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Iraq Weekly Status Report

September 14, 2005

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US Department of State**



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Highlights

1.0 Transition to Security Self-Reliance

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2.0 Support a Free and Democratic Iraq

- Deputy Speaker Shahrستاني of the Transitional National Assembly announced that the draft constitution had been sent to the United Nations Assistance Mission to Iraq for printing and public distribution.

3.0 Provide Essential Services

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Highlights

4.0 Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy

- USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios announced the launch of www.IraqPartnership.org in a September 9 speech in Detroit, MI to the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce. This web site will help American citizens learn more about official U.S. assistance for Iraq and make contributions to high-impact development projects.

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[1.0] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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- The Iraqi Police Service graduated 231 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility on September 8. The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigation, Interview and Interrogations, Violent Crime Investigation, Criminal Intelligence, First-Line Supervision, and Election Security.
- On September 10, Iraqi Police apprehended two insurgents in Baghdad after coming under small arms fire. The two assailants were wounded when police returned fire. They were later detained and transported to a medical facility for treatment. No police were injured in the incident.



[1.0] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Data as of September 12, 2005

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	68,800
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	35,500
TOTAL	104,300*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	86,400
AIR FORCE	200
NAVY	700
TOTAL	87,300**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

191,600

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are not included in these numbers



[2.0] Support a Free and Democratic Iraq – **Developments**

Constitution Update:

- Deputy Speaker Shahrastani of the Transitional National Assembly announced September 14 that draft constitution has been provided to the United Nations Assistance Mission to Iraq for distribution to the Iraqi people in advance of the October 15 Constitutional Referendum.

Electoral Update:

- The Transitional National Assembly (TNA) approved an elections law on September 12 that features 230 seats allocated to the 18 governorates and 45 compensatory seats allocated to a single national district.
- Last week, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) began the final analysis of the voter registration reports.
- On September 4 and 5, in response to a further request by members of the National Women's Coalition of Iraq, NDI conducted two days of Basic Advocacy training for twelve members of the Iraqi Women Prisoner Association, representing former political prisoners. NGOs demonstrating their commitment to advocating personal rights, including those of women, will be offered more advanced advocacy and media training in the months to come.



[2.0] Support a Free and Democratic Iraq – **Developments**

The Continuing Transitional Political Process:

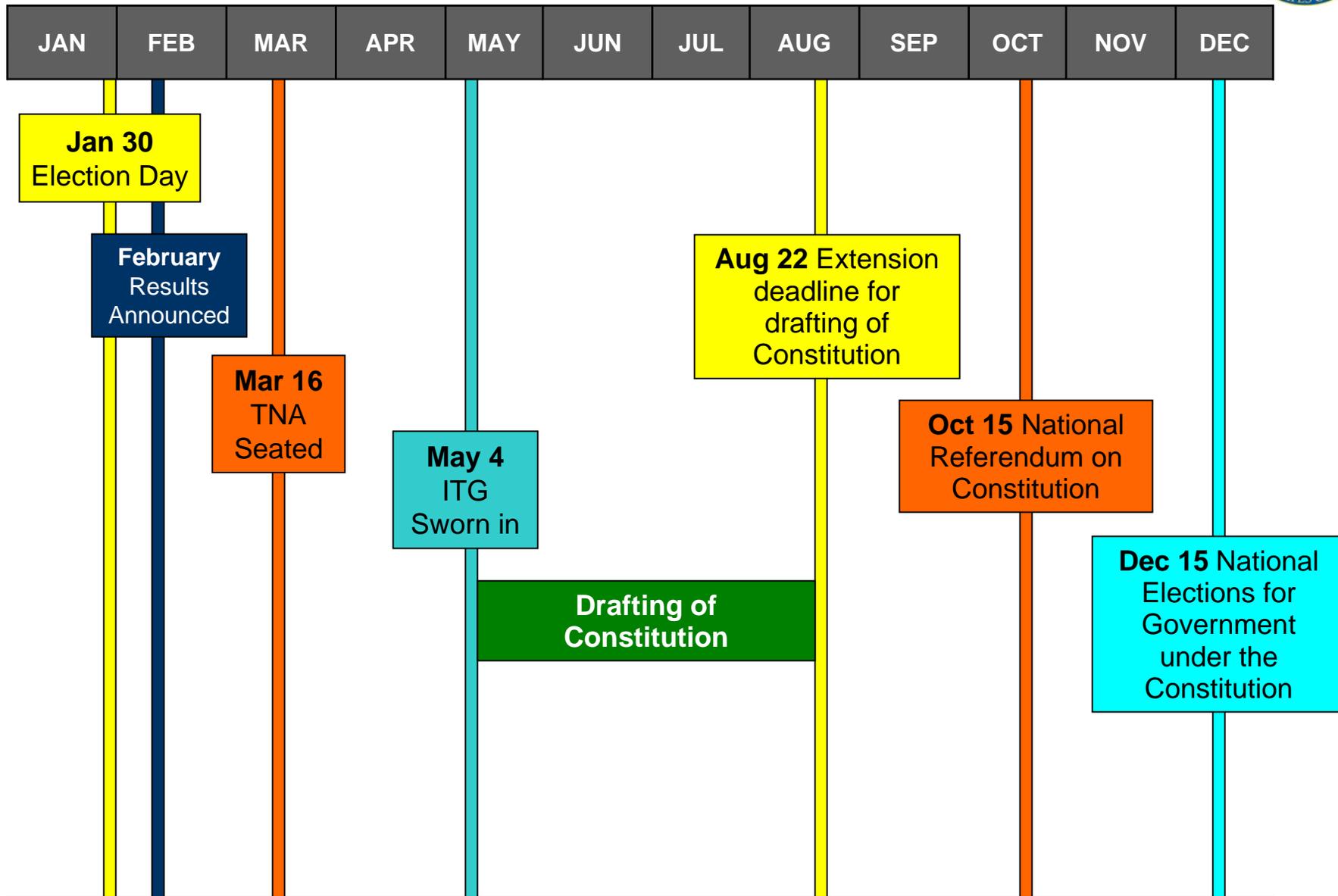
Iraq's transitional political process is set down by the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL).

