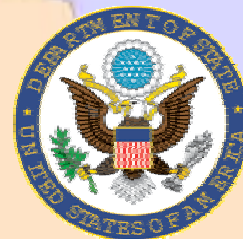


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Highlights

1.0 Neutralize the Insurgents

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2.0 Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005

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- ï TNA Deputy Speaker Shahrastani announced that the TNA named 55 members to a Constitutional Committee on May 10.

3.0 Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services

- ï On May 9, Congress lifted its hold on \$100 million designated for job creation programs through USAID's Community Action Program.



Highlights

4.0 Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

- ï Thirty representatives from six private Iraqi banks recently received credit analysis training over 17 days at a bank in Amman, Jordan. The training was coordinated and funded by USAID's Private Sector Development II (PSD II) program.

5.0 Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law

- ï In late April, a USAID partner providing support to the Transitional National Assembly (TNA) conducted an orientation seminar for 31 individuals, including 26 TNA members, as part of an ongoing training program aimed at offering members a practical overview of key issues.

6.0 Maintain International Engagement and Support

- ï UN Secretary General Kofi Annan appointed Michael von der Schulenburg of Germany as Deputy Special Representative for Political Affairs with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq on May 6.
- ï The United Arab Emirates welcomed the formation of a new Iraqi government and wished that it would usher in a new period of stability that would allow the government to discharge its duties, particularly drafting of a new constitution.



[1.0] Neutralize the Insurgents ñ Iraqi Security Forces Update

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180 Graduate From Police Courses:

- ï The Iraqi Police Service graduated 180 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility on May 5 as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces. The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 62 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 39 graduates, Internal Controls Investigation with 29 graduates, Critical Incident Management with 29 graduates, and First Line Supervision with 21 graduates.
- ï On May 4, the North Atlantic Council agreed to establish the Iraqi Training, Education and Doctrine Center (TEDC) at ar-Rustamiyah. The decision sets up NATO to begin training Iraqis at the TEDC in September.



[1.0] Neutralize the Insurgents ñ Iraqi Security Forces Update

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	58,509
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	29,554
TOTAL	88,063*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	74,006
AIR FORCE	188
NAVY	521
TOTAL	74,715**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

162,778

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

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Data as of May 9, 2005



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

ITG Formation:

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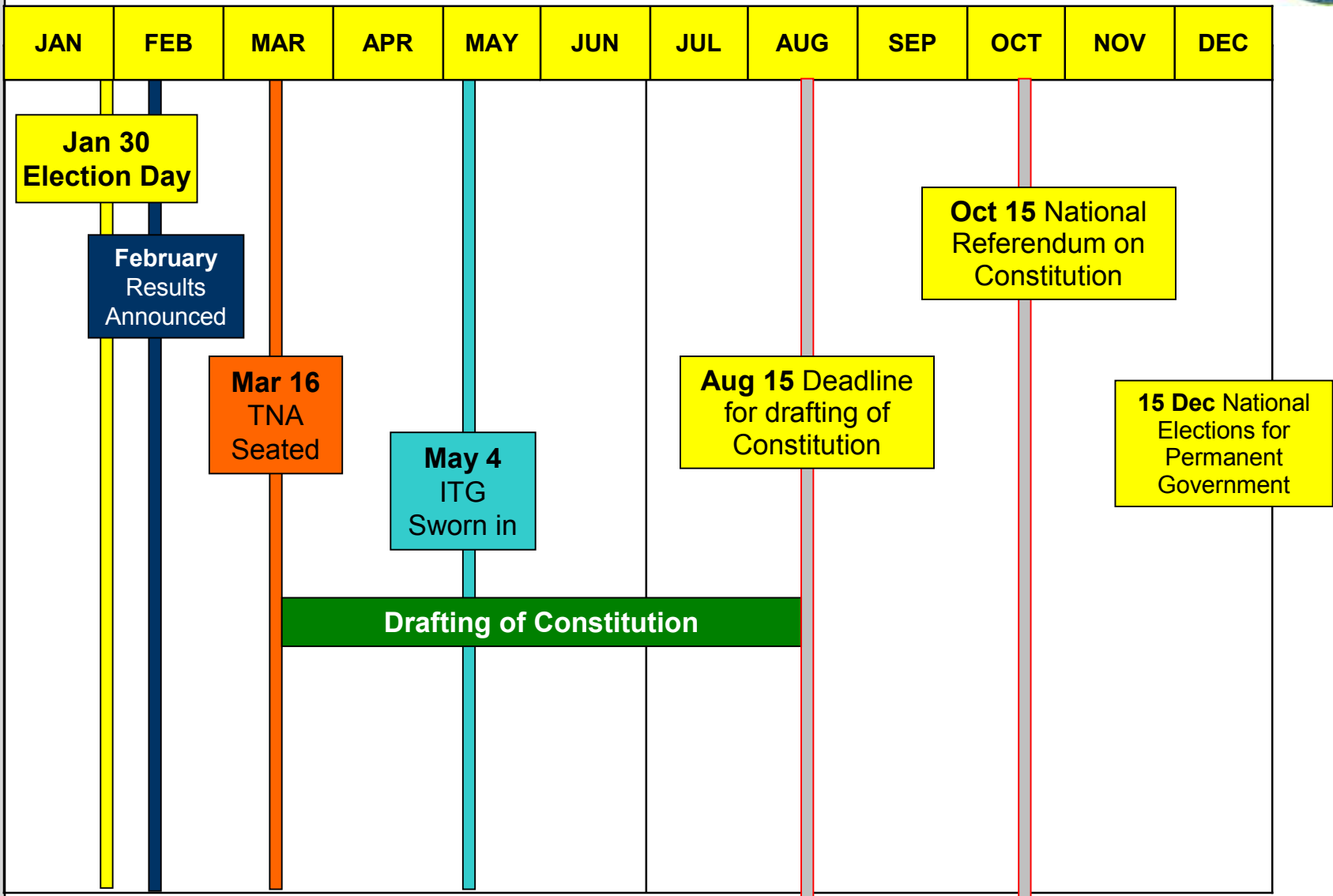
Continuing TNA Responsibilities:

- Serve as Iraq's national legislature until the election of a new government under a permanent constitution.
- 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:

ï Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending May 6 closed with the following prices:

ñ WTI Cushing at \$50.47/barrel

ñ Dated Brent at \$49.73/barrel

ñ Basra Light at \$41.15/barrel

ñ Oman/Dubai at \$45.79/barrel

ñ Kirkuk Crude at \$43.84/barrel

Employment Update: Number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects in each sector:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	27,453	28,240	2.9%
USAID	69,358	67,623	-2.5%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	2,850	2,950	3.5%
MILCON (Military Construction)	624	592	-5.1%
*CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	27,976	27,976	0.0%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	9,160	9,155	-0.1%
GRAND TOTAL	161,127	160,242	-0.5%

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



School Construction:

- ï PCO has completed 517 school renovations to date and 193 more are under construction. Under the Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP), an additional 24 school renovations have been completed and 16 are underway.

Education Kits:

- ï The Ministry of Education delivered 433,524 school supply kits to 1,870 schools throughout Iraq. More than 80,000 additional kits have arrived in governorate warehouses and will be distributed to schools in the coming weeks. A total of 525,000 kits will be distributed to students through this program.

Public Distribution System (PDS):

- ï The Ministry of Trade (MoT) has contracted 150,000 MT of wheat flour from Turkey; the first truckloads have reportedly begun to arrive for Mayís distribution.
- ï The MoT contracted 60,000 MT of US rice and 115,000 MT of Thai rice to fulfill distribution needs for June and July.



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

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Health Care:

- ï Construction is underway on 145 new primary health care (PHC) facilities across Iraq; one has been completed. Under the Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP), two additional PHCs are under construction and eight have been completed.
- ï One million sachets of oral rehydration salts are being delivered by UNICEF to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in May as contingency stocks for treatment during the diarrhea/cholera season.
 - ñ USAID, with WHO and UNICEF, is supporting the MoH's campaign to vaccinate children aged 9 months to five years against measles, mumps, and rubella. In the first days of the campaign, approximately 36 percent of the target population of children received vaccinations.

Telecommunications:

- ï The three major cell phone companies in Iraq (Asiacell, Iraqna, and Atheer) continue to enroll new subscribers at healthy rates. As of May 1, there were 2,180,355 active cellular subscribers in Iraq, a 6 percent increase over last month. Landline telephone subscribers in Iraq have also increased to 992,416. Prior to the war, there were approximately 833,000 landline subscribers and no cellular network.

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



Water and Sanitation:

- ï PCO has 89 water treatment projects underway and has completed 13 to date. Under the AIRP, there are 13 additional water treatment projects under construction and 37 completed. The majority of these projects are awarded directly to local contractors and local water authorities.
- ï The Karbala Water Treatment Plant project will install 10 compact clarifier units, with a total capacity of 25 million gallons per day. The project will also enlarge the existing inlet works and associated pump station.
 - The plant is located in the cityís center, near one of Shiite Islamís holiest shrines. In addition to providing water to city residents, potable water is supplied seasonally to an estimated three million pilgrims. The project is 26 percent finished and will be complete in September.
- ï Both Minister Latif Rashid and Minister Nasreen Berwari will remain in the new government for the Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, respectively.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ Electricity

