A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries are shown in a light tan color, and the Persian Gulf is shown in light blue. The text is overlaid on the map.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Highlights

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2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

- The effort to train, equip and mentor Iraq's security forces hit a milestone recently, with the number of Iraqi men and women serving in uniform reaching 200,000.

3. Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

- Secretary of State Rice praised the Iraqi voters and called the high voter turnout "another really important step" for permanent elections leading to a constitutional, democratically-elected government. The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq has announced an audit of results from some governorates as international standards call for when near-unanimity is reported.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

- Local government, business and coalition leaders gathered at the Kirkuk government building to sign contracts worth \$8.1 million in water infrastructure improvement projects, a move expected to increase Kirkuk City water capacity by more than 13 times the current amount and provide potable water to another 25,000 people in the rural western portion of the province.



Highlights

5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

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7. Increase International Support for Iraq

- On October 11, the Special Representative of the Secretary General Qazi met Iraqi Prime Minister Ja'afari. The meeting focused on the latest political and constitutional developments, as well as UNAMI's role in Iraq.

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

- Official reporting shows that regional media reaction to the Iraqi referendum was mixed, ranging from critical to optimistic.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Al Qaeda Propaganda Cell Leader Captured:

- Coalition forces captured Al Qaeda in Iraq's propaganda cell leader during a raid last month. Coalition forces raided a suspected terrorist safe house in Karabilah, capturing Yasir Khudr Muhammad Jasim al-Karbali (aka Abu Dijana) September 25. Dijana was the senior Al Qaeda in Iraq propaganda cell leader for Karabilah, Al Qaim and Husaybah.
 - Abu Dijana's cell consisted of photographers who used video and still photograph images to document insurgent attacks against Iraqi citizens and Iraqi and Coalition security forces. After documenting attacks, Abu Dijana collected the photographs and video and forwarded it to other senior Al Qaeda in Iraq propaganda officials for their use. The images were then made into terrorist propaganda products for distribution through print and internet sites to intimidate Iraqi citizens and security forces.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Assistant to Senior al Qaeda in Iraq Leader Apprehended:

- Acting on reliable intelligence and information provided by concerned citizens, Multi-National Forces captured two senior al Qaeda in Iraq terrorists during raids in Baghdad September 24. Captured were Walid Muhammad Farhan Juwar al Zubaydi (aka "The Barber"); and Ibrahim Muhammad Subhi Khayri al Rihawi (aka Abu Khalil).
 - "The Barber's" duties included altering senior al Qaeda in Iraq member's appearances by dying hair color, altering hairstyles and changing facial hair in their efforts to evade capture. Abu Khalil, a close associate of Abu Azzam, served as an executive assistant for the terrorist emir. He also acted as a banker for Azzam and stored the terrorist organizations funds so they would not be confiscated should Abu Azzam be killed or captured.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Iraqi Security Forces exceed 200K:

- The effort to train, equip and mentor Iraq's security forces hit a milestone recently, with the number of Iraqi men and women serving in uniform stretching past 200,000. Reaching this landmark is especially significant given that Iraq's military and police forces took the lead in providing security for the October 15 referendum.

Iraqi Army Takes Control of Four More Baghdad Districts:

- The Iraqi Army reached another historic milestone when the 6th Iraqi Army Division took over authority of the Kharkh, Rusafa, Thawra and Adhamiyah districts of Baghdad from Task Force Baghdad during a ceremony at the Muthana Airfield October 3. Iraqi Army Maj. Gen. Mahmoud Mohammad Khalaf al-Shumali, 6th IA Division commander, raised the division's flag, signifying the assumption of authority.





[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Data as of October 17, 2005

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~71,800
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~35,800
TOTAL	~107,600

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~97,700
AIR FORCE	~200
NAVY	~700
TOTAL	~98,600**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~206,200

* 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



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

- Secretary of State Rice praised the Iraqi voters and called the high voter turnout “another really important step” for permanent elections leading to a permanent government.
- Following the October 15 Constitutional Referendum, near-unanimous in some governorates has led to audits of these results.
- Sunni Arab leaders have claimed publicly that voting was fixed in Ninevah and Diyala, regarded as the two swing provinces crucial to ratification.
- Farid Ayar, member of the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI), highlighted that strong majorities were expected to vote “yes” in Shi’a Arab and Kurdish-majority areas and that the IECI would not rush to declare a final tally.
- In a press statement, the UN Security Council praised "the courage of the millions of Iraqis, who braving difficult conditions and the threat of violence, again demonstrated their commitment to peaceful, democratic political process and their willingness to decide their political future through peaceful means."



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

The Continuing Transitional Political Process:

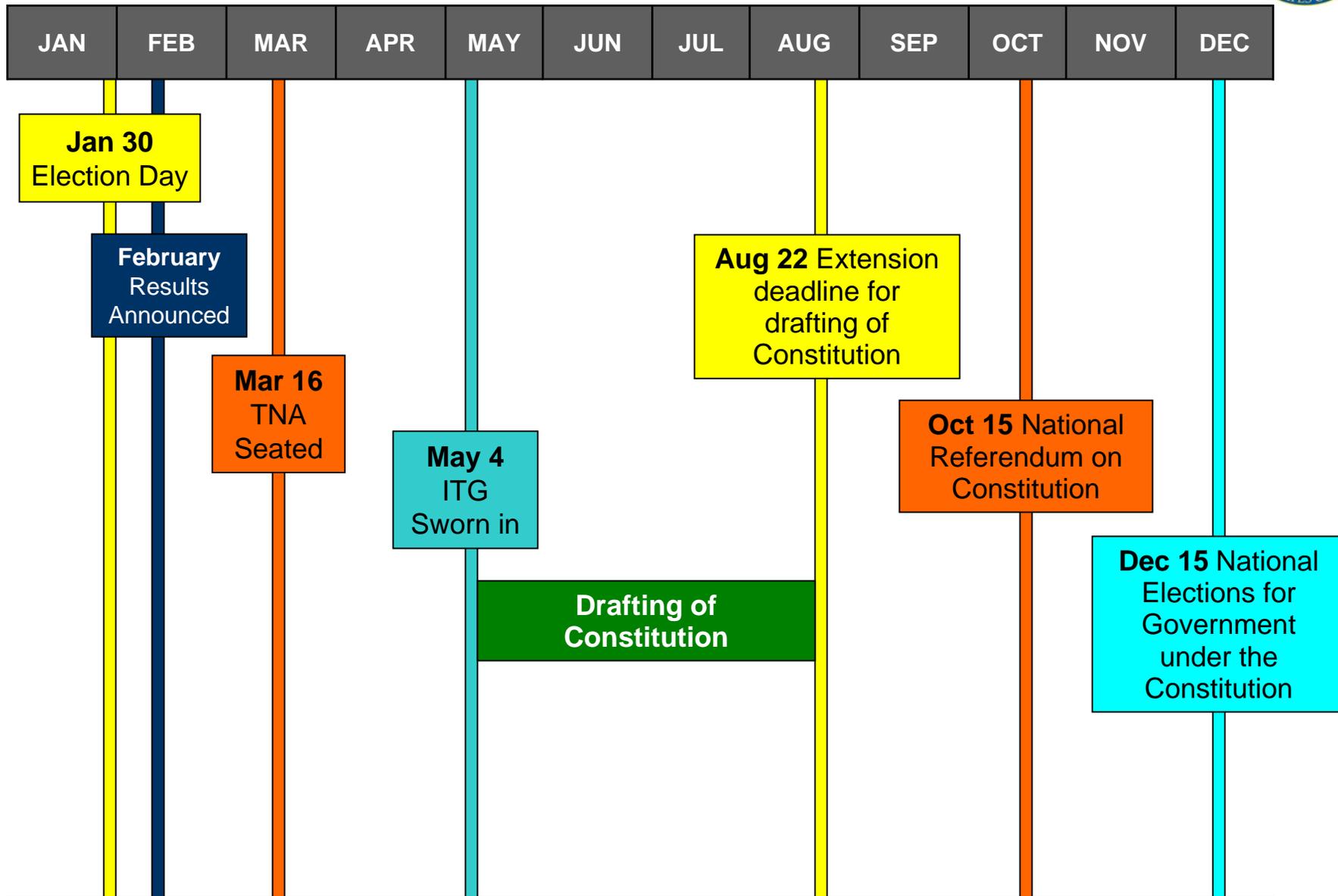
Iraq's transitional political process is set down by the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL).

- The TNA and Iraqi Transitional Government (ITG) will continue to serve as Iraq's national legislature and executive, respectively, until the election of a new government.
- 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.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government— **Electoral Process Timeline**

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[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi Transitional Government

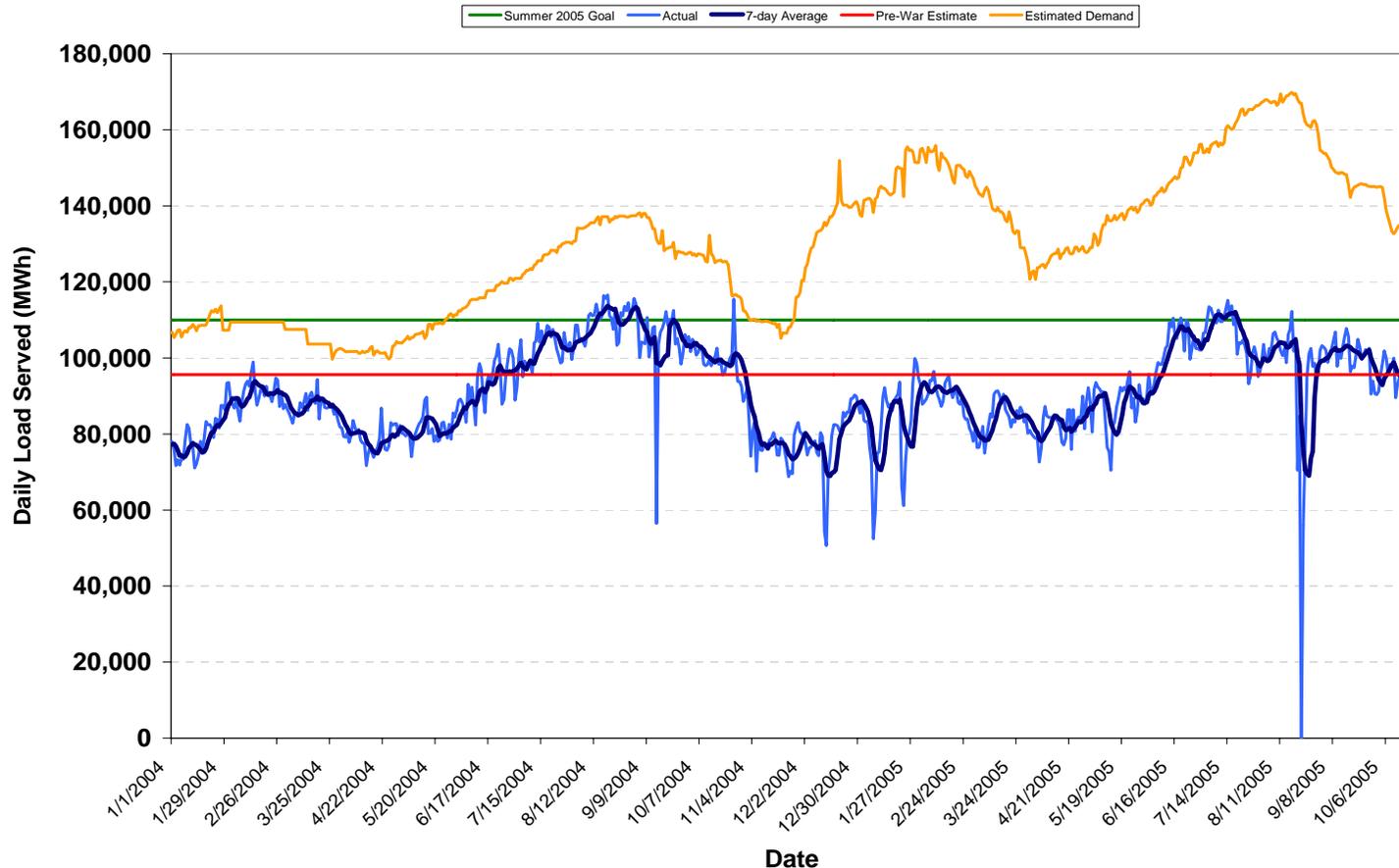
			President Jalal Talabani		
	Deputy President Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr			Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
			Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Ja'fari		
Deputy Prime Minister Rawsh Shaways	Deputy Prime Minister 'Abd Mutlak al-Juburi			Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad al-Chalabi	Deputy Prime Minister Vacant
Minister of Agriculture Ali al-Bahadili	Minister of Communications Juwan 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 Vacant	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

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Iraq suffered two short-term blackouts in the last week, the first on October 14 and the second on October 17. Both were triggered by attacks on transmission lines. Ministry of Electricity workers restored power within 24 hours in each case.
- With the blackouts, average daily electricity service decreased in the last week (October 11-18) to 70,700 MWh.
- Baghdad average available electricity dropped to 6.3 hours per day. The national average was 12.5 hours per day.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity, Water and Sanitation**

Electricity:

- Construction started on the \$758,000 Tarmiya Substation Feeder project, Baghdad District, Baghdad Province. This 33 kilovolt (kV) project is one of five feeder projects that will provide low voltage for distribution to homes and businesses. Approximately 35,000 residents will benefit from this project.
- A substation expansion project in Mosul will increase the existing capacity of the 400 kV Mosul substation to allow for an additional 400 kV transmission line between Mosul and Baghdad. The project serves a dual purpose to distribute an estimated 2,000 MW of power from the northern to the central regions and to allow connection and transmission of power from Turkey. This project has the potential to add an average of two hours of power nationwide.

Water and Sanitation:

- The Project and Contracting Office (PCO) has completed 93 water treatment projects to date and has 74 more underway. Under the Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP), 51 water treatment projects have been completed, four remain under construction. The majority of these projects are awarded directly to local contractors and local water authorities.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Health Care and Telecommunications**

Health Care:

- The Parsons Company project to build a two-story, 1,155 square meter primary healthcare center (PHC) in al Rasheed, Baghdad Province is 85 percent finished. Completion is scheduled for mid-November.
- Public health research continues with support from a Community Sustainable Outreach Workshop (CSHOP) grant. Professors and medical experts from Iraqi universities, as well as two public health non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in northern Iraq, are working to develop nursing and medical practices based around the delivery of public health services. This community outreach program is helping build the capacity of communities to develop sustainable public health programs.
- Medical equipment is being installed at the first PHC in Al Huriya, Baghdad, scheduled for delivery in November. This PHC will serve 35,000-45,000 people per year. Construction is underway on 17 hospital projects in Iraq and five have been completed.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Transportation and Education**

Transportation:

- The Iraqi Republic Railway, along with its interline partner, Chemins de Fer Syriens (CFS), has begun moving 50,000 metric tons of grain by rail from the Syrian port of Tartous to the grain silos at Mosul. This quantity of grain will fill approximately 1,000 carloads, moving in approximately 33 trains over the next few weeks. This movement was coordinated solely by Iraqis working with the Syrians and is the first major all-rail grain movement between Syria and Iraq since 2004.

Education:

- UNICEF is currently providing intermediate computer training courses for 1,026 staff members from the Ministry of Education. So far, 68 training courses for intermediate level computer literacy have been held for 680 people. Once complete, a series of advanced courses will begin. These courses are part of a larger effort to build capacity in the Ministry of Education, providing the essential tools and skills needed to revitalize basic education in Iraq.
- In Sulaymaniyah, education trainers have begun holding sessions to train 1,359 teachers. These 35 master trainers are a key component in efforts to improve the skill set and capacity of 50,000 Iraqi teachers in grades 1-3. In total, USAID efforts are helping train over 133,000 teachers, principals, and supervisors throughout Iraq. Throughout the country, over 440 of these master trainers have attended workshops on teacher training.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

Data as of October 19, 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	5017.6000	5017.6	4,972.4	4,962.9	(9.48)	4,664.0	4,661.5	(2.56)	3,724.4	3,745.9	21.5
Electricity Sector	4314.8168	4067.2	3,666.7	3,668.0	1.24	2,710.8	2,773.4	62.61	1,653.5	1,576.7	(76.8)
Oil Infrastructure	1723.0000	1723.0	1,610.5	1,641.4	30.87	1,214.6	1,218.1	3.55	535.0	554.6	19.6
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1247.1840	1247.2	1,171.6	1,171.7	0.09	1,057.0	1,059.5	2.57	582.1	586.5	4.5
Democracy	945.3160	945.3	931.9	931.8	(0.08)	931.7	931.7	(0.07)	567.1	576.9	9.8
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	363.0000	363.0	335.6	336.8	1.19	331.3	332.4	1.18	153.9	158.4	4.5
Roads, Bridges and Construction	333.7143	333.7	276.6	276.6	0.00	216.9	245.4	28.52	140.4	144.2	3.8
Health Care	786.0000	786.0	779.0	779.0	0.00	617.7	617.7	0.00	242.4	251.8	9.4
Transportation and Communications	508.5081	508.5	495.8	490.6	(5.24)	423.4	418.7	(4.76)	178.9	181.3	2.4
Water Resources and Sanitation	2146.5832	1819.1	1,812.3	1,812.3	0.00	1,498.8	1,498.8	0.00	397.7	496.1	98.4
Private Sector Development	840.2776	840.3	793.5	793.5	0.00	782.1	782.1	0.00	515.0	515.5	0.6
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	213.0000	213.0	144.4	144.4	0.00	144.4	144.4	0.00	51.6	53.4	1.8
TOTAL	18,439.0000	17863.9	16,990.4	17,009.0	18.59	14,592.6	14,683.6	91.04	8,741.8	8,841.4	99.6
IRRF 2 Construction			9,846.3	9,875.7	29.40	7,905.3	7,995.6	90.30	4,255.5	4,309.0	53.5
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,212.2	6,201.4	(10.74)	5,755.6	5,756.4	0.81	3,919.2	3,955.5	36.3
IRRF 2 Democracy			931.9	931.8	(0.08)	931.7	931.7	(0.07)	567.1	576.9	9.8
IRRF 1 Subtotal	2,473.3000	2473.3	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	20,912.3000	20337.2	19,463.7	19,482.3	18.59	17,065.9	17,156.9	91.04	11,148.4	11,248.0	99.6



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending October 14 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$49.18/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$63.03/barrel
 - Kirkuk Crude at \$55.19/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$58.50/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$54.15/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	32,977	32,287	-2.1%
USAID	55,840	51,777	-7.3%
AIRP	1,642	1,642	0.0%
MILCON	346	192	-44.5%
CERP*	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	18,003	21,220	17.9%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	13,101	13,101	0.0%
GRAND TOTAL	145,615	143,925	-1.2%

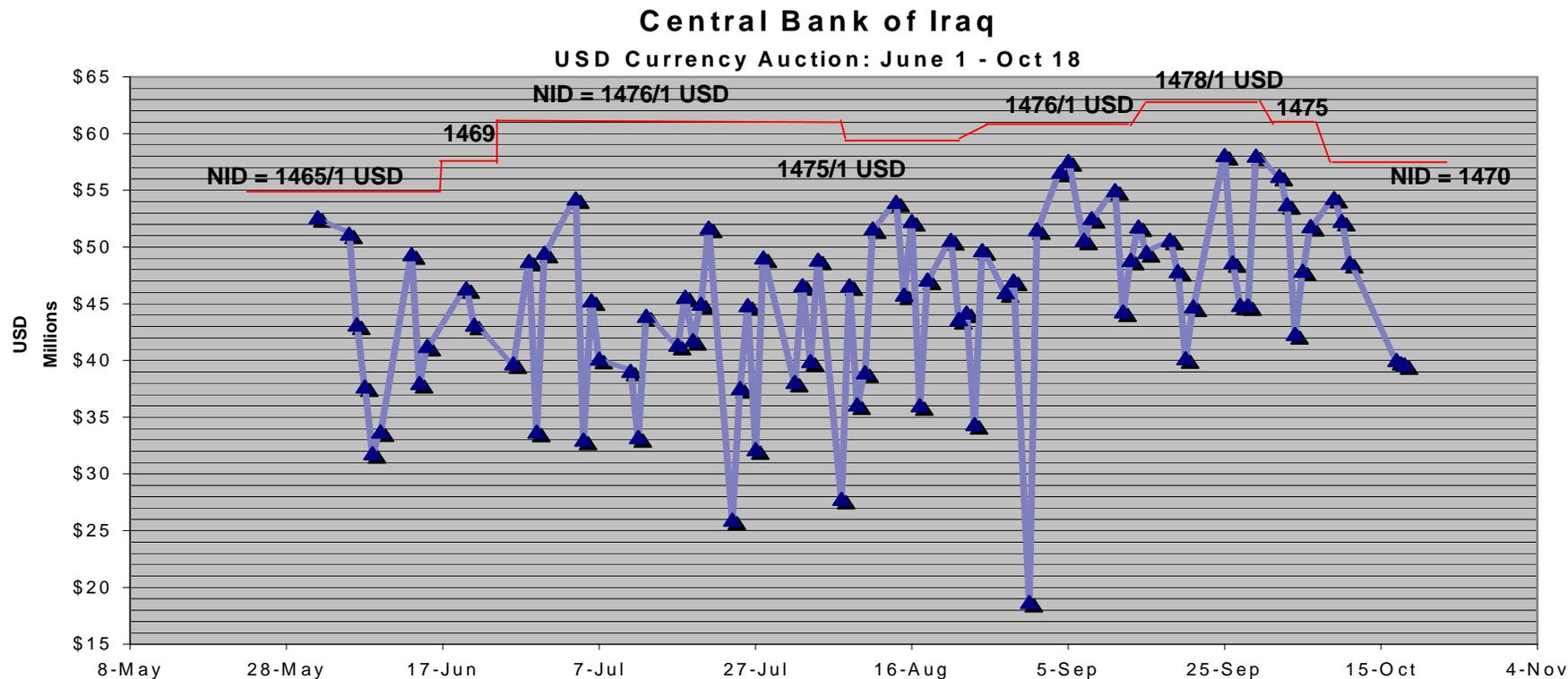
*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD Situation Report



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its 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 June 1 through October 18.
- The exchange rate remained stable the week ending October 14 at 1,470 dinars per USD. The daily average amount traded was \$51,743,300.



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	

▲ US\$ sold

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[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – **Securities Exchanges**

Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX):

- On October 17, the ISX trading volume was 245.5 million shares with a trading value of NID 1 billion (\$731,531).
 - The banking sector comprised the largest volume and value of trading, with four banks accounting for a trading volume of 203.4 million shares and a trading value of NID 837.6 million (\$569.820).
 - The industry sector comprised the second largest volume of trading. Nine companies in this sector accounted for a trading volume of 12.4 million shares with a trading volume of NID 49 million (\$33,315).

Modernization of the Iraqi Stock Exchange:

- The Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX) is being revamped to encourage private sector investment, both from within Iraq and internationally.
- The automation, which will increase efficiency and transparency, should be completed by summer 2006. Trading volume on the ISX has more than tripled since its reopening over a year ago.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Najaf Tourism Center Receives Business Development Grant:

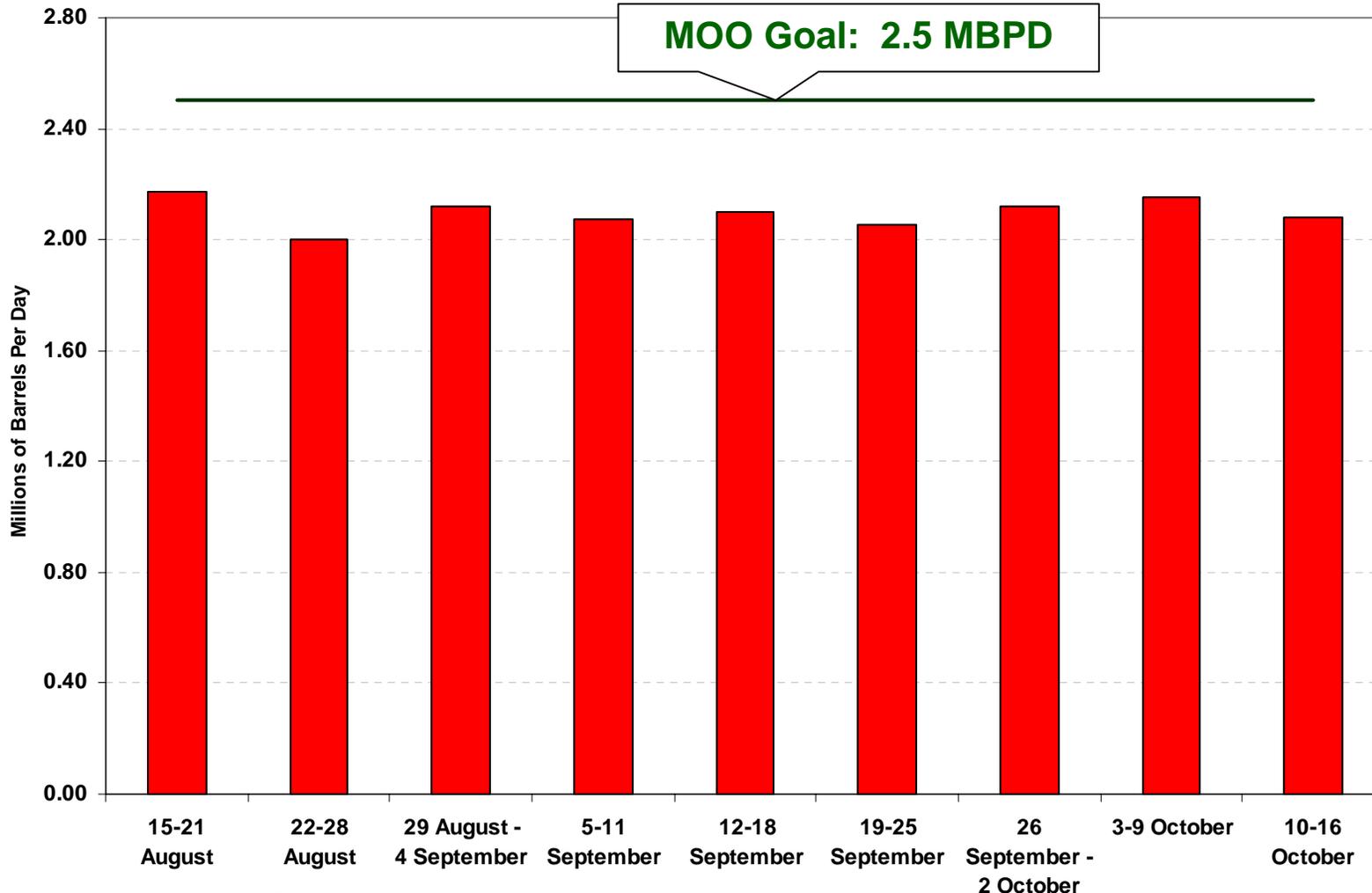
- The Najaf Tourism Center received a business development grant from a USAID private sector development project. The recently awarded grant will help the Center develop a tourism business management training center in Najaf in the south of Iraq.
- In part through this grant, the Najaf Tourism Center will offer business management training in tourism and will provide local tourist information, a tourism services database, a small library with tourism books and brochures, conference and meeting facilities, and media and computer capabilities for tourism promotion campaigns.