- The Transitional National Assembly (TNA) and Iraqi Transitional Government (ITG) will continue to serve as Iraq's national legislature and executive branch, respectively, until the election of a new government.
- The draft Constitution will be presented to the Iraqi people for approval in a national referendum by October 15, 2005.
- If the draft constitution is approved in the referendum, a national election for the first government under the constitution is to be held by December 15. If the referendum rejects the draft constitution, a national election for a new TNA is to be held by December 15; this Assembly will have the responsibility to write a new draft constitution.



[2.0] Support a Free and Democratic Iraq – Electoral Process Timeline

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[2.0] Support a Free and Democratic Iraq - Iraqi Transitional Government

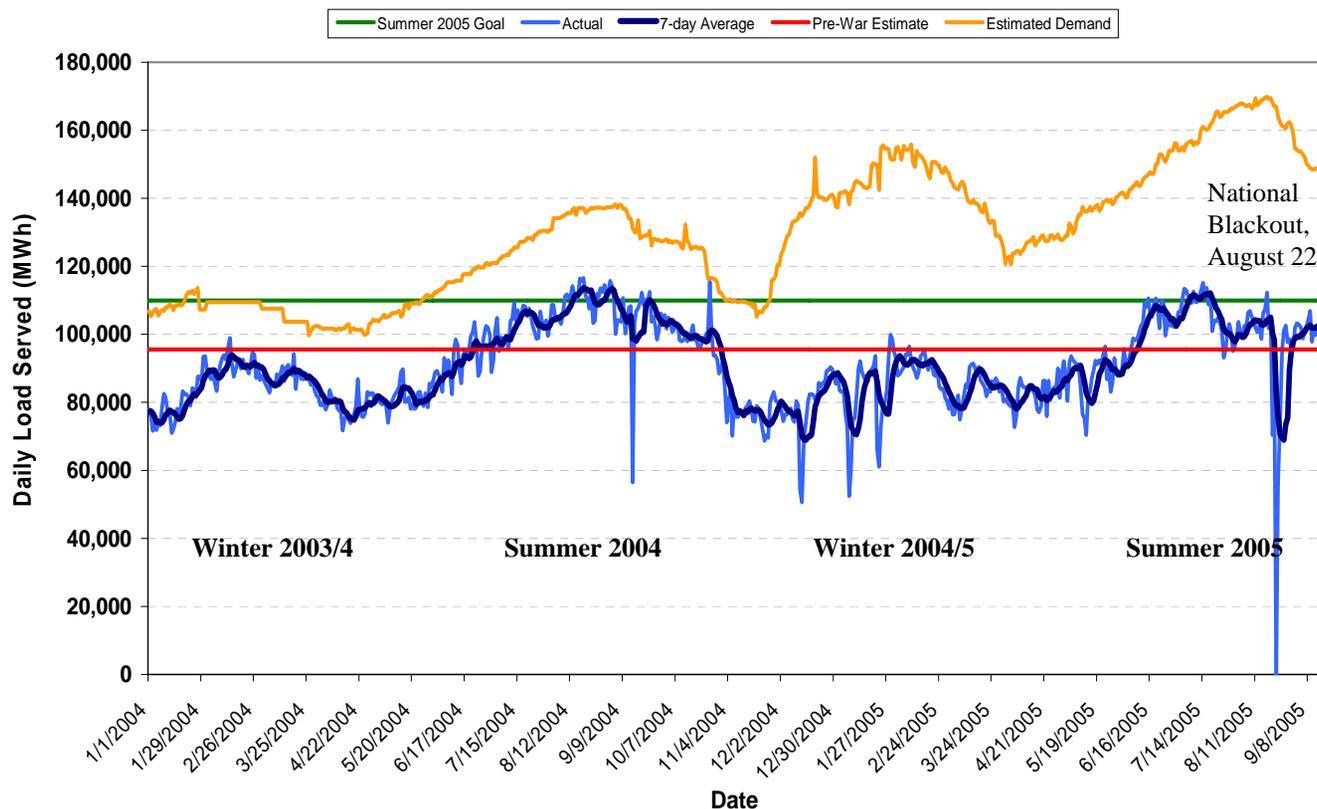
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	Deputy President Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr			Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
			Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Ja'fari		
Deputy Prime Minister Rawsh Shaways	Deputy Prime Minister 'Abd Mutlak al-Juburi			Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad al-Chalabi	Deputy Prime Minister Vacant
Minister of Agriculture Ali al-Bahadili	Minister of Communications Juwana Fu'ad Ma'sum (F)	Minister of Culture Nuri al-Rawi	Minister of Defense Sa'dun al-Dulaymi	Minister of Displacement & Migration Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	Minister of Electricity Muhsin Shallash
Minister of Education Abdul Mun'im al-Falah Hasan	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance 'Ali 'Allawi	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshiyar Zebari	Minister of Health Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay'i	Minister of Higher Education Sami al-Muzaffar
Minister of Human Rights Acting, Narmin Uthman (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Usama al-Najafi	Minister of Interior Bayan Jabr	Minister of Justice 'Abd al-Husayn Shandal	Minister of Housing & Construction Jasim Ja'far	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Idris Hadi
Minister of Oil Ibrahim Bahr al-'Ulum	Minister of Planning Barham Salih	Minister of Trade 'Abd al-Basit Mawlud	Minister of Science & Technology Basima Butrus (F)	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Nasreen Berwari (F)	Minister of Transportation Salam al-Maliki
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Talib Aziz al-Zaini	Minister of State for Civil Society 'Ala' abib Kazim	Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Safa' al-Din al-Safi	Minister of State for National Security Affairs 'Abd al-Karim al-'Anzi	
	Minister of State for Provinces Sa'd al-Hardan	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Hashim al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)		

(F) = Female



[3.0] Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Average daily electricity service increased in the last week (September 7-13) to 102,200 MWh.
- Baghdad available electricity increased to an average of 13 hours per day. National average was 14 hours per day.
- Demand is declining with lower seasonal temperatures (low 90's).



[3.0] Provide Essential Services – Electricity, Water and Sanitation

Electricity:

- USAID and Iraqi Prime Minister Ja'afari inaugurated the opening of the new 216-megawatt generation unit in the Baghdad South power plant. More than 700 Iraqis worked on the project. The plant will increase the city's overall power generation by more than 10 percent.

Water and Sanitation:

- Rehabilitation of the Wathba and Wahda water treatment plants in Baghdad is now 90 percent complete. The rehabilitated plants will serve over 180,000 people when completed in November 2005.
- The Project and Contracting Office (PCO) has completed 82 water treatment projects to date and has 78 more underway. Under the Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP), 50 water treatment projects have been completed there are a further 5 under construction.
 - The majority of these projects are awarded directly to local contractors and local water authorities.
- The \$125 million Erbil Water Treatment plant reached 50 percent completion this week. Operations and maintenance procedures are being reviewed.



[3.0] Provide Essential Services – Oil, Health Care and Telecommunications

Oil:

- Oil exports were suspended for four days at the Basrah Oil Terminal in the Persian Gulf and pumping was interrupted from the north to the Ceyhan terminal on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. The Basrah terminal was buffeted by winds as high as 20 nautical miles per hour for two days preventing tugboats from escorting tankers to and from berthing facilities. At Ceyhan, pumping from the northern oil fields near Kirkuk was suspended following successive attacks September 3 and September 9 on the key export pipeline.

Health Care:

- Construction is ongoing for 142 new primary health care (PHC) facilities across Iraq. Under the Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP), two additional PHCs are under construction and nine have been completed.

Telecommunications:

- The Wireless Broadband Network, a secure network to provide high capacity data and voice communications, is now operating at 35 government sites in Baghdad.
- Cell phone subscribers for the private mobile phone companies reached 3.5 million.



[3.0] Provide Essential Services – Education

Education:

- The Ministry of Education (MoE) and UNICEF have registered approximately 8,500 out of the targeted 10,000 children to attend school in the upcoming school year under this year's Accelerated Learning Program (ALP), sponsored by USAID. However, the MoE is planning to register about 11,500 students this year, surpassing the targeted number, due to the increase in demand to join the program.
- The Project and Contracting Office (PCO) has completed 687 schools renovations to date and a further 103 are under construction. Under the AIRP program, an additional 24 school renovations have been completed. A total of 840 schools renovations by PCO are planned.



[4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending September 9 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$56.40/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$63.09/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$64.73/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$56.89/barrel
 - Kirkuk Crude at \$56.91/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Number of Iraqis Working Last Week	Number of Iraqis Working This Week	% Change on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	32,291	31,129	-3.6%
USAID	35,887	39,990	11.4%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	2,020	1,691	-16.3%
MILCON (Military Construction)	353	328	-7.1%
CERP* (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	13,154	13,103	-0.4%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	8,950	8,947	0.0%
GRAND TOTAL	116,361	118,894	2.2%

*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD Situation Report



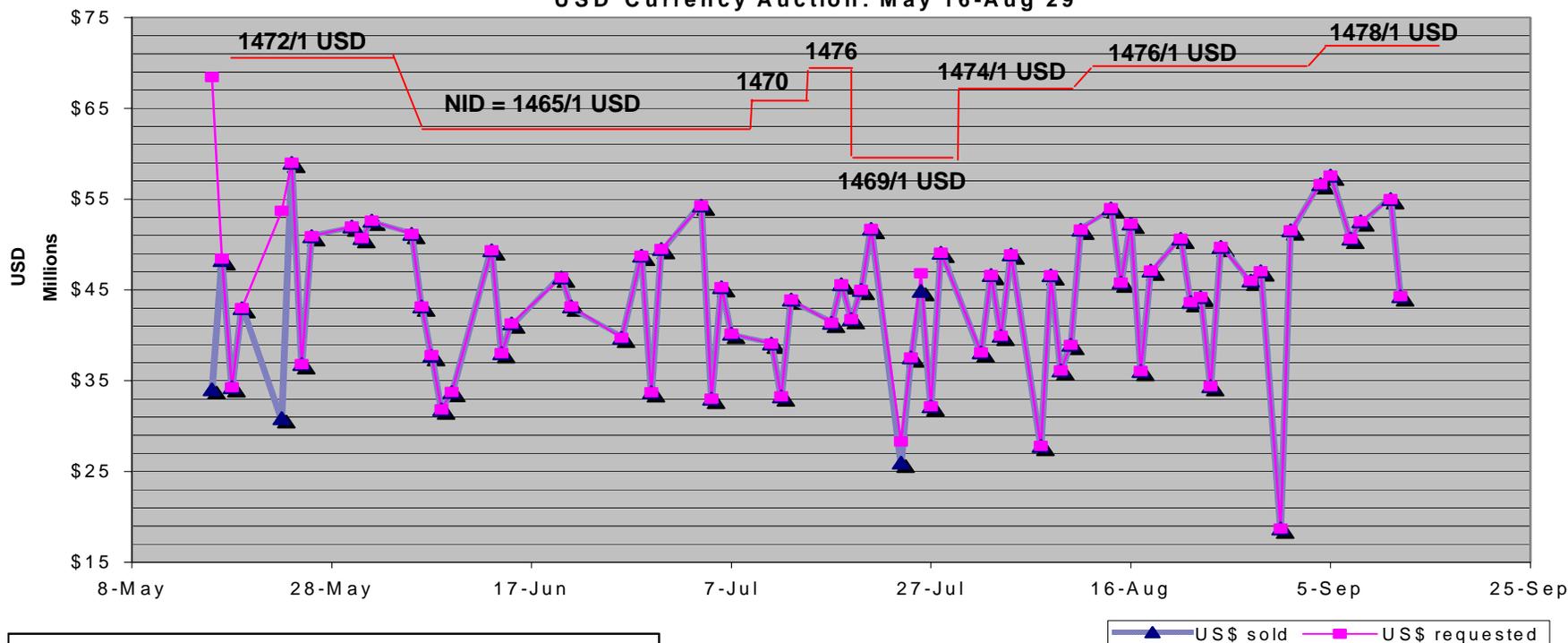
[4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's USD Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold/requested and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction from May 16 through September 12.
- The exchange rate remained stable the week ending September 9 at 1,478 dinars per USD. Total amount requested and sold for the week was \$217,395 million.

