

A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries are shown in a light tan color, and the Persian Gulf is shown in light blue. The title text is overlaid on the map.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

ISF and CF Move into Sadr City:

- More than 550 Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) personnel with 600 Multi-National Division-Baghdad soldiers began a clearing operation in the eastern Baghdad district of Sadr City March 4. Local residents were receptive and cooperative with both ISF and Coalition Forces (CF) as they worked to set secure conditions for the district.
 - Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division, with two Stryker companies from the 2nd Infantry Division, began their combined clearing operation in the early morning of February 4, along with the 8th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi National Police Division and the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 10th Iraqi Army Division.
 - CF also began establishing a Joint Security Station at an Iraqi police station, creating the first permanent Coalition presence in the district in two years.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Despite Progress, the New Iraq Security Plan Will Take Months to Accomplish:

- Although there has been recent progress with the new Iraq security plan, Lieutenant General Odierno, the commander of Multi-National Corps-Iraq, cautioned against unrealistic expectations and urged patience, saying the new Iraqi security plan will take months, not weeks, to accomplish.
- LTG Odierno said the key is to be able to maintain security in Baghdad over a long period of time - from six to seven months - enabling the Iraqi government to mature.

Attacks Kill 112 Shi'ite Pilgrims in Iraq:

- According to media reports, insurgents killed 112 Shi'ite pilgrims traveling to the holy city of Karbala in attacks across Iraq March 6. In the worst attack, two suicide bombers strapped with explosives detonated themselves in a street lined with tents in the city of Hillah, killing 77 people.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

ISF Take Control of Baghdad Security:

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) took control of Operation Fardh al-Qanun March 1, as Iraqi Army Lieutenant General Abbud Gambar and his staff began executing their security plan from their new command post established in Adnan Palace in the International Zone.

ISF Conducting Joint Operations in Baghdad in Support of Fardh al-Qanun:

- The ISF has moved 18 battalions into the Baghdad area in support of Operation Fardh al-Qanun. Although unit end-strength improved over time as more units deployed, the Iraqi battalions did not report at full strength. Seven battalions deployed to the area at 55 to 65% of their end-strength and another seven deployed at 65 to 85%. The final four deployed at over 95% of their end strength, demonstrating an improvement as Iraqi military leaders gained experience in the process.

Specialized and Advanced Training Graduates:

- The Iraqi Police Service graduated 75 Iraqi police from specialized and advanced courses, including Executive Leadership, Mid-Level Management, Basic Criminal Investigations, Advanced Firearms, Forensics, and Dignitary Protective Service.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~28,860
TOTAL	~188,260**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~132,856***
AIR FORCE	~929
NAVY	~1,135
TOTAL	~134,920**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~323,180****

- * Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers
- ** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers
- *** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces
- **** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of March 5, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

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Ministry of Interior Cleans House:

- The Ministry of Interior has fired or reassigned more than 10,000 employees, including high-ranking officers, who were found to have tortured prisoners, accepted bribes or had ties to militias. A ministry spokesman said that reports that an internal inquiry included details of numerous human rights abuse at the ministry.

Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki Condemns “Illegal” UK Raid:

- Prime Minister Maliki has criticized a raid by British forces on the Iraqi interior ministry's intelligence office in Basrah. A British military spokesman said that the raid on the National Iraqi Intelligence Agency office, where 37 people were held prisoner, had uncovered evidence of torture. However, Maliki has ordered an investigation into the raid, demanding that “those behind this illegal and irresponsible act be punished.”

Iraqi Prime Minister Bids for Peace with Sunnis:

- Prime Minister Maliki offered an olive branch to Iraqi insurgents waging war against his government, saying “We do not need to implement security measures except against those who reject the language of reconciliation and dialogue, those who insist on restoring the past.” He added that the new US-backed security plan launched in Baghdad would be extended to “every inch” of Iraq.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi
Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i

