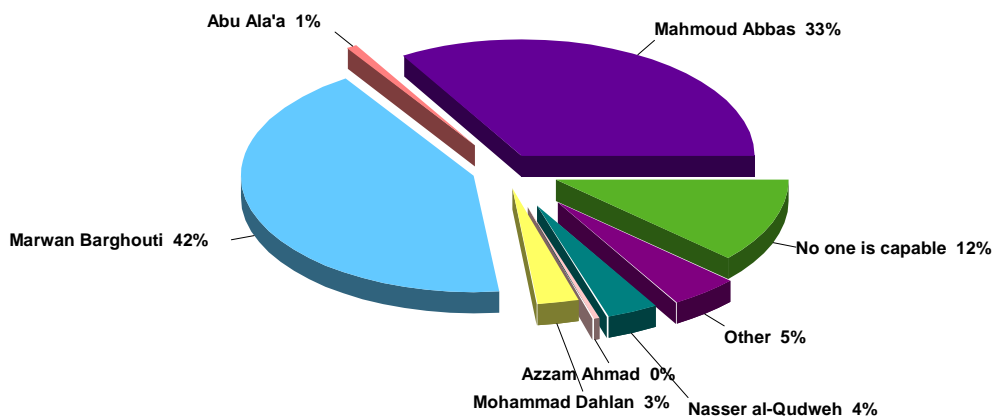
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In the latest poll conducted in the Palestinian territories by the Near East Center shows that Imprisoned Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti still in the lead. The poll shows that Marwan Barghouti got 42% to be the most capable Fatah leader. Mahoud Abbas the Palestinian Prisedent got 33% for the same question. The same question was asked to the deferent factions and again Marwan Barghouti appears to be the most trusted among factions. Hear is part of the poll which was conducted in August 2007:

1. Most capable Fateh leader

When asked about the most suitable leader to lead Fateh, the results revealed that the majority of the Palestinian public (42%) views Marwan Barghouthi as the most suitable person to lead Fateh, followed by 33% who mentioned Mahmoud Abbas. As pointed out in figure 23, most other potential leaders ranked relatively low, in comparison.

Figure 1: The most suitable person to be in charge of Fateh nowadays



2. Most capable Fateh leader according to faction and region

However, the situation changes rather substantially when the results are cross-reference according to factional trust. While the majority of the public thought of Marwan Barghouthi as the most suitable person to lead Fateh, the majority of Fateh supporters, (53%) see Abbas as the most suitable leader while only 35% mentioned Marwan Barghouthi. As indicated in table 25, below, the high support for Marwan Barghouthi is partially attributed to the supporters of Hamas who were more likely to mention Barghouthi than Abbas.

Table 1: The most suitable person to be in charge of Fateh nowadays according to faction and region

		The most suitable person to be in charge of Fateh nowadays.									
		Abbas	Mahmud	Abu Ala'a	Marwan Barghout	Dahlan	Mohamad	Azzam Ahmad	Qudweh al-Nasser	Other	capable is No one
Faction	Hamas	17%		1%	58%	0%		0%	5%	3%	16%
	Fateh	53%		1%	35%	5%		1%	3%	1%	1%
	PFLP	29%		0%	52%	5%		0%	0%	14%	0%
	Others	30%		0%	60%	0%		0%	0%	5%	5%
	I trust no faction	21%		0%	39%	2%		0%	4%	10%	23%
Region	West Bank	34%		1%	40%	1%		0%	4%	6%	14%
	Gaza Strip	32%		1%	46%	5%		0%	4%	4%	9%
	Total	33%		1%	42%	3%		0%	4%	5%	12%