Central Bank of Iraq

USD Currency Auction: May 16-Aug 29



Date--Amount of US\$ requested exceeds US\$ sold:

5/5- \$240,000	5/12- \$100,000	6/7- \$100,000
5/9- \$340,000	5/16- \$34,388,000	7/24- \$2,325,000
5/10- \$530,000	5/17- \$160,000	7/26- \$1,935,000
5/11- \$200,000	5/23- \$22,836,000	



[4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy – Securities Auctions

Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX):

- On September 12, the ISX trading volume was 250,652,538 million shares with a trading value of NID 1.25 billion (\$843,173).
 - The banking sector comprised the largest volume and value of trading, with trading in shares of four banks accounting for a trading volume of 151.26 million shares and trading value of NID 731 million (\$494,631).
 - The industry sector comprised the second largest volume of trading. Seventeen companies in this sector accounted for a trading volume of 97 million shares with a trading value of NID 489,350,771 million (\$331,090).

Iraqi Securities Exchange:

- The Ministry of Finance auctioned NID 200 billion (about \$135.3 million) in Treasury Bills (T-bills) on September 13; the settlement yield was 9.5 percent with three banks offering winning bids. The settlement yield had been 3-4 percent in the previous seven auctions between February 20 and May 15. The following shows the results of the last five auctions:

No. of Auction	Date of Auction	Amount of Issue	Term of security (in days)	Maturity Date	Number Competitive Bidders	Winning Bidders	Total Valid Competitive Bids	Total competitive Awarded	Cover Ratio %	Bid Range yields	cut off yield
24	6/13/2005	200.000	91	9/13/2005	6	6	166.000	166.000	84.00	4.00%-7.00%	7.00%
25	7/4/2005	200.000	91	10/4/2005	5	5	177.000	177.000	89.50	4.00%-9.90%	9.90%
26	8/8/2005	171.000	91	11/8/2005	5	5	145.240	145.240	85.81	6.50%-10.50%	10.50%
27	8/29/2005	150.000	91	11/29/2005	4	4	158.500	148.500	100.00	7.00%-11.50%	10.50%
28	9/12/2005	200.000	91	12/13/2005	3	3	221.000	199.000	100.00	7.00%- 10.60%	9.50%



[4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy

Iraq's Southern Oil Company to Raise Output:

- Iraq's Southern Oil Company (SOC) plans to hike its production from the current 1.8 million barrels per day (mbpd) to 1.95 mbpd. In a press statement, a SOC official explained that the company's former production was 1.6 mbpd, adding that the hike to 1.95 mbpd was discussed during the visit of Iraq's Oil Minister.
- Exports from SOC's fields are 1.5 mbpd, while 300,000 bpd are consumed within Iraq.

IraqPartnership.org Launch:

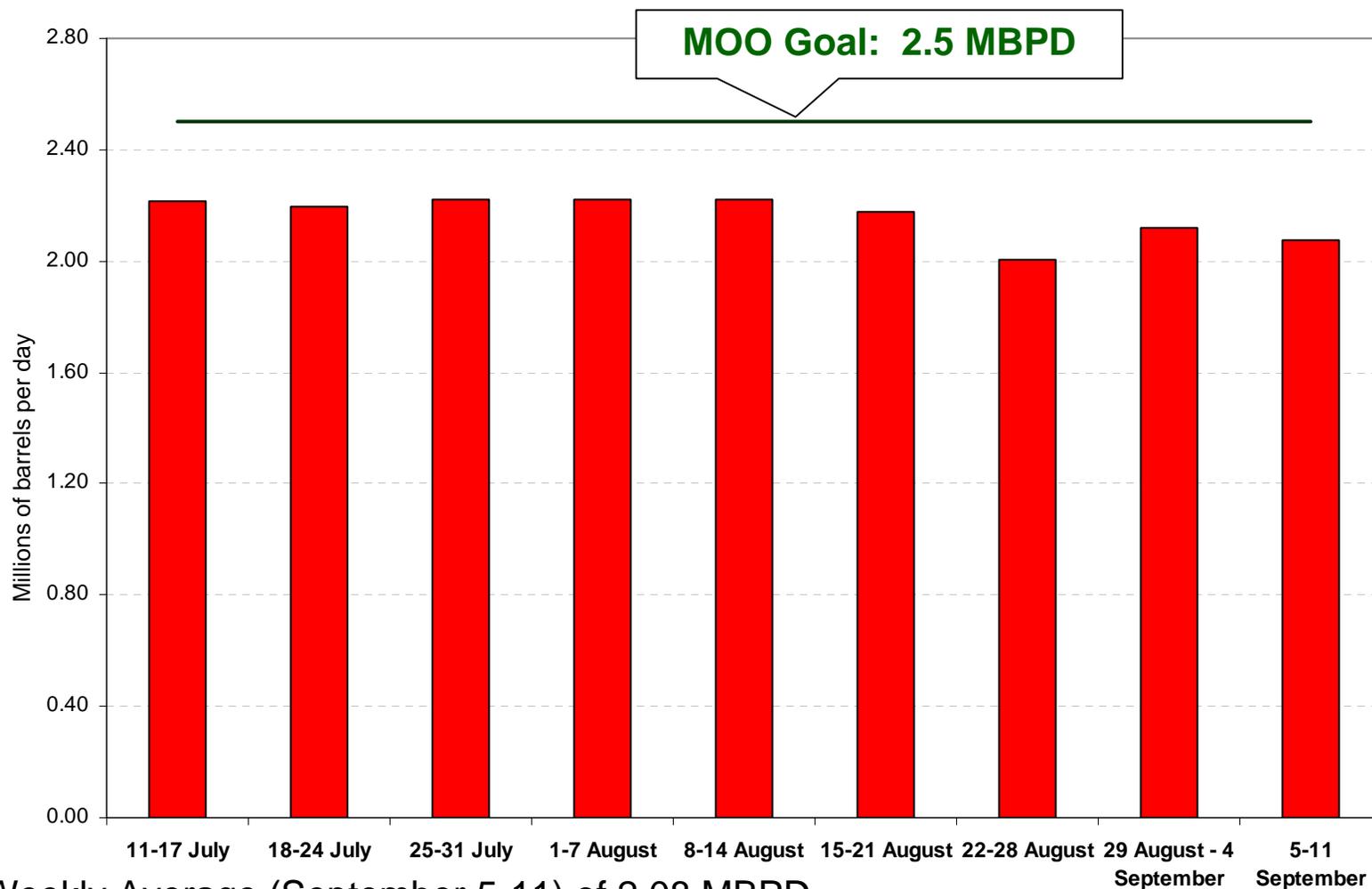
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- IraqPartnership.org is a cooperative effort of USAID and GlobalGiving, a leader in online philanthropy. USAID provides content for the site and GlobalGiving supplies their internet-based donation technology.

USAID's IZDIHAR Project Awards Grant to Iraqi Association of Securities Dealers(IASD):

- The grant will support the start-up costs of establishing the group's national headquarters. The IASD represents the professional broker-dealer community in Iraq and plays a critical role in advocating for rules, regulations, and policies affecting the country's capital markets.
- USAID has been working with the IASD to strengthen the association through the development of a business plan and strategy, development of professional training and licensing programs, and advocacy for trade sharing revenue with the ISX.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Production