(F) = Female

Minister of Agriculture Ya'rub Nathim	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshiyar Zebari	Minister of Health Ali al-Shammari	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani	Minister of Justice Hashim al-Shibli	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Adil al-Asadi	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,988.67	\$4,988.67	\$0.00	\$4,986.20	\$4,986.20	\$0.00	\$4,723.95	\$4,722.69	(\$1.26)
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,224.15	\$4,181.39	(\$42.77)	\$4,081.96	\$4,041.37	(\$40.59)	\$3,090.09	\$3,110.29	\$20.20
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,677.11	\$1,672.78	(\$4.33)	\$1,583.54	\$1,581.41	(\$2.13)	\$1,344.47	\$1,356.38	\$11.90
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,303.93	\$1,303.93	\$0.00	\$1,297.72	\$1,297.69	(\$0.03)	\$1,016.49	\$1,024.27	\$7.78
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.80	\$1,001.80	\$0.00	\$1,001.73	\$1,001.09	(\$0.63)	\$894.93	\$896.17	\$1.24
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$401.26	\$401.15	(\$0.11)	\$355.34	\$356.86	\$1.52
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$331.94	\$331.94	\$0.00	\$324.58	\$324.54	(\$0.04)	\$214.23	\$214.23	\$0.00
Health Care	\$818.90	\$817.58	\$817.58	\$0.00	\$803.07	\$803.13	\$0.06	\$632.32	\$635.41	\$3.08
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$464.09	\$464.07	(\$0.02)	\$458.29	\$458.27	(\$0.025)	\$342.59	\$344.00	\$1.41
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,119.79	\$2,119.79	\$0.00	\$2,049.94	\$2,049.88	(\$0.06)	\$1,481.97	\$1,485.47	\$3.51
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$0.00	\$813.95	\$813.13	(\$0.83)	\$766.99	\$773.71	\$6.72
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$164.24	\$181.71	\$17.46
Total	\$18,448.95	\$18,356.73	\$18,309.60	(\$47.12)	\$18,014.69	\$17,970.32	(\$44.38)	\$15,027.63	\$15,101.19	\$73.56
IRRF II Construction		\$10,572.53	\$10,529.77	(\$42.77)	\$10,252.36	\$10,213.99	(\$38.37)	\$8,191.54	\$8,222.10	\$30.56
IRRF II Non-Construction		\$6,782.39	\$6,778.03	(\$4.36)	\$6,760.60	\$6,755.23	(\$5.38)	\$5,941.16	\$5,982.92	\$41.77
IRRF II Democracy		\$1,001.80	\$1,001.80	\$0.00	\$1,001.73	\$1,001.09	(\$0.63)	\$894.93	\$896.17	\$1.24
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,922.25	\$20,830.03	\$20,782.90	(\$47.12)	\$20,246.99	\$20,202.62	(\$44.38)	\$17,166.63	\$17,240.19	\$73.56

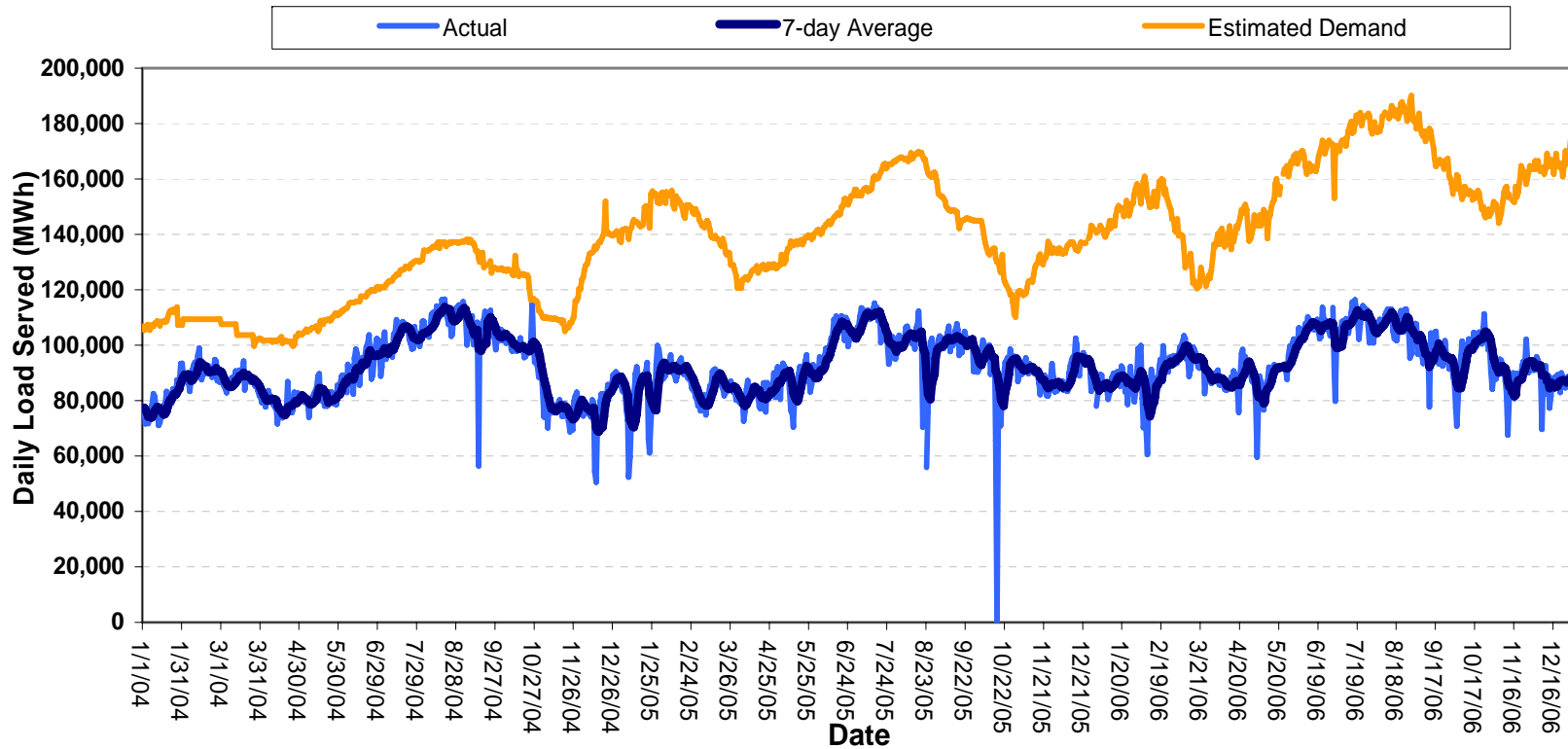
As of March 6, 2007



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

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Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of March 1-7 electricity availability averaged 5.7 hours per day in Baghdad and 9.6 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 14% below the same period in 2006.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services –**Electricity, Transportation and Water**