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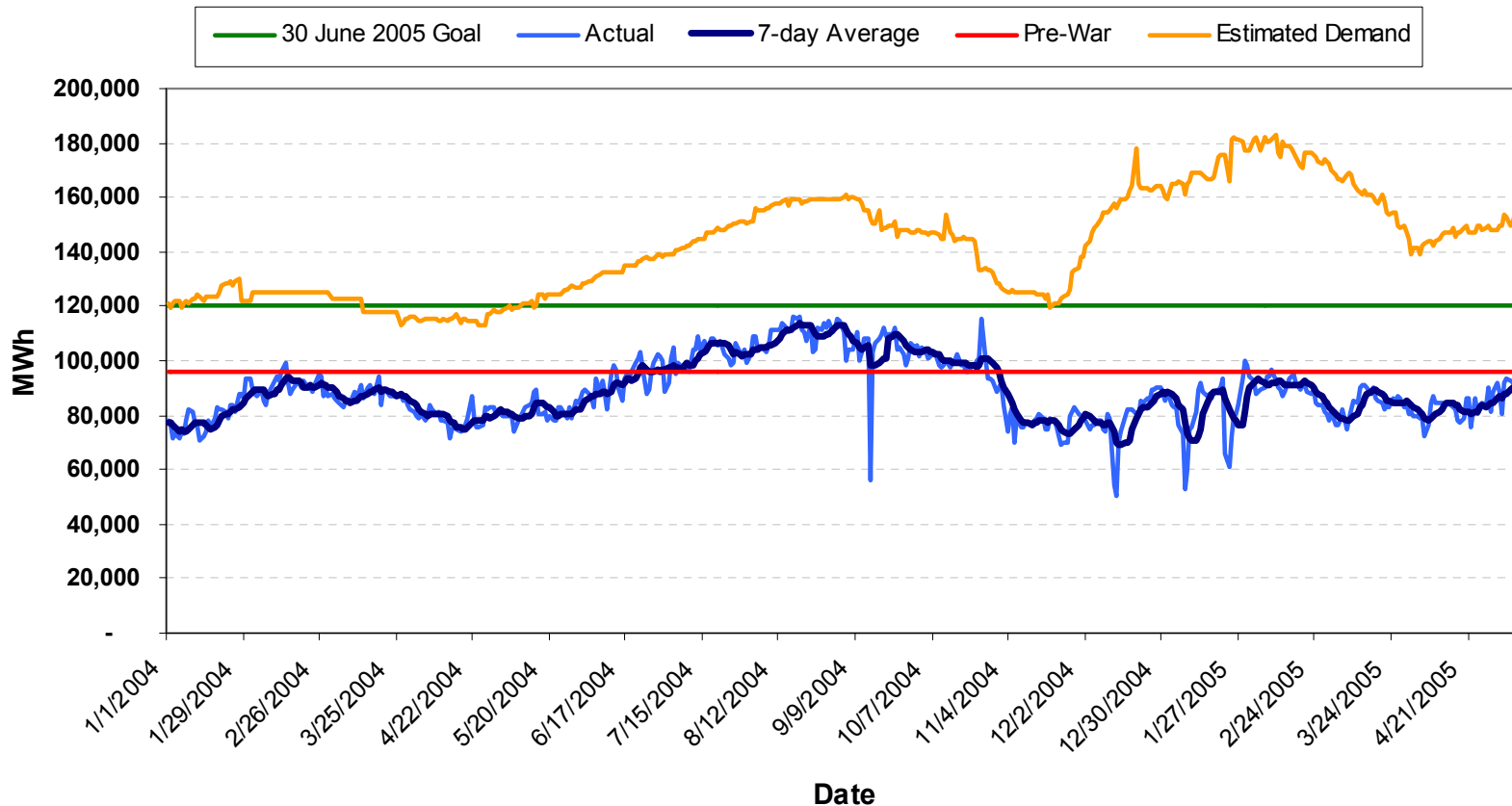
Operations and Management (O&M) on Power Plants:

- ï USAID provides O&M training to Ministry of Electricity (MOE) officials and staff at MOE-run power plants. The 239 MOE staff are trained in tiers corresponding to their management level.
 - ñ This program protects investments in Iraqi infrastructure through the USAID-administered Iraq Infrastructure Reconstruction (IIR) program.
 - ñ Training activities now target operations staff, helping the Iraqi Ministries create and train a team of O&M advisors to assist infrastructure staff around the country as needs arise.



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

Iraq Daily Electricity Load Served



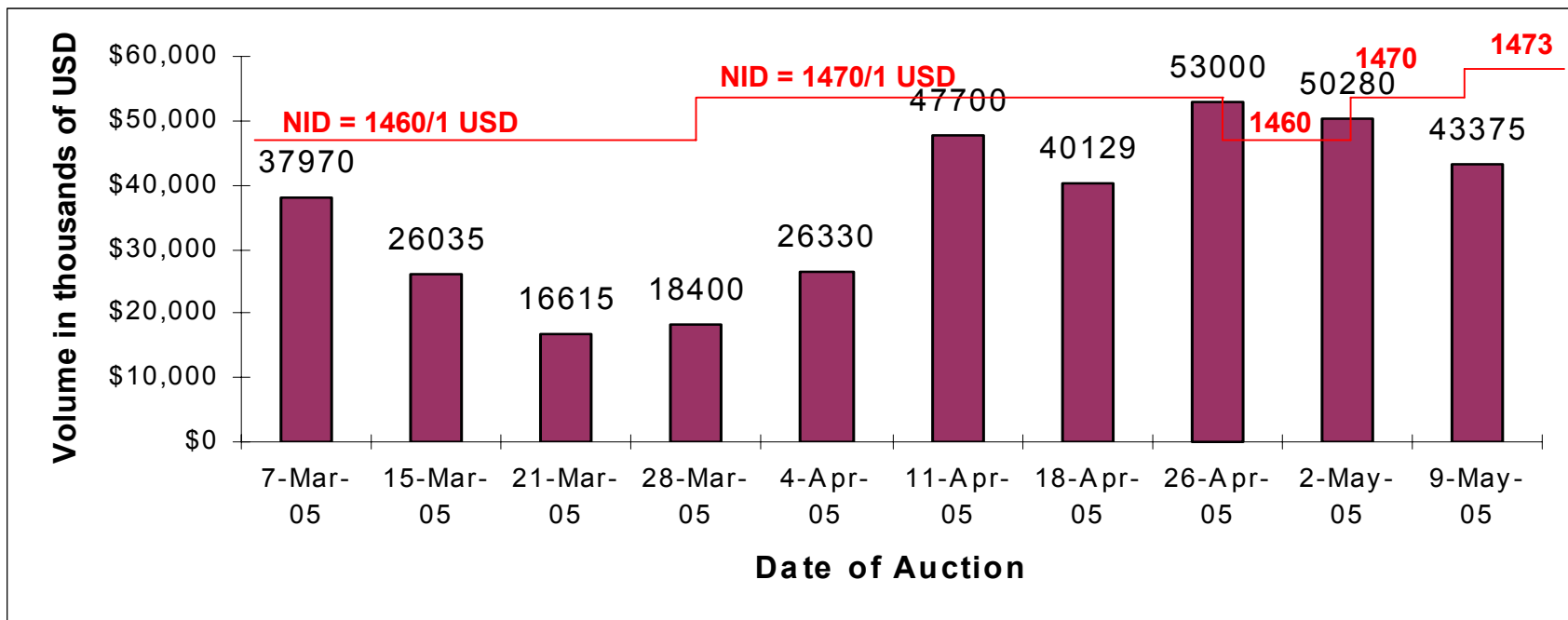
- ï Electricity load served in the last week (May 2 - 9) averaged of 91,100 MWh. Hours of available power averaged 12.8 hours in Baghdad and 10.6 hours country-wide.
- ï Temperatures are starting to climb, resulting in growing seasonal demand.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

Iraq Currency Exchange:

- i At the New Iraqi Dinar (NID) auction on May 9, the settlement price was 1,473 dinars per USD with a total of 18 banks trading. The following table shows the purchase volume over the last two months:





[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

Iraqi Bankers Train in Credit Analysis:

- ï Thirty representatives from six private Iraqi banks recently received credit analysis training over 17 days at a bank in Amman, Jordan. The training was coordinated and funded by USAID's Private Sector Development II (PSD II) program.
 - ñ The goal is to help Iraqi banks switch from an asset-based lending system to one based on ability to repay.

Iraqi Securities Exchange:

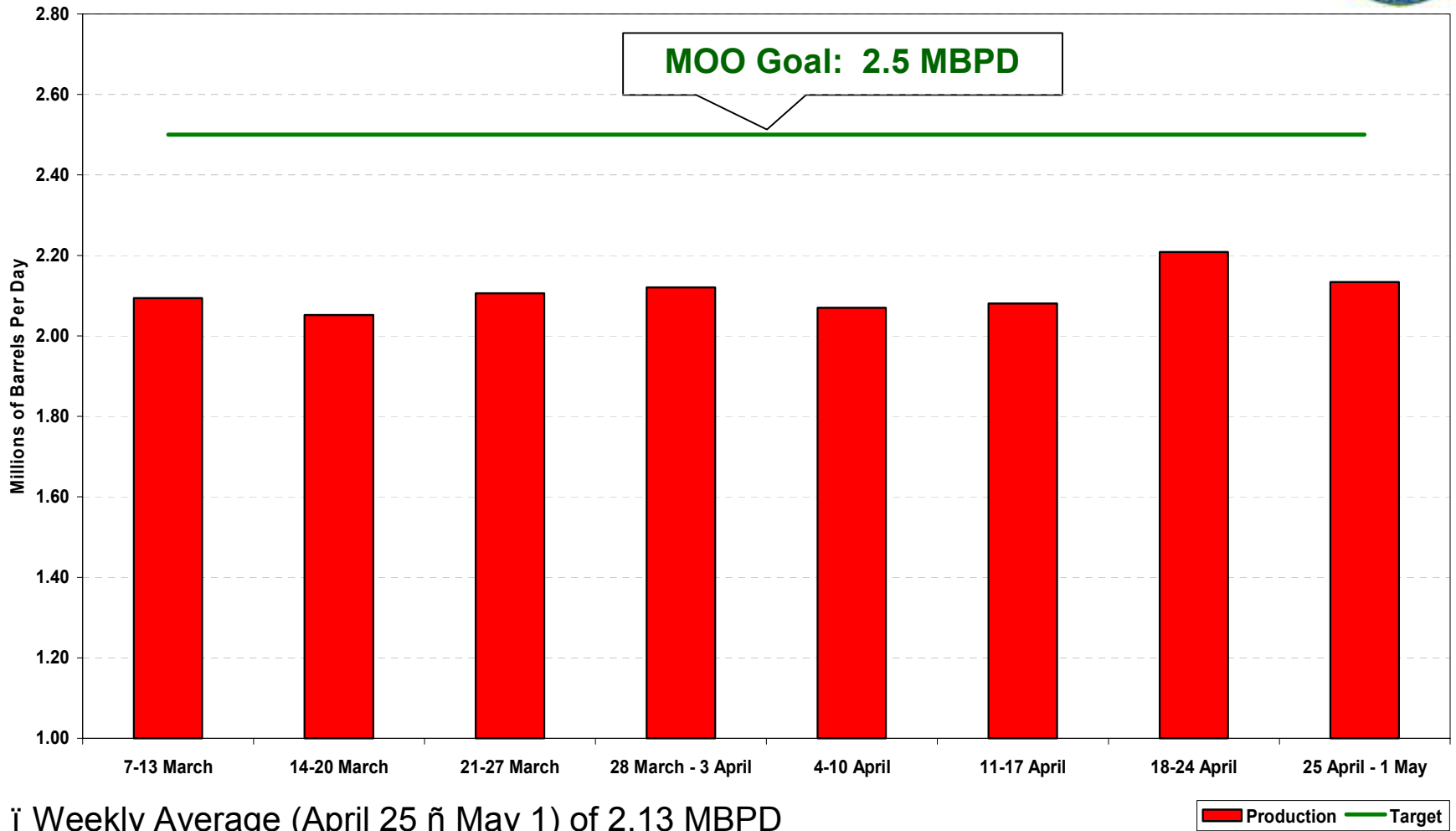
- ï The Ministry of Finance auctioned ID 200 billion (about \$136 million) in T-Bills on May 3; the settlement yield was 3.0 percent with four banks offering winning bids. The following shows the results of the previous seven auctions:

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
15	2/6/2005	100.040	91	5/9/2005	11	7	137.400	96.940	141.74	3.00%-7.00%	5.00%
16	2/20/2005	150.020	91	5/23/2005	10	4	253.000	145.520	173.86	3.00 %- 7.00%	3.00%
17	3/6/2005	200.040	91	6/6/2005	8	6	399.500	197.040	202.75	2.00%- 6.90%	3.00%
18	3/20/2005	200.040	91	6/20/2005	8	6	424.000	197.040	215.18	2.00% - 6.50%	3.00%
19	4/3/2005	200.020	91	7/4/2005	6	5	396.000	197.020	200.99	3.00% - 6.50%	3.00%
20	4/17/2005	150.040	91	7/18/2005	8	6	300.250	147.540	203.50	3.00% - 7.00%	3.00%
21	5/2/2005	200.030	91	8/2/2005	5	4	311.000	198.030	157.05	3.00% - 6.50%	3.00%



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

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ï Weekly Average (April 25 ñ May 1) of 2.13 MBPD

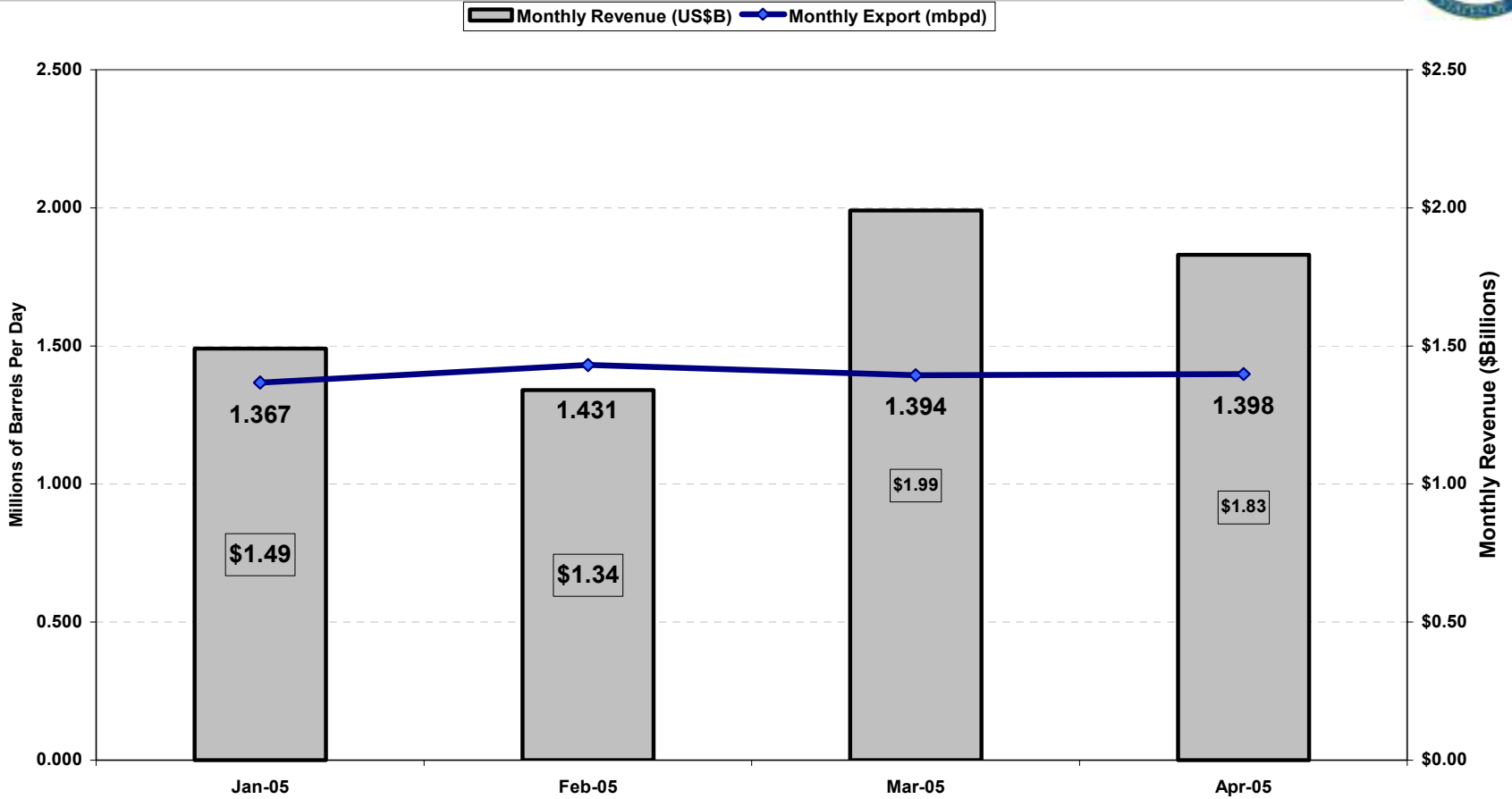
ï Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 2003

