

Benchmarks to measure Iraq progress

George W. Bush is due to submit an initial report assessing the status of political benchmarks for the Iraqi government. But as the U.S. President faces defections from within his Republican Party over his Iraq strategy, there is little sign that the benchmarks are being met



CONSTITUTION:

Form Constitutional Review Committee and complete reforms. *Committee failed to reach agreement in May,*

given new deadline of September



ELECTIONS:

Enact legislation to set up Independent High Electoral Commission.

Law setting date for provincial elections

yet to be agreed by cabinet

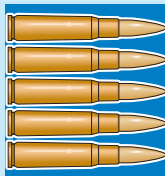


DE-BAATHIFICATION:

Enact legislation allowing members of **Saddam's** Baath party to occupy official posts.

Draft law facing stiff

opposition from ruling Shia Alliance



SECURITY:

Establish militia disarmament programme. Provide three U.S.-trained Iraqi brigades to support security operations in Baghdad.

Unclear if plans are being fulfilled



OIL: Adopt legislation to ensure equitable distribution of Iraq's energy resources.

Draft law – criticised by both Sunni Arab and Shia politicians

– awaiting debate in parliament



RECONSTRUCTION:

Allocate and spend \$10bn in Iraqi revenues for essential services. *Insecurity, corruption and weak U.S.*

contract management

reportedly slowing reconstruction