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Electricity:

- The recently completed US Army-funded 400kV substation in Mosul, Ninewa province will incorporate power from Turkey, Syria, Mosul Dam and Mosul gas turbine generation plants and distribute it to the Iraqi National Grid.

Transportation:

- The railway continues to experience difficulty with the Ministry of Transportation (MoT) in obtaining authorization for fuel and payment. Iraqi law provides that fuel expenses must be derived from freight revenue. The IRR and MoT were working on an agreement with Syria to exchange revenue requirements for locomotive fuel. This will be sufficient to protect the movement of interchange traffic between Turkey, Syria and Iraq.

Water:

- The Gulf Region Division recently completed the installation of the Water Compact Unit and Distribution Network in Jurf As Sukhar, Babil province. This unit is a source of clean, potable, and reliable water distribution to one school and approximately 1,100 homes in five local villages.
- The recently completed US Army-funded Sen al-Thabban Water Project in Kirkuk province now provides potable water to more than ten villages in Sen al-Thabban. The previous source of drinking water for these villages was untreated water from the Zab River.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending February 16 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$ \$54.64/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$60.6888/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$61.656/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$58.006/barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,540	22,540	0.00%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	17,467	20,014	14.58%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) ²	4,305	4,305	0.00%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	11,271	12,348	9.56%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,481	6,481	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	62,064	65,688	5.84%

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

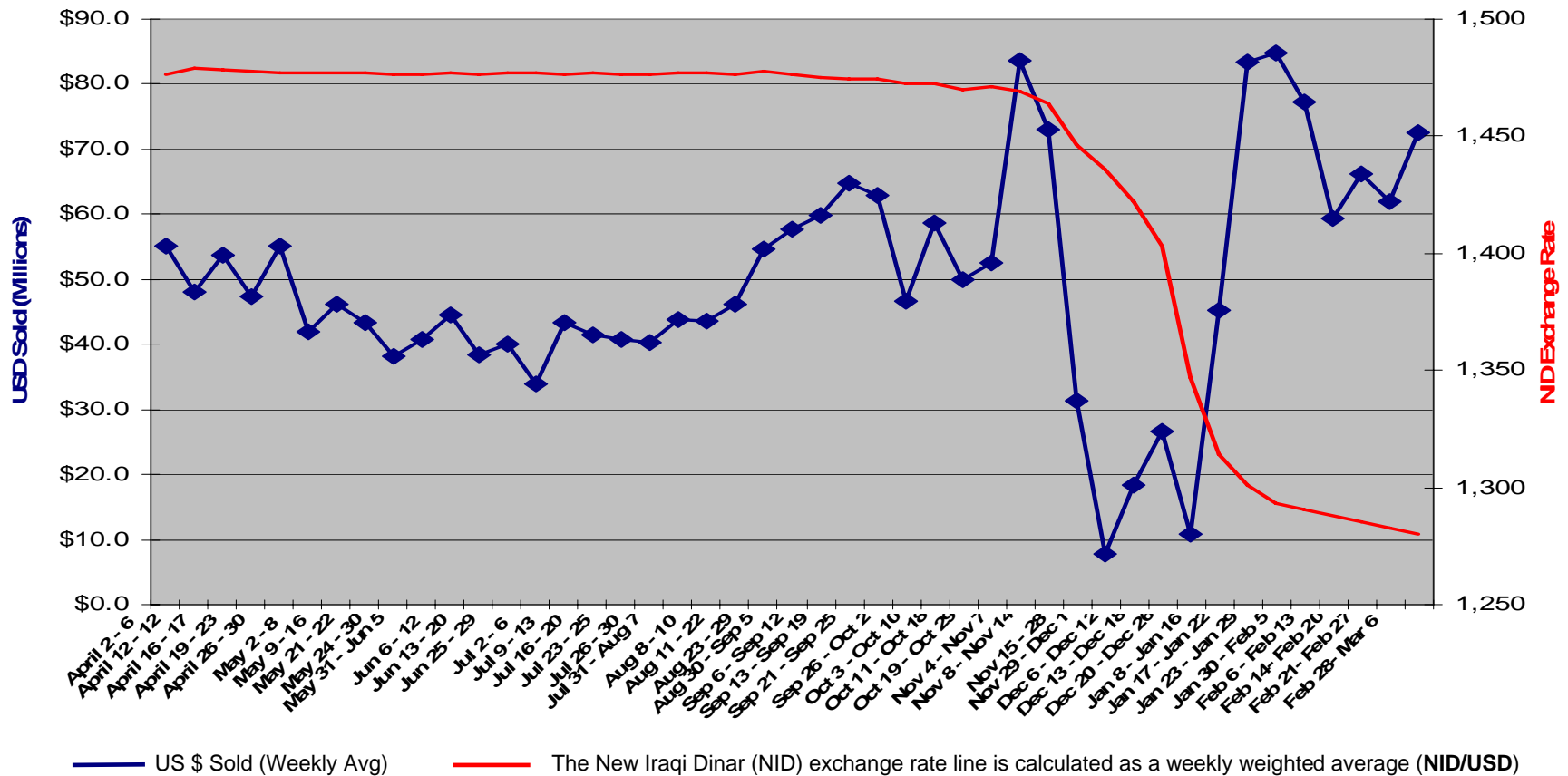


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, to tackle the past year's rampant inflation. This welcome increase in the dinar's value against the dollar is reflected in the figure below.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: April 2, 2006 – March 6, 2007**



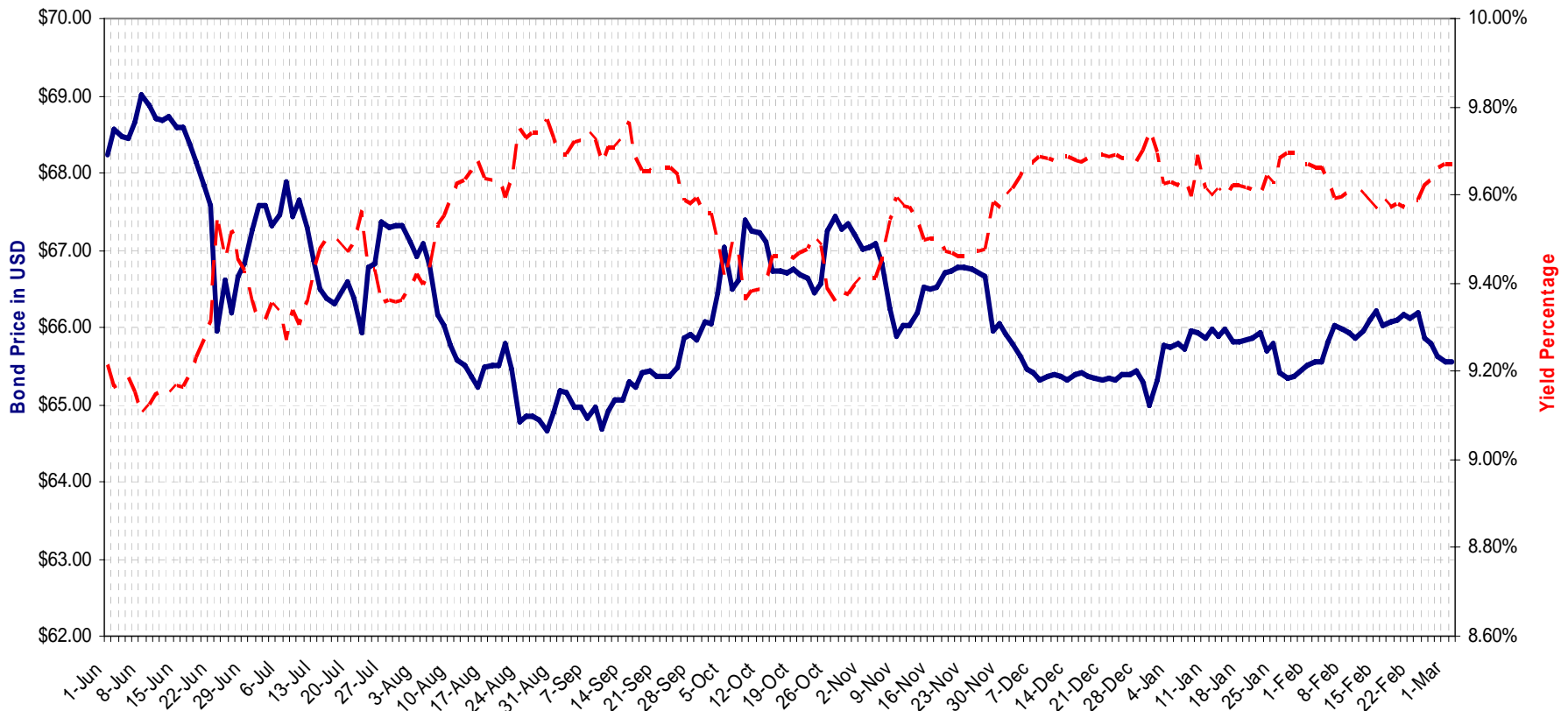


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.6 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
June 1, 2006 - March 2, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy –**Economic Events**

Conference Participants Show Enthusiasm for New Investment Law:

- On March 5, Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Hillah hosted a business development conference for over 40 public and private sector representatives, including the Deputy Governor of Babil and the Mayor of Hillah. Participants generally gave positive feedback on the new National Investment Law, and were specifically interested in how they might be involved in the implementation process. USG participants also learned that Babil province had already formed its Provincial Investment Commission, composed of private sector and government representatives.