First Iraqi Bank Inaugurates Branch in Damascus:

- The first Iraqi Bank in the free-zone of the Syrian capital of Damascus was inaugurated October 17, with a capital of \$10 million.
- The Basrah Bank branch manager told reporters that the economic and financial reforms in Syria encouraged the bank management to open a branch in Damascus' free-zone.
- Last week, government-owned Syrian Airlines started operating three flights a week from Damascus to Baghdad to accelerate bilateral transportations and trade.



[5.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (October 10-16) of 2.077 Millions of Barrels Per Day (MBPD)

- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 2003

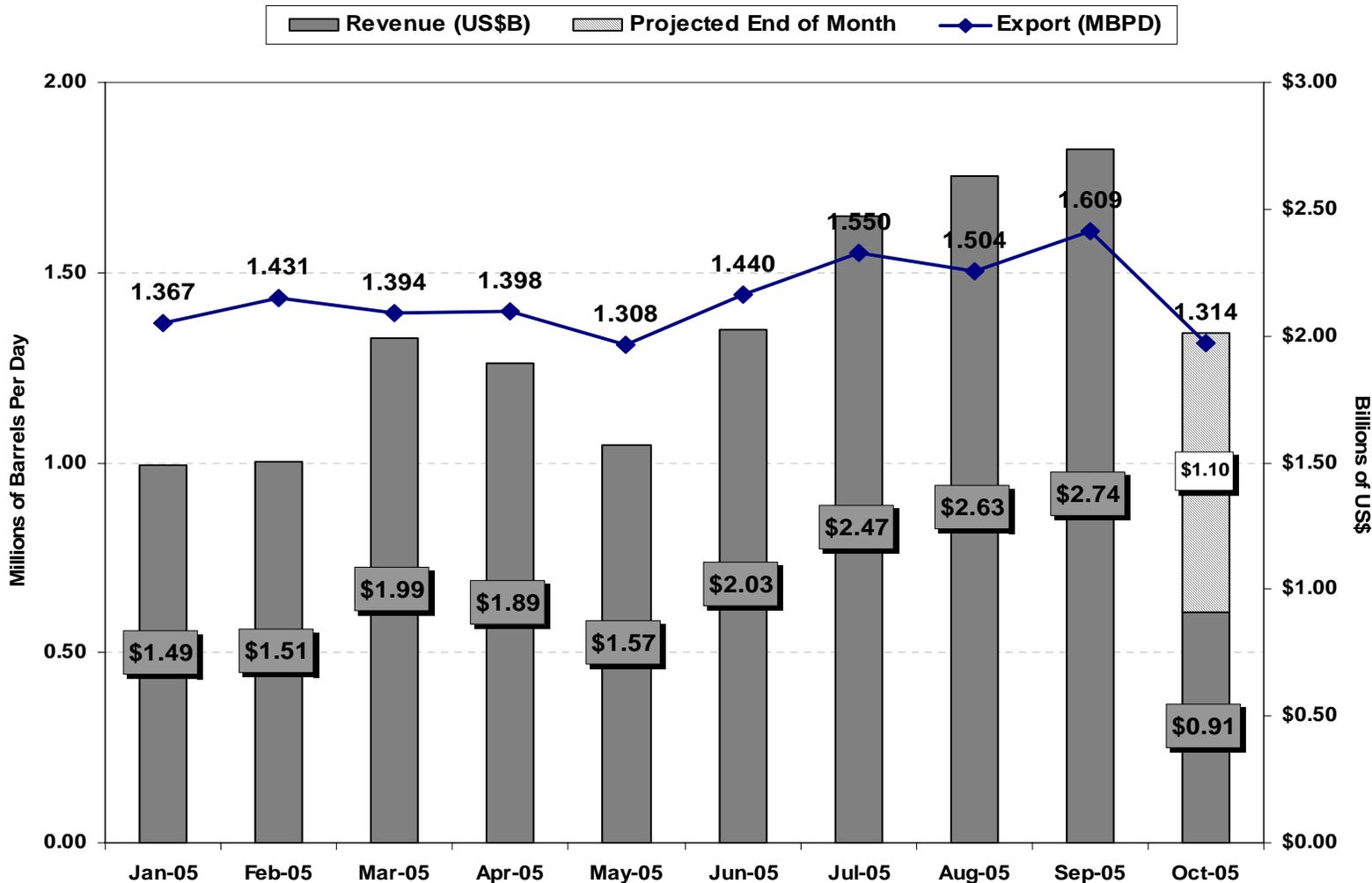
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD





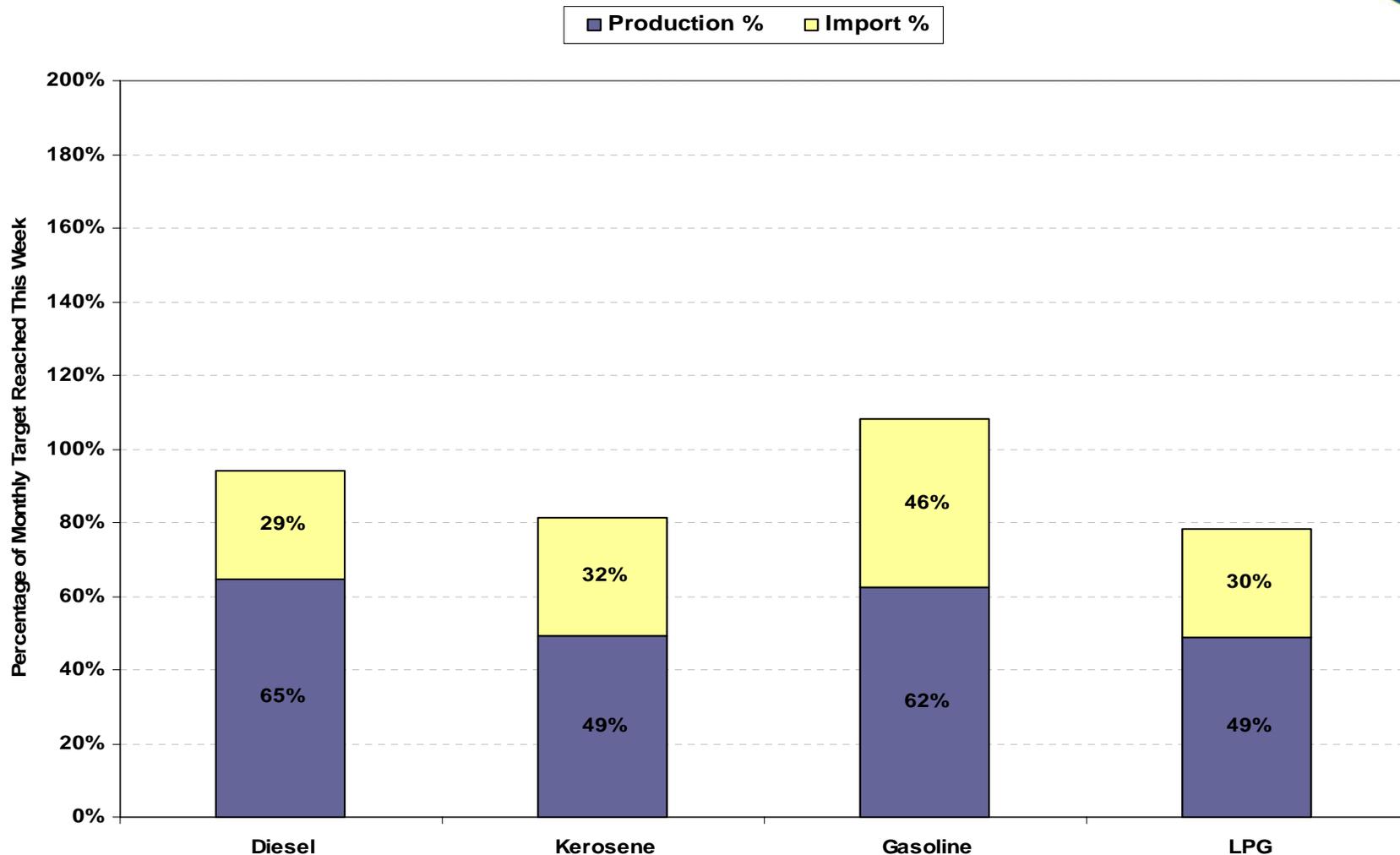
[5.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Export

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- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 M
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- 2005 Revenue: \$19,222.7 M (cumulative for 2005)

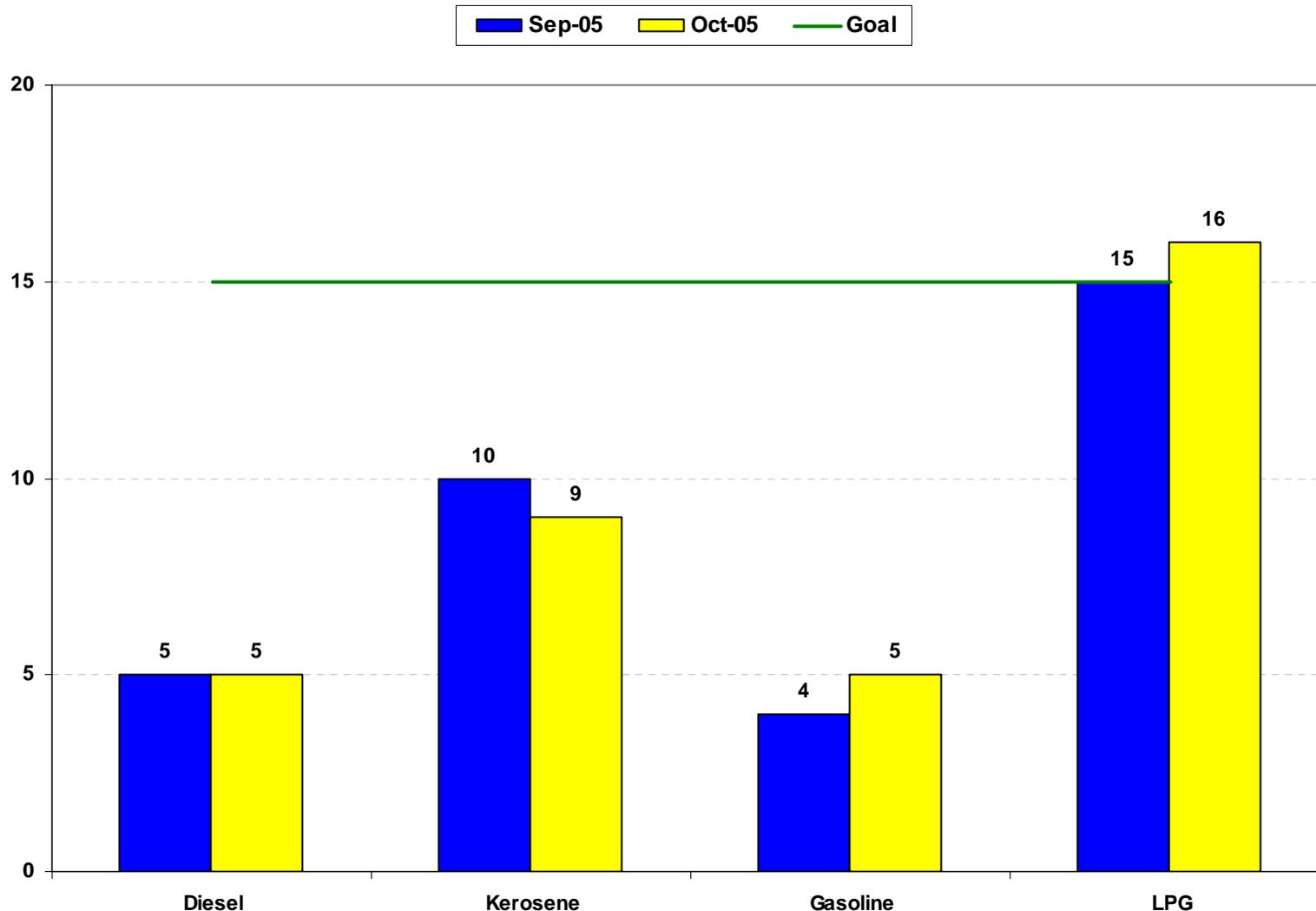
[5.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Refined Products



Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of October 10-16

- Diesel: 16.9 ML of 18 ML
- Gasoline: 19.4 ML of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 8.6 ML of 10.6 ML
- LPG: 3,371 tons of 4,300 tons

[5.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law – Iraqi Judicial System

What to Expect at the Saddam Trial :

- A five-person bench, including a presiding judge, hears the trial of Saddam Hussein October 19 at the Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST) inside Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone. Saddam is expected to appear in court, accompanied by his attorney, Khalil Duleimi. The seven other defendants also are expected to appear. They include Barzan Ibrahim al-Hassan, half-brother and adviser to Saddam; Taha Yassin Ramadan, former vice president, and Awad Hamad al-Bandar, chief judge of Iraq's Revolutionary Court at the time of the killings. Al-Duleimi said that at the opening session, he would ask for the adjournment to give him time to better prepare Saddam's defense and arrange for Arab and Western lawyers to join him in the defense team.

Jurisdiction of the IST:

- The IST has authority to investigate and try members of the former regime for violations of three well-recognized international crimes, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. The tribunal also has the authority to investigate and try individuals for three Iraqi offenses, which are: (1) interference with the judiciary; (2) wasting national wealth and (3) waging aggressive war against an Arab country.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

UN's Qazi Meeting With Iraqi Prime Minister:

- On October 11, the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) Qazi met Iraqi Prime Minister Ja'afari. The meeting, focused on the latest political and constitutional developments, as well as UNAMI's role in Iraq. Ja'afari reiterated his appreciation for United Nations' presence in Iraq at a critical moment, and for the work it was doing. He urged the UN to continue playing its role in promoting peace and conflict resolution.

Qazi Meets With Arab League Delegation in Iraq:

- At an October 11 meeting with the Arab League delegation, headed by Ambassador Ahmad Bin Helli, Deputy Secretary General, SRSG Qazi expressed relief at the escape of Ambassador Helli and his delegation from harm when their convoy came under attack on October 10. During the meeting the delegates briefed SRSG Qazi on the scheduled visit of the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Amr Mousa. The discussions focused on the political situation in Iraq including the forthcoming referendum and elections, and vital role of Iraq's neighbors in assisting the political transition.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

Bulgarian Parliament Confirms Pull-Out of Current Troops:

- In early October, Bulgaria's three-party ruling coalition confirmed the decision of the 39th Bulgarian Parliament to pull the current contingent of Bulgarian troops out of Iraq by December 31. However, it was also mandated that the Bulgarian ministries of defense and foreign affairs have bilateral talks with US officials on Bulgaria's future contributions in Iraq, and this week Bulgarian President Purvanov discussed Bulgaria's current and future contributions in Iraq with President Bush.



[7.] Increase Int'l Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of October 12, 2005

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

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

TOTAL ~ 22,000 Forces

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

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



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- Official reporting shows that regional media reaction to the Iraqi referendum was mixed, ranging from critical to optimistic. The official *al-Hayat al-Jadida* opined that “[Iraqis] are resisting the occupation with all [their] strength as they consider the referendum day imposed on them a black day in the history of Iraq.” Whereas *Oman*, the government-owned Arabic daily, featured an editorial stating, “It is important and necessary that Iraqi’s vote today for the sake of unity, progress and the re-creation of life. This shall enable Iraq to undermine any evil plans that seek to drive the country into an endless dark tunnel.”
- A press center secured key equipment and software through an Iraq Transition Initiatives grant. The grant helped supply computers, copiers, a scanner, CD-ROMs, "Learning English" software, storage lockers, and office furniture. The equipment enables an additional 30 Iraqi and international journalists to write and compile reports for their respective media outlets.



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- According to the recent poll, most Iraqis think their vote, either for or against the constitution, will improve the security situation and reduce violence in the country. Additionally, Iraqis in predominately Shia and Kurdish areas believe that approval of the constitution will erode support for the armed resistance. Iraqis in the Sunni areas believe the opposite: that approval of the constitution will boost support for the armed resistance.



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