ï Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD



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

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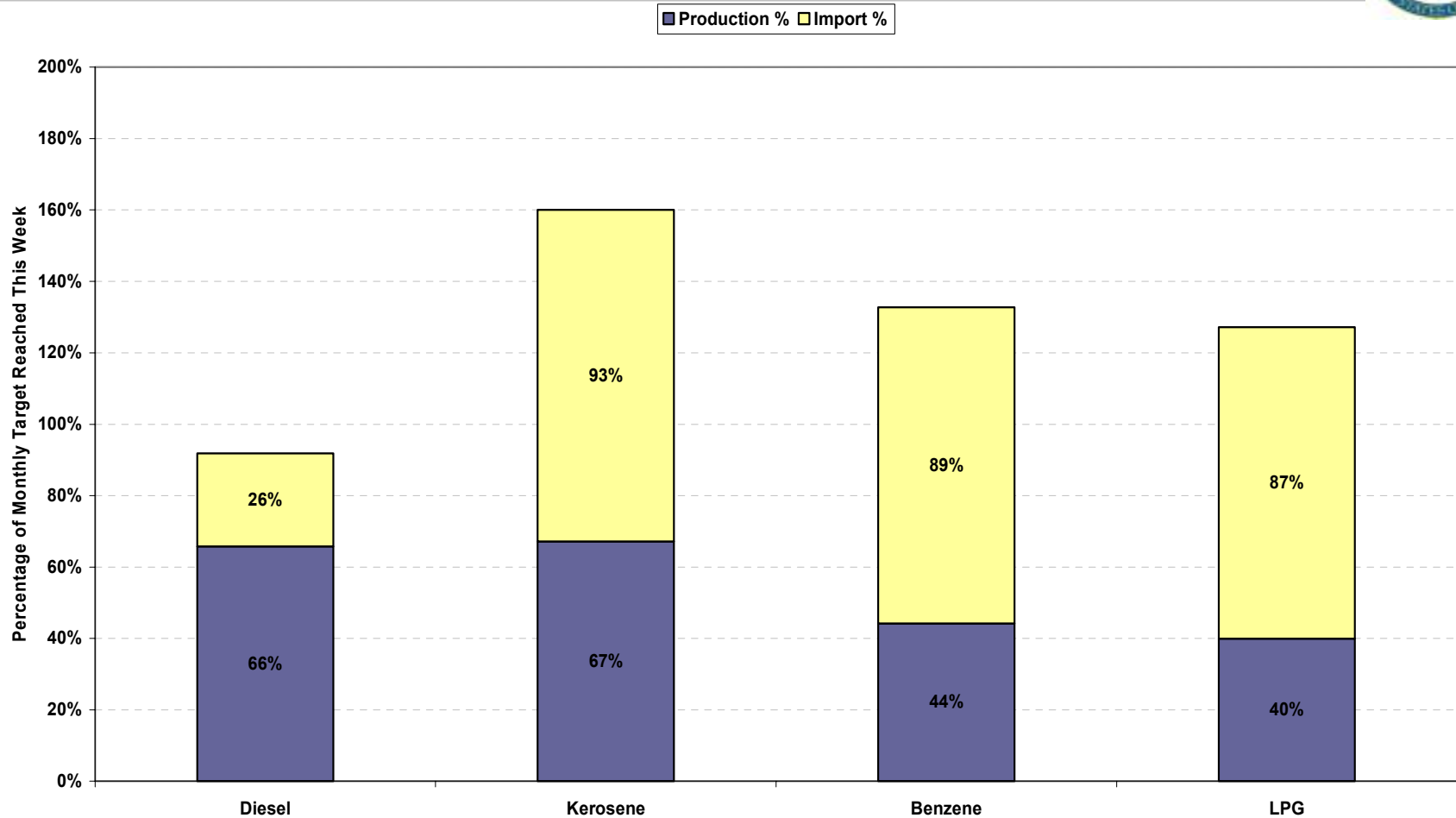