Progress of the Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS):

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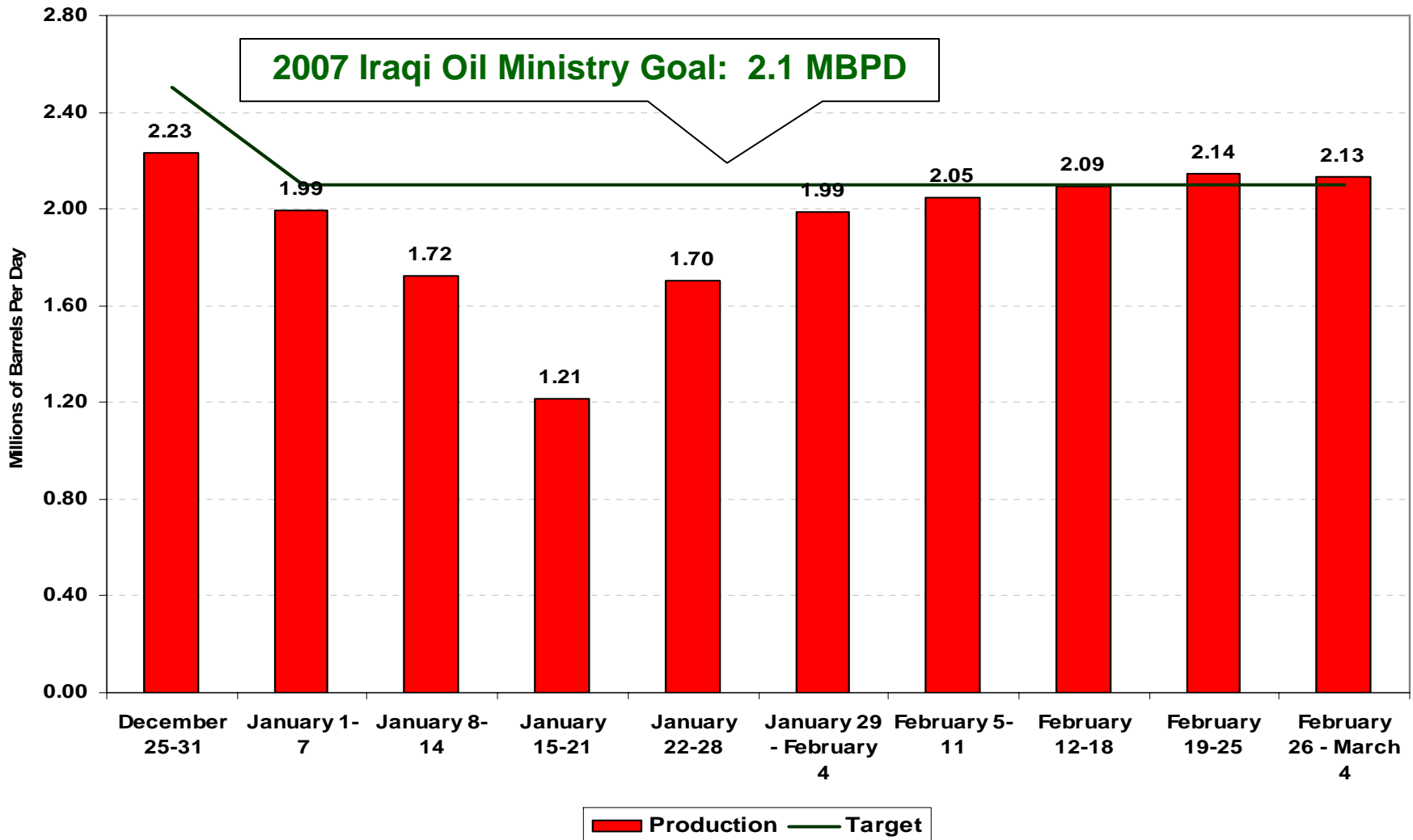
IMF Board Review Scheduled for March 12:

- According to International Monetary Fund (IMF) staff, Iraq has met all prior actions needed to schedule an Executive Board meeting to complete the 3rd and 4th reviews of the Stand-By Arrangement (SBA); quarterly board reviews are required to maintain the SBA. Prior actions for completing the reviews included re-appointing Ernst & Young to conduct audits of 2006 fiscal accounts, the implementation of official fuel price increases by March 5, and monetary tightening through exchange rate appreciation and interest rate increases.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

