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Highlights



Political/Governance

Najaf Standoff Ends:

- The Iraqi Interim Government (IIG) reestablished law and order in Najaf, and through the good offices of Ayatollah Sistani brokered a deal with Sadr and his militia supporters that resulted in Sistani being handed the keys to the Imam Ali mosque.

Economic

Oil Production and Exports:

- As of August 24, oil revenue for 2004 has been estimated at \$10.5 billion.

Food Security:

- The Public Distribution System food pipeline shows possible shortfalls in all commodities over the course of the next four months.



Highlights (cont.)

Reconstruction

Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program (AIRP):

- Recent decreased AIRP employment numbers due primarily to work stoppages from hostilities in Sadr City, Najaf, Diwaniya and Samarra.

Security

Security Forces Update:

- Iraqi security forces capabilities continue to improve. Capability is demonstrated by recent operations by Iraqi security elements in Najaf conflict.

Significant Attacks:

- Assassination attempts were made on the Ministers of Education and Environment in separate incidents on 24 August.



Governance - Developments

Najaf Situation:

- Tensions in Najaf were diffused on August 27 when Shi'ite cleric Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani was able to broker a deal with Moqtada al-Sadr's forces and the keys to the Imam Ali mosque were handed over to Sistani.
- Aides of al-Sadr have stated that he plans to participate in the political process in Iraq. Additionally, media reports have announced that Sadr has ordered a ceasefire by Mahdi Army militia until his political plans are made public, although no formal, written ceasefire statement has been received.

NATO Training:

- A team of 57 NATO officers has begun training Iraqi security forces. This Training Implementation Mission will help rebuild the Defense Ministry and military headquarters.



Governance - Developments

Capacity Building:

- The State Department is promoting capacity building and democracy through US-based programs for Iraqis.
 - "NGO Management" International Visitor Program (August 14-Sept 3): Highlighting the role that the non-profit sector plays in U.S. society, and the many ways that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) promote democracy and civic involvement.
 - "Elementary and Secondary Education" International Visitor Program (August 31-September 17): An introduction to American education for six Ministry of Education officials, teachers, school administrators and others involved in educational policy making.
- USAID continues to implement local governance activities in 18 governorates, increasing Iraqis' understanding of democratic principles and the political process.
 - Advisors from the Local Governance Program are working with local government representatives in Babil Governorate to improve the delivery of services, management techniques, and the execution of council responsibilities using the democratic process.



Economy

Oil Update

- As of August 24, oil revenue for 2004 has been estimated at \$10.5 billion.
- Crude oil prices continue to fall in world markets with Kirkuk Crude closing at \$37.90/barrel and Basra Light closing at \$34.99/barrel for week ending 27 August.

Employment Update

Number of Iraqis employed by each sector/project

Sector	Iraqis last week	Iraqis this week	% Increase on week
Buildings, Health & Education	2,546	2,945	15.7%
Electricity	516	482	-6.6%
Oil	566	391	-30.9%
Public Works & Water	4,021	3,459	-14.0%
Security & Justice	3,900	3,815	-2.2%
Transportation & Communications	209	169	-19.1%
AIRP	12,903	12,914	0.1%
PCO Weekly Survey TOTAL	24,661	24,175	-2.0%
USAID	62,621	88,436	41.2%
MILCON TOTAL	268	2,010	650.0%
GRAND TOTAL	87,550	114,621	30.9%

* AIRP decrease in employment of approximately 4,500 Iraqi workers is due to work stoppages from hostility in Sadr City, Najaf, Diwaniya and Samarra

Data as of 25 Aug



Economy (cont.)

Securities Exchange

- Two USAID Requests for Funds actions were reviewed and approved.
 - One action for \$.5M will train Iraqi Stock Exchange staff in compliance, surveillance, inspection and enforcement skill and techniques.
 - The second action for \$1M will procure an automated trading, clearing, settlement and depository system for the Iraqi Stock Exchange.
- Trading surges at the Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX) with NID 3 billion (US \$2M) in trading value and double the number of listed companies since trading began last fall.
- Trading sessions are held in a former hotel restaurant twice a week for two hours per day. There are plans to build a new trading floor within 6 months.

Currency Update

- At the New Iraqi Dinar (NID) auction on August 30, the settlement price was 1,460 dinars per dollar, and has remained unchanged since June 16.
 - A total of 18 banks trading.



Economy – Private Sector Development

Boosting Wheat Production

- The MOA and USAID's Agriculture Reconstruction & Development Program (ARDI) are working together to develop a wheat production campaign.
 - The campaign aims to replace a portion of imports with more efficient domestic production and increase employment and incomes for Iraqi farmers.
 - The campaign will help improved Iraq's seed certification program, the most significant factor in improving wheat quality and yields.

Employment and Vocational Training Centers

- USAID will provide additional resources (instructional material, trainers, etc) to the 18 employment and 6 vocational centers the DOL opened in Iraq earlier this year. The following are conservative estimates of current program participants:
 - 128,000 Iraqis have registered with the employment centers from Jan - July, 2004
 - 57,000 vacancies identified
 - 34,000 people willing to undergo training
 - 600 Iraqis have been trained
- Baghdad's labor pool is about 8 million people, thus this program has about 2% of the population registered.

