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

## 1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

- A Saudi-born member of al Qaeda involved in smuggling foreign fighters into Iraq was killed October 29 as he attempted to flee Coalition Forces. Abu Sa'ud was a senior al Qaeda terrorist who funneled foreign fighters and suicide bombers into Iraq.

## 2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

- The recent transfer of the security of four Baghdad districts from coalition forces to Iraqi security forces was cited by Army Lieutenant General Martin Dempsey, Commander of Multi-National Security Transition Command Iraq, as an example of Iraqi Security Forces' progress.

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

- The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq coalition registration deadline for the December 15 elections was October 28. Although only nine coalitions were publicized, the National Democratic Institute expects the final list of coalitions to be closer to 20 groups, representing 80 or more entities.

## 4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

- New multi-million-dollar sewer and water projects are ongoing in Al Shuada and Al Oubaidy Districts in Baghdad. These projects are expected to provide services for more than 260,000 people.



# Highlights

## 5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

- The Government of Iraq announced that it has signed a bilateral agreement with Belgium canceling the equivalent of \$312 million in Iraqi debt, amounting to 80 percent of a total \$390 million debt.

## 6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

- In the spirit of Eid-al-Fitr, a day of celebration that marks the end of Ramadan, the Iraqi Government worked with Multi-National Forces Iraq to expedite the release of 500 security detainees from the Abu Ghraib prison on November 1.

## 7. Increase International Support for Iraq

- The United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General in Iraq, Ashraf Qazi, met on October 30 with Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim Ja'afari and discussed the results of the Constitutional Referendum, UN support to the electoral process and the latest political developments in Iraq.

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

- On October 29, President Bush said passage of the Iraqi Constitution-in a referendum in which 10 million Iraqis went to the polls-marks "a moment of tremendous significance for Iraq, the region, and the world."



## [1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

### Al Qaeda Foreign Fighter Facilitator Killed:

- Abu Sa'ud, a Saudi-born member of al Qaeda involved in smuggling foreign fighters into Iraq, was killed October 29 as he attempted to flee Coalition Forces. Upon arrival at the location, Coalition Forces attempted to secure the vehicle containing Sa'ud and other terrorists when the driver tried to escape. Coalition Forces shot at the vehicle, killing Abu Sa'ud and three unknown terrorists.
  - Abu Sa'ud was a senior al Qaeda terrorist who funneled foreign fighters and suicide bombers into Iraq. Intelligence sources believe that Sa'ud recently arrived from Saudi Arabia to shore up the leadership of al Qaeda in Iraq foreign fighter and terrorist cells whose previous leaders have been captured or killed in recent months.

### Security Forces in the North Continue to Put Down Terrorist Activities:

- Iraqi Security Forces and Multi-National Forces from Task Force Freedom killed two terrorists, wounded another, detained 78 suspected terrorists and seized a number of weapons during operations in Iraq October 24-28.



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

### General Cites Continued Improvement in Iraqi Security Forces:

- Army Lieutenant General Martin Dempsey, Commander of Multi-National Security Transition Command Iraq, said he is particularly impressed with the Iraqi Security Forces' recent progress at the tactical level, including the training and equipping of individual Iraqi soldiers and small units and the continued fulfillment of basing and infrastructure requirements. The recent transfer of the security of four Baghdad districts from coalition forces to Iraqi security forces was cited as an example of Iraqi Security Forces' progress.

### Nearly 3,000 Iraqi Police Graduate from Training:

- A total of 2,939 new police officers graduated from basic police training courses throughout Iraq and Jordan on October 27. The ten-week basic police-training program is designed to provide fundamental and democratic policing skills, based on international human rights standards, to prepare students to assume police responsibilities. To date, more than 50,800 Iraqi police have completed the basic training course.



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

Data as of October 31, 2005

### Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~74,800
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~36,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~110,800*</b>

### Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~98,700
AIR FORCE	~200
NAVY	~700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~99,600**</b>

**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**  
**~210,400**

\* 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**

### Referendum Results by Governorate:

- On October 25, the Independent Commission of Iraq (IECI) announced approval of the Iraqi constitution.
- 15 of 18 provinces voted with a majority “yes” vote.
- Ninewa (55 percent “no”) did not reach the necessary two-thirds to reject the constitution.
- Anbar (97 percent “no”) and Salah ad Din (81 percent “no”) rejected the constitution.

Governorate	Percent Yes Vote	Percent No Vote
Babil	94.56	05.44
Baghdad	77.70	22.30
Dahuk	99.13	00.87
Diyala	51.27	48.73
Karbala	96.58	03.42
Kirkuk	62.91	37.09
Maysan	97.79	02.21
Al-Muthanna	98.65	01.35
Al-Najaf	95.82	04.18
Al-Qadisiyah	96.74	03.32
Salah ad Din	18.25	81.75
Al-Sulaymaniyah	98.96	01.04
Dhi Qar	97.15	02.85
Wasit	95.70	04.30
Anbar	03.40	96.96
Basrah	96.20	03.98
Erbil	99.36	00.64
Ninewa	44.09	55.01
<b>Average</b>	<b>78.59</b>	<b>21.41</b>



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

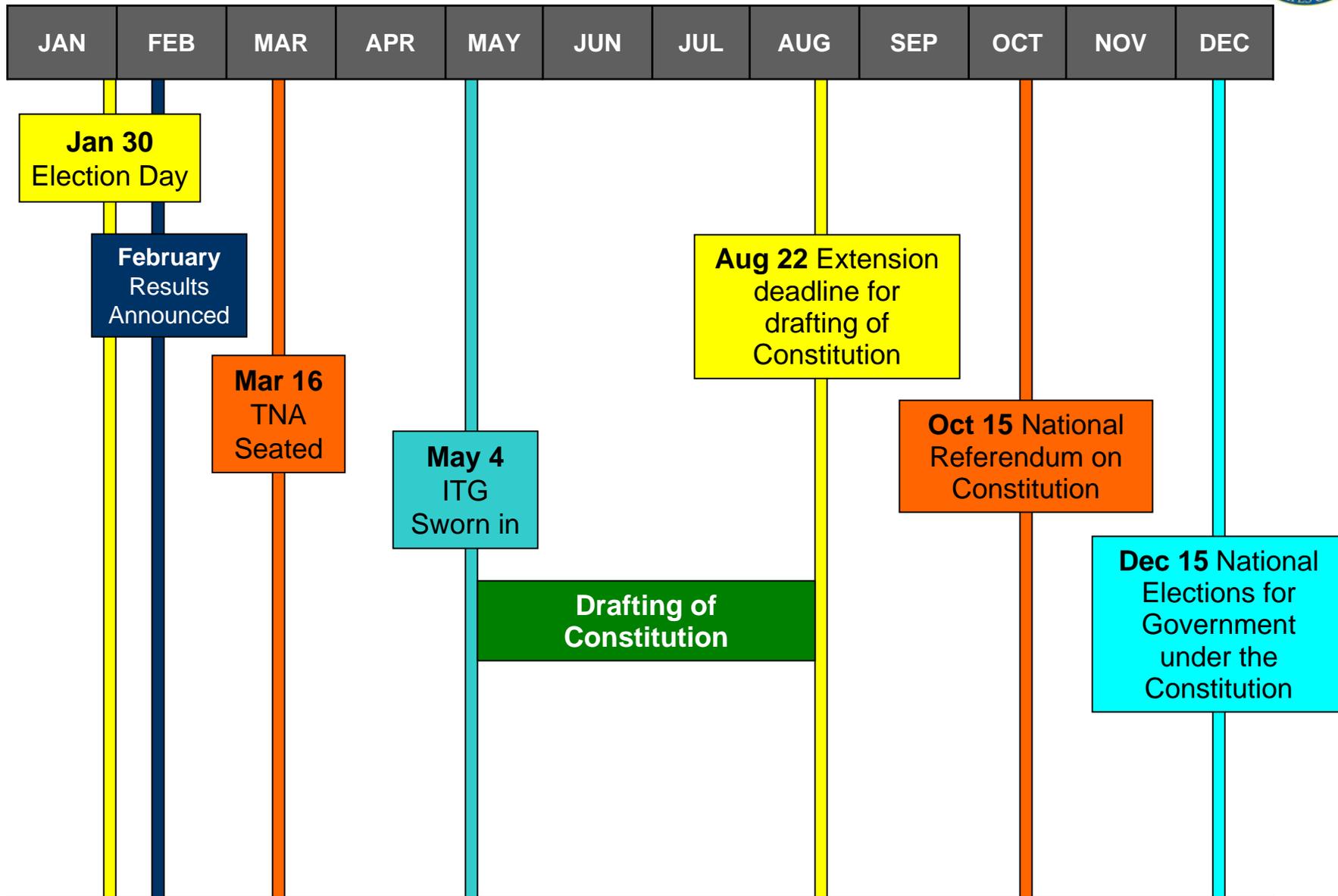
#### Elections Update:

- The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq coalition registration deadline for the December 15 elections was October 28. Although only nine coalitions were publicized, the National Democratic Institute expects the final list of coalitions to be closer to 20 groups, representing 80 or more entities.
- US Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad continued to convey the need for Iraq to bridge its sectarian divide. In recent media interviews, Khalilzad stated the “principal fault line in Iraqi politics or Iraqi society is this sectarian divide and the polarization along sectarian lines.” The Ambassador continued to encourage bridge-building by leaders meeting across sectarian lines and by political parties reaching out beyond their own sects for membership.
- Solidifying United Nations commitment to assist in the electoral process, the United Nations envoy to Iraq, Ashraf Qazi, discussed the upcoming December elections with President Jalal Talabani and Deputy Prime Minister Rowsh Shaways. Mr. Qazi warned the degree of political polarization shown by the results of the referendum underscored the importance of an inclusive national dialogue and of all communities participating in December's elections.



# [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

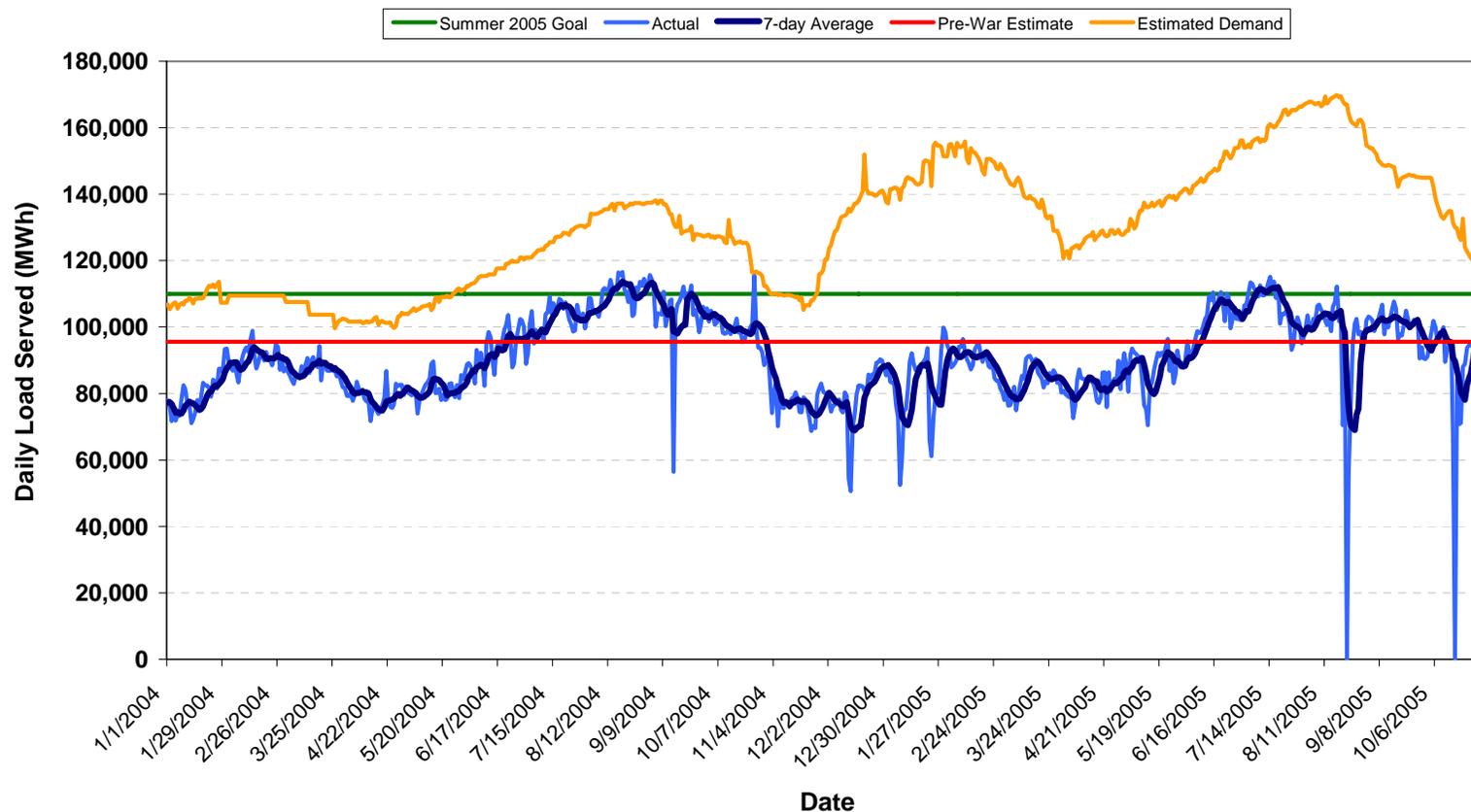
			<b>President</b> Jalal Talabani		
	<b>Deputy President</b> Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr			<b>Deputy President</b> 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
			<b>Prime Minister</b> Ibrahim al-Ja'fari		
<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Rawsh Shaways	<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> 'Abd Mutlak al-Juburi			<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Ahmad al-Chalabi	<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Vacant
<b>Minister of Agriculture</b> Ali al-Bahadili	<b>Minister of Communications</b> Juwan Fu'ad Ma'sum (F)	<b>Minister of Culture</b> Nuri al-Rawi	<b>Minister of Defense</b> Sa'dun al-Dulaymi	<b>Minister of Displacement &amp; Migration</b> Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	<b>Minister of Electricity</b> Muhsin Shallash
<b>Minister of Education</b> Abdul Mun'im al-Falah Hasan	<b>Minister of Environment</b> Narmin 'Uthman (F)	<b>Minister of Finance</b> 'Ali 'Allawi	<b>Minister of Foreign Affairs</b> Hoshiyar Zebari	<b>Minister of Health</b> Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay'i	<b>Minister of Higher Education</b> Sami al-Muzaffar
<b>Minister of Human Rights</b> Vacant	<b>Minister of Industry &amp; Minerals</b> Usama al-Najafi	<b>Minister of Interior</b> Bayan Jabr	<b>Minister of Justice</b> 'Abd al-Husayn Shandal	<b>Minister of Housing &amp; Construction</b> Jasim Ja'far	<b>Minister of Labor &amp; Social Affairs</b> Idris Hadi
<b>Minister of Oil</b> Ibrahim Bahr al-'Ulum	<b>Minister of Planning</b> Barham Salih	<b>Minister of Trade</b> 'Abd al-Basit Mawlud	<b>Minister of Science &amp; Technology</b> Basima Butrus (F)	<b>Minister of Municipalities &amp; Public Works</b> Nasreen Berwari (F)	<b>Minister of Transportation</b> Salam al-Maliki
<b>Minister of Water Resources</b> 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	<b>Minister of Youth &amp; Sports</b> Talib Aziz al-Zaini	<b>Minister of State for Civil Society</b> 'Ala' abib Kazim	<b>Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs</b> Safa' al-Din al-Safi	<b>Minister of State for National Security Affairs</b> 'Abd al-Karim al-'Anzi	
	<b>Minister of State for Provinces</b> Sa'd al-Hardan	<b>Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities</b> Hashim al-Hashimi	<b>Minister of State for Women's Affairs</b> 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's electricity situation continued to improve in the last week (October 25-31) with increasing generation and decreasing demand levels.
- Average daily electricity service increased to 96,000 Mega Watt hours.
- Baghdad average available electricity increased to 11.4 hours per day. The national average was 16.4 hours per day.



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

### Electricity:

- Construction started on the \$8.8 million Altrush Substation Feeder located in the Akra District of Dahuk Province. This project consists of installing overhead feeder lines which will benefit approximately 40,000 residents.

### Water and Sanitation:

- By spring 2006, the Mosul suburb of Al-Zarhaa will have a below-ground, pipe-enclosed sewer system installed to replace the surface flow system currently operating. Workers are digging the first 1.5 kilometers (km) of trenches and pipe is pre-positioned. The replacement system will bring improved sanitation and health conditions to more than 700,000 of Mosul's 1.5 million residents. Additionally, this project will stimulate the economy by bringing \$625,000 to the city in the form of worker salaries, supply requirements and other services associated with construction projects.
- Construction started on the \$763,000 water network project in Karadah, Baghdad Province. The project includes installation of 10 km of pipe. When complete, the project will provide a clean source of water for 8,000 residents.



## [4.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Health Care and Telecommunication**

### Health Care:

- Construction is ongoing for 142 new primary health care (PHC) facilities across Iraq. At least 25 of these PHCs are expected to open in the next six weeks. The completed PHCs will serve five to six-and-a-half million people and help to relieve overcrowding in hospitals.
- Iraqi mothers will receive better health care with the completed construction of a new 260-bed maternity hospital in Mosul. The hospital is designed to serve a population of 600,000 people.

### Telecommunications:

- Construction continues on the Advanced First Responder Network for the Iraqi police. Equipment installation in all 15 cities is scheduled to be completed prior to the December 15 elections.
- Construction began on the \$635,000 Al Khairat Telephone Building and Exchange in Al Khairat, Karbala Province. This project will provide upgraded phone service for 15,000 residents in the village of Al Khairat. It will enhance the reliability and connectivity of the phone system within and outside the province.



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

### Transportation:

- Heavy volumes of grain are moving on the daily freight rail service from Syria to Mosul. Passenger rail service between Baghdad and Mosul operates three times per week. In the south of Iraq, the US Project and Contracting Office (PCO) expects to revert to truck convoys due to the military closure of the rail corridor between Umm Qasr and Central Iraq.

### Education:

- PCO has completed 750 schools renovations out of 840 planned, with a further 43 schools under construction. Under the Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program, an additional 24 school renovations have been completed.



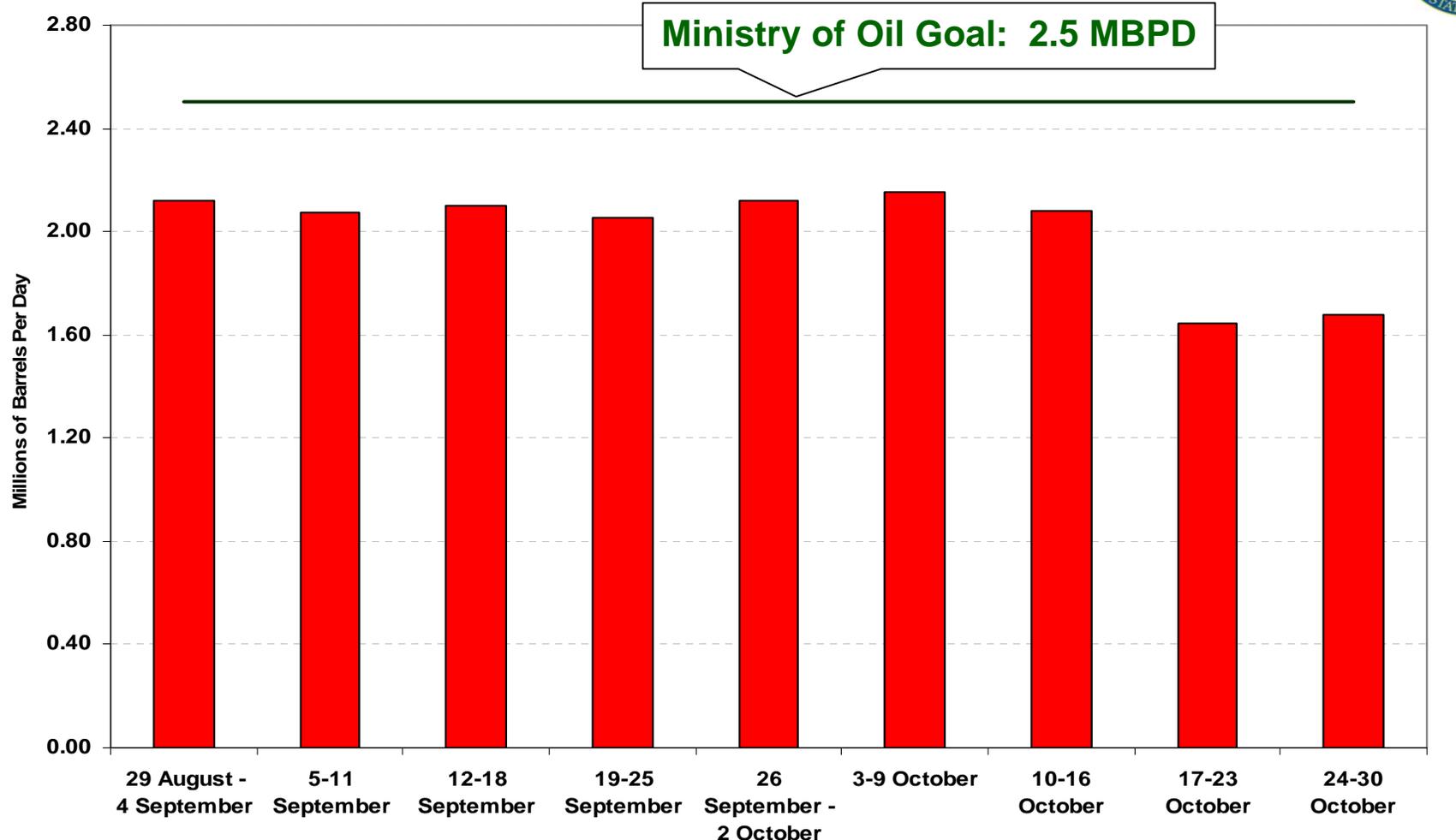
## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

Data as of November 2, 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	4,962.1	4,962.3	0.18	4,680.3	4,692.8	12.52	3,786.7	3,853.7	67.0
Electricity Sector	4314.8168	4067.2	3,755.5	3,782.1	26.60	2,801.6	2,814.3	12.71	1,611.3	1,616.5	5.2
Oil Infrastructure	1723.0000	1723.0	1,674.1	1,674.3	0.15	1,263.2	1,280.3	17.10	556.2	572.9	16.6
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1247.1840	1247.2	1,173.9	1,177.9	4.01	1,061.2	1,070.8	9.63	588.2	596.6	8.5
Democracy	945.3160	945.3	931.7	931.8	0.10	931.5	931.5	(0.00)	577.9	578.1	0.2
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	363.0000	363.0	336.8	339.6	2.84	332.5	332.5	(0.03)	158.7	163.7	5.1
Roads, Bridges and Construction	333.7143	333.7	276.7	276.6	(0.08)	245.5	245.4	(0.08)	146.5	147.1	0.6
Health Care	786.0000	786.0	779.0	744.3	(34.75)	617.6	619.1	1.53	268.3	280.7	12.4
Transportation and Communications	508.5081	508.5	490.6	490.6	0.08	418.8	420.0	1.26	182.9	186.1	3.2
Water Resources and Sanitation	2146.5832	1819.1	1,807.1	1,811.5	4.35	1,495.3	1,495.5	0.27	510.5	527.4	16.9
Private Sector Development	840.2776	840.3	793.5	793.5	0.00	782.3	782.3	0.00	525.6	525.6	0.0
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	213.0000	213.0	144.4	144.4	(0.00)	144.4	144.4	0.00	53.4	53.7	0.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,439.0000</b>	<b>17863.9</b>	<b>17,125.4</b>	<b>17,128.9</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>14,774.1</b>	<b>14,829.0</b>	<b>54.90</b>	<b>8,966.2</b>	<b>9,102.0</b>	<b>135.8</b>
IRRF 2 Construction			9,968.1	9,960.2	(7.95)	8,063.9	8,115.3	51.35	4,395.8	4,472.1	76.3
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,225.6	6,236.9	11.33	5,778.7	5,782.2	3.55	3,992.5	4,051.9	59.4
IRRF 2 Democracy			931.7	931.8	0.10	931.5	931.5	(0.00)	577.9	578.1	0.2
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
<b>Grand Total IRRF 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>20,912.3000</b>	<b>20337.2</b>	<b>19,598.7</b>	<b>19,602.2</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>17,247.4</b>	<b>17,302.3</b>	<b>54.90</b>	<b>11,372.8</b>	<b>11,508.6</b>	<b>135.8</b>



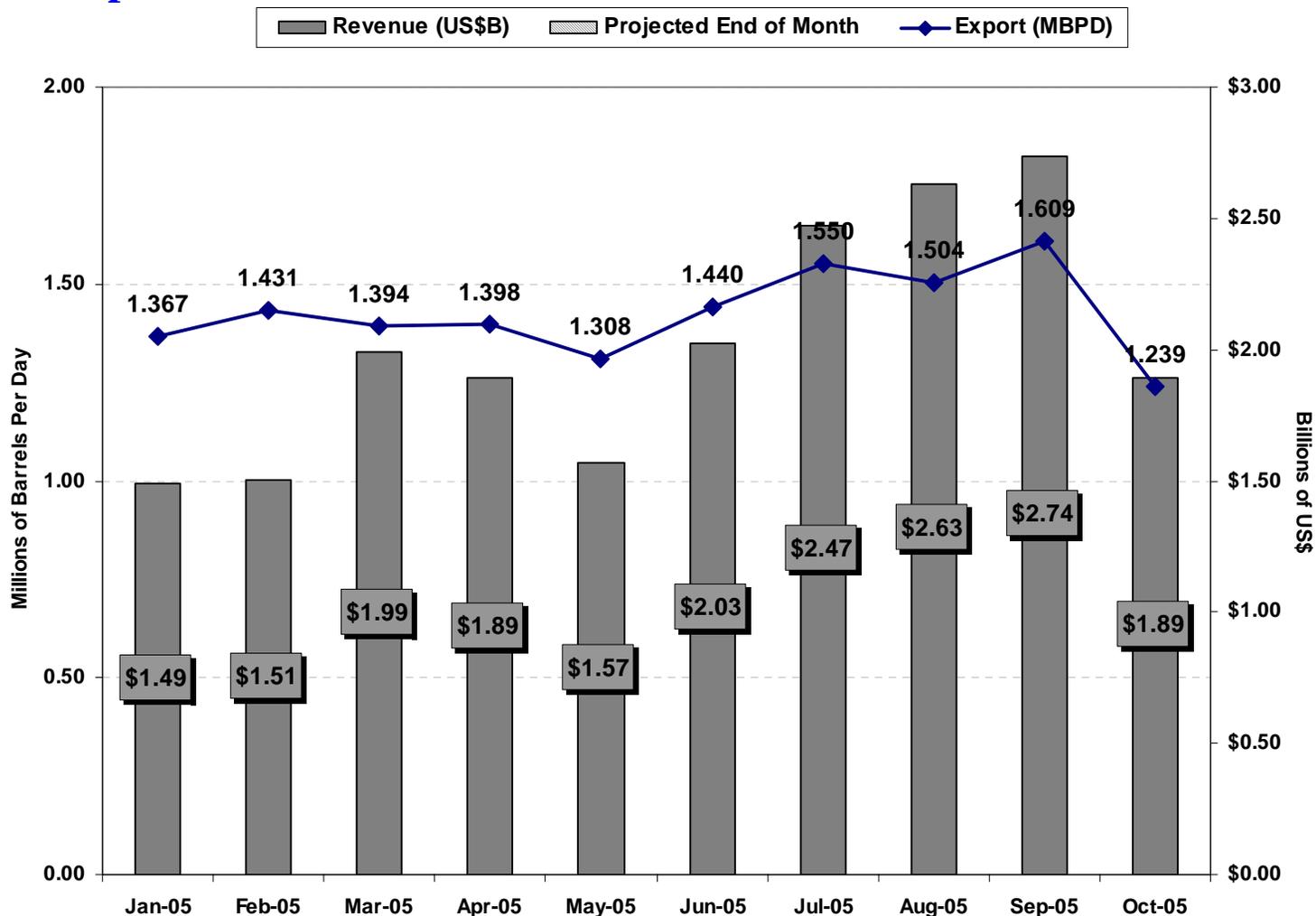
## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (October 24-30) of 1.68 Millions Barrels Per Day
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in March 2003
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD



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

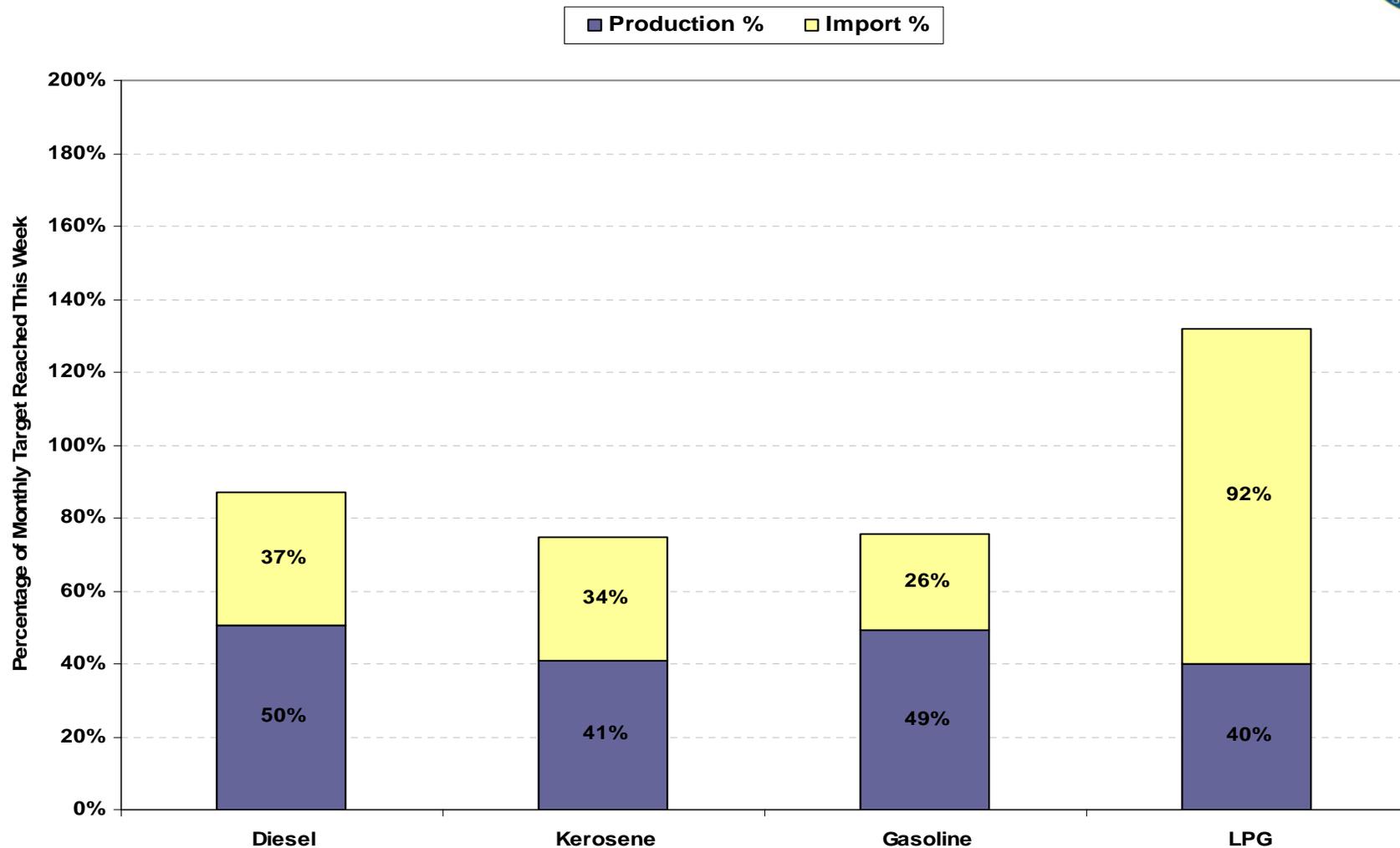


- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 Millions (M)
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- 2005 Revenue: \$20,202.8 M (cumulative for 2005)

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

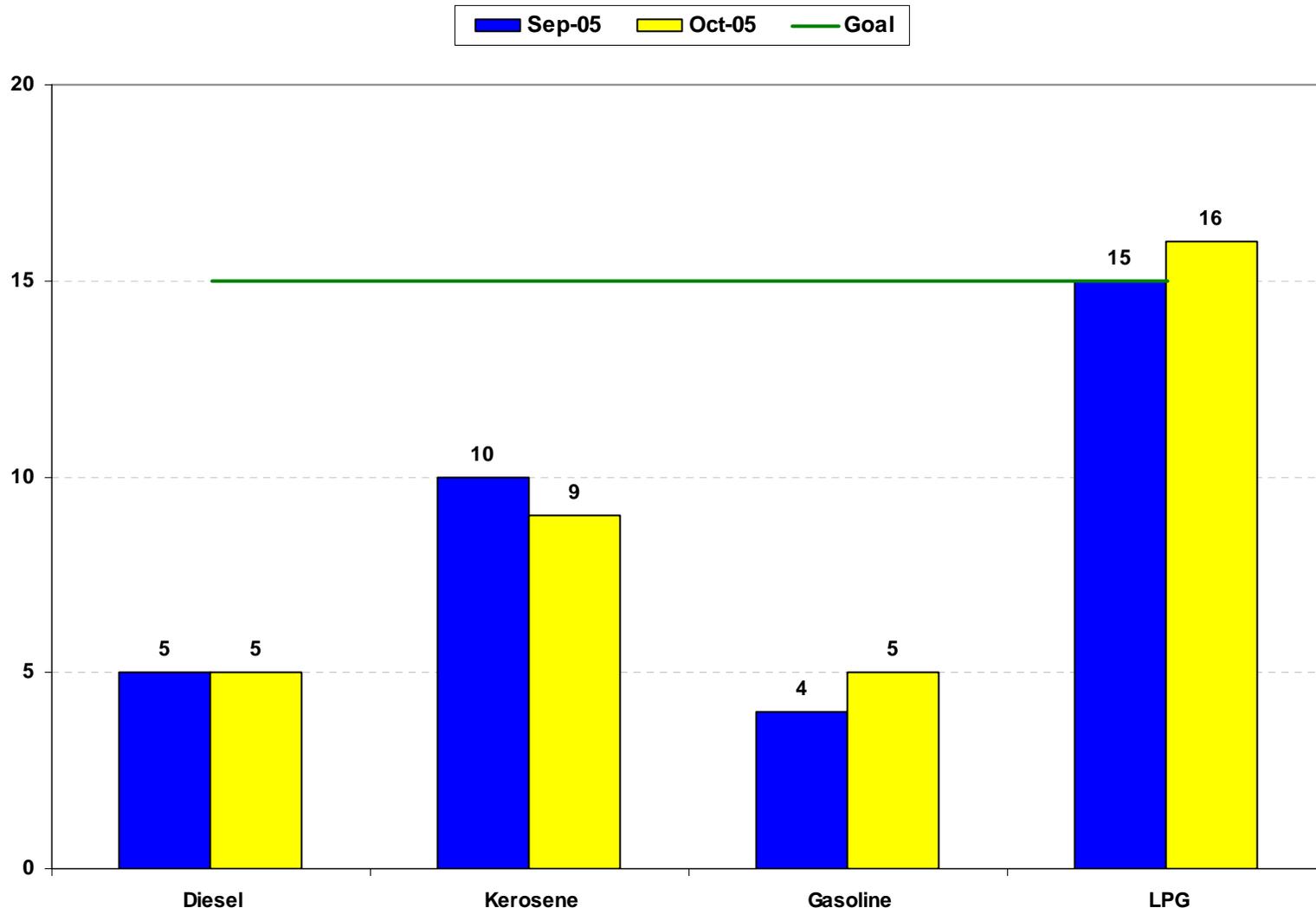


Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of October 24-30

- Diesel: 15.7 ML of 18 ML
- Gasoline: 13.6 ML of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 7.9 ML of 10.6 ML
- LPG: 5,667 tons of 4,300 tons



## [4.] 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.



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

### Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending October 28 closed with the following prices:
  - Basra Light at \$49.57/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$61.43/barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$58.93/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$53.21/barrel

### Employment Update:

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

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	31,092	31,092	0.0%
USAID	55,937	55,618	-0.6%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,642	1,642	0.0%
MILCON (Military Construction)	233	233	0.0%
CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	15,119	15,973	5.6%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	13,101	13,101	0.0%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>140,830</b>	<b>141,365</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

\*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD Situation Report

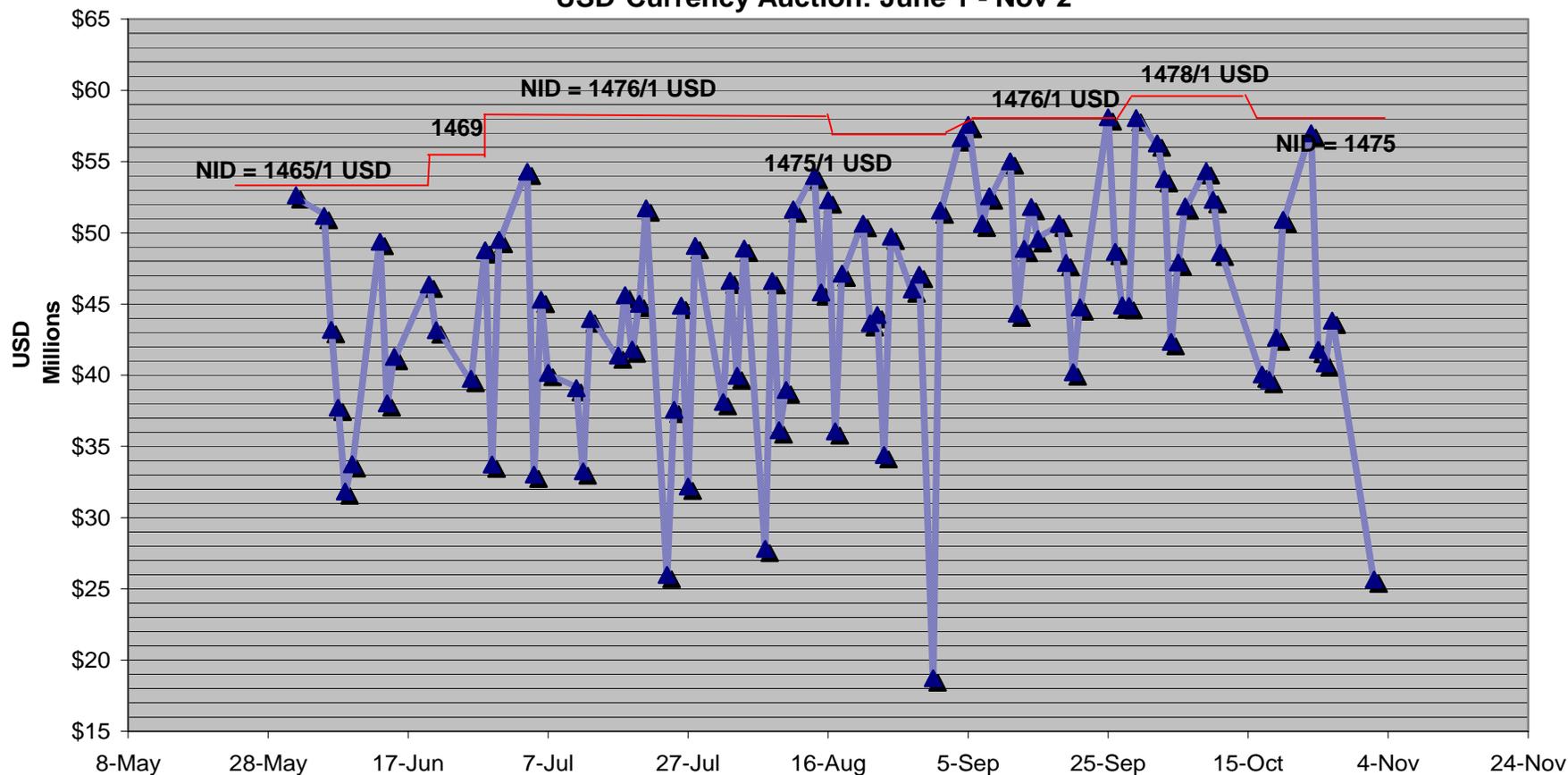


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

### Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold/requested and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction from June 1 through November 2. The exchange rate climbed this week ending at 1,472 dinars per USD on October 2.

**Central Bank of Iraq**  
USD Currency Auction: June 1 - Nov 2





## [5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Exchanges

### Modernization of the Iraqi Stock Exchange:

- The Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX) is being automated and modernized to encourage private sector investment, both from within Iraq and internationally. Work to modernize the ISX should be completed by the end of summer 2006.

### Iraqi Securities Exchange:

- The Ministry of Finance auctioned NID 200 billion (about \$136 million) in Treasury Bills (T-bills) on October 24; the settlement yield was ten percent with seven banks offering winning bids. 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
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	111.00	7.00%- 10.60%	9.50%
29	9/26/2005	150.000	91	12/27/2005	6	5	162.000	148.510	108.99	7.00%-10.50%	9.50%
30	10/11/2005	200.000	91	1/10/2006	5	5	220.000	199.030	110.48	7.50%- 10.50%	9.50%
31	10/24/2005	200.000	91	1/24/2006	7	7	197.000	197.000	100.00	7.00%- 10.00%	10.00%



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

### Iraqi Debt Forgiveness:

- Iraq announced that it has signed a bilateral agreement with Belgium canceling the equivalent of \$312 million in Iraqi debt, amounting to 80 percent of a total \$390 million debt under Paris Club terms. Iraq has already signed similar bilateral Paris Club agreements with the US, Canada and Italy. When fully phased in, the agreement will reduce this debt stock to approximately \$78 million.
- The debt reduction will take effect in three installments:
  - Approximately \$117 million will be cancelled immediately.
  - A second installment of approximately \$117 million of debt cancellation will automatically take effect upon Iraq's signing of the formal Stand By Agreement (SBA) with the International Monetary Fund, which is expected to take place by the end of the year.
  - The final installment, equal to approximately \$78 million, will take effect upon completion of the SBA.

### Intellectual Property Training:

- USAID's Izdihar project recently conducted intellectual property rights training in central Baghdad for 25 Iraqi business-people, lawyers and members of Iraqi business associations, as well as four government officials from Iraq's Ministry of Culture. The training was designed to increase awareness about intellectual property rules that are part of the World Trade Organization's multilateral trading system.



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

### 500 Security Detainees Released from Abu Ghraib Prison:

- In the spirit of Eid-al-Fitr, a day of celebration marking the end of Ramadan, the Iraqi government requested a special release board and worked with Multi-National Forces Iraq to expedite the release of approximately 500 security detainees from Abu Ghraib prison on November 1. Deputy Prime Minister Abed Motlaq Al-Jabouri, Minister of Justice Mr. Abdul Hussein Shandel and the Acting Minister of Human Rights Ms. Narmin Othman, were present for the release to emphasize the importance of being a good Iraqi citizen and provide support to the Iraqi government.
- The special Iraqi-led review board carefully reviewed detainee files and voted to release those not guilty of serious or violent crimes against Iraqi Forces, the citizens of Iraq or Coalition Forces. These detainees have confessed to their crimes, renounced violence and pledged to be good citizens of Iraq.



