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Highlights

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1.0 Neutralize the Insurgents

- ï Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) continue operations to neutralize the insurgents.

2.0 Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraqís Electoral Process through 2005

- ï The three-person Presidency Council ñ President Jalal Talabani and Deputy Presidents Adil Abd al-Mahdi and Shaykh Ghazi al-Yawar ñ was sworn in on April 7. Talabani announced the Council had chosen Daíwaís Dr. Ibrahim al-Jaífari as Prime Minister-designate. In welcoming the Presidency Council on April 6, UN Secretary-General Annan reiterated the UN offer to provide assistance to the constitution process. On April 11, the members of the UN Security Council welcomed recent political developments and urged the Transitional National Assembly to proceed without delay on the constitutional process.

3.0 Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services

- ï A total of 2,773 schools have been rehabilitated to date (81 percent of the December 2005 goal) with 914 more schools undergoing rehabilitation.



Highlights

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4.0 Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

- Iraq's newly elected Vice-President Adil Abd al-Mahdi will lead Iraq's delegation to the spring IMF/World Bank meetings in Washington, April 15 ñ 18.

5.0 Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law

- The second International Iraq Rule of Law Coordination Meeting took place in Amman, Jordan, on April 12. Discussion centered on approaching the Iraqis with a unified and coordinated offer of assistance in drafting their strategy for reforming the Iraqi justice sector and establishing the rule of law.

6.0 Maintain International Engagement and Support

- UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for Iraq Qazi met with Secretary of State Rice April 12. On April 11, the UN Security Council received briefings from Qazi briefed on the UN Assistance Mission ñ Iraq's (UNAMI) activities. The Council expressed its support for UNAMI's plans to expand its activities in Basra and Erbil and continued implementation of UNSCR 1546.
- Among the countries welcoming the selection of the Presidency Council, Turkey expressed support for the election of Kurdish leader Talabani as president of Iraq, stressing that his primary objective should be the preservation of the country's territorial integrity.



[1.0] Neutralize the Insurgents ñ Iraqi Security Forces Update

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	56,109
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	29,395
TOTAL	85,504*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	67,996
AIR FORCE	192
NAVY	521
TOTAL	68,709**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

154,213

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

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Data as of 11 April 2005



[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraqís Electoral Process through 2005 ñ **Developments**

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- ï The United Nations designated South African constitutional expert Nicholas Fink Haysom to lead the UN team to assist with the Iraqi constitution writing process.
- ï In welcoming the Presidency Council on April 6, UN Secretary-General Annan reiterated the UN offer to provide assistance to the constitution process.
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ITG Formation:

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- ï TNA members and political parties continue negotiations regarding the formation of the ITG.
 - ñ According to Article 24 (A) of the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL), the ITG will consist of the Presidency Council (a president and two vice presidents); the National Assembly; the Council of Ministers, including the Prime Minister; and the judicial authority.

[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraqís Electoral Process through 2005 ñ **Developments**



Transitional National Assembly (TNA):

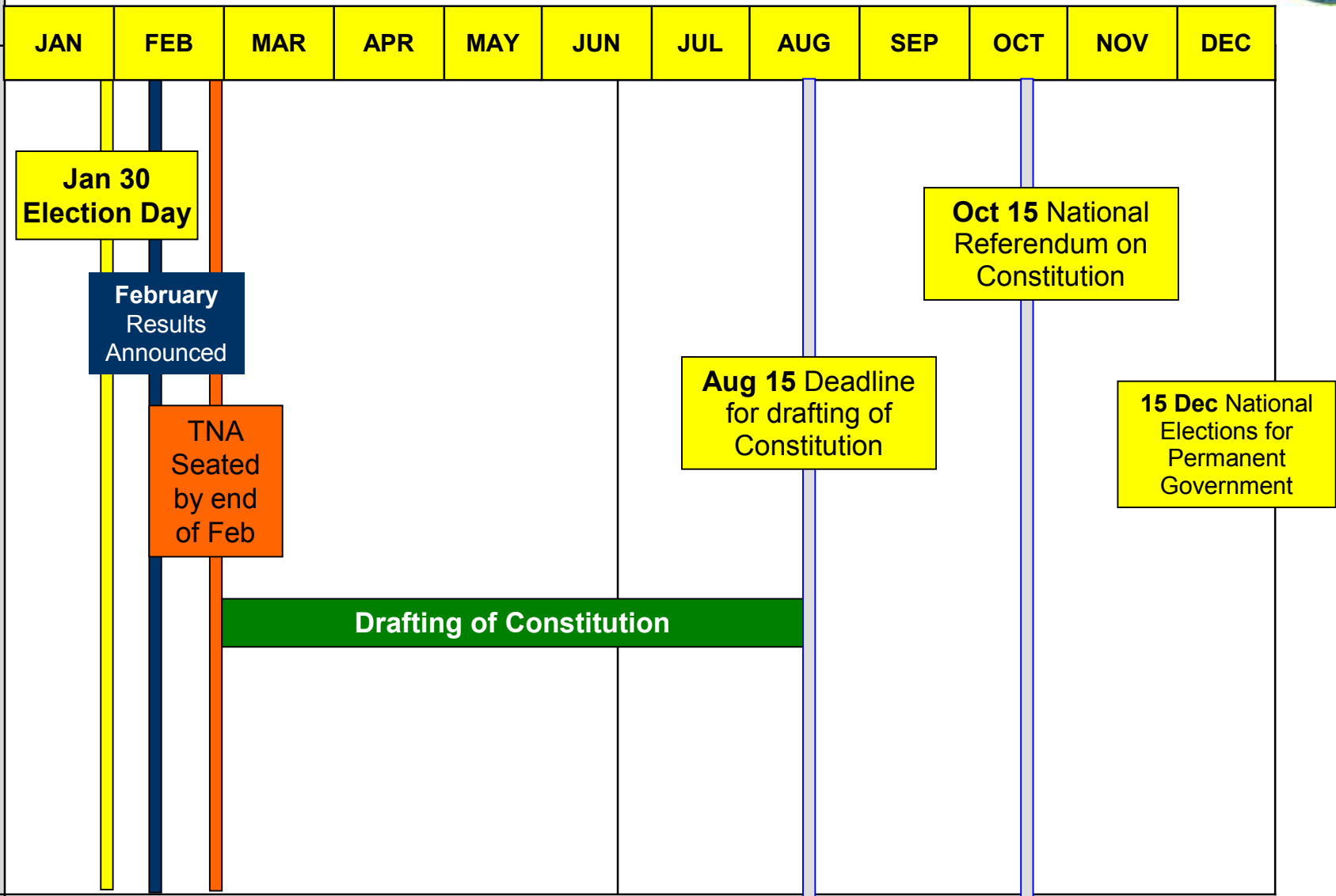
ï Continuing TNA responsibilities:

- Serve as Iraq's national legislature until the election of a new government under a permanent constitution.
- Put to a vote of confidence the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers nominees; nominees must be approved in the TNA by a simple majority.
- According to the Transitional Administrative Law, the TNA is to draft Iraq's new Constitution by August 15, 2005; this will be presented to the Iraqi people for their approval in a national referendum by October 15, 2005.
- If it is approved, an election for a permanent Iraqi government under that new Constitution will occur by the end of 2005.



[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraqís Electoral Process through 2005 ñ Electoral Process Timeline

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[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ **Economy**

Oil Update:

- i Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending April 1 closed with Kirkuk Crude at \$47.03/barrel, Basra Light at \$46.45/barrel, and the OPEC basket at \$51.82/barrel.

Employment Update:

- i Number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects in each sector

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqi This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	24,604	26,111	6.1%
USAID	83,146	91,344	9.9%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	2,500	2,475	-1.0%
MILCON (Military Construction)	479	468	-2.3%
*CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	10,568	10,586	0.2%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	10,679	9,427	-11.7%
GRAND TOTAL	155,682	164,117	5.4%

*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD SitRep

[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ Health Care and Food Security



Health Care:

- ï There are currently 133 Primary Health Care Centers under construction and 20 hospitals under renovation.
- ï A total of 137 Primary Health Care Centers have been renovated to date.

Public Distribution System (PDS):

- ï The MOT reports 60,000 MT of U.S. rice contracts have been awarded, which will likely be used in May and Juneís distribution. The remaining 25,000 MT will be imported to meet the monthly ration requirement for rice.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ Education

School Renovations:

ï PCO has completed 384 school renovations to date and a further 290 are under construction. Under the AIRP program, an additional 24 school renovations have been completed and 12 are underway.

ñ 840 schools are scheduled for completion by mid-2005.

ï USAID has completed 2443 school renovations and 572 more are in progress.

ï A total of 2,773 schools have been rehabilitated to date (81 percent of the December 2005 goal) with 914 more schools undergoing rehabilitation.

Iraqi Mud School Project:

ï Over 6,800 community members in 18 governorates attended workshops through USAIDís mud-brick school project to replace rural mud-brick schools with cement.

ï USAIDís basic education program is conducting surveys to select one school from each of Iraqís 84 sub-districts to serve as a model school. The project will provide equipment and train teachers to make these schools ìcenters of excellenceî, demonstrating a level of educational quality that other district schools can realistically attain.

ñ The project equips science, computer, and language laboratories as well as libraries within the model schools.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ **Water and Sanitation & Telecommunications**

Water and Sanitation:

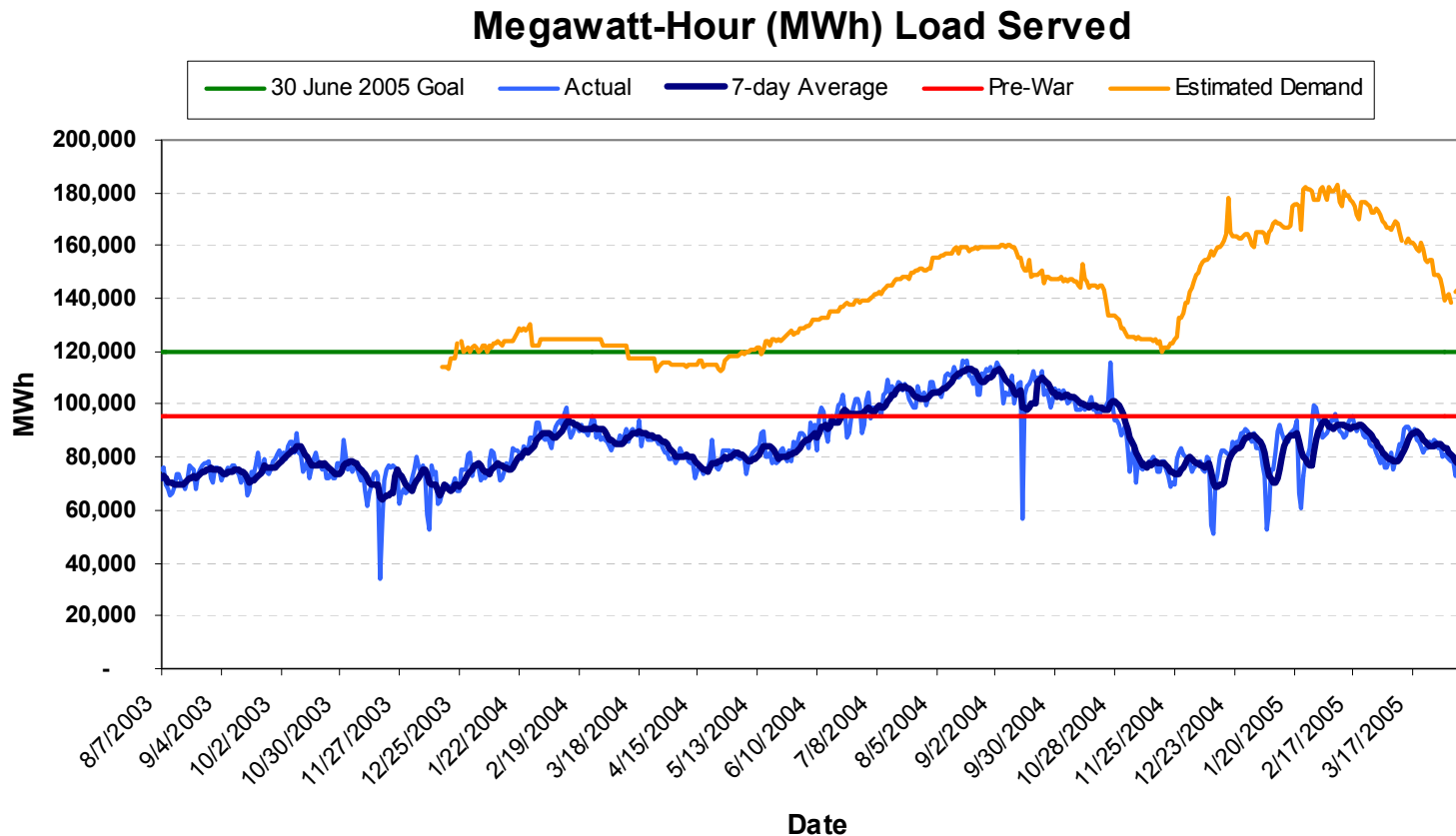
- ï PCO has 80 water treatment projects underway and has completed seven to date. Under the AIRP program, there are a further 13 water treatment projects under construction and 35 have been completed.
- ï In total, there are currently 95 water treatment projects, 8 water resource projects and 74 rural water projects (wells) under construction. Nineteen sewer projects have been completed, with an additional 18 underway.
- ï The Baghdad Municipal water system is undergoing renovation, replacing and repairing water pipes in Sadr City.
 - ñ With approximately 32km of main and connection pipe installed to date, the project expects to be completed by the end of December 2005.

Telecommunications:

- ï Cellular subscriptions continue to experience healthy growth. As of April 10, 2005, there are 2,048,193 active cellular subscribers in Iraq, a 14 percent increase from the prior month. Landline telephone subscribers in Iraq have also increased to 992,416. Prior to the war, there were approximately 833,000 landline subscribers.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ Electricity Overview



- ï Electricity load served in the last week (April 3-10) averaged of 84,400 MWh. Hours of available power averaged 13 hours in Baghdad.
- ï Peak demand has decreased significantly with more moderate seasonal temperatures.
- ï Nearly 1000 MW is currently offline in unplanned outages; 341 MW of which is due to insufficient fuel supplies. Planned outages are relatively high with the decreased demand at 1300 MW.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

Donor Assistance:

- ï Of the \$13.6 billion pledged over 2004 - 2007 at the Madrid Donors' Conference from non-US sources, \$5.6 billion was pledged by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in lending programs and \$8 billion was pledged by 37 bilateral donors. Disbursements have reached just over \$2.7 billion.

Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) Update:

- ï On March 25, Congress was advised of the intent to reallocate \$832 million within the IRRF to fund a jobs creation program (\$225 million), operations and maintenance activities, and other urgent priorities (totaling \$607 million).



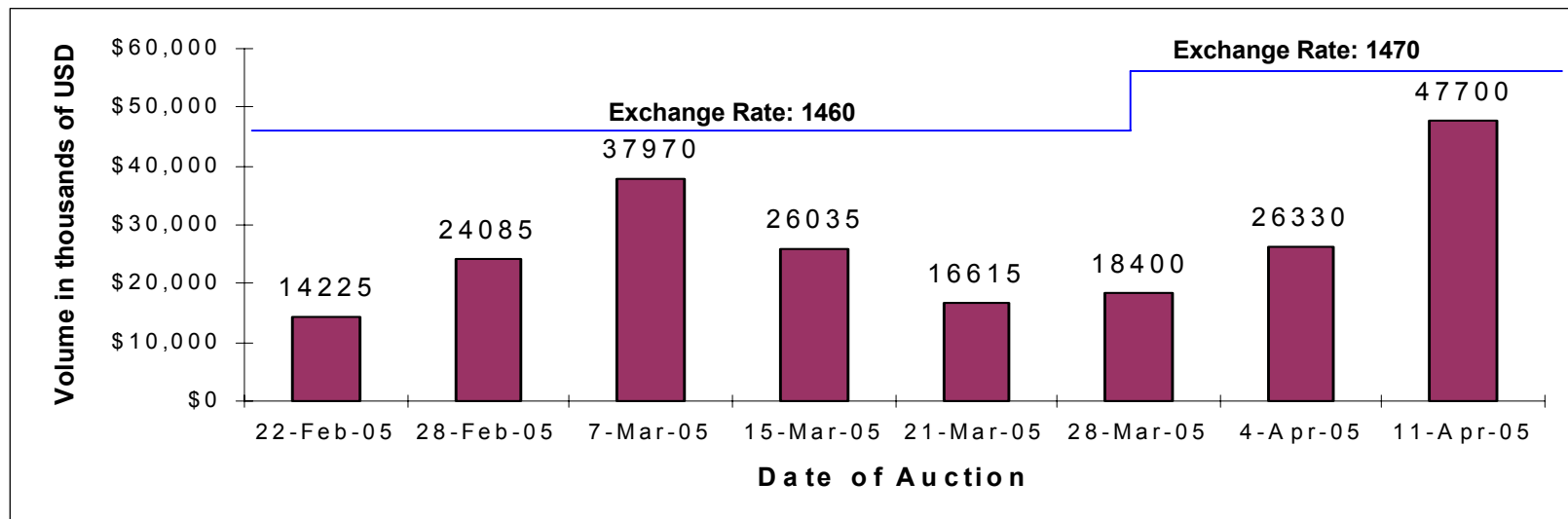
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Iraq Currency Exchange:

- i At the New Iraqi Dinar (NID) auction on April 11, the settlement price was 1,470 dinars per USD with a total of 20 banks trading. The following table shows the purchase value of the top five banks:

Bank Name	Qty Sold (in thousands of USD)	Percentage of Total Auction
Al-Rasheed Bank	\$10,600	22.22%
Investment Bank	\$5,230	10.96%
United Bank	\$5,000	10.48%
Al-Warkaa Bank	\$3,500	7.34%
Agriculture Bank	\$3,300	6.92%
Total	\$27,630	57.92%