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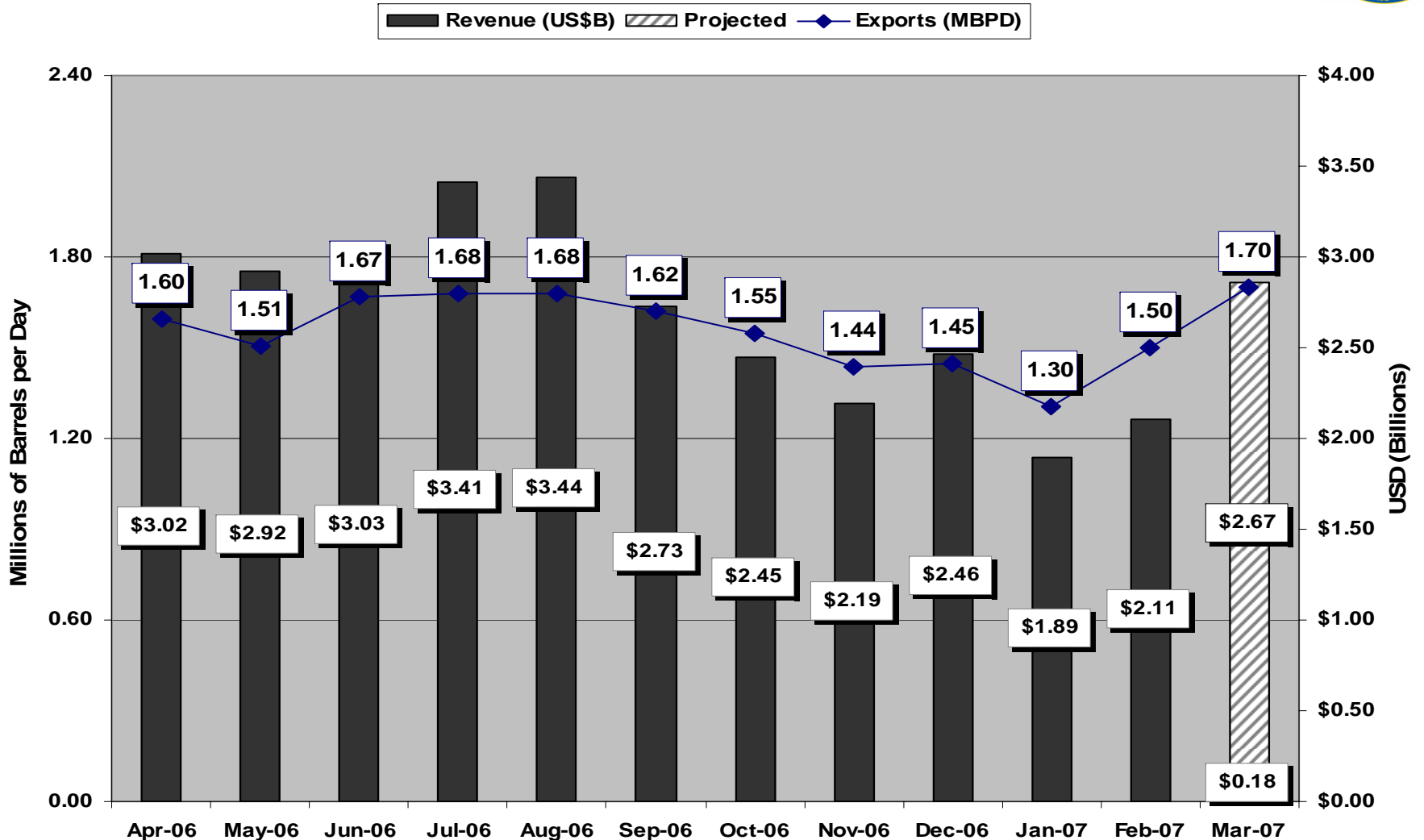


- Weekly Average (February 26 – March 4) of 2.13 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

