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SUBJECT: CABLE 0716: ADMINISTRATORQS WEEKLY ESSENTIAL SERVICES REPORT: 9 MARCH 2004

1. (SBU) SUMMARY. HEADLINES OF PARAGRAPHS 3-10 REFLECT GOALS IN THE COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN. CPA-WASHINGTON DISTRIBUTES ALL THREE ADMINISTRATORQS WEEKLY REPORTS - ESSENTIAL SERVICES, ECONOMIC, AND GOVERNANCE - WITH GRAPHICS VIA EMAIL. THE ECONOMIC, GOVERNANCE, AND AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES REPORTS WILL BE POSTED AFTER 48 HOURS ON THE CPA WEBSITE, WWW.CPA-IRAQ.ORG. THE FULL ESSENTIAL SERVICES REPORT REMAINS SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. END SUMMARY.

2. (SBU) HIGHLIGHTS

-- SEVEN OUT OF 18 GOVERNORATES AVERAGED OVER 16 HOURS OF DAILY POWER THIS WEEK.

-- THE AVERAGE CRUDE OIL EXPORT FOR THE PAST 30 DAYS WAS 1.58 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY.

PROVIDE ELECTRICITY SERVICES THAT MEET NATIONAL NEEDS

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3. (SBU) CPA TASKS: IMPROVE GENERATING CAPACITY TO 6000MW BY JULY 1, 2004; FULLY IMPLEMENT POLICY ON ALLOCATION OF ELECTRICAL POWER; PUBLISH DRAFT OF LONG TERM

STRATEGY; MINIMIZE SABOTAGE AND IMPROVE SECURITY

-- THE SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE (FEBRUARY 28 Q MARCH 5) OF PEAK ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION WAS 3,953 MW, A DECREASE OF 4.8 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK. ON FEBRUARY 28, PEAK PRODUCTION HIT A HIGH FOR THE WEEK AT 4,187 MW

-- THERE ARE THREE REASONS FOR THE FIVE PERCENT DECREASE IN PEAK ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION AND THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY. THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY TRADED POWER IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF THE NATIONAL GRID TOWARD THE STANDARD 50 HZ FROM NEAR 49 HZ. SABOTAGE ON THE GAS LINE TO TAJI AND DOURA HINDERED POWER GENERATION AT THOSE TWO SITES THIS PAST WEEK. AN UNEXPECTED DELAY AT QUDUS CHANGING THE FUEL SOURCE FROM DIESEL TO CRUDE OIL.

-- THE SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE (FEBRUARY 28 Q MARCH 5) PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY WAS 86,300 MWH PER DAY, A DECREASE OF 5 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK. ON FEBRUARY 28, THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY PEAKED FOR THE WEEK AT 90,559 MW.

-- THE FOLLOWING CHART PRESENTS THE DAILY ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION BROKEN DOWN AMONG THE NORTH, CENTRAL (INCLUDING BAGHDAD), AND SOUTH REGIONS. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE NORTH CONSUMED AN AVERAGE OF 893 MW PER DAY, 24 PERCENT OF TOTAL POWER CONSUMPTION. PER DAY, THE CENTRAL REGION CONSUMED 2,069 MW, 56 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL, AND THE SOUTH CONSUMED 725 MW, 20 PERCENT OF TOTAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION DURING THE PAST WEEK.

-- AS OF 5 MARCH, 636 MW (19 GENERATORS) OF GENERATING CAPACITY WAS ON FORCED (UNPLANNED) OUTAGE, AND 1,101 MW (19 GENERATORS) WAS ON SCHEDULED OUTAGE. AS OF MARCH 5, NINE (400 KV) TRANSMISSION LINES AND SEVEN (132 KV) TRANSMISSION LINES WERE OUT OF SERVICE.

RECONSTRUCT COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL SYSTEMS

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4. (SBU) CPA TASKS: BUILD IRAQQS FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK; ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT REGULATORY AGENCY; UPGRADE IRAQI TELEPHONE AND POSTAL COMPANY (ITPC) NETWORK FOR INTEROPERABILITY; BUILD TRANSMISSION COMPONENT DATA NETWORK FOR IRAQ, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS; RESTRUCTURE ITPC AND ITS BUSINESS OPERATIONS; UPGRADE AND MODERNIZE POSTAL SYSTEMS; UPGRADE ITPC OUTSIDE PLANT FOR INCREASED SUBSCRIBER CAPACITY AND USE

-- SINCE MAY 2003, CPA HAS REINSTATED TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR 122,980 SUBSCRIBERS, INCLUDING 11,430 SINCE LAST WEEK. CPA CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS IN RESTORING SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS, ESPECIALLY IN BAGHDAD.

-- THE THREE CELL PHONE COMPANIES IN IRAQ CONTINUE TO SIGN UP NEW SUBSCRIBERS. CURRENTLY, IN MOSUL, SULAYMANIYAH, AND KIRKUK THERE ARE 117,000 SUBSCRIBERS. IN BAGHDAD THERE ARE 87,000 SUBSCRIBERS; AND IN BASRA, AL KUT, AMARAH, SAMAWAH, AND NASIRIYAH THERE ARE 40,000 SUBSCRIBERS.

-- IN APRIL 2003, THE IRAQI TELEPHONE SYSTEM WAS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SERVICE TO 1.1 MILLION CUSTOMERS, BUT THERE WERE ONLY 833,000 ACTIVE SUBSCRIBERS (EXCLUDING THE THREE NORTHERN GOVERNORATES). CURRENTLY THERE ARE 705,580 ACTIVE TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS IN IRAQ. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS IN IRAQ, INCLUDING THE 244,000 CELL PHONE SUBSCRIBERS, EQUALS 949,580, WHICH IS 14.1 PERCENT GREATER THAN THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE SUBSCRIBERS PRE-WAR.

-- THE PENETRATION RATE (THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE LANDLINE TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION) IS 2.7 PERCENT (USING AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 25.9 MILLION). THE TELEDENSITY RATE IN IRAQ (ALL SUBSCRIBERS WITH A TELEPHONE) IS 3.7 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION.

-- CPA HAS REPAIRED 18 TELEPHONE SWITCHES SINCE MAY 2003 WITH FULL SUPPORTING SERVICE (OFFICE SPACE, POWER, FIBER TRANSMISSION CONNECTIONS TO OTHER SWITCHES, SECURITY). FOUR SWITCHES ARE STILL INOPERABLE (OUT OF 203 TOTAL). THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOWS THE NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL, INOPERABLE, AND REPAIRED TELEPHONE SWITCHES IN IRAQ (EXCLUDING THE THREE NORTHERN GOVERNORATES).

PROVIDE FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL IRAQIS
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5. (SBU) CPA TASKS: ENHANCE CAPACITY OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE; ASSURE SUPPLY OF INPUTS; STRENGTHEN RESEARCH SYSTEM; ENSURE ADEQUATE STOCKS FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (PDS); MONITOR FOOD SECURITY; HAND OVER ADMINISTRATION OF SYSTEM IN THE NORTH; INITIATE REFORM OF RATIONS BASKET; ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

-- THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE OF ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS ON HAND OF STOCKS FOR THE 12 PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION GOODS THAT IRAQIS RECEIVE UNDER THE PDS UNTIL

THE END OF MAY. THE PERCENTAGE OF ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS IS BROKEN DOWN INTO OPENING STOCKS (AMOUNT ON HAND), SCHEDULED ARRIVALS UNDER EXISTING CONTRACTS FROM THE OIL FOR FOOD PROGRAM, SCHEDULED ARRIVALS OF GOODS FROM CONTRACTS ARRANGED BY THE MINISTRY OF TRADE (MOT), AND SCHEDULED ARRIVALS OF GOODS FROM NEW CONTRACTS ARRANGED BY THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP). THE PDS STOCKS IN THE FOLLOWING CHART ARE CALCULATED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THREE MONTHSQ (MARCH - MAY) ESTIMATED DEMAND, PLUS A ONE-MONTH BUFFER STOCK (CPA GOAL BY MAY). HAVING 100 PERCENT OF EACH COMMODITY WILL ENSURE THAT THE FOOD RATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH MAY, INCLUDING AT LEAST A ONE-MONTH BUFFER STOCK FOR EACH COMMODITY.

-- CPA PROJECTS THAT NO FOOD SHORTAGES WILL OCCUR IN THE APRIL AND MAY RATIONS GIVEN THE NEW PROCUREMENTS OF FOOD BASKET COMMODITIES BY BOTH WFP AND MOT, INCLUDING ACCELERATED DELIVERY SCHEDULES FOR THE COMMODITIES WHERE STOCKS HAVE BEEN LOW.

-- CURRENTLY THERE ARE 1,654 CONFIRMED CONTRACTS FOR 2,102,000 TONS OF PDS SUPPLIES. ONLY 267 CONTRACTS, FOR 603,000 TONS OF SUPPLIES, ARE UNCONFIRMED (14 PERCENT OF ALL CONTRACTS).

IMPROVE QUALITY AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

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6. (SBU) CPA TASKS: DEVELOP HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS, MANAGEMENT, AND INFRASTRUCTURE; TRAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS; SECURE SYSTEM; PUBLIC HEALTH; PHARMACEUTICALS LOGISTIC SUPPORT; STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

-- THE MINISTRY OF HEALTHQS NEW ARABIC-ENGLISH WEBSITE WWW.MOHIRAQ.ORG IS ONLINE. A BAGHDAD-BASED COMPANY DESIGNED AND IS HOSTING THE SITE. PLANS ARE IN DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT A SECOND STAGE THAT WILL HELP GATHER AND MANAGE HEALTH INFORMATION VIA WEB-BASED DATABASES.

-- THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, BEGAN A THREE-DAY VISIT TO THE REGION ON FEBRUARY 27. SECRETARY THOMPSONQS STAY INCLUDED VISITS IN IRAQ TO THE 31ST COMBAT SUPPORT HOSPITAL AND THE WOMENQS HEALTH CARE CENTER AT AL-WAYAITH HOSPITAL, AS WELL AS TO THE KING HUSSEIN CANCER CENTER IN AMMAN, JORDAN.

-- THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH CURRENTLY HAS APPROXIMATELY 100 IRAQI PHYSICIANS AND NURSES IN EGYPT PARTICIPATING IN A FOUR-WEEK TRILATERAL MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAM INVOLVING

IRAQ, JAPAN, AND EGYPT. THESE PHYSICIANS AND NURSES WILL BE UPDATING THEIR SKILLS IN INTENSIVE CARE PRACTICES, NURSING PROCEDURES, AND ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY.

-- THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IS FINALIZING PLANS TO INTRODUCE

A PROGRAM TO FORTIFY WHEAT FLOUR WITH IRON AND FOLIC ACID TO REDUCE IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA AND FOLIC ACID DEFICIENCY IN WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE. ANEMIA FROM INADEQUATE INTAKES OF IRON IS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN ALL COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ANEMIA IN CHILDREN IMPAIRS BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT. ANEMIA IN PREGNANCY CONTRIBUTES TO MATERNAL MORTALITY AND POOR PREGNANCY OUTCOME.

IMPROVE QUALITY AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION

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7. (SBU) CPA TASKS: REORGANIZE AND STAFF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION; REHABILITATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND BUILD NEW SCHOOLS; ADVANCE NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON CURRICULUM REFORM; CONTINUE AND EXPAND TEACHER TRAINING

-- THE EDUCATION MINISTER HOSTED UNICEF, UNESCO, THE WORLD BANK, AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN AMMAN TO FACILITATE DONOR COORDINATION TO THE EDUCATION MINISTRY.

-- CPA COORDINATED THE REVIEW AND EDITING OF 48 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MATH AND SCIENCE TEXTBOOK TITLES. USAID AND UNESCO PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 8.7 MILLION TEXTBOOKS. THE TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION PROVIDED ONE BOOK FOR EVERY TWO STUDENTS.

IMPROVE QUALITY AND ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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8. (SBU) CPA TASKS: OVERSEE THE BASIC ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS; REFORM AND RECONSTRUCT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS; REINTEGRATE THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN THE NORTH WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTRY; REINTEGRATE IRAQI STUDENTS, SCHOLARS, AND SCIENTISTS INTO THE BROADER INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY; LAUNCH A REVIEW AND REFORM OF THE CURRICULUM IN ALL DISCIPLINES; PROVIDE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

-- THE BURPEE SEED COMPANY SHIPPED OVER 4,000 POUNDS OF VEGETABLE SEEDS AS A DONATION TO IRAQI AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

-- THE KUWAIT PUBLIC AUTHORITY FOR APPLIED EDUCATION AND TRAINING (PAAET), THROUGH THE KUWAIT HUMANITARIAN OPERATION CENTER, AN AGENCY OF THE KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAS DELIVERED 300,000 TECHNICAL TEXTBOOKS TO IRAQ 42 TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND COLLEGES.

RESTORE ECONOMICALLY Q STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
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9. (SBU) CPA TASKS: ENABLE IRAQI CIVIL AVIATION TO PREPARE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AVIATION AND CARGO SERVICE; ENABLE IRAQI PORT AUTHORITY (IPA) TO ADMINISTER A PORT OF CALL WITH INTERMODAL CAPABILITIES AND INLAND CONTAINER DISTRIBUTION; ENABLE IRAQI RAILROAD RAILWAYS (IRR) TO PROVIDE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER AND FREIGHT CAPABILITIES; REFORM CIVIL SERVICE AT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

-- ON FEBRUARY 29, 2004, TECHNICIANS FROM BECHTEL, THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA), AND THE IRAQI CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA) INSTALLED THE VERY SMALL APERTURE TERMINAL (VSAT) TO IMPROVE VOICE AND DATA LINKAGE BETWEEN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND AIRCRAFT IN AR RUTBAH, IN WESTERN IRAQ. THIS IS THE LAST OF 7 VSAT SITES TO BE INSTALLED IN IRAQ, WHICH PROVIDE THE BACKBONE FOR COMMUNICATING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL INFORMATION THROUGHOUT IRAQ.

RECONSTITUTE OIL INFRASTRUCTURE
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10. (SBU) CPA TASKS: PRODUCTION/EXPORTS; PRODUCT SUPPLY; SECURITY; STRUCTURAL REFORM

-- CPA AND CJTF-7 HAVE CONDUCTED A LIMITED CONSUMER PRICE SURVEY OF THE FOUR FUEL ITEMS IN IRAQ OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS. THE SURVEY INCLUDED DATA ON MARKET PRICES, STATE STORE PRICES, AND THE NATIONALLY MANDATED PRICES FOR DIESEL, KEROSENE, LPG, AND GASOLINE FROM 19 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH THERE IS MUCH VOLATILITY IN THE DATA, THE MARKET PRICES FOR EACH ITEM ARE GENERALLY FOUR TO TEN TIMES GREATER THAN THE COMPARABLE STATE STORE

PRICES. THE STATE STORE PRICES FOR EACH ITEM RANGE FROM EQUALITY TO TWICE AS MUCH AS THE NATIONALLY MANDATED

PRICES. THIS SURVEY IS BY NO MEANS COMPREHENSIVE, BUT RATHER PROVIDES SOME BASIC PRICE INFORMATION ON FUEL IN IRAQ.

-- THE GRAPH BELOW SHOWS THE DAILY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION IN IRAQ OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THE DASHED BLACK LINE IS THE CURRENT PRODUCTION TARGET GOAL OF 2 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY (MBPD). FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28 Q MARCH 5, THE ESTIMATED AVERAGE TOTAL CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION WAS 2.5 MBPD (2 MBPD IN THE SOUTH AND 0.5 MBPD IN THE NORTH). THE AVERAGE CRUDE OIL EXPORT FOR THE PAST 30 DAYS WAS 1.58 MBPD. THE AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED FOR CRUDE OIL EXPORTS THIS YEAR IS APPROXIMATELY $27 PER BARREL.

-- THE CHART BELOW SHOWS THE DAYS OF SUPPLY ON HAND AS OF MARCH 5 FOR EACH OF THE FOUR MAIN FUEL PRODUCTS IN IRAQ. CPAQS GOAL REMAINS TO HAVE 15 DAYS OF SUPPLY (DOS) ON HAND FOR EACH FUEL SOURCE IN EVERY REGION, ALTHOUGH THIS GOAL IS UNATTAINABLE FOR LPG IN BAGHDAD AND SOUTH CENTRAL, AND FOR GASOLINE IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT STORAGE CAPACITY. THIS WEEK, ONLY LPG IN THE SOUTH MEETS THE 15 DOS TARGET.

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