- ï 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 M
- ï 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- ï 2005 Revenue: \$6,200 M (cumulative for 2005)



[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 25 ñ May 1

ï Diesel: 16.5 ML of 18 ML

ï Benzene: 23.8 ML of 18 ML

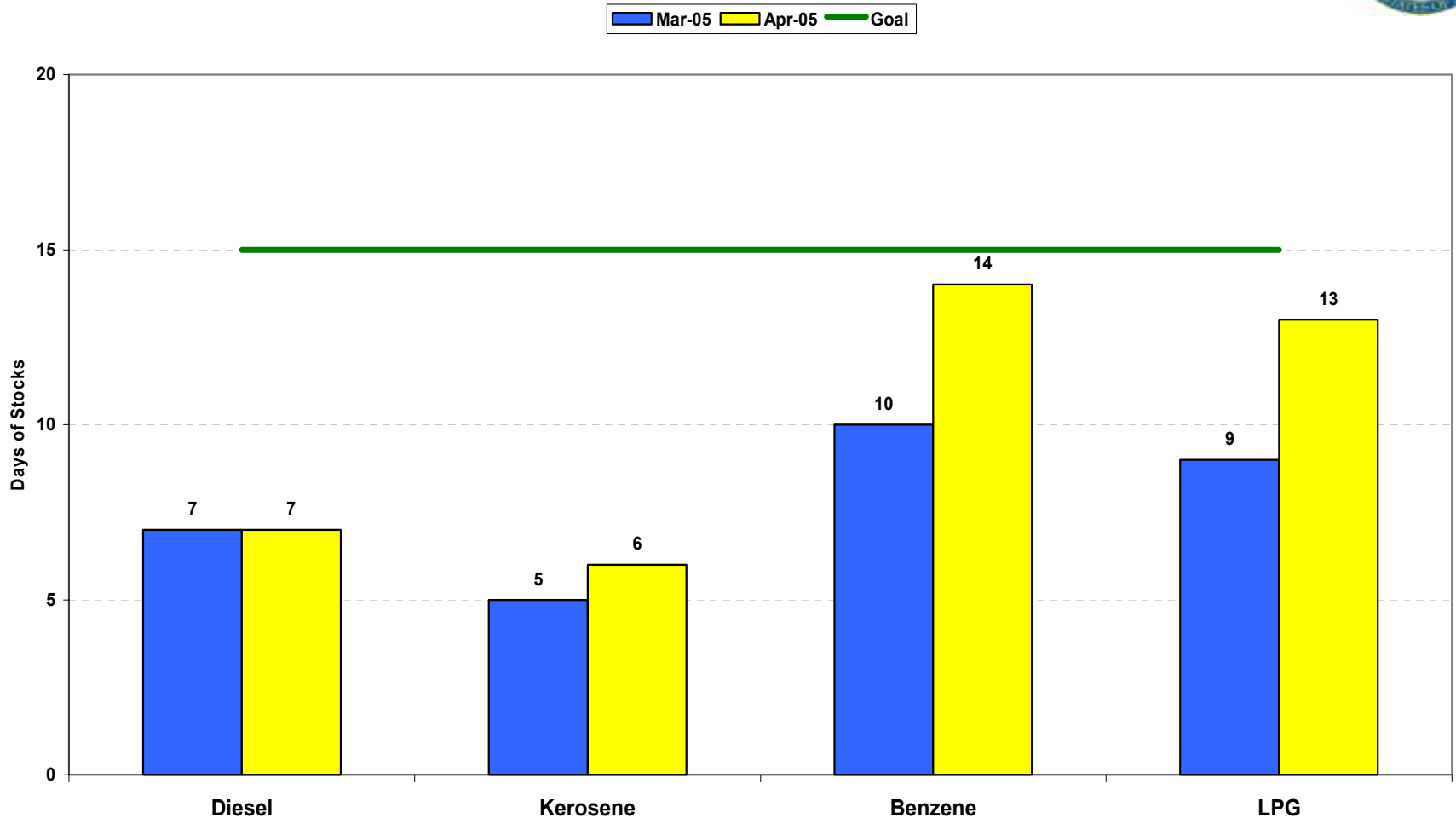
ï Kerosene: 8.8 ML of 5.4 ML

ï LPG: 5,468 tons of 4,300 tons



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

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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	2207 Report	Apportion	Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
			Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Sector								
Security and Law Enforcement	5,036	5,036	4,721	4,743	4,130	4,176	2,045	2,148
Electricity Sector	4,308	4,089	3,943	3,723	2,960	2,758	1,030	1,051
Oil Infrastructure	1,723	1,723	1,583	1,586	1,006	1,006	263	271
Justice, Public Safety, and Civil Society	1,224	1,144	1,007	1,049	812	865	260	270
Democracy	905	832	756	765	670	679	346	356
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	363	363	286	287	273	275	84	92
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	355	355	343	343	194	194	73	87
Health Care	786	786	756	755	557	569	77	86
Transportation and Communications	509	509	472	483	327	337	70	74
Water Resources and Sanitation	2,157	1,839	1,758	1,758	1,068	1,072	117	129
Private Sector Development	860	835	780	791	765	776	449	449
Admin Expense	214	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
IRRF II SUBTOTAL	18,439	17,540	16,435	16,314	12,793	12,736	4,842	5,042
IRRF II CONSTRUCTION			10,021	9,872	7,284	7,152	2,216	2,322
IRRF II NON-CONSTRUCTION			5,658	5,677	4,839	4,905	2,280	2,364
IRRF II DEMOCRACY			756	765	670	679	346	356
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	20,015	18,910	18,789	15,268	15,211	6,992	7,192



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

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Over 480 Foreign Ministry Staff with Ties to Saddam:

- i Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari told London-based newspaper Al-Hayat that the de-Baathification process had affected more than 480 Foreign Ministry employees "who had links with the former Iraqi intelligence service." Zebari said, "under Saddam Hussein's regime the Foreign Ministry was a ministry for intelligence personnel, and it was necessary to take steps to purge those elements."

Interior Ministry Probing Leak of Data on Armed Groups:

- i According to Egyptian news agency MENA, the Iraqi Interior Ministry has formed a committee to investigate the apparent leaking of classified information to armed groups. On May 9, Radio Sawa quoted a source in the ministry as saying the decision was made after intelligence services discovered a collection of compact discs carrying detailed information on armed groups in the past year.

Justice Integration Plan Launched:

- i Chief Justice Medhat of the Iraqi Supreme Court recently gave a speech introducing INL's Justice Integration Project at a luncheon hosted by the Charge d'Affairs for the new Ministers of Justice and the Interior. The Justice Integration Project will establish an Inter-Ministerial Commission, which will create an integrated system between the courts, police, and prisons. The Chief Justice, and the Justice and Interior Ministers have begun developing a joint strategic plan for this Commission.

Rule of Law Coordinator Visits Detainees:

- i The Rule of Law Coordinator visited police detention facilities to interview detainees about their offenses, their length of detention, and whether their cases had come before a judge. Embassy officials continue to monitor the human rights situation of detainees in Iraqi prisons to ensure that international standards for the treatment of detainees are being met.

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



Orientation Seminar for Members of the Transitional National Assembly:

- ï In late April, USAIDís partner providing support to the Transitional National Assembly (TNA) conducted an orientation seminar for 31 individuals ó including 26 TNA members ó as part of an ongoing training program aimed at offering members a practical overview of key issues including: legislative drafting, effective executive-legislative relations, the role and functions of a parliamentary speakerís office, INA committee roles and functions, parliamentary rules of procedure, and the constitutional drafting process.

Coordinated Actions Target Corruption:

- ï The Anti-Corruption Coordinator at the Civil Society Resource Center in Basrah worked with a group of lawyers to organize a series of activities and events addressing corruption. Specifically, a meeting was held with the head of the Lawyers Syndicate in Basrah to discuss cooperating on conducting anti-corruption activities. Both parties agreed to jointly organize a forum around the topic of anti-corruption with local Civil Society Organizations interested in the subject.

National Democratic Institute (NDI) Workshop on Coalition Building:

- ï The National Democratic Institute (NDI) conducted a training session for young party members in Northern Iraq with Kirkuk-based parties on coalition building practices. Lessons learned included the practices of using pedagogical tools, brainstorming practices, and consensus building discussion mechanisms. The participants represented a wide range of parties, including Iraqi Islamic Party, Kurdistan Islamic Union, Iraqi Turkman National Party, Assyrian Democratic Movement, and others.



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

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International Support:

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- ï The United Arab Emirates (UAE) welcomed the formation of a new Iraqi government and wished that it would usher in a new period of stability that would allow the government to discharge its duties, particularly drafting of a new constitution. The cabinet reiterated that the UAE will stand by Iraq in its drive to regain regional and international roles and safeguard territorial integrity.
- ï Bulgaria's outgoing parliament voted on May 5 to pull all Bulgarian troops from Iraq by the end of the year. It provides for a reduction of Bulgaria's 462-strong contingent to 400 men in June, followed by a full withdrawal by December 31. The decision could be reviewed by the new legislature following general elections on June 25.
- ï NATO has decided to hire a private security firm to protect a military academy outside Baghdad which NATO plans to open in September. The solution, reported to be temporary, is designed to avoid additional delays in launching the training centre at Al-Rustimayah in the Baghdad suburbs. More than 500 Iraqi officers have received training in the International Zone, but the military alliance has made it clear that it plans to expand its training mission to Al-Rustimayah. NATO aims to train some 1,000 Iraqi officers per year.



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

27 MNF-I Contributors (in addition to US)

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

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

TOTAL ~ 23,000 Forces

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



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