A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the outlines of several countries, including Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. The Persian Gulf is visible in the bottom right corner.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Vice President Mehdi vetoed the Provincial Powers law, passed by the CoR February 13, but the Amnesty law and the 2008 budget were approved. **(POLITICAL, page 4)**
- Muqtada al-Sadr extended the ceasefire order to his Mahdi Army through August 2008. **(SECURITY, page 10)**
- Turkey launched a ground and air attack against PKK in northern Iraq February 21. **(SECURITY, page 10)**
- In response to the Turkish attack, GOI spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh stated February 26, "The Iraqi Cabinet has denounced the Turkish army's incursion." **(DIPLOMATIC, page 24)**
- The Council of Ministers approved new regulations to improve execution of the 2008 budget. **(ECONOMIC, page 13)**
- Iraq's Minister of Industry and Minerals will hold a conference April 19-20 in the UAE to outline opportunities for interested investors in Iraqi state owned enterprises. **(DIPLOMATIC, page 25)**

## POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation



### Abdel Mehdi Vetoes Provincial Powers; Amnesty, Budget Pass:

- Vice President Adil Abdel Mehdi vetoed the Provincial Powers law, which the CoR passed February 13. However, the Presidency Council issued a press release stating they still favor provincial elections to be held by October 1. The law would have defined the authorities of Iraq's provincial governments and their relationship to the national government. The law also would have required provincial elections to be held by October 1 and an elections law to be passed by mid-May 2008. The Presidency Council did not veto the Amnesty law or the 2008 Budget, which also passed the CoR February 13; those laws were approved by the Council by default February 26. The bills must be published in the Official Gazette to become law.

### IOM Expert Briefs on Property Restitution:

- Peter Van der Auweraert, Senior Legal Officer at the International Organization for Migration, briefed the inter-agency Working Group on Refugee and IDP Returns on property restitution issues in Iraq February 22. Van der Auweraert stated that layers of Iraqi displacement complicate the already difficult issue of property restitution. Other than the court system, there is no standard mechanism for resolving post-2003 property disputes. The CRRPD, while it is doing well relative to other commissions in Iraq, is in no position to handle post-2003 property claims. Van der Auweraert advised that any new entity the GOI creates to handle property disputes should have the buy-in of all Iraqi communities. He stressed that the GOI and international community cannot force reintegration of communities.



## POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

### Iraqi PM Talks with British PM:

- British PM Gordon Brown talked with PM Maliki February 26 in London. Discussions focused on the recent airing of a video apparently showing one of the Britons captured in Baghdad in May 2007. A spokesman for Mr. Brown said: "Both leaders deplored the taking and public parading of hostages and agreed to continue their close cooperation to secure their early release."

### Human Rights Ministry to Begin Mass Grave Excavation:

- Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Salim announced February 17 that her ministry will officially inaugurate a mass graves excavation project in Najaf April 1. The Ministry will begin with one of eight mass grave sites in Najaf with the intention of excavating all eight.



## POLITICAL - Provincial

### PRT Stands up In Diwaniyah:

- A Provincial Reconstruction Team, previously operating as a Provincial Support Team, has stood up in Diwaniyah, raising the total number of PRTs and ePRTs to 25. This was made possible by a more stable provincial security environment and will allow for increased operational capability and mission effectiveness.

### Intergovernmental Fiscal Conference Held in Najaf 19-20 February:

- USAID's Local Governance Program (LGP) sponsored a highly successful Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Conference 19-20 February in Najaf that was widely covered by the Iraq media. The primary goal of the conference was to create a mechanism for intergovernmental fiscal relations – a main pillar of decentralization – in Iraq. The attendees adopted numerous recommendations, including one for lobbying the Iraqi Council of Representatives (CoR) to implement Article 106 of the Constitution, which calls for creating a public commission to ensure fair distribution of federal financial transfers to provincial governments. Participants discussed the role of the central government in intergovernmental fiscal relations, fiscal decentralization, expenditure authorities, inter-governmental transfers, infrastructure funding, and revenue sharing. More than 130 people attended the conference, including representatives from the central government and political leaders from Najaf.



## POLITICAL - Provincial

### Budget Execution to be Top PRT Priority:

- The 2008 national budget provides USD 3.3 billion in capital funds to provincial governments, a 38% increase from 2007. Effective budget execution is a top PRT priority because it fosters good governance, the provision of services, and economic development, all of which help to consolidate the improved security environment.

### Hillah Soccer Tournament Remembers Slain Chief of Police:

- A soccer tournament organized by a local NGO and sponsored by PRT Babil honored former Babil Province Police Chief Lt. Gen. Qais Hamza Abud al-Mamuri, who was assassinated last year. The tournament was also a mechanism to foster local reconciliation. One organizer commented that the games saw Sunni and Shia playing together in the spirit of sportsmanship. One player echoed this sentiment, saying "I'm more excited just playing these games than I am worrying about other players' religious preferences." Iraqi Police units provided security for the tournament. PRT Babil is exploring other ways to use sports as an alternative outlet for young men in the province.



