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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

All Times Eastern Daylight. Subject to Change

TBD	CentCom Operations Update
TBD	Defense Department Briefing
12:30 pm	State Department Briefing
1:15 pm	President Bush remarks in Dearborn, Michigan

LIBERATION UPDATE

The voices of freedom, now heard across Iraq

For more reactions to Operation Iraqi Freedom, visit "Liberation Update" at:

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"A 30-year-old secretary in Baghdad named Lina Daoud ponders what lies ahead. Her words come out as pastel bubbles: 'We want a happy future, we want technology, we want freedom...everything.'"

Washington Post, 4/25/03

KEY QUOTES

"We have an orderly process to bring stability and food and health to the Iraqi people, so life can begin to return to normal. And then I'm confident that a government will emerge. I dismiss the critics who say that democracy can't flourish in Iraq.... I do believe there can be a representative government and all factions can be represented."

President Bush, interview with NBC, 4/25/03

"Turkey is a Muslim country that has a democratic system. Pakistan, after years of difficulty, is now on a firm footing and a path to a democratic system with a new prime minister and a new parliament. And so just because one is in an Arab country or one is practicing the Muslim faith, to suggest that therefore you are denied the benefits of democracy...it's a false choice. Democracy can coexist with any faith."

Secretary Powell, interview with Free Iraq TV/Radio Sawa, 4/24/03

KEY POINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW WITH TOM BROKAW,

NBC NEWS, 4/25/03

- Iraq suffered for over 20 years from Saddam's tyranny, but the foundation for democracy is now being laid, and our military forces will leave as soon as we've accomplished our mission.
- Coalition troops are working with Iraqis to maintain order in different cities and make the country more secure.
- We have an orderly process to bring stability and food and medicine to the Iraqi people, so life can begin to return to normal.
- We are also confident that a government will emerge that represents all Iraqi people and honors the history and traditions of Iraq.

Reconstruction and Humanitarian Update

- The International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) has restored wastewater treatment service to more than 70,000 residents of Baghdad.
- On April 23, a World Health Organization team of epidemiologists and engineers worked with members of the Iraqi National Public Health Laboratories to restore laboratory facilities throughout the city. With the assistance of the Jordanian Ministry of Health, the WHO is also working to restore Baghdad's blood bank.
- Since March 20, the ICRC has provided more than 228 families in the northern governorate of Arbil with emergency non-food items, including cooking stoves, heaters, hygiene kits, and blankets.
- According to the World Food Program, 1,607 trucks have transported more than 38,177 metric tons of food aid to northern Iraq through Turkey to date.

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