

Majority of Israelis Say No Victory Achieved in Gaza War



Tel Aviv, August 29 (RHC)-- A recent survey shows that a majority of Israelis believe their government did not manage to achieve victory in its latest military offensive on the blockaded Gaza Strip.

In a new poll conducted by Israel's Haaretz newspaper, about 54 percent of Israelis think the army failed to establish a clear victory in more than 50 days of fatal assaults on Gaza.

The poll results run counter to claims by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that his government achieved a great military and political success over the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas in the new war on the coastal enclave.

Netanyahu has come under sharp criticism by many Israeli officials, including members of his own coalition, after reaching a ceasefire deal with the Palestinian resistance groups on August 26th.

The Israeli premier's allies and the local media have expressed deep disappointment over his leadership after the

truce agreement with the Palestinians. Critics say the conflict in Gaza has taken an economic toll on Israel while dozens of Israeli soldiers were also killed.

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