Essential Services - Water and Sanitation



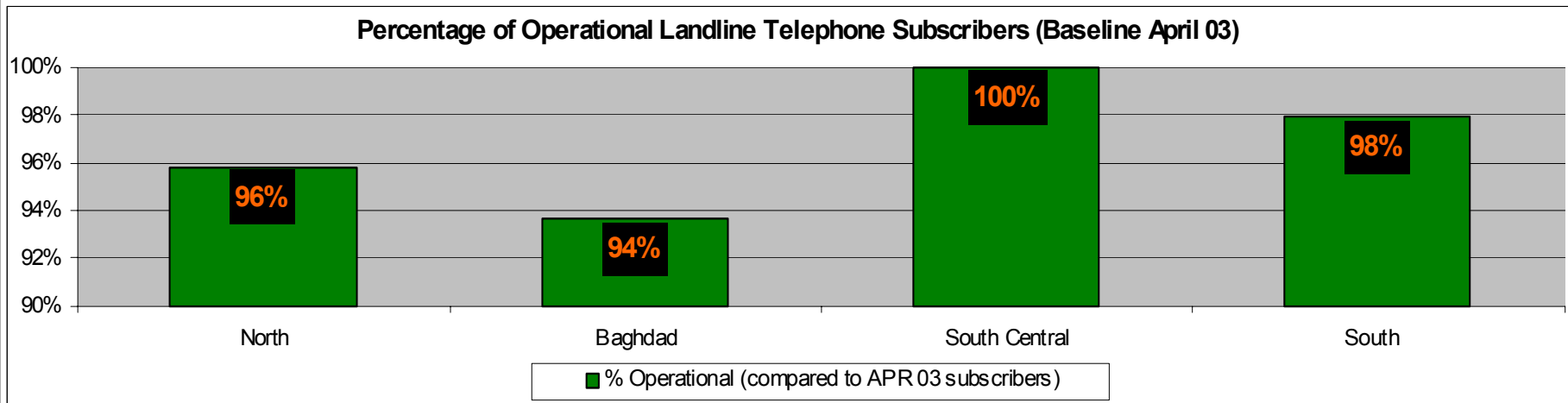
Current Projects

- PCO has several current water supply projects totaling \$64.9M and several water sanitation projects, including Najaf City sewerage rehabilitations totaling \$55M.
- The rehabilitation of two wastewater treatment plants in Baghdad continues.
 - These plants will treat nearly 75 percent of the wastewater flow from Baghdad municipality once complete.
- Restoration of 14 Basrah Governorate water treatment plants is almost complete. All USAID work at this plant is scheduled for completion mid-September 2004.
- The rehabilitation of a wastewater treatment plant in Babil Governorate continues and is on schedule for completion by November.
 - Once complete, the plant will serve approximately 53,000 Iraqis.



Essential Services - Telecommunications

- Total number of telephone subscribers in Iraq is now over 1,480,148 (including 680,416 cell phone subscribers) – 77.7% above pre-war levels
- There are now 799,732 land line telephone subscribers in Iraq, compared with 833,000 subscribers pre-war



Source: IRMO Office of Communications as reported by Iraqi Telephone and Postal Company

As of Aug 26

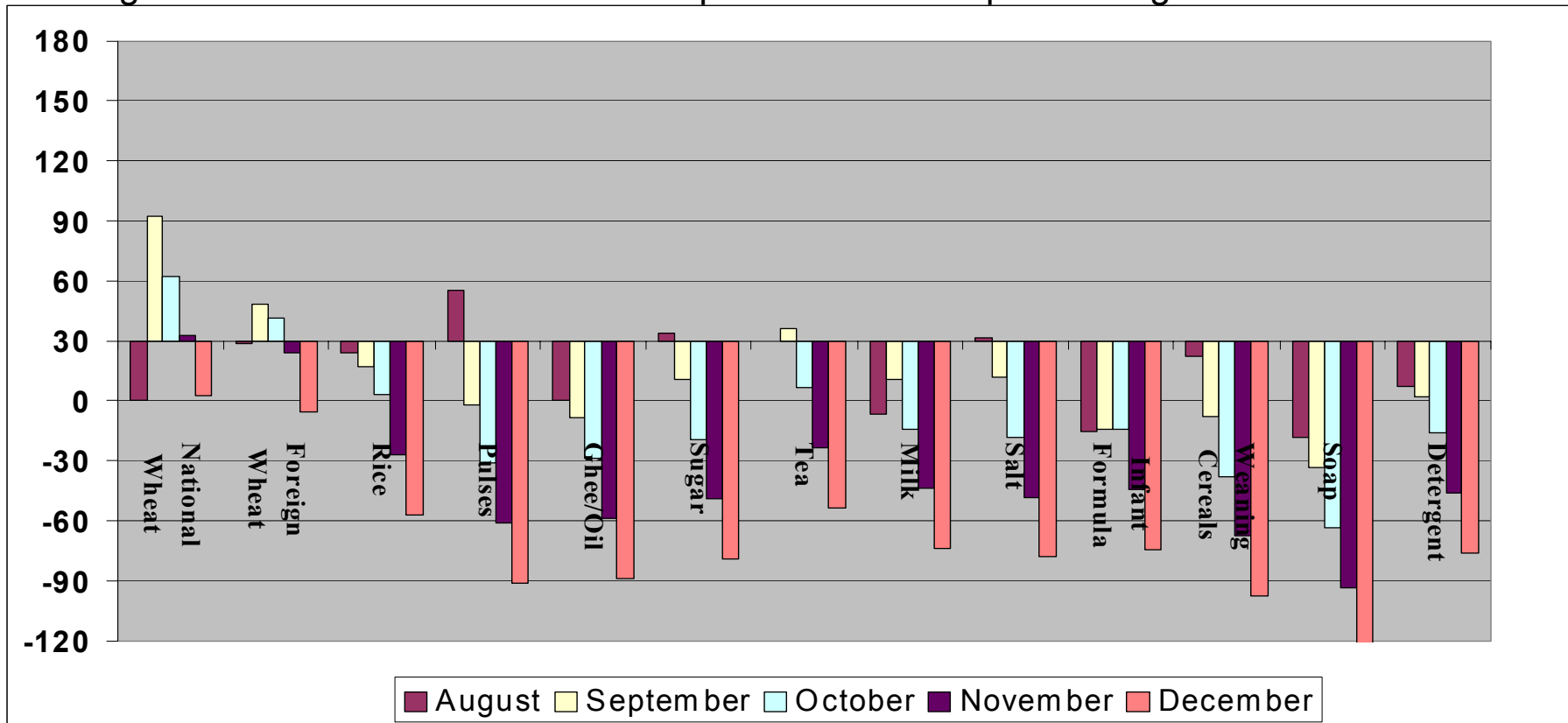
- The First Responder Network, a communications network that will connect police services, fire services, emergency response services, and the military, was issued a Notice to Proceed this week for Region 5



Essential Services - Food Security

WFP Program

- This chart is the current projection of monthly closing stocks in days of supply of the Public Distribution System through the end of 2004. The MOT's goal is to establish a three-month buffer stock. The horizontal axis is placed at 30 days stock to reflect a minimum goal of enough stock on hand to meet ration requirements of the proceeding month.



Source: IRMO Office of Trade Food Security Team

- The pipeline shows shortfalls in all commodities over the course of the next four months.

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Essential Services - Health Care & Education

Health Care

- PCO has 35 new projects underway, totaling \$214M that can start within 30-60 days of cessation of hostility.
 - The health care sector constitutes a total of \$33.6M of the funding, to include;
 - Five new clinics at \$1.2M each and a new maternity & pediatric clinic at \$27.5M

Education

MEF CERP Projects

- There are currently 35 CERP projects totaling \$1.2M that have been initiated and prioritized by the MEF.
- Additionally, there are 9 older miscellaneous repair and upgrade projects totaling \$252K that are left over from the MEF's predecessors.
- Projects among the 35 include:
 - 5 youth centers totaling \$100K
 - 2 playgrounds totaling \$32K
 - 4 kindergartens totaling \$70K
 - School furniture totaling \$33K
 - 2 primary and 1 secondary schools totaling \$65K
 - An art and an engineering college totaling \$95K



Essential Services – Education (cont.)

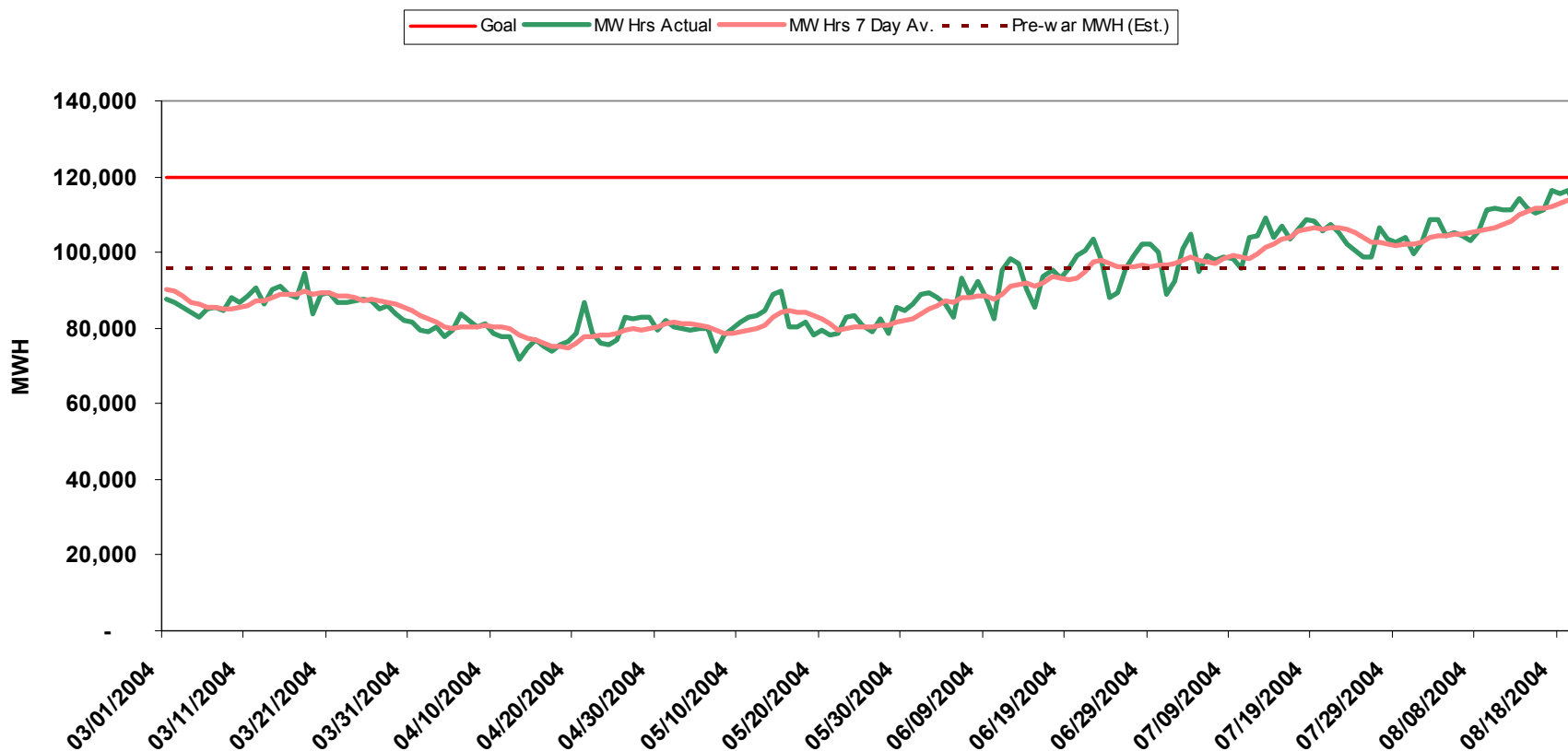
Conference on Higher Education

- Twenty-two Iraqi University presidents have returned from a week-long conference in Amman, Jordan
 - The conference included both formal presentations from Iraqi and Jordanian education ministries and U.S. and Jordanian-led working session to discuss how to improve the higher education system
 - The conference identified 4 critical needs of Iraqi universities including:
 - Rehabilitation of infrastructure and administrative systems
 - Installation of internet connections
 - Strengthening/modernizing curriculum and teaching labs
 - A provision of programs for stranded students to complete PhD's in the U.S.
- This conference was the second of its kind; the first was held April 25 – May 1, 2004, in Washington, DC and Oklahoma. The next conference is scheduled for October 2004, where Iraqi university presidents will travel to Washington D.C. and Kansas.

Electricity Overview



Megawatt Hour Production (MWH)

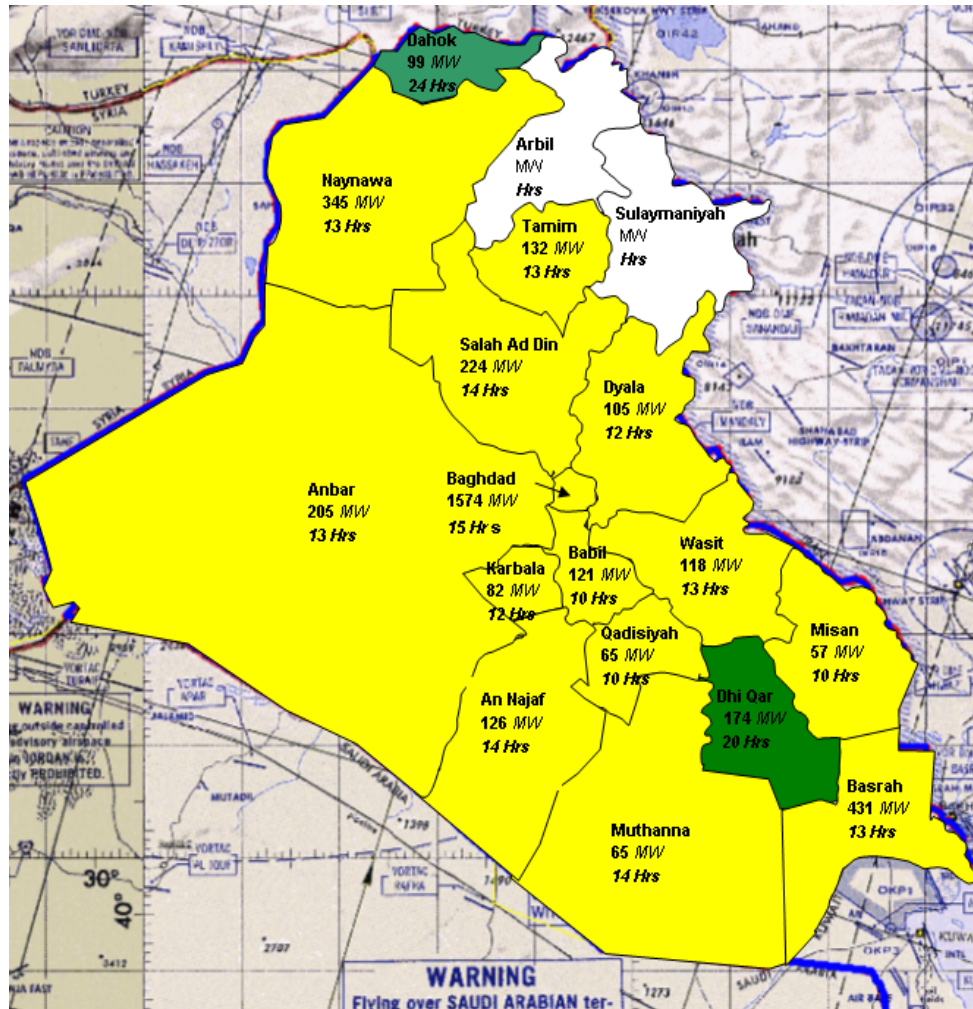


- Summer maintenance program continues resulting in about 545 MW of generation capacity currently offline for scheduled and 130 MW for unscheduled maintenance.
- 7 Day Average: 112,751 MWH

*Data unchanged from last week



Hours of Power



Average hours of Electrical Service provided over a 7 Day Period

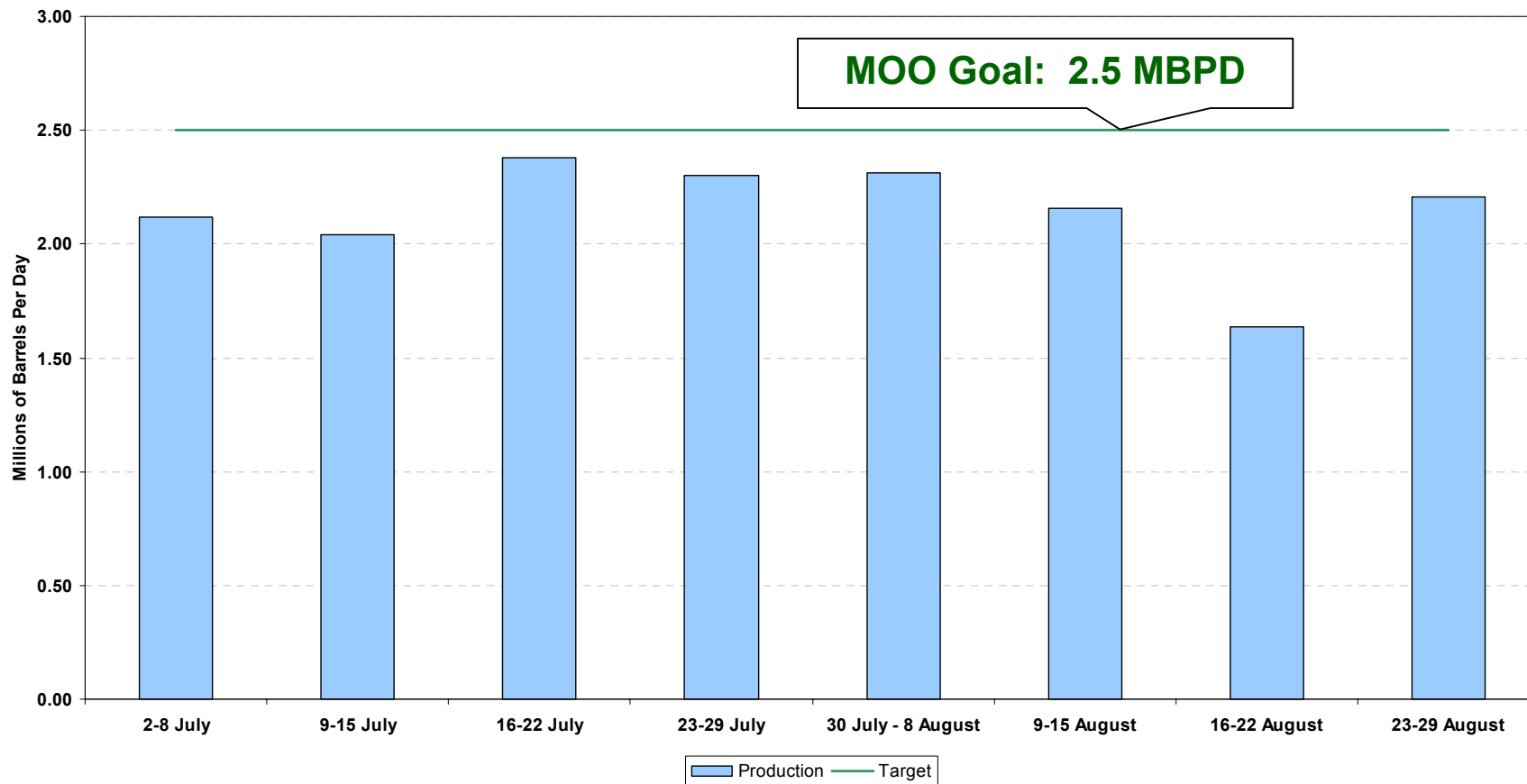
≤ 8 Hrs = Red	
9 to 15 Hrs = Amber	
≥ 16 Hrs = Green	
No Report = White	

Percent Change in MW over a 7 Day Period

Baghdad	9.3
Dahuk	-1.0
Ninewah	7.3
Tamim	3.7
Salah Ad Din	9.0
Anbar	1.4
Diyala	26.9
Babil	15.2
Karbala	3.2
Najaf	19.2
Qadisiyah	-20.7
Wasit	-12.3
Muthanna	-9.7
Dhi Qar	12.5
Maysan	-9.7
Basrah	2.8
Arbil	Unknown
Sulaymaniyah	Unknown

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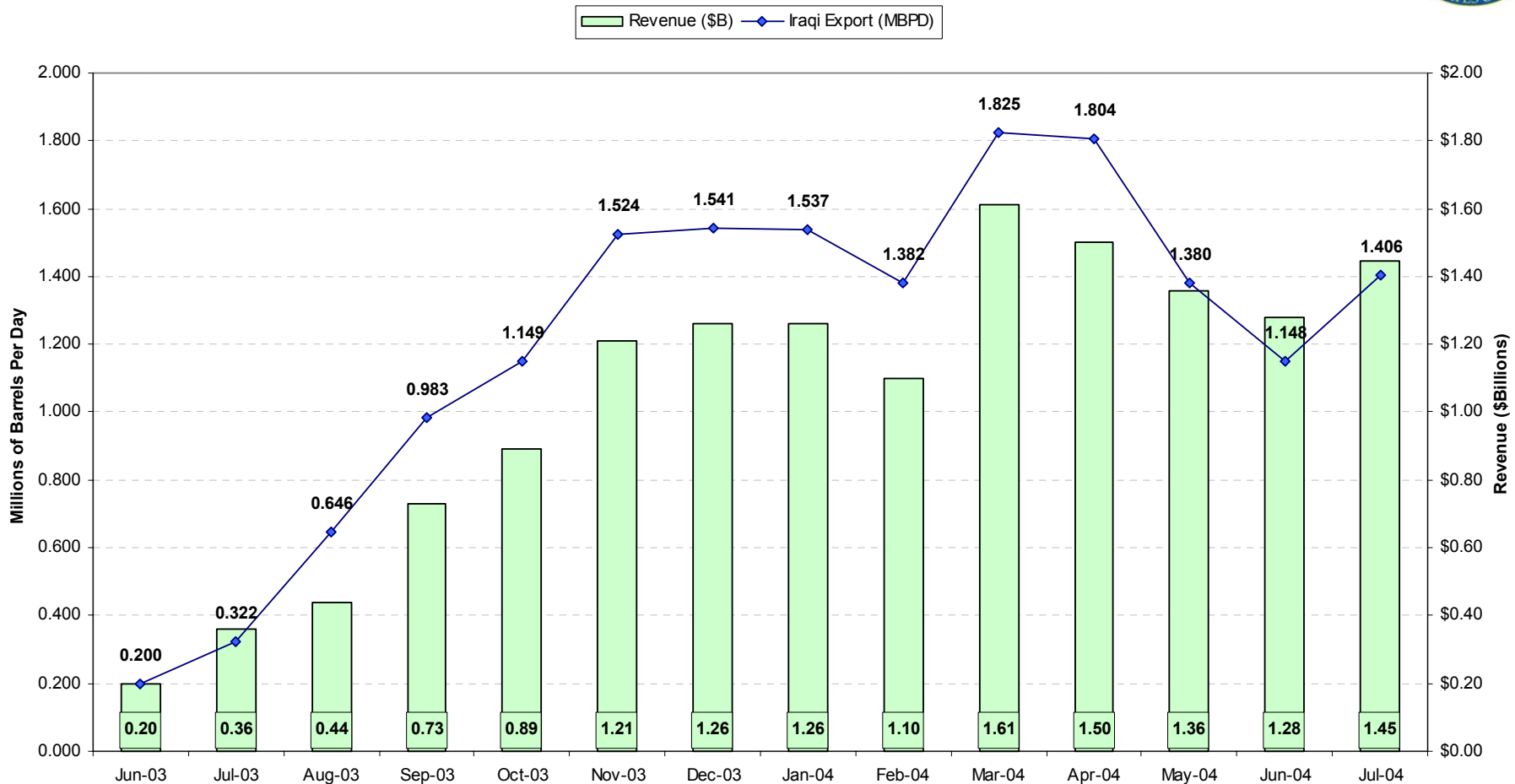
Crude Oil Production



- **Weekly Average of 2.207 MBPD Is Below Target of 2.5 MBPD**
- **Long Term Ministry of Oil (MOO) Target (Dec 04): 2.8 – 3.0 MBPD (Pre-War Capacity)**
- **Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 03**
- **Post-War Peak: 2.595 MBPD on 16 Apr 04**



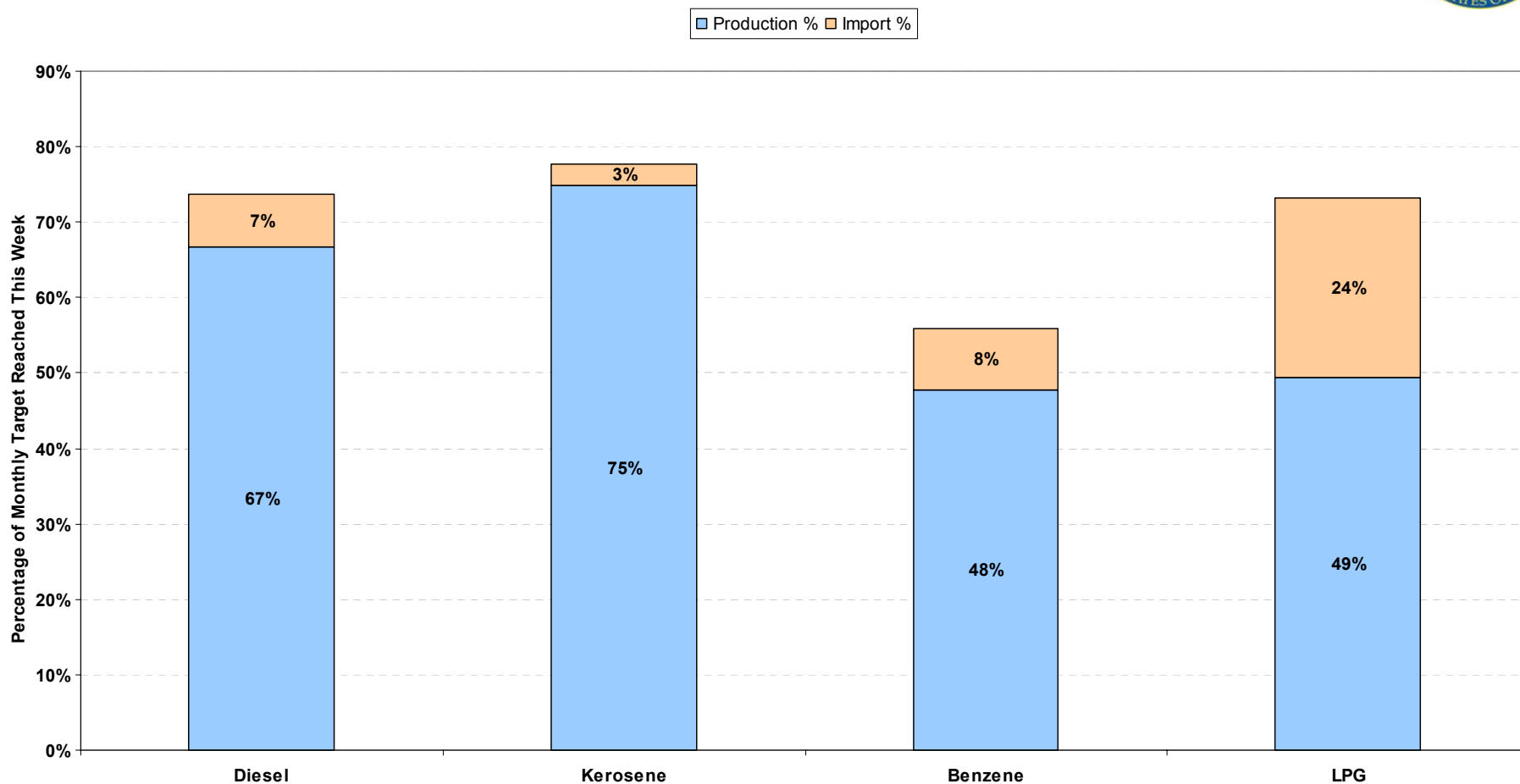
Monthly Export: Volume & Revenue



- **Current Monthly Average: 1.018 MBPD**
- **Current Monthly Revenue: \$0.95B**



Refined Products



Note: The State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO) is the only importer of refined products into Iraq since August 20th

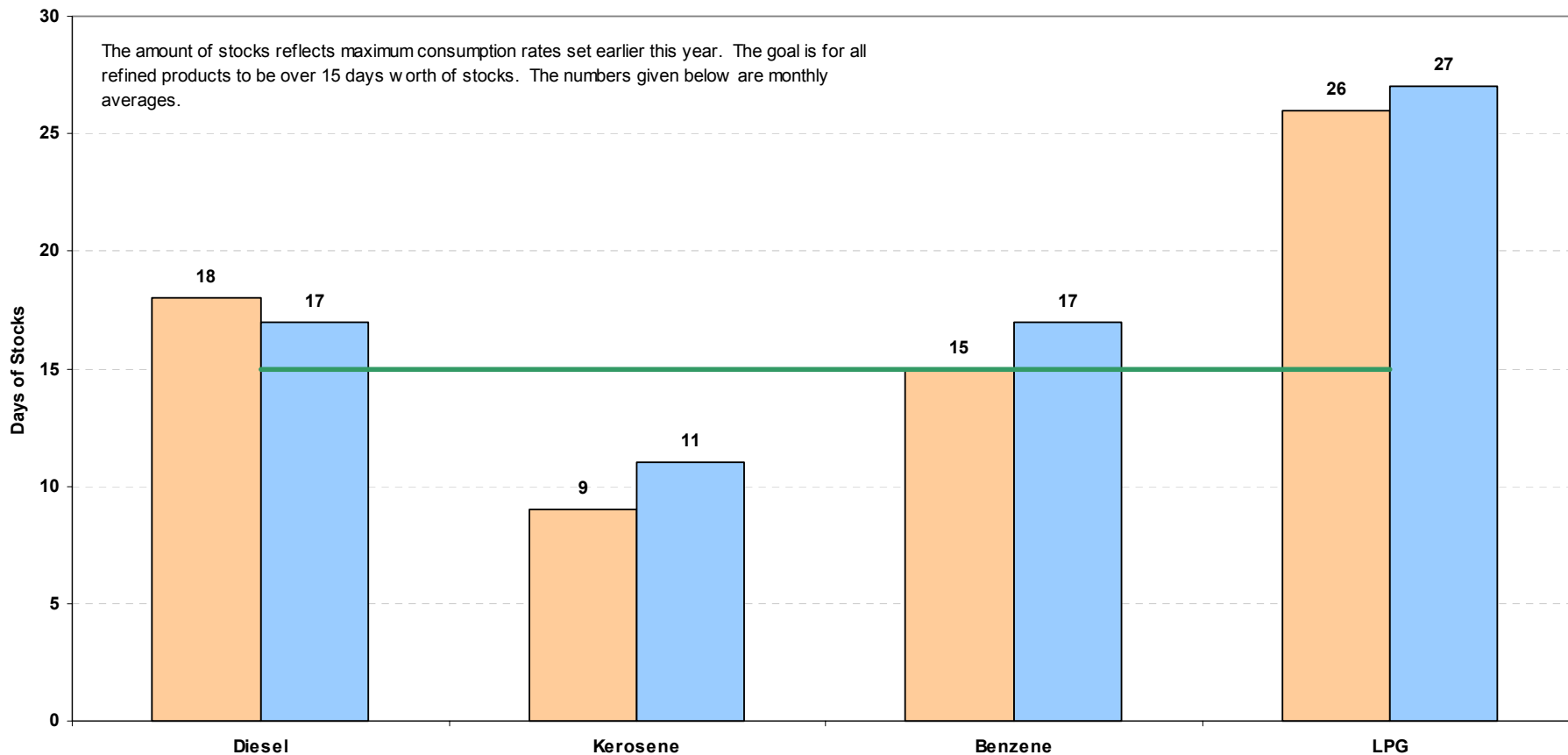
- Diesel: 13.2 ML of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 3.8 ML of 5 ML

- Benzene: 12.3 ML of 22 ML
- LPG: 2,930 tons of 4,000 tons

National Stock Levels



Jul-04 Aug-04 Goal



- National stock levels are remaining steady.



Project and Contracting Office (PCO) Developments

- To date, the PCO has issued 227 task orders, out of a total of 390 (58%).
 - These task orders cover 2,312 projects nationwide, out of a total 2,824 (82%).
 - Of the \$18.4 billion supplemental, \$9.8 billion has been committed, \$6.8 billion is contractually obligated, and \$872 million has been disbursed.
- The Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP) is meeting urgent local needs across Iraq:
 - Projects cover: water and sanitation, health, education, building, roads, power, telecommunications, and various other with a new emphasis on schools and clinics.
 - AIRP projects currently employ 12,903 Iraqis on 357 projects.
 - Upcoming round of contract awards will be open to all, with exception of states that sponsor terrorism.

Project and Contracting Office (PCO)



Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
			Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Security and Law Enforcement	3235	2976	2667	2654	1854	1880	373	467
Electricity Sector	5465	2538	2211	2185	1915	1972	214	216
Oil Infrastructure	1701	1701	1508	1324	1005	813	32	38
Justice, Public Safety, and Civil Society	1033	825	723	720	400	406	31	35
Democracy	451	451	420	420	318	318	23	24
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	259	259	241	241	125	125	23	23
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	367	270	235	235	104	136	4	6
Health Care	786	577	574	574	379	381	2	2
Transportation and Communications	500	467	417	417	206	208	6	8
Water Resources and Sanitation	4246	892	823	859	638	671	13	14
Private Sector Development	183	135	102	102	49	49	34	34
Admin Expense (USAID, State)	213	29	29	29	29	29	18	19
TOTAL	18439	11120	9950	9760	7022	6988	773	886
CONSTRUCTION	12406	5815	5438	5455	4351	4490		
NON-CONSTRUCTION	5582	4854	4092	3885	2353	2180		
DEMOCRACY	451	451	420	420	318	318		
Total	18439	11120	9950	9760	7022	6988		

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Interagency Iraqi Security Forces Update

Highlights:

- The focus of effort is shifting from acquisition of equipment to distribution within theater.
- 89,126 trained Iraqis are on duty and an additional 17,636 are in training.*
- Iraqi Security Forces capabilities continue to improve, but performance varies by region. Recent operations by elements in Najaf fighting demonstrates capability.

Manning:

- In spite of heavy fighting this week, recruiting efforts for the Iraqi Security Forces continue to be very successful.
- 750 recruits started basic training in the Iraqi Army this week.

Training:

- 83 law enforcement candidates completed training this week.
- 672 border enforcement candidates started training this week.
- 45 law enforcement students started training this week.

Equipping:

- Badly needed equipment for all the security forces is arriving in large quantities.

*Numbers reflect the expanded plan based on the recent troops to task analysis conducted by Iraqi Security Forces leadership and Multi-National Transition Security Command-Iraq, approved by Iraqi Interim Government leadership

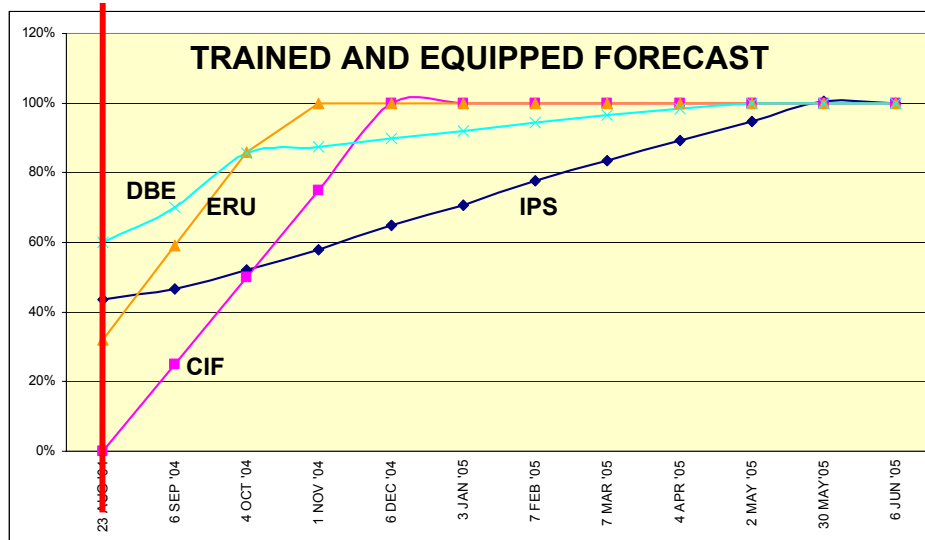
Ministry of Interior Man, Train & Equip Status



CURRENT STATUS

		MANNING					EQUIPPING								
				TRAINING			WEAPONS		VEHICLES		COMMS		BODY ARMOR		
FORCE	COMPONENT	REQ'D	O/H	UNTRAINED	IN TRAINING	TRAINED	REQ'D	O/H	REQ'D	O/H	REQ'D	O/H	REQ'D	O/H	
IRAQI POLICE	IRAQI POLICE SVC	↑ 135,000	84,950	↓ 47,719	↑ 4,351	32,880	↑ 213,185	↑ 91,093	↑ 22,395	↑ 5,753	67,565	↑ 13,075	↑ 135,000	↑ 42,491	
	CIVIL INTERVENTION FORCE	4,800	0	0	0	0	11,490	0	1,002	0	10,240	0	4,800	0	
	EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT	270	↓ 92	0	↓ 30	62	1,020	500	58	0	352	0	270	50	
DEPT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT		↑ 32,000	14,313	0	0	14,313	↑ 42,601	↑ 11,017	↑ 8,271	1,408	↑ 8,271	1,402	↑ 28,626	4,000	
FACILITIES PROTECTION SERVICE		73,992	73,992	0	0	73,992	↓ 32,500	↑ 9,666	155	49	1,155	0	8,350	0	
TOTAL		↑ 246,062	↑ 173,347	↓ 47,719	↓ 4,381	↑ 121,247	↑ 300,165	↑ 112,276	↑ 31,881	↑ 7,210	87,583	↑ 14,447	↑ 177,046	↑ 46,541	

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- 85-100 % OF REQUIREMENT



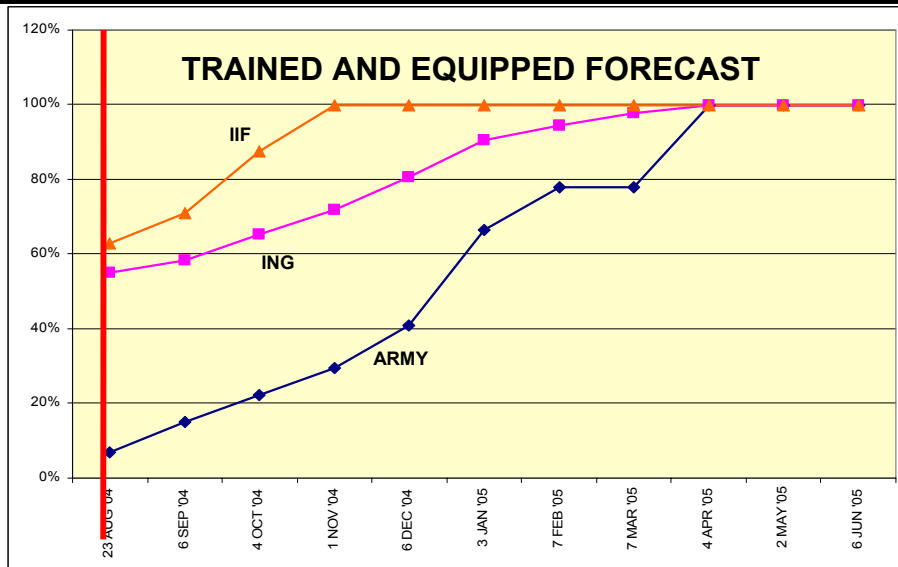
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Ministry of Defense Man, Train, & Equip Status

CURRENT STATUS

FORCE		MANNING		TRAINING			EQUIPPING							
							WEAPONS		VEHICLES		COMMS		BODY ARMOR	
							REQ'D	O/H	REQ'D	O/H	REQ'D	O/H	REQ'D	O/H
ARMY	ARMY	27,000	10,434	0	6,645	3,789	23,606	15,432	2,298	1,816	3,596	0	20,949	6,137
	NATIONAL GUARD	62,032	39,581	0	1,656	37,925	68,760	36,855	1,311	658	11,208	0	62,032	20,540
	INTERVENTION FORCE	6,584	6,996	0	5,523	1,473	8,850	3,300	583	152	1,798	594	6,584	2,741
	SPECIAL OPS FORCE	1,620	628	0	0	628	1,898	824	180	42	1,212	12	1,620	924
AIR FORCE		502	162	0	46	116	383	0	34	4	21	0	502	0
COASTAL DEFENSE FORCE		409	412	0	130	282	486	12	15	15	156	1	409	0
TOTAL		98,147	58,213	0	13,999	44,213	103,983	56,423	4,421	2,687	13,764	607	92,096	30,342



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Stability Contributors - OIF

Countries with forces in Iraq

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Albania
Australia
Azerbaijan
Bulgaria
Czech Rep
Denmark
El Salvador
Estonia
Georgia
Hungary
Italy
Japan
Kazakhstan
Korea
Latvia

TOTAL ~24K

Lithuania
Macedonia
Moldova
Mongolia
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Singapore
Slovakia
Thailand
Tonga
Ukraine
UK

Countries committed to provide forces for Iraq

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33 Countries

(including US)

and NATO

Potentially Supporting
Iraqi Stability and
Humanitarian Relief

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