# POLITICAL – Government of Iraq

Coalition Affiliation (at time of appointment)
United Iraq Alliance
Kurdistani Alliance
Iraqi Accord Front
Iraqi National List
Other / Independent

(F) = Female

\*Formerly Tawafuq

\*\*Formerly Sadrist/UIA

\*\*\*Formerly Iraqiya

**Prime Minister**

Nuri al-Maliki

**President**

Jalal Talabani

**Deputy President**

Tariq al-Hashimi

**Deputy President**

'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi

**Deputy Prime Minister**

\* Vacant

**Deputy Prime Minister**

Barham Salih

**Minister of Agriculture**

Ali al-Bahadeli

**Minister of Communications**

\*\*\* Vacant

**Minister of Culture**

\* Vacant

**Minister of Defense**

Abdul Qadir Muhammed  
Jasim al-Mufraji

**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**

Saleh al-Hasnawi

**Minister of Higher Education**

\* Vacant

**Minister of Human Rights**

Wijdan Mikha'il (F)

**Minister of Industry & Minerals**

Fawzi al-Hariri

**Minister of Interior**

Jawad al-Bulani

**Minister of Justice**

\*\*\* (Safa al Safi  
acting)

**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**

\*\* Vacant

**Minister of Water Resources**

'Abd al-Latif Rashid

**Minister of Youth & Sports**

Jasim Muhammad Ja'far

**Minister of State for Civil Society**

\* (Wijdan Mikha'il  
Acting) (F)

**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**

\* Vacant

**Minister of State for Governorates Affairs**

Sa'd Hashim

**Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities**

\*\* Vacant

**Minister of State for Women's Affairs**

\*\* (Narmeen Othman Acting)

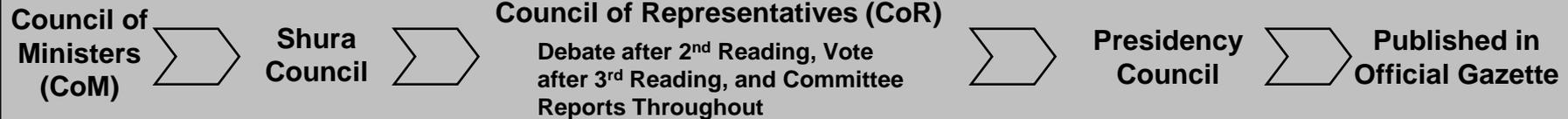
**Minister of State for CoR Affairs**

Safa al-Safi

# POLITICAL – Key Legislation and Refugee Update



## Legislative Process



<b>Provincial Powers</b>	CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was vetoed by the Presidency Council February 26.
<b>Elections</b>	The Prime Minister's Office is currently drafting the law, which will set the legal basis and structure of provincial and national elections.
<b>Hydrocarbons Package</b>	The level of control allocated to the central government in the July 2007 draft version of the Framework Law (currently in CoR Committee) is the key point of disagreement; there may be more progress on the Revenue Management Law, currently with the Shura Council, in the coming months.
<b>Amnesty Law</b>	<b>PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was signed by the Presidency Council February 26. Must still be published in the Official Gazette.</b>
<b>Pensions Amendment</b>	<b>PASSED: Published in the Official Gazette December 2007.</b>
<b>De-Ba'athification Reform</b>	<b>PASSED: Approved by default by the Presidency Council February 2008. Must still be published in the Official Gazette.</b>

## Refugee Update

Refugees in the region: 2-2.4 million

Internally displaced persons in Iraq: 2.2-2.4 million

Total number of Iraqi refugees admitted to the U.S. during to date in FY07-FY08: 3,222



## SECURITY - Situation Update

### Al-Sadr Extends Cease-Fire:

- Muqtada al-Sadr extended his Mahdi Army militia's cease-fire another six months until August 2008. The cease-fire has been in effect since August 2007. The extension, seen as a necessary step to cementing security gains resulting from the troop "surge," was commended by the U.S. military. The U.S. sees the cease-fire extension as a way for the Mahdi Army to contribute to improving the security situation in Iraq and to provide an opportunity for true national reconciliation.

### Turkish Incursion Targets PKK Strongholds:

- Turkey began a ground and air offensive into northern Iraq February 21, targeting the terrorist organization PKK, which uses the mountains of Iraq as hideouts. The incursion has so far left 153 PKK rebels and 19 Turkish soldiers dead. U.S. officials expressed hopes that the incursion would be brief and recognized that the invasion has gone according to the plan laid out by Turkey to the United States. Iraq, however, condemns the operation as a violation of its sovereignty and has called on the United States to intervene on its behalf. The PKK is fighting for autonomy in the primarily Kurdish area of southeastern Turkey. PKK strongholds in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq allow the group to attack Turkey in a conflict that began in 1984 and has left up to 40,000 people dead.



## SECURITY – Security Transition

### Iraqi Army Recruits 2,200 New Soldiers and Officers:

- The Iraqi Army recruiting team held a recruitment drive in Ninewah province the week of February 11-19, despite two mortar attacks and the potential for insurgent activity. During the drive, recruiters processed nearly 1,300 new enlistees and reenlisted another 1,000 former Iraqi Army commissioned and noncommissioned officers.

### Iraqi Air Force KingAir Pilots Begin Flights:

- The Iraqi Air Force 3rd Squadron pilots took the controls of a KingAir 350 for the first time. The KingAir is the most advanced aircraft in Iraq's arsenal and enhances the abilities of this reborn air force. The aircraft will initially function to support training and distinguished visitor transport missions. As future aircraft arrive, the mission will also include intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions over Iraqi skies to spot insurgents and provide overwatch of critical infrastructure. An all-Iraqi crew on a recent mission spotted several terrorists manufacturing improvised explosive devices. The crewmembers alerted Iraqi Police, who arrived on-scene soon after to impede the terrorist's efforts.



## SECURITY - Iraqi Security Forces

Iraq Security Forces as of January 1, 2008 <sup>a</sup>			
Component	Current Authorized Personnel <sup>b</sup>	Assigned Personnel <sup>c</sup>	Total Trained Personnel to date <sup>d</sup>
<b>Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces <sup>e</sup></b>			
Iraqi Police Service <sup>f</sup>	288,001	275,300	155,248
National Police <sup>g</sup>	33,670	32,389	41,399
Border Enforcement	38,205	39,649	27,959
<b>Total MoI</b>	<b>359,876</b>	<b>347,338</b>	<b>224,606</b>
<b>Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces <sup>h</sup></b>			
Army	186,352	159,938	174,940
Support Forces	17,369	18,794	19,750
Air Force	2,907	1,305	1,370
Navy	1,483	1,115	1,194
<b>Total MoD</b>	<b>208,111</b>	<b>181,152</b>	<b>197,254</b>
<b>Counter Terrorism Bureau</b>			
Special Operations	4,857	3,126	3,485
<b>Total Iraqi Security Forces</b>	<b>572,844</b>	<b>531,616</b>	<b>425,345</b>

a Numbers do not include ministry staffs.

b Numbers reflect Government of Iraq (GOI) authorizations.

c Numbers are based upon GOI payroll data and do not reflect present for duty totals.

d Numbers reflect assigned personnel that have received training.

e Numbers reflect total ISF personnel trained to date, some of which are no longer assigned due to casualties, AWOL, and normal separation.

f MoI strength does not reflect investigative and administrative forces, the MoI HQ, MoI Forensics, Dignitary Protection, or contracted guards.

g MoI Police Support Unit, Provincial Security Force, and Emergency Response Unit personnel are part of the Iraqi Police Service and does not include other Ministry FPS.

h The MoD strength are derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).



## ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

### GOI Aims to Improve Budget Execution:

- The Council of Ministers has approved new regulations to improve the GOI's execution of its capital budget. The CoM has lifted the previous ceiling on the amounts ministerial contracting committees can approve. Defense, Interior, Oil, Trade, Health, Electricity, Industry and Minerals, Water Resources, and Municipalities committees may now approve contracts worth up to \$50 million. This represents a \$30 million increase for Defense, Oil, Electricity, and Trade and a \$40 million increase for the other ministries listed above. A newly formed Central Contracts Committee chaired by the State Minister of CoR Affairs will approve contracts exceeding the \$50 million limit. This is expected to expedite rates of budget execution and project development.

### Private Banks to Process More Letters of Credit:

- New guidelines from the Council of Ministers mandate that Letters of Credit (L/Cs) worth less than \$2 million will now be processed by private Iraqi banks instead of the Trade Bank of Iraq. Additionally, the L/Cs can be processed by the Central Bank of Iraq instead of the Ministry of Finance, provided a copy of the contract is still submitted to the MoF for review. If 2007 figures prove a trend, these changes should result in an increase in transactions for private banks, though private banks are concerned the actual total value would remain modest. Last year, 72% of L/Cs were worth less than \$2 million which comprised 7.5% of the total value of all L/Cs.



## ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

### Baghdad's Business Expo Generates Commercial Activity:

- The 2008 Baghdad Business 2 Business Expo, the first since the 1991 Gulf War, brought together 260 exhibitors and 5,000 participants February 15-17, 2008. Iraqi led and organized, the event allowed Iraqi business people to interact with provincial and national GOI officials and foreign companies. