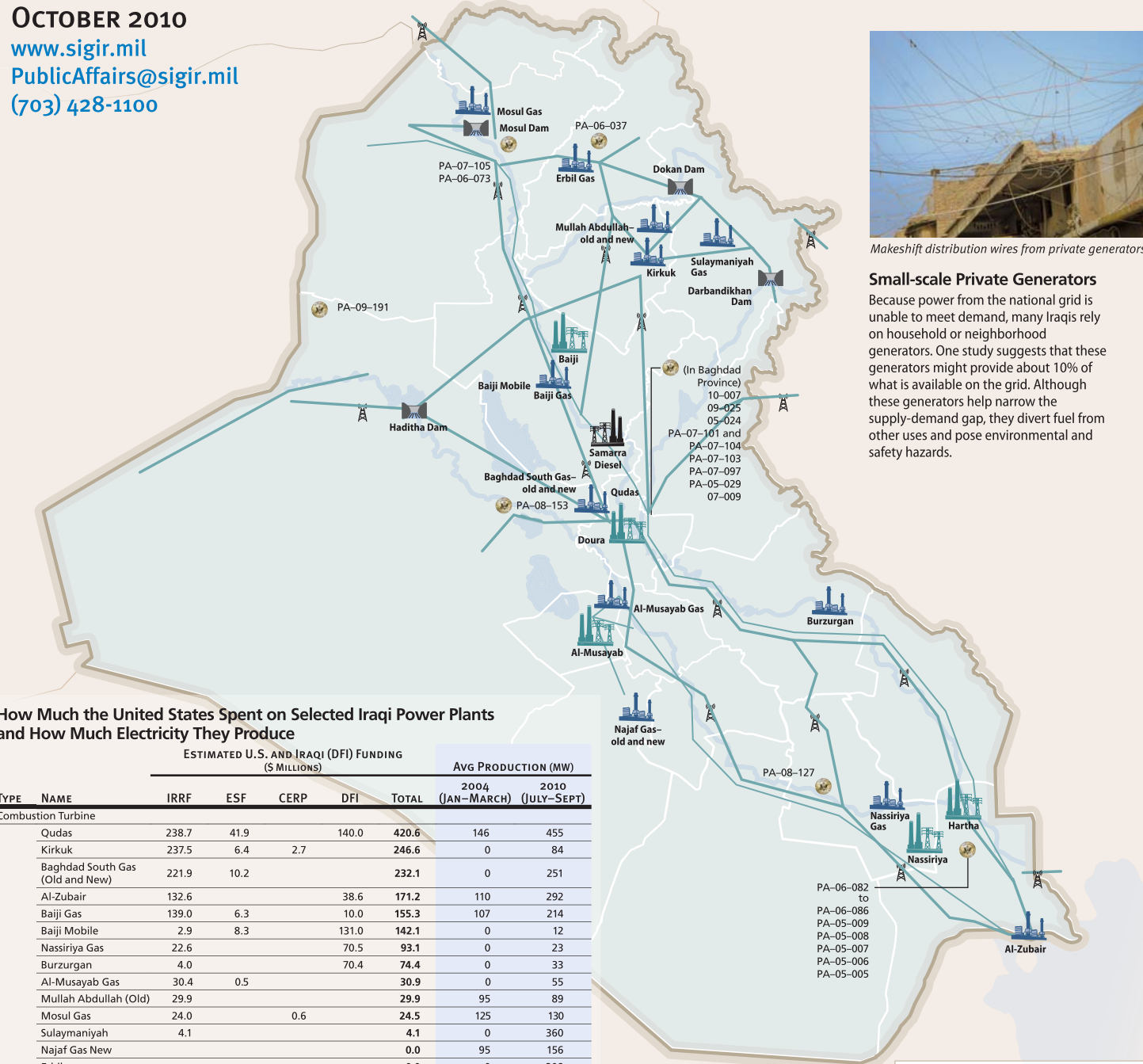




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Makeshift distribution wires from private generators

**Small-scale Private Generators**  
 Because power from the national grid is unable to meet demand, many Iraqis rely on household or neighborhood generators. One study suggests that these generators might provide about 10% of what is available on the grid. Although these generators help narrow the supply-demand gap, they divert fuel from other uses and pose environmental and safety hazards.

**How Much the United States Spent on Selected Iraqi Power Plants and How Much Electricity They Produce**

TYPE	NAME	ESTIMATED U.S. AND IRAQI (DFI) FUNDING (\$ MILLIONS)				AVG PRODUCTION (MW)	
		IRRF	ESF	CERP	DFI	2004 (JAN-MARCH)	2010 (JULY-SEPT)
<b>Combustion Turbine</b>							
	Qudas	238.7	41.9		140.0	420.6	146
	Kirkuk	237.5	6.4	2.7		246.6	0
	Baghdad South Gas (Old and New)	221.9	10.2			232.1	0
	Al-Zubair	132.6		38.6		171.2	110
	Baiji Gas	139.0	6.3		10.0	155.3	107
	Baiji Mobile	2.9	8.3		131.0	142.1	0
	Nassiriya Gas	22.6			70.5	93.1	0
	Burzurgan	4.0			70.4	74.4	0
	Al-Musayab Gas	30.4	0.5			30.9	0
	Mullah Abdullah (Old)	29.9				29.9	95
	Mosul Gas	24.0		0.6		24.5	125
	Sulaymaniyah	4.1				4.1	0
	Najaf Gas New					0.0	95
	Erbil					0.0	308
<b>Thermal</b>							
	Doura	122.6	2.7	0.8		126.2	64
	Hartha	30.4		2.6		33.0	132
	Baiji	23.2				23.2	243
	Nassiriya	10.0				10.0	472
	Al-Musayab	7.6				7.6	502
<b>Hydroelectric</b>							
	Mosul Dam	36.8	8.6	0.2		45.6	626
	Haditha Dam	11.4		0.6		12.1	99
	Dokan Dam					0.0	NA
	Darbandikhan Dam					0.0	NA
<b>Diesel</b>							
	Samarra					0.0	140

- Combustion Turbine Power Plant
- Thermal Power Plant
- Hydroelectric Power Plant
- Diesel Power Plant
- Transmission Line
- SIGIR Audit or Inspection



Al-Musayab thermal power plant

**Electric Power in Iraq Before 2003**

Electric power first came to Iraq in 1917, when it was used to run machines and provide limited street lighting, but large power plants were not built until the 1970s and 1980s. Those plants—including Doura, Baiji, and al-Musayab—were mostly oil-fired thermal plants. By 1990, Iraq had one of the leading electric utilities in the Middle East. Total nameplate generating capacity was 9,295 MW, almost twice peak demand, and about 9 out of 10 Iraqis had access to subsidized electricity.

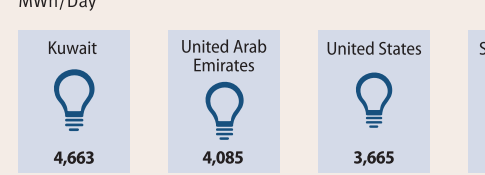
Damage from the 1991 Gulf War reduced available capacity to 2,325 MW, resulting in widespread power shortages and a halving of per capita consumption. The ensuing UN sanctions caused construction of three large new plants to halt. At the same time, they made it difficult for Iraqis to obtain electric appliances and machinery, which suppressed the growth of demand.

By 2002, Iraqi engineers were able to repair some of the existing plants and increase capacity to about 4,500 MW. However, the entire electricity infrastructure still suffered from the effects of war, lack of spare parts, and inadequate maintenance. And the people outside of Baghdad endured a system that allocated about 40% of the country's available power to the capital.



Damaged transmission tower, 2003

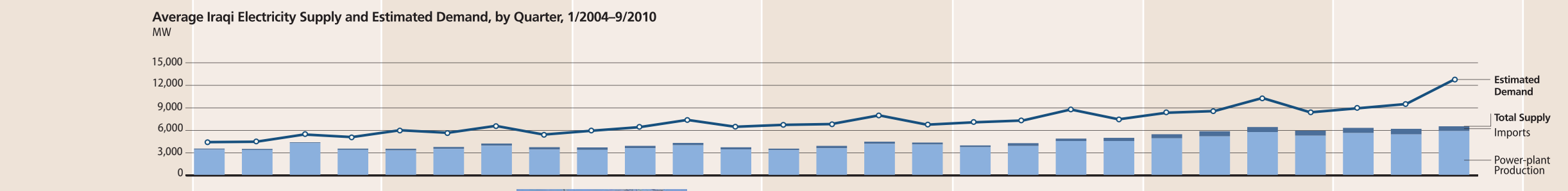
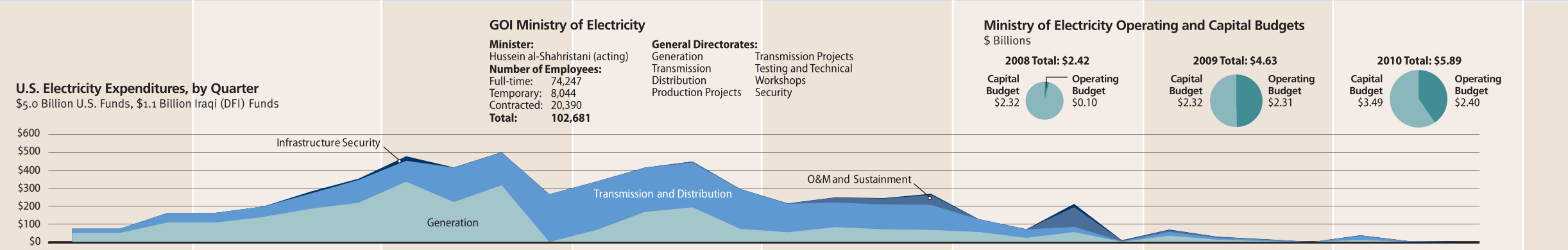
**Electricity Supply in Selected Countries, per 100,000 People**



**Top Electricity Contractors**

CONTRACTOR NAME	TOTAL COSTS \$ Millions	% OF TOTAL
Bechtel National, Inc.	1,149.09	22%
Washington Group International	458.46	9%
Fluor/AMEC, LLC	391.10	8%
Siemens	230.32	4%
IAP Worldwide Services	210.65	4%
Uruk/Baghdad JV	175.78	3%
Civilian Technologies Limited	134.04	3%
Perini Corporation	131.72	3%
Wamar International, Inc.	121.93	2%
Secure Global Engineering, LLC	115.02	2%

2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010



**Significant Events in the Electricity Sector**

- 2003: Saboteurs and vandals damage power systems, causing frequent blackouts.
- 2003: USAID awards IRRF Phase I contract to Bechtel for reconstruction of vital infrastructure.
- 2003: Coalition forces start bombing Iraq.
- 2003: Ambassador Bremer says the Coalition will raise Iraq's average daily electricity supply to 4,400 MW by October 2003.
- 2003: USACE forms Task Force Restore Iraqi Electricity to help meet 6,000 MW goal.
- 2004: Congress allocates \$5.56 billion (later reduced to \$4.32 billion) under IRRF 2 to rebuild electricity infrastructure.
- 2004: Bremer sets goal of achieving peak electricity supply of 6,000 MW by summer 2004.
- 2004: USAID awards \$1.8 billion (later reduced to \$1.2 billion) IRRF Phase II contract to Bechtel.
- 2004: DoD awards IRRF 2 electricity program management contract to Parsons Joint Venture and design-build construction contracts to Perini, Washington Group, and Fluor/AMEC.
- 2005: Iraq starts importing electricity from Iran.
- 2006: Transmission tower erected with IRRF funds.
- 2007: Population-weighted Electricity Supply, by Province, 2007 vs. 2010. Daily system-wide peak supply for first time reaches an average of 6,000 MW for entire month.
- 2008: International Compact with Iraq sets GOI goal of "meeting electricity demand at cost recovery tariffs with 10% reserve by 2015."
- 2008: Monthly average supply begins to consistently stay above 4,400 MW.
- 2009: First privately built and operated power plant comes on line in Erbil.
- 2009: Protests over electricity shortages erupt in Basrah, Nassiriya, and Ba'quba, resulting in two deaths and many injuries.
- 2010: Estimated demand approaches 13,000 MW, resulting in record-high supply-demand gap.
- 2010: Electricity Minister Waleed resigns and is replaced by Oil Minister al-Shahrastani.