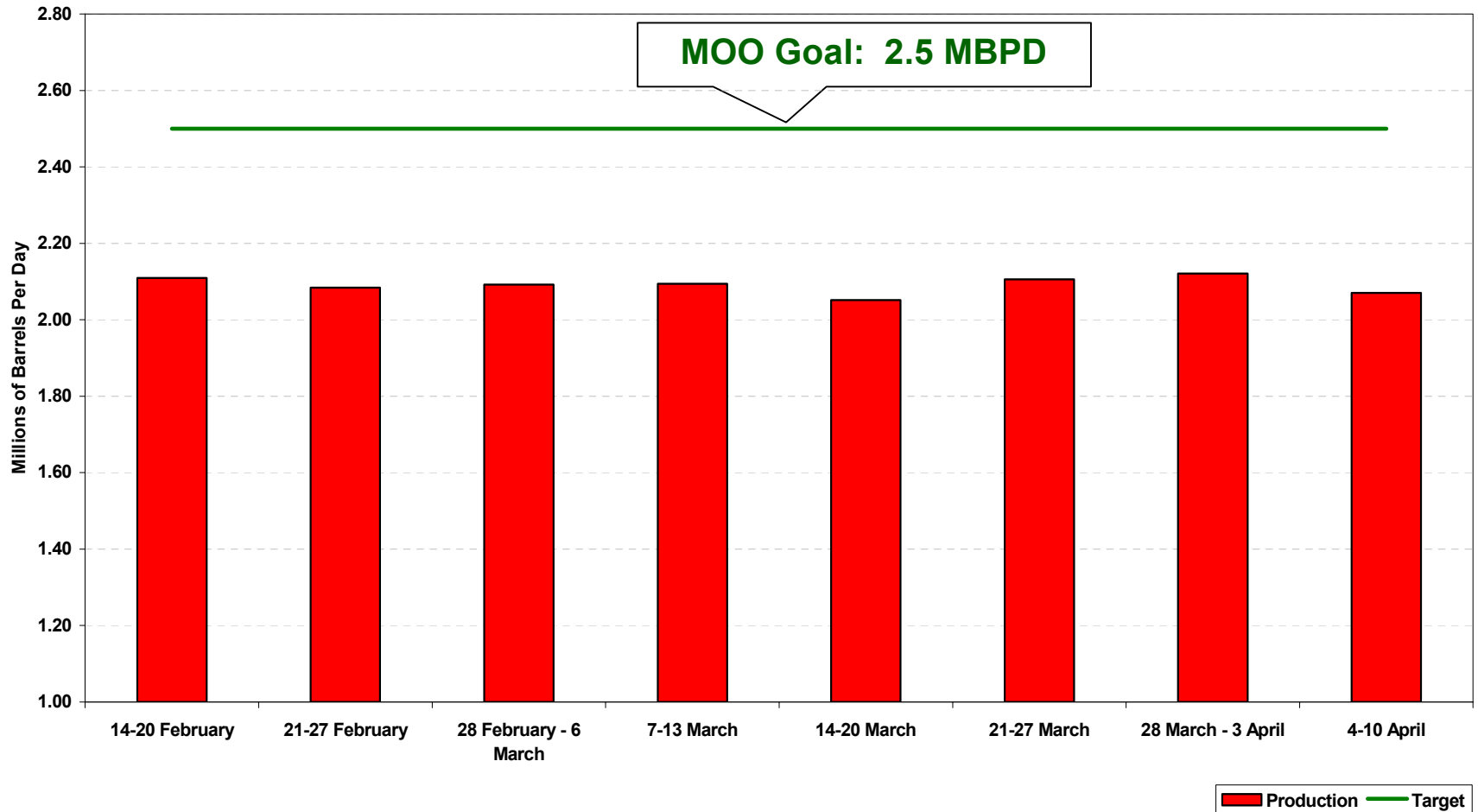
- i The graph below represents the NID Currency Exchange trend over the last month:





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

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ï Weekly Average (4 Apr - 10 April) of 2.07 MBPD

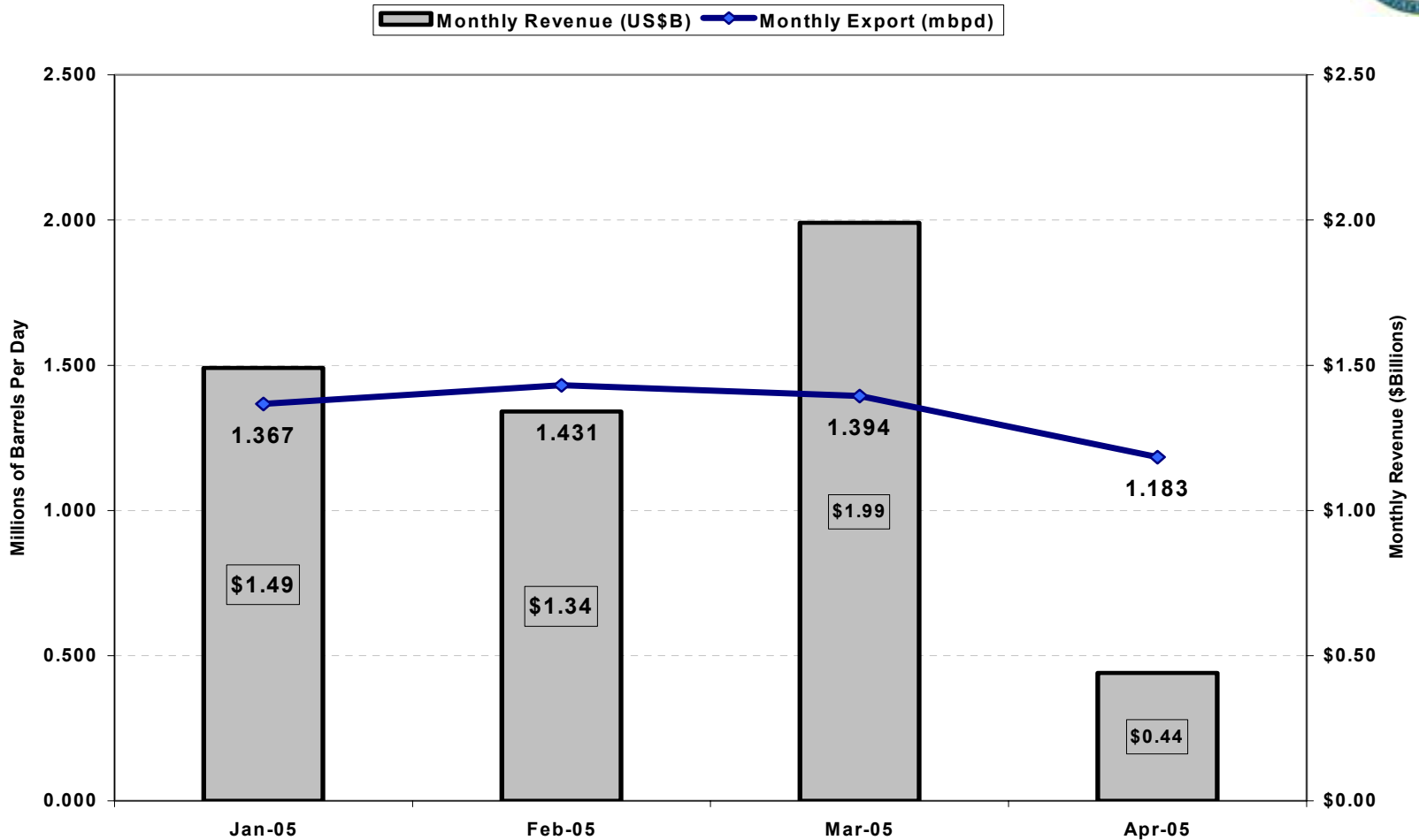
ï Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 2003