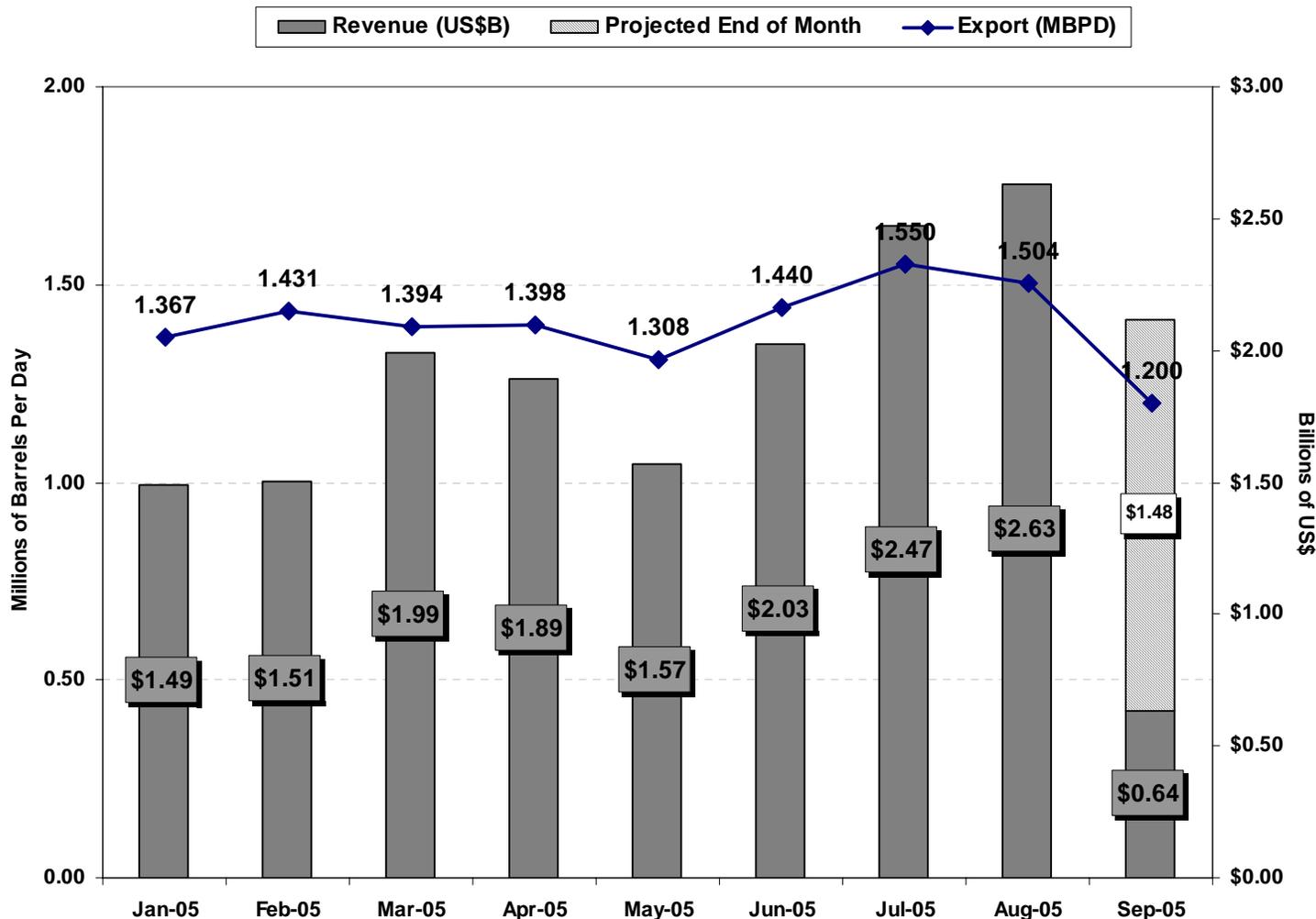


- Weekly Average (September 5-11) of 2.08 MBPD
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 2003
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD

■ Production — Target



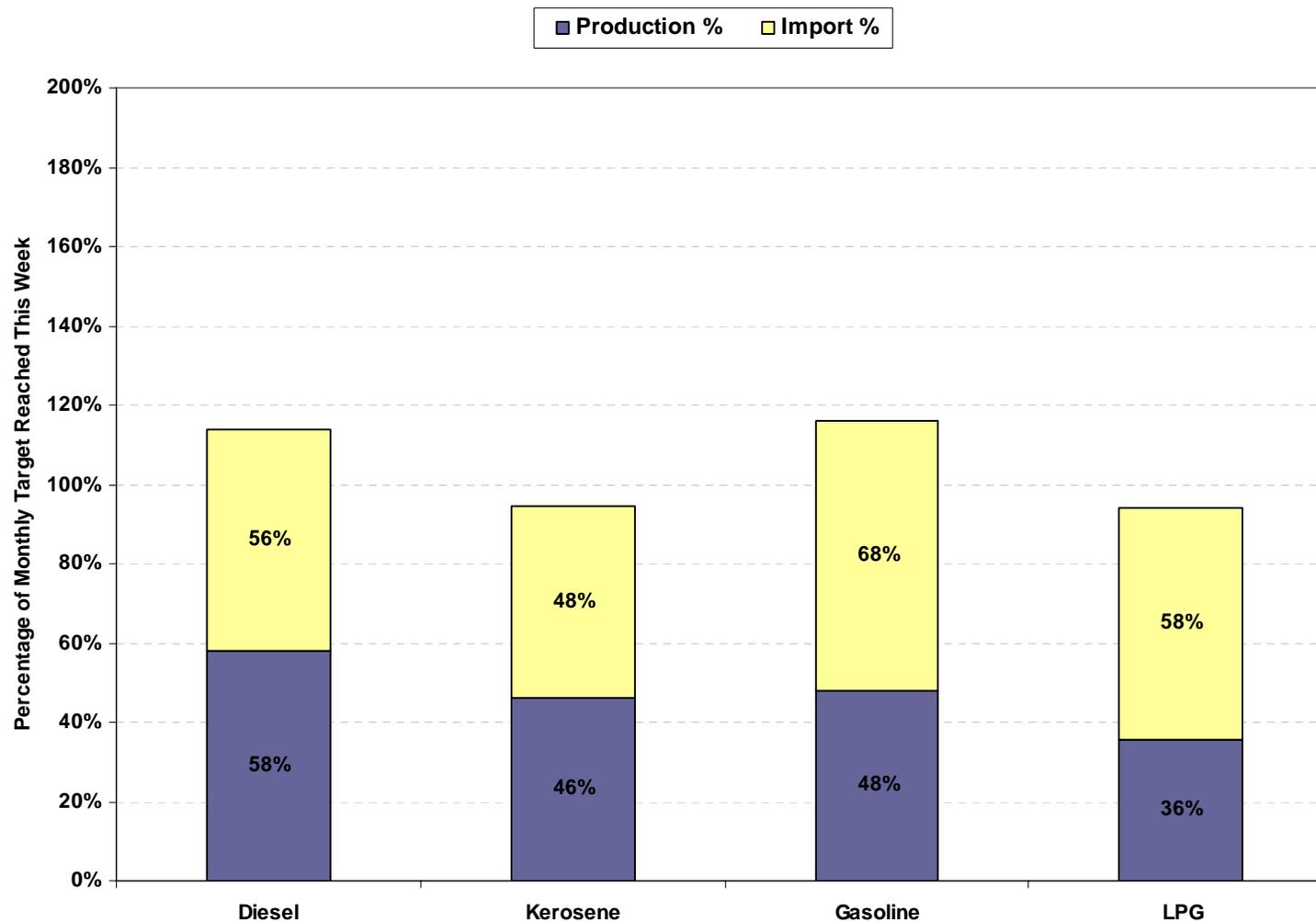
[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 M
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- 2005 Revenue: \$16,213.0 M (cumulative for 2005)