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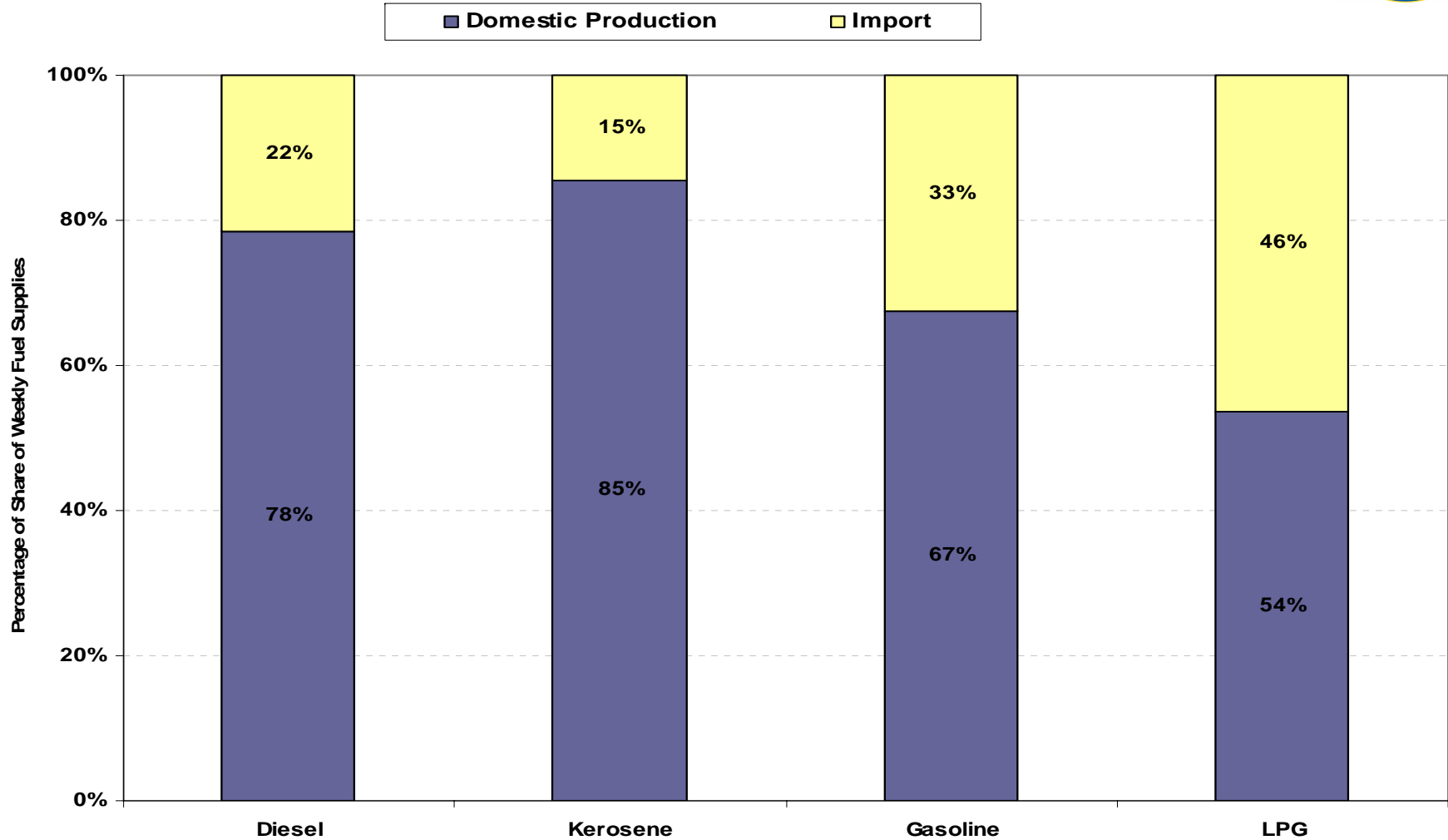


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$4.2 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

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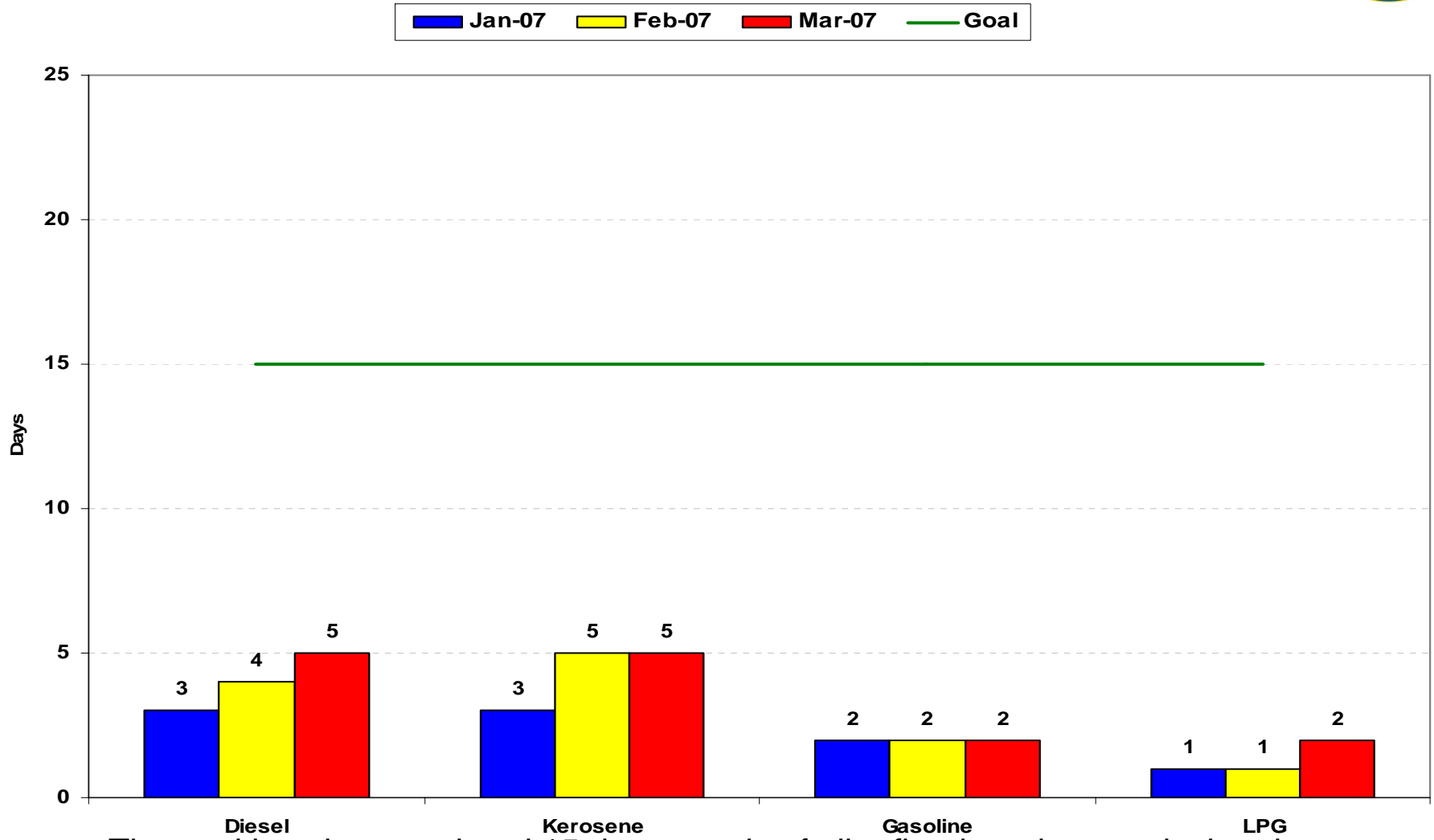
Note: This is a daily average for the week of February 26 – March 4

- Diesel: 10.9 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.4 ML supply of 15.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 12.1 ML supply of 22.1 ML target
- LPG: 2,976 tons supply of 5,500 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels

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• The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

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CCCI Convicts 10 Insurgents:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted ten security detainees February 18 - 22 for various crimes, including possession of illegal weapons, possessing fake identification, use of explosives, passport violations and illegal border crossing.
- The trial court found an Iraqi man guilty of illegal possession of special category weapons in violation of Order 3/2003 Section 6, Paragraph 2B. On January 19, 2005, Multi-National Forces (MNF) conducted a raid on several houses in Taji in search of the defendant and several other individuals. Once inside, MNF found one RPK machine gun, one AK-47, a pistol, one G3 assault rifle, Iraqi and CIA intelligence manuals and documents, as well as fake identification documents and photographs. MNF then searched outside the house using metal detectors and found more buried weapons and ammunition. Some of the ammunition was found in American ammunition boxes with serial numbers that matched the serial numbers of ammunition boxes taken from Humvees which had recently been destroyed by improvised explosive devices in which two American soldiers died. On February 18, the trial panel found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to 30 years imprisonment.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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Iraq Neighbor Conference:

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Latvia Plans to Decrease Troop Commitment in Iraq:

- The Latvian government announced it will withdraw the majority of their 115-man contingent, leaving 15 troops to assist in training operations for the Iraqi Army.

Republic of Georgia to Increase Iraq Presence:

- Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili announced his country will enlarge its participation in the Coalition forces in Iraq during a speech at the construction site of a new NATO-standard military base near the Georgian town of Gori March 4, stating that Georgia "is ready to help American and Iraqi colleagues at the critical phase of the peacekeeping operation."

UN Warns of Impending Refugee Crisis:

- The UN warned that if sectarian violence in Iraq does not decrease, up to one million new people could become displaced in 2007. Of Iraq's population of about 27 million, 1.8 million have already been displaced within the country and another one million have gone to Syria, 750,000 to Jordan and 150,000 to Egypt.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

Iraq's UN Ambassador Says Syria Can Help Prevent Terrorists from Crossing Border:

- Iraq's UN Ambassador, Hamid al-Bayati, said that Syria could do more to prevent terrorists from crossing their border into Iraq and that the Syrian government could play an important role in improving the security of Iraq by taking control of monitoring its border.

Government of Singapore to Train Iraqi Diplomats:

- At the request of the Iraqi government, and as part of Singapore's effort to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq, the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be organizing a three-week training program for a group of Iraqi diplomats March 6-23. The program comprises English language training and the work of foreign service officers.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of March 5, 2007

25 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	Denmark	Lithuania	Slovakia
Armenia	El Salvador	Macedonia	South Korea
Australia	Estonia	Moldova	Ukraine
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Mongolia	UK
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Poland	
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Romania	
Czech Republic	Latvia	Singapore	

TOTAL ~ 14,035 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

34 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*34 includes the 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

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[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Al-Qaida Group Shows Video of the Execution of Mol Employees:

- The al-Qaida-led Islamic State in Iraq posted a video to the Internet March 3 showing the execution of 18 Ministry of Interior (Mol) employees. The group claimed responsibility on an Internet statement March 2 that it had kidnapped the 18 employees and threatened to kill them to avenge the alleged rape of a Sunni woman. The statement gave the government 24 hours to accede to its demands, which included turning over the officers that allegedly participated in the rape and that all Sunnis held in interior ministry prisons be released.

Iraqi Newspaper Editor Killed:

- The secretary-general of the Iraqi Journalists Union announced that gunmen had shot dead Mohan al-Dhahr, editor of the al-Mashriq newspaper, in front of his Baghdad home March 4.
- The death of Dhahr brings the total number of journalists killed in Iraq since the beginning of the US-led invasion in 2003 to 190.



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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