ï Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD



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

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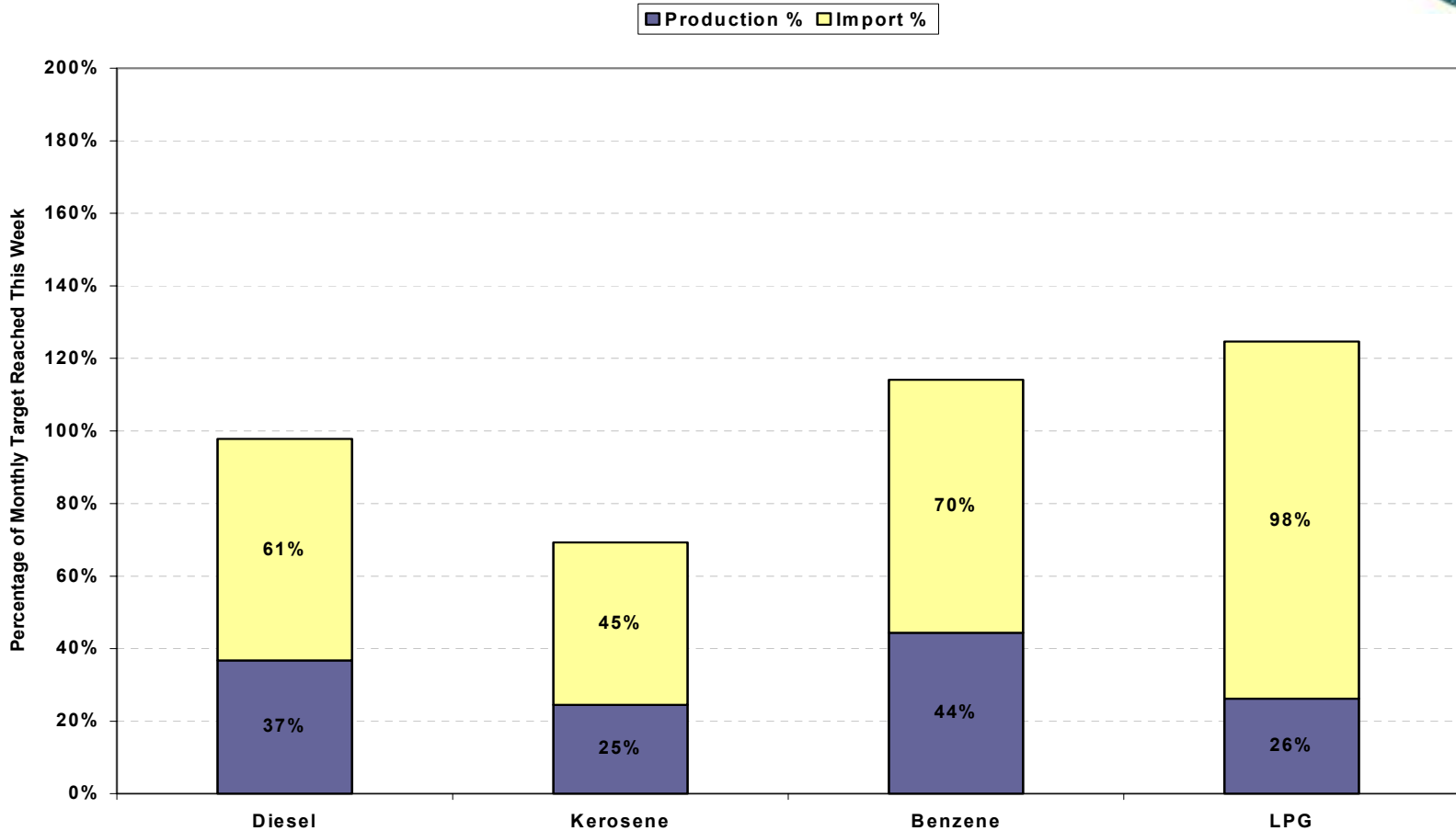