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Refined Products

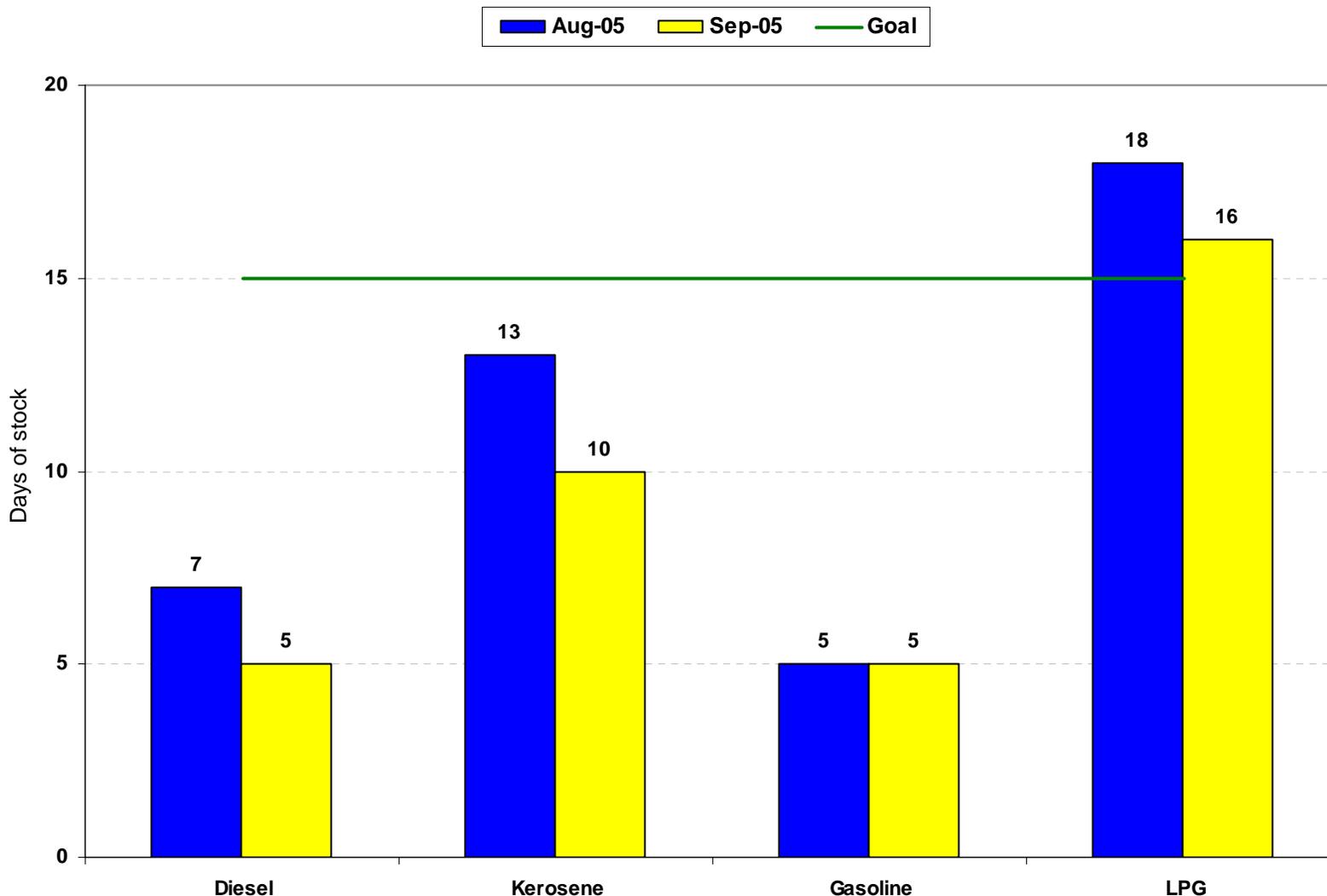


Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of September 5-11

- Diesel: 20.5 ML of 18 ML
- Gasoline: 20.9 ML of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 7.6 ML of 8.0 ML
- LPG: 4,046 tons of 4,300 tons



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is for all refined products to be over 15 days worth of stocks at maximum consumption rates and does not represent seasonal change. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

Data as of September 14, 2005

\$Millions Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	5018	5,018	4,965.3	4,966.2	0.95	4,624.8	4,626.2	1.43	3,467.0	3,503.4	36.4
Electricity Sector	4318	4,067	3,885.9	3,886.5	0.62	2,663.7	2,681.3	17.61	1,529.4	1,544.8	15.5
Oil Infrastructure	1723	1,723	1,654.4	1,651.4	(2.94)	1,228.6	1,223.7	(4.80)	496.5	504.1	7.6
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1247	1,247	1,153.7	1,171.9	18.15	1,021.6	1,038.4	16.79	498.9	526.6	27.7
Democracy	941	942	910.0	919.7	9.69	868.3	883.6	15.29	539.9	596.2	56.3
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	363	363	333.0	335.1	2.09	317.6	319.4	1.79	137.6	140.9	3.4
Roads, Bridges and Construction	334	334	274.6	276.2	1.55	209.0	208.9	(0.17)	134.6	135.2	0.6
Health Care	786	786	778.6	778.6	0.03	592.8	592.8	0.03	201.7	218.2	16.5
Transportation and Communications	509	509	498.5	500.6	2.13	418.9	420.7	1.77	159.8	164.3	4.5
Water Resources and Sanitation	2147	1,819	1,811.9	1,811.9	(0.01)	1,490.1	1,463.2	(26.88)	345.1	352.2	7.0
Private Sector Development	840	840	839.2	804.2	(34.94)	818.6	783.7	(34.84)	494.8	498.7	3.8
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	214	214	91.3	92.5	1.22	91.3	92.5	1.22	51.8	51.8	0.0
TOTAL	18439	17,862	17,196.4	17,195.0	(1.45)	14,345.3	14,334.5	(10.77)	8,056.9	8,236.3	179.4
IRRF 2 Construction			9,567.5	9,583.5	16.00	7,800.0	7,802.2	2.26	3,873.9	3,935.4	61.4
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,718.9	6,691.7	(27.14)	5,677.0	5,648.6	(28.32)	3,643.1	3,704.8	61.7
IRRF 2 Democracy			910.0	919.7	9.69	868.3	883.6	15.29	539.9	596.2	56.3
IRRF 1 Subtotal	2473	2,473.3	2,473.3	2473.30	0.00	2,473.3	2,473.3	0.00	2,406.6	2,406.6	0.0
Grand Total IRRF 1 & 2	20912	20,335.2	19,669.7	19668.28	(1.45)	16,818.6	16,807.8	(10.77)	10,463.5	10,642.9	179.4



[5.0] Promote the Rule of Law – Iraqi Judicial System

Arab Experts' Meeting on the Principles for Good Judiciary:

- The Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI) in partnership with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) (through its Rule of Law Department) and funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), are preparing for the drafting of reports on the state of judiciary in five Arab countries (Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Morocco and Egypt). A conference will be held on September 24-25 in Amman Jordan to get Arab experts' input on the "principles for good judiciary and means for its development", in order to finalize the frameworks for the national reports.

Tribunal Official comments on Saddam Confession:

- The AP reports that the former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein acknowledged ordering deadly retribution against Kurds in northern Iraq and boasted that the killings were legal and justified. The former Iraqi leader has demanded that the court decide if he was justified in carrying out a campaign that resulted in the deaths of more than 180,000 Kurds.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – **Developments**

International Engagement:

- On September 13, a NATO spokesman announced the opening of its military training academy outside Baghdad by mid-October.
- The Government of Georgia announced the deployment of 558 soldiers from the 2nd Brigade to Iraq on September 10. They will replace Georgian troops of the 1st Brigade and stay in Iraq for six months.
- Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Special Representative for Iraq, Ashraf Qazi, met with Abdel Aziz Al-Hakim, Chairman of the United Iraqi Alliance (UIA), Vice President Adel Abed Al-Mahdi and Deputy Prime Minister Roowsh Shaways on September 13 to discuss the electoral law and latest developments in the constitutional process. He reiterated that the UN would provide the needed help in printing and distributing the constitutional text authorized by the National Assembly. On September 12, Mr. Qazi met with Vice President Ghazi El-Yawar as well as with a delegation of the Arab Sunni leadership led by Adnan Dulaimi, Chairman of the General Conference of the Sunni People. Over the past months, the envoy has devoted much of his time to trying to ensure the participation of all elements in the country's political transition, particularly Sunni Arabs who largely stayed away from January's elections.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of September 7, 2005

29 Multi-National Forces – Iraq (MNF-I) Contributors (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Portugal
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Romania
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	Slovakia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	South Korea
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Norway	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Latvia	Poland	UK
Denmark			

TOTAL ~ 23,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

30 Countries and NATO
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations



[7.0] Promote Strategic Communications – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- In anticipation of the December 15 Parliamentary election, the National Democratic Institute conducted a five-day training course on media monitoring. The September 2 to 6 training in Amman included nine members of five NGOs from Nassariya, Hilla, Baghdad, Kirkuk and Erbil, two members of the Election Information Network (EIN), which will monitor elections, and three partners of the American Development Foundation. The primary purpose of the workshop was to train the NGOs who will in turn develop the infrastructure to train their own local, regional and national media monitoring effort throughout Iraq.
 - These NGOs will be leading media monitoring activities for the first time in Iraqi history. The training covered the potential impact of media monitoring on the fairness and impartiality of elections; the promotion of democratic processes; the selection of media to be monitored; the identification of resources and personnel; and the establishment of an intake mechanism. One full day of training was also dedicated to ways of developing and consolidating their media monitoring.



[7.0] Promote Strategic Communications – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- USAID partners will be conducting 6,000 grassroots education seminars on the contents and meaning of the draft constitution. Five hundred Iraqi lawyers have been trained to work with the local groups in coordinating these events. With each session having approximately 30 to 40 participants, the program hopes to reach 200,000 households prior to the referendum. To supplement the training, participants will be given the “Guide to the Constitution”, a publication explaining important articles in clear, simple language. Following both the town hall meetings and the grassroots outreach sessions, participants will be asked to complete a survey used to gauge the impact of the trainings and to track the concerns of informed citizens. This data will help determine which issues warrant further training.
- Iraqi President Jalal Talabani addressed the Brookings Institute and discussed the future of Iraq and the upcoming constitutional process. He stated that “Dictatorship in Iraq is at an end—for today Iraq is an emerging democracy. Moreover, Iraq will soon vote on a draft constitution that is supported by the democratically elected representatives of the majority of its people.” He further thanked the American people for supporting Iraq and for those serving in the military.



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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- POC Matthew Amitrano, (202) 647-5690
- Note: Data missing from Sept 2-4. This graph will be updated when the data arrives.
- Iraq Petroleum Sector Facts:
- There are three main refineries in Iraq: Bayji (North), Daura (Baghdad), and Basra (South).
- There are several minor refineries (known as topping plants) dotted through the country: Kisik (Mosul), Qarrayah, Haditha, Tikrit, Nassiriyah, Maysan (Amarah). These primarily produce asphalt and low grade kerosene and diesel.
- The majority of Iraq's oil infrastructure is antiquated and in need of modernization.
- Domestically produced refined products (gasoline/benzene, diesel, kerosene, LPG) currently do not meet domestic demand because of sabotage to the pipeline infrastructure. Iraq will be dependent upon imports until the insurgents cease operations against oil pipelines.



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- For the 2004 revenue, this already deducts the 5% war reparations to Kuwait. If included in revenue, the total would be \$17.5B.
- June 2005 increased once Northern Export data was processed into the calculation.

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