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

### Human Rights:

- Iraq's Interior Minister Bayan Jabr hosted a conference for senior Ministry of Interior (Mol) leadership on 24 October 2005. The event was held in cooperation with the Ministries of Human Rights and Justice. In his remarks to conference participants, Jabr pointed to the trial of Saddam Hussein as an example of a free and stable Iraq where human rights are afforded to everyone, even those who denied the rights of others. Conference participants examined the tenuous relationship between enforcing the law during the challenges of a violent insurgency and the protection of human rights. The conference concluded with a statement by participants ensuring that all agencies under the Ministry of Interior will adhere to the principles of human rights as stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



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

### SRSG Meeting with Prime Minister Ibrahim Ja'afari:

- The United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General in Iraq (SRSG), Ashraf Qazi, met on October 30 with the Iraqi Prime Minister, Ibrahim Ja'afari, and discussed the results of the Constitutional Referendum, the United Nations Support to the Electoral Process and the latest political developments in Iraq. They also discussed the recent visit of the Arab League Secretary General to Baghdad, and the lead up to the December elections. Earlier in the week, the SRSG met with President Talabani, Deputy Prime Minister Shaways and the Governor of Kirkuk province.

### Saudi Crown Prince Says Iraq Constitution Decision is Internal Affair:

- Saudi Crown Prince Sultan Bin-Abd-al-Aziz has said the Iraqi constitution is an Iraqi internal affair and that Arab countries want a unified Arab Iraq. "Iraq has always been a state. We wish it to be a unified Arab independent state. But we cannot judge, approve or reject this constitution; it is something that concerns the Iraqi people themselves. It is in our interest not to interfere in this matter. What we wish for the Iraqi people is to be united and for Iraq to live as an Arab, independent and unified state and to measure up to its responsibilities towards serving Islam, Muslims and Arabs," the Saudi Crown Prince said on October 26 in Mecca.



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

### Prime Minister Ja'afari Visit to Jordan:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim Ja'afari confirmed Iraq's commitment to developing bilateral relations with Jordan in politics, economics and security. Several ministers, in addition to the prime ministers of Iraq and Jordan, discussed economic, financial, trade and security matters on October 27 in Amman.

### NATO Secretary General on the Iraqi Referendum:

- In a statement on October 25, the NATO Secretary General welcomed the adoption of the Iraqi Constitution. The statement read: "This is an important step in the political process in Iraq, to which there is no alternative. By casting their ballots, the Iraqi people have demonstrated their belief in the democratic process. NATO will continue to support the Iraqi Government by training and equipping the Iraqi security forces, to help them provide for the security of their country."

### Iraqi Army Engineers Head to UAE for Second Round of Training:

- More than 80 Iraqi Army engineers went to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this week to receive training from German engineers. The training, set up jointly in March by Germany and the UAE, is designed to train Iraqi engineers on equipment unique to the Iraqi Army. This is the second group of Iraqi Army engineers to travel to the UAE for training.



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

Data as of October 28, 2005

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

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

**TOTAL ~ 21,500 Forces**

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

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



## [8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

### Strategic Communications:

- In his weekly radio address on October 29, President Bush said passage of the Iraqi Constitution-in a referendum in which 10 million Iraqis went to the polls-marks “a moment of tremendous significance for Iraq, the region, and the world.”
  - President Bush added “Just 30 months removed from the rule of a dictator, and nine months after they first elected their own leaders, the Iraqi people are resolving tough issues through an inclusive political process. And this process is isolating the extremists who wish to derail democracy through violence and murder.”
- The US Embassy in Iraq is standing up a new series of weekly media events, including regular Monday separate backgrounders by the spokesman for both the Arabic press and the Western press.
  - Additionally, the US Embassy in Iraq is working with the US State Department Public Affairs Bureau in Washington to reach back to US radio audiences, starting with three one-hour time blocks per week. A different Embassy section will staff each time block and will be supported by public affairs staff.



## Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

- This brief draws from multiple sources. References are cited on the following pages.
- Please forward all questions and/or comments to [NEA-I-IPOG-DL@state.gov](mailto:NEA-I-IPOG-DL@state.gov)



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## Slide 9:

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## Slide 10:

- Transitional Administrative Law for Iraq

## Slide 12:

- POC Tom Gramaglia, (202) 736-4065
- The chart shows average daily power production in megawatt hours (MWh). 120,000 MWh goal equates to 20 hours at 6000 MW average supplied load or 24 hours at 5000 MW average supply load. Currently supplies are not much improved over last year when judged by hours of power, but this is due in part to an influx of new appliances. This has dramatically altered demand and diluted the effect of increased generation capacity on actual results.

## Slide 13:

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## Slide 16:

- Financial Status Chart taken from the IRMO Weekly Update 02 Nov 05

## Slide 17:

- POC Matthew Amitrano, (202) 647-5690
- NOTE: Production dropped in the south due to tankers unable to dock at the oil terminals due to bad weather and southern storage facilities are at full capacity. With no where to send the crude, field managers have lessened output. As of Monday, the weather cleared and the situation should return to normal in a matter of days.
- 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), and Samawah. 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.

## Slide 18:

- 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.
- Al-Faw Terminals: Al-Basra Oil Terminal (ABOT) and Khor al-Amaya Oil Terminal (KAOT)
- Production and export are at normal rates.
- Iraq-Turkey Pipeline (IT)-The IT line works intermittently since the Iraqis sell the crude oil in lumps.
- Iraq-Syria-Lebanon Pipeline (ISLP)-This line has been closed since 2003.
- Discussions were held between Iraqi and Syrian government officials, but no timetable has been set up to reopen this line.
- In the meantime, Iraq has set up a barter arrangement in which it exports 14KBPD from the Ayn Zalah field to Syria for refined products and electrical production. This ended in August 2004.
- Iraq Pipeline through Saudi Arabia (IPSA)-This line has been closed since 1991. There are no plans to reopen this line.



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- Note: Data missing from Sept 2-4. This graph will be updated when the data arrives.
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### Slide 21:

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### Slide 22:

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### Slide 23:

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### Slide 24:

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