- ï 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 M
- ï 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- ï 2005 Revenue: \$5,260 M (cumulative for 2005)



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

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Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of April 4 ñ April 10

ï Diesel: 17.6 ML of 18 ML

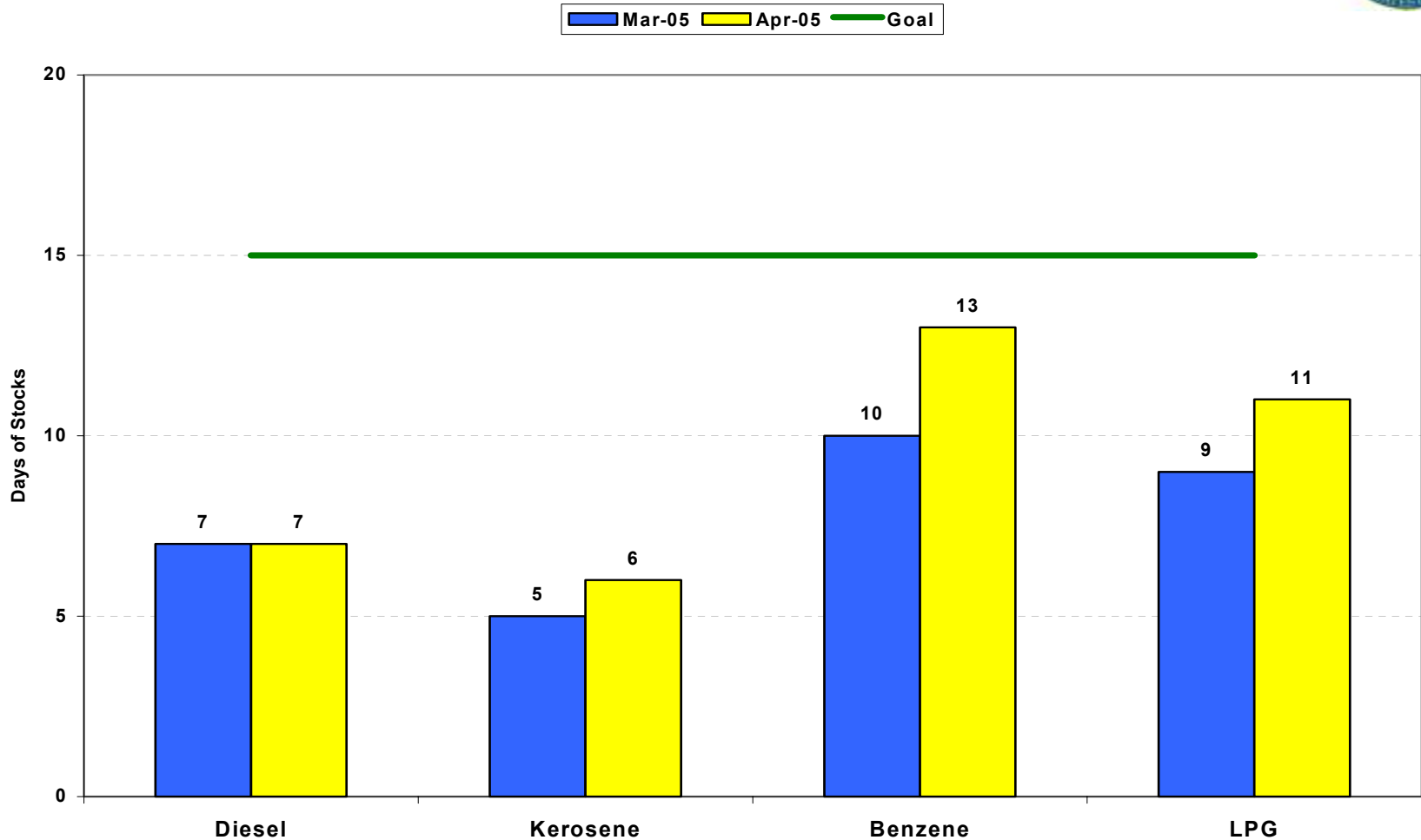
ï Benzene: 20.6 ML of 18 ML

ï Kerosene: 4.7 ML of 6.8 ML

ï LPG: 5,359 tons of 4,300 tons



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



ï 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 Foundations for a Strong Economy ñ IRRF I & II Financials



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Financial Status-IRRF I & II			Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Security and Law Enforcement	5,045	5,045	4,623	4,705	3,870	3,929	1,790	1,824
Electricity Sector	4,369	4,078	3,949	3,949	2,905	2,936	943	961
Oil Infrastructure	1,701	1,701	1,562	1,570	1,010	1,008	222	228
Justice, Public Safety, and Civil Society	1,120	1,120	968	983	768	768	202	216
Democracy	832	832	754	755	668	669	315	331
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	379	379	283	283	270	270	72	77
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	359	355	341	341	187	191	58	66
Health Care	786	786	760	764	453	536	54	58
Transportation and Communications	513	512	484	473	320	320	62	63
Water Resources and Sanitation	2,279	1,770	1,754	1,753	981	1,067	100	101
Private Sector Development	843	835	778	778	763	763	439	442
Admin Expense	213	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
IRRF II SUBTOTAL	18,439	17,442	16,285	16,383	12,224	12,486	4,286	4,396
IRRF II CONSTRUCTION	11,306	10,378	10,135	10,123	7,067	7,199	1,970	2,028
IRRF II NON-CONSTRUCTION	6,301	6,232	5,396	5,505	4,489	4,618	2,001	2037
IRRF II DEMOCRACY	832	832	754	755	668	669	315	331
IRRF I SUBTOTAL	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,150	2,150
GRAND TOTAL IRRF I & II	20,914	19,917	18,760	18,858	14,699	14,961	6,436	6,546



