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Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Political/Governance

National Elections:

- Planning advances for Iraq’s national elections in January. The voter education campaign conducted by the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) continues, with voter registration scheduled to begin November 1.

Allawi to Extend Weapons Trade-in Program:

- Prime Minister Iyad Allawi announced in a speech to the Iraqi National Council that the Iraqi government will expand the weapons trade-in program throughout Iraq.



Highlights (cont.)

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Economic/Essential Services

Hospital Construction:

- UNICEF, through USAID, has advanced \$1 million per hospital to begin immediate work on each of the 19 hospitals programmed for renovation.

Food Supply for Beginning of Ramadan:

- The Ministry of Trade will have supplies of key commodities – sugar, baby food, adult milk, soap and lentils.

Tokyo Donors Meeting Update:

- The third meeting of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) took place on October 13-14, 2004 in Tokyo, Japan. A joint statement by the 55 countries and institutions at the two-day meeting urged faster aid disbursement to Iraq.



Governance – Iraq Elections Timeline

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2004

01 Jun

Iraqi Interim Government (IIG) Announced and Governing Council dissolved

**Phase I
(Interim Government)**

04 Jun

Election Commission established

28 Jun

Transfer sovereignty from CPA to IIG

15 Aug

National Conference convenes and selects Interim National Council

2005

31 Jan

Elections for the National Assembly complete: NLT 31 Jan 05

Early 05

Iraqi Transitional Government takes power

**Phase II
(Elected Government)**

15 Aug

National Assembly completes draft of permanent constitution

15 Oct

Referendum for permanent constitution

15 Dec

Elections for government completed

31 Dec

Elected government assumes office



Governance – Developments

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Planning Iraq Elections Continues:

- The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) is moving ahead with preparations for January elections and has begun to distribute informational pamphlets on voter registration procedures.
- The IECI has contracted for the materials to be airlifted into Iraq for distribution to all Voter Registration Centers (VRC).
- Registration information forms have been printed for distribution to families during the November food ration pick-up and to families through schools. Voter registration is scheduled to begin November 1.
- Information forms distributed will include personal details on each voting family member. After checking and correcting information, forms will be returned to the VRCs, which will remain open until Dec. 15.

Women’s Role in the Elections:

- During her recent visit to the US, the Iraqi Minister for Women’s Affairs met with the State Department and other federal agencies to discuss ways to boost Iraqi women's participation in the January elections. The ministry is providing guidance and training to women interested in running for election as well as creating an advisory council to address their role in the political process.



Governance – Developments

Capacity Building:

- USAID continues to implement Local Governance Programs (LGPs) in 18 governorates, increasing Iraqis' understanding of democratic principles and the political process.
 - More than 100 local government officials from throughout Iraq attended a recent LGP conference to discuss forming an association of local governments. The association would allow local government officials to develop a common policy and to influence legislation through Iraq's ministries and the National Assembly.
- The State Department is promoting capacity building and democracy through US-based programs for Iraqis.
 - "Sister Cities" four-member Volunteer Visitor Program (October 10-October 24): The Governor of Kirkuk, the head of the Baghdad City Council, the head of the Baghdad Provincial Council and the Mayor of Suleimaniyah will observe civic life in the United States and sign cooperation agreements with their American "sister city" counterparts.
 - "Public Affairs: The Art of Engaging and Informing the People" International Visitor Program (October 16- November 6): The nine-person group coming from various Iraqi ministries, the Prime Minister's office and the Baghdad City Council will be receiving extensive hands-on training at the State Department and at other agencies on the public affairs function.



Economy

Oil Update:

- Crude Oil prices in world markets for the week ending 8 October closed with Kirkuk Crude at \$40.58/barrel, Basra Light at \$43.09/barrel, and the OPEC basket at \$/45.85barrel.

Employment Update:

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

Sector	Iraqis last week	Iraqis this week	% Increase on week
Buildings, Health & Education	4,680	4,680 *	0.0%
Electricity	3,493	3,477	-0.5%
Oil	410	408	-0.5%
Public Works & Water	412 #	323	-21.6%
Security & Justice	6,020	6,020 *	0.0%
Transportation & Communications	1,370	895	-34.7%
PCO Office Staff	156	149	-4.5%
AIRP	14,800	13,400	-9.5%
PCO Weekly Survey TOTAL	31,341	29,352	-6.3%
USAID	51,680	51,680 *	0.0%
MILCON TOTAL	680	661	-2.8%
GRAND TOTAL	83,701	81,693	-2.4%

Data as of 15 Oct 04

Late data from this Sector last week * No update this week



Economy (cont.)

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Iraq Securities Exchanges:

- At the New Iraqi Dinar (NID) auction on October 18, the settlement price was 1,460 dinars per USD. A total of 17 banks traded.

Iraqi Stock Exchange Officials Receive Training:

- On September 28, the Bahrain Monetary Agency and Bahrain Stock Exchange hosted twenty-three Iraqi Stock Exchange officials in a four-day Stock Market Simulation program at the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), in Juffair, Bahrain.
- The program's aim was to create a broader understanding of the financial services industry by teaching various technical aspects of trading, orders and procedures of the markets, and to create an understanding of portfolio strategy, asset allocation, stock selection process and portfolio performance evaluation.
- This is the third group from Iraq to attend one of the BIBF's programs. The earlier groups were from the Central Bank of Iraq and the Trade Bank of Iraq.



Economic Development

Tokyo Donors' Meeting a Success:

- The third meeting of the Donors Committee of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) was held in Tokyo, October 13-14, 2004.
- Twenty-two donors had previously committed about \$1 billion to the Trust Fund, nearly all of which had been allocated to projects by the end of September 2004.
- Of the \$1 billion, the World Bank (WB) controls \$400 million, and the United Nations controls \$600 million.
- At the Tokyo Meeting, Iran joined as a donor country pledging \$10 million in aid to Iraq, and the EC announced another 200 million euros in assistance for 2005.
- IIG Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih noted that health care, water and sanitation, education and housing are the social sector priorities in need of urgent assistance from the international society.
- IIG Minister for Planning and Development Cooperation Dr. Mehdi al-Hafedh and Deputy Secretary Armitage urged donors to undertake more work in the electricity and water sectors.
- During a side session at the donors meeting, Dr. Al-Hafedh and Christian Poortman, WB Vice-President for the Middle East and North Africa, signed a \$60 million grant agreement for the Emergency School Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Project.



Essential Services – Water and Sanitation

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Water Treatment Projects:

- Expansion of a major water treatment plant serving Baghdad and surrounding areas is approximately 75% complete. This project will produce approximately 250 million gallons of potable drinking water per day for Baghdad residents.
- USAID projects to improve the provision of potable water in the Basrah area are progressing according to schedule. To date, ten of the fourteen water treatment plants are substantially complete and are undergoing inspection. The final four plants are expected to be complete by the end of October 04.
- USAID’s new rural water initiative is underway; since construction began in September 2004, eleven wells have been drilled in Diyala’ and Salah ad Din Governorates. These wells will bring water to rural communities with populations of 1,000 to 5,000. The project, which falls under USAID’s Iraq Infrastructure Reconstruction Program, will install approximately 150 wells in 300 rural communities.

Wastewater Treatment Projects:

- A new training course on the use of the Geographic Information System (GIS) is being developed in preparation for a mapping activity that will be the basis of a master plan for the improvement of sewerage services in Baghdad. USAID’s Local Governance Program (LGP) advisors are providing technical assistance.



Essential Services – Food Security

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Public Distribution System (PDS) and MOT-Awarded Contracts:

- The U.S. Embassy is proactively monitoring the food security situation through the procurement process, assisting in the implementation of contracts and funding.
- Embassy officials have received 94 contracts under MOT II, including pulses, tea, infant formula, vegetable oil/ghee, infant cereals and adult milk, which have been compiled into a new draft pipeline report that will be used to track those shipments.
- The Ministry of Trade sent a special team to Beirut, Lebanon last week to work on immediate funding of 20 contracts (which include sugar, infant formula, baby food, adult milk, soap and lentils) that were identified for immediate delivery, and the remaining 78 contracts under MOT II. Of those contracts, 45 L/Cs have been issued and the Ministry of Trade plans to complete the remaining 56 L/Cs this week.
- Embassy officials will soon meet with the MOT to begin tendering, awarding contracts, and funding L/Cs, for commodities for MOT III during the first quarter of 2005.



Essential Services – Health Care

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Current Projects:

- Nineteen of the 150 Primary Healthcare Centers will break ground next week throughout Iraq.
- An initiative is being explored to add additional capabilities to the Type-C (Maternity Model) Primary Healthcare Centers to provide 50-60 inpatient maternity beds and associated nursery facilities to assist in providing much-needed maternity capabilities throughout Iraq.
- UNICEF, through USAID, has advanced \$1 million per hospital to begin immediate work on each of the 19 hospitals programmed for renovation.
- Rubble removal is starting at the proposed site of the Iraqi Academy of Health Sciences. Definitive structural assessment of the site will immediately follow the clean-up stage and allow for the determination on re-use or partial re-use of the existing structure, or whether the best approach is to demolish and build a new one.



Essential Services – Education

Highlights:

- The World Bank (WB) this week signed a \$60 million grant agreement with Iraq’s Ministry of Education (MOE) to finance the construction of new buildings for over 100 schools, and urgent repairs for 140 primary and secondary schools across 18 governorates. Financed by the WB-administered Iraq Trust Fund, the project focuses on schools that are overcrowded or housed in unsafe buildings.
- The joint WB and MOE school repair program is complemented by an emergency textbook-printing project financed by the multi-donor trust fund to print and distribute 69 million textbooks for the 2004 – 2005 school year.

School Survey Findings (Conducted by the MOE, Supported by UNICEF):

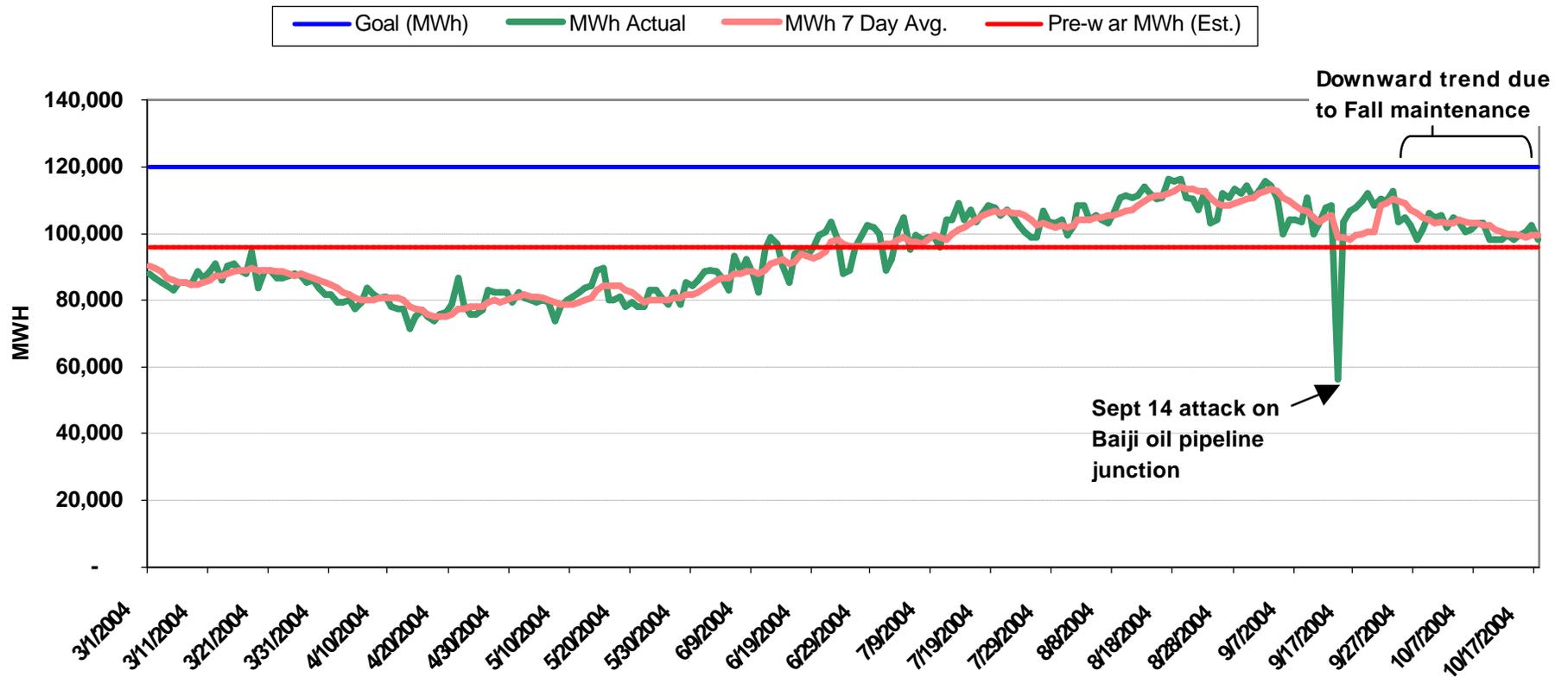
- Some 4.3 million children are currently enrolled in primary schools, up from 3.6 million in 2000.
- There are more than 14,000 named primary schools in Iraq, but only 11,368 actual schools buildings available to house them. About 2,700 of these need major rehabilitation.



Electricity Overview

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Megawatt Hour Production (MWh)

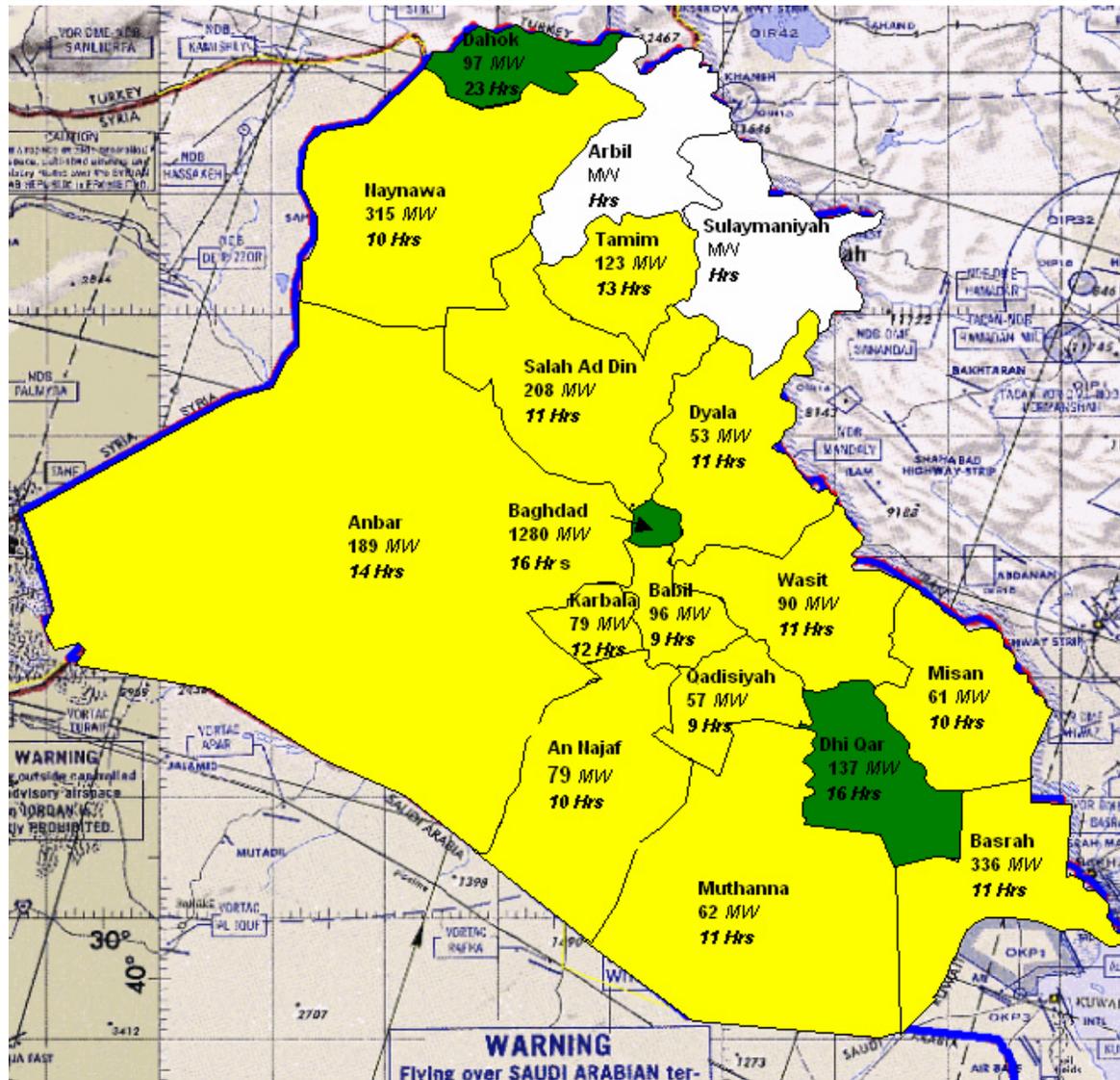


- On average 730 MW of generation capacity was scheduled offline and while 671 MW was unscheduled for maintenance.
- 7 Day Average (11 – 17 Oct): 99,500 MWh



Electricity – Hours of Power

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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

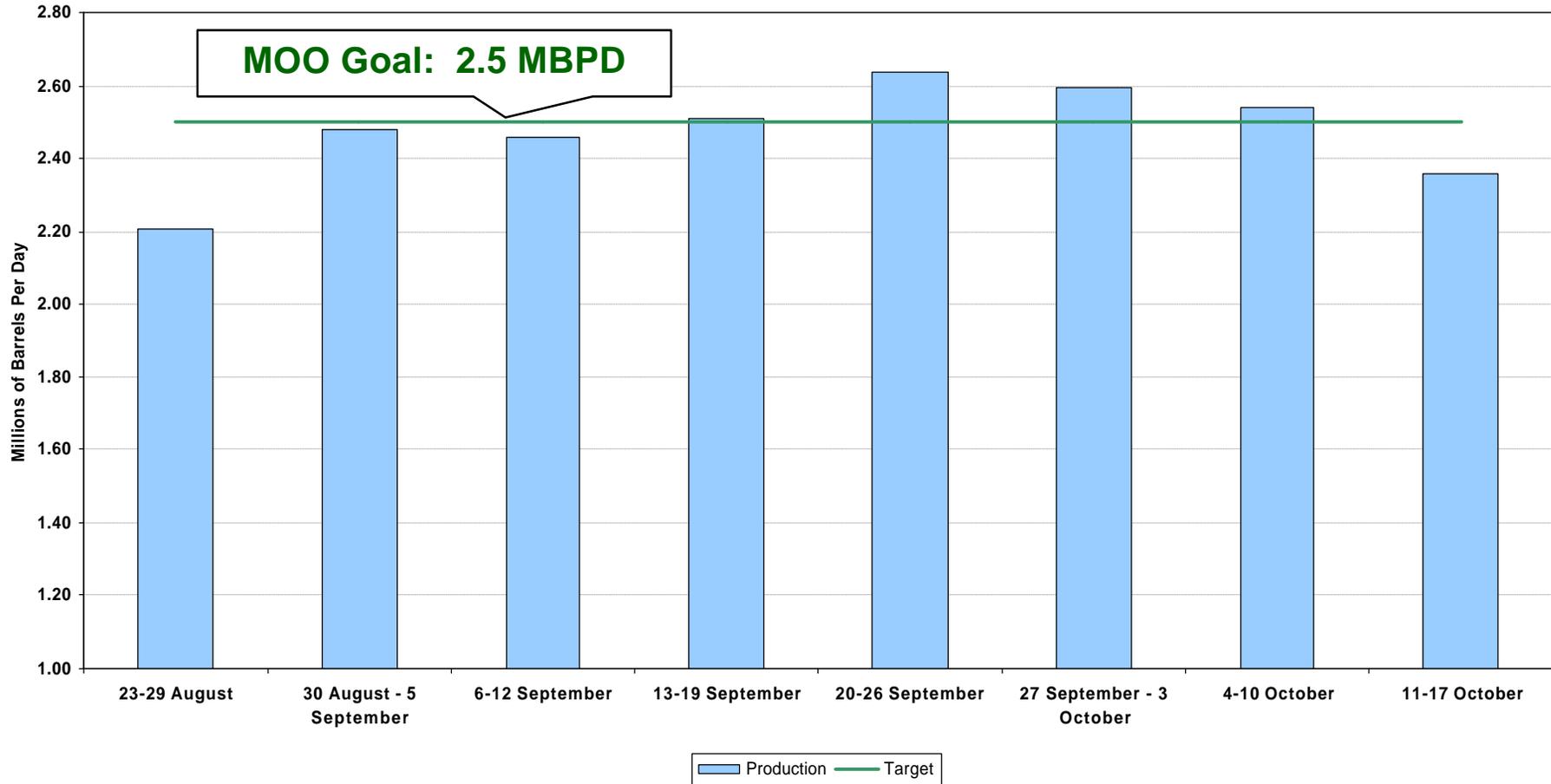
Baghdad	-4.9
Dahuk	-1.1
Ninewah	-3
Tamim	-2.3
Salah Ad Din	1.8
Anbar	-3.9
Diyala	-7
Babil	-8.7
Karbala	-24.9
Najaf	-8.4
Qadisiyah	-2.9
Wasit	-15
Muthanna	2.1
Dhi Qar	-1
Maysan	3.1
Basrah	-11.1
Arbil	Unknown
Sulaymaniyah	Unknown

Average Electrical Power Distribution per Governorate as of 13 October 2004



Crude Oil Production

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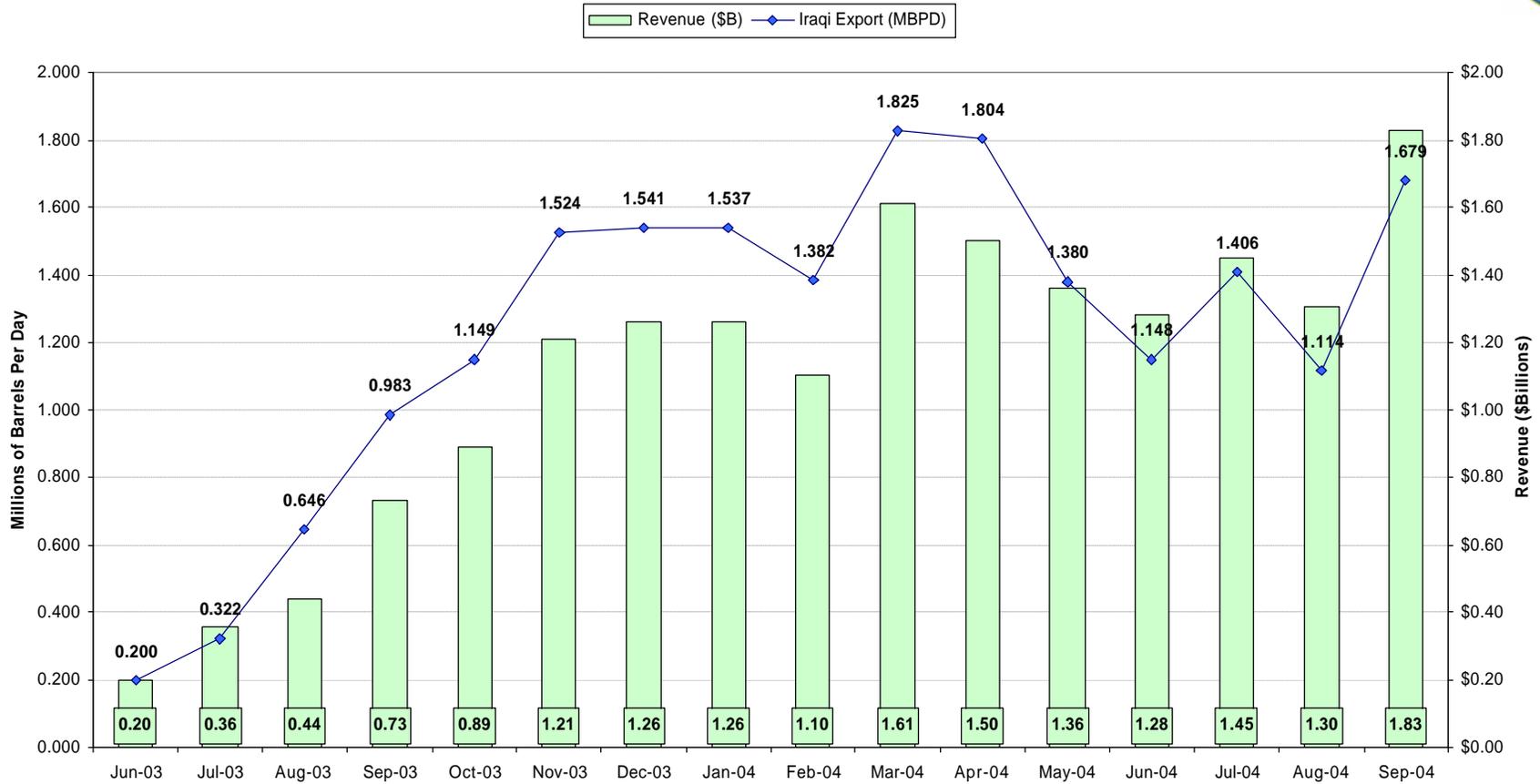


- **Weekly Average (Oct 11-17) of 2.36 MBPD**
- **Long Term Ministry of Oil (MOO) Target (Dec 04): 2.8 – 3.0 MBPD (Pre-War Capacity)**
- **Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 03**
- **Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD**



Crude Oil Monthly Export – Volume & Revenue

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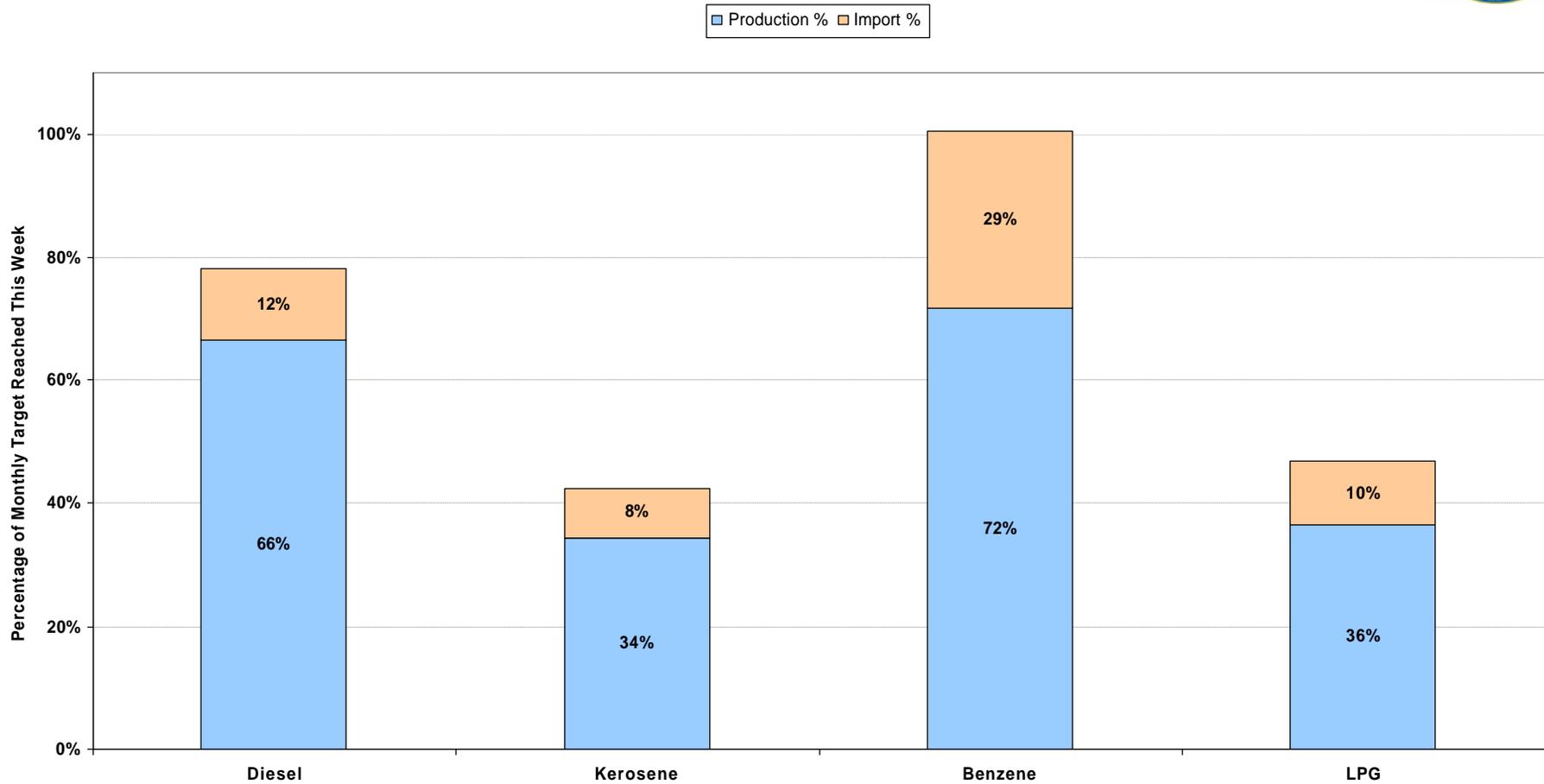
- **October Monthly Export: 1.44 MBPD**
- **October Monthly Revenue: \$0.766B**

- **2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6M**
 - **2004 Revenue:**
 - **Pre-Transition: \$8,105.2M**
 - **Post-Transition: \$5,341.6M**
- \$13,446.8M**

Refined Products – Domestic Production & Imports



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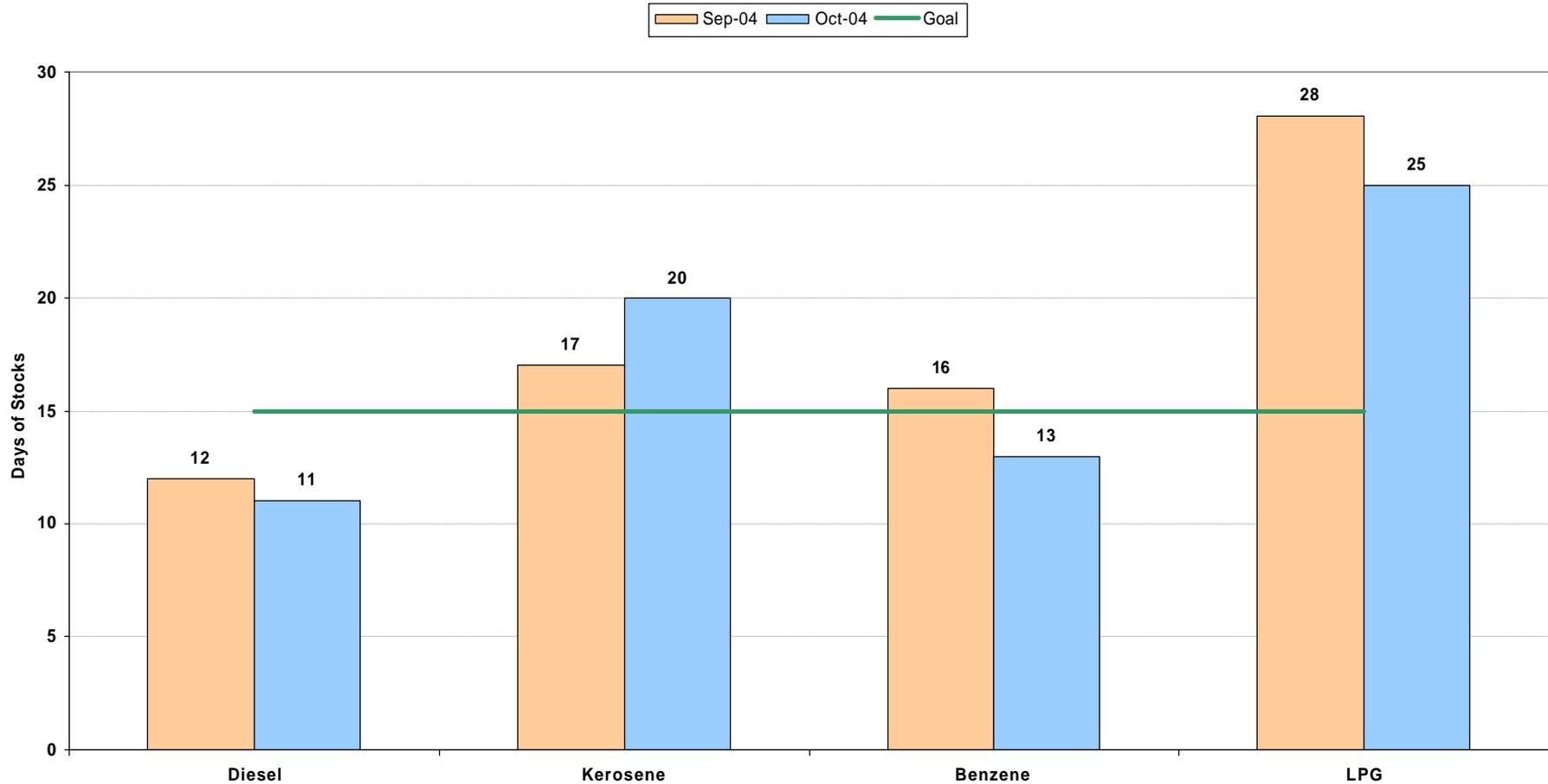
Note: This chart represents the percentage of target reached for the week of Oct 11-17

- Diesel: 14.1 ML of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 6.4 ML of 15 ML
- Benzene: 18.1 ML of 18 ML
- LPG: 2,013 tons of 4,300 tons



National Stock Levels

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• 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.

Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) – Financial Status



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\$ Millions	2207 Report	Apportionment	Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
			Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Sector								
Security and Law Enforcement	5045	5045	2962	3428	2235	2255	751	792
Electricity Sector	4350	3840	3250	3366	2184	2218	340	390
Oil Infrastructure	1701	1701	1195	1200	723	735	50	53
Justice, Public Safety, and Civil Society	1122	979	838	838	442	483	56	63
Democracy	831	541	504	504	466	472	78	84
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	379	260	241	241	137	138	28	28
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	359	299	275	289	145	148	15	15
Health Care	786	786	763	763	453	456	4	4
Transportation and Communications	499	499	381	384	173	181	13	13
Water Resources and Sanitation	2311	1408	1068	1240	752	780	24	36
Private Sector Development	843	168	142	142	140	140	47	47
Admin Expense (USAID, Stats)	213	29	29	29	29	29	26	26
IRRF II SUBTOTAL	18439	15555	11648	12424	7879	8035	1432	1551
CONSTRUCTION	11416	8954	7090	7546	4816	4904		
NON-CONSTRUCTION	6192	6060	4054	4374	2597	2659		
DEMOCRACY	831	541	504	504	466	472		
IRRF I SUBTOTAL	2475	2475	2418	2418	2418	2418	1704	1704
GRAND TOTAL IRRF I & II	20914	18030	14066	14842	10297	10453	3136	3255

Data as of 19 Oct 04



Iraqi Security Forces Update

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<u>Iraqi Security Forces</u>	<u>Trained/On Hand</u>	<u>Required</u>
Police	42,302	135,000
Civil Intervention Force	0	4,920
Emergency Response Unit	76	270
Border Enforcement	14,313	32,000
Highway Patrol	589	1,500
Bureau of Dignitary Protection	446	500
Army	4,507	27,000
National Guard	41,097	61,904
Intervention Force	1,743	6,584
Special Operations Force	617	1,967
Air Force	167	502
<u>Coastal Defense Force</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>582</u>
Total	*106,266	272,729

*The military forces continue to receive advanced unit training and may require some equipment



Stability Contributors – OIF

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Countries with forces in Iraq

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

TOTAL ~ 23,850 Forces

30 Countries and NATO
 (including US)
Supporting Iraqi Stability Operations



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