[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law ñ Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights

International Rule of Law Coordination Meeting in Amman:

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- i The Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement hosted the second International Iraq Rule of Law Coordination Meeting in Amman, Jordan, on April 12. Attendees included: UNDP, UNAMI, EU, UK, Japan, Denmark, Canada, Australia, Sweden, American Bar Association, US Department of Justice, US Institute for Peace, DePaul University, and the International Legal Assistance Consortium. Discussion centered on approaching the Iraqis with a unified and coordinated offer of assistance in drafting their strategy for reforming the Iraqi justice sector and establishing rule of law.

Livelihood Packages to Displaced Families in Kirkuk:

- i USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) is distributing Livelihood Packages to displaced families in south and west Kirkuk. Local Community Development Groups helped OFDA assess the community and prioritize the families in greatest need. Over 2,300 family packages have been distributed among the displaced population. These packages include blankets, clothes, heaters, cookers, and plastic sheeting.

Women's NGO Defends Women's Rights:

- i An Iraqi NGO that expands outreach services and activities for women in the community is working to promote equality among women and protect women's rights. An Iraq Transitions Initiative (ITI) grant enabled the NGO to renovate their facilities and acquire equipment and furniture. This support will help them to defend women's rights with regard to violence against women, empowering women to participate in a democratic Iraq.



[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law ñ Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights

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NGO Strengthening the Capacity of Human Rights and Peace Advocates:

- ï A human rights NGO in northern Iraq is strengthening the capacity of human rights and peace advocates. Through an Iraq Transitions Initiative (ITI) grant, the NGO held thirty workshops educating participants on democracy and building their capacity to participate in Iraq's transition to a democratic system.
 - ñ Participants included students, youth, teachers, lawyers, media professionals, members of women's organizations, and NGOs. Mayors, district directors, and security personnel attended separate seminars directly addressing their needs.

National Democratic Institute Assists the TNA:

- ï NDI trained TNA members and other political party representatives last week on media techniques, coalition-building strategies, advocacy, and the constitutional process. NDI and SUNY (State University of New York) co-trained the TNA on legislative drafting.

Iraqi Citizens Heighten Awareness of Marriage Laws:

- ï Iraqi citizens from 85 villages attended public meetings intended to heighten awareness of marriage laws. Based on traditional practices, many Iraqis throughout the region enter into illegal marriages which can result in human rights violations and legal confusion. Some women, who are under the legal marriage age of 18, are deprived of basic rights and children from these marriages, have difficulty establishing their legal identity. An Iraqi NGO working in the north sent mobile teams to the villages to hold the public meetings over a three-month period.

[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law ñ Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights



Constitutional Information Package:

- ï As part of its Constitution and Civil Society initiative, USAID is providing support to the constitutional development process continued work on a ìConstitution Information Packageî that will serve as an essential reference tool guide for civil society organizations wishing to participate in spreading greater awareness on the constitutional process.

Law Faculty and the Constitution Writing Process:

- ï Iraqi law faculty are engaged in the constitution writing process by presenting research papers at international law conferences and compiling their findings into a briefing packet for Transitional National Assembly members. Their research topics include the Iraqi elections, the new constitution, principles of good governance, and federalism. The research will be included in a briefing book on major legal issues facing the drafters.



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

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International Support:

- ï SRSG Qazi told an April 11 session of the Security Council that the UN would like to increase its role in providing constitutional and reconstruction assistance and in coordinating donors. This would require an improved security situation; UNAMI is assessing the scope for expansion, especially in Basrah and Erbil.
- ï On April 11, the UN Security Council also received briefings from U.S. Amb. Patterson on behalf of MNF-I, and Iraqi Ambassador Sumaidaie on the recent developments in the political process.
- ï UN Special Representative Qazi met with Secretary of State Rice April 12.
- ï Among the many states welcoming the Presidency Council, Turkey has welcomed the election of Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani as president of Iraq, stressing that his primary objective should be the preservation of the country's territorial integrity. Turkey also pledged it will continue to extend as much support as it can to Iraq.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support ñ Stability Contributors

26 MNF-I Contributors (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Latvia	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Lithuania	Singapore
Australia	Georgia	Macedonia	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Italy	Moldova	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Japan	Mongolia	UK
Czech Rep	Kazakhstan	Netherlands	
Denmark	Korea	Norway	

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

TOTAL ~ 22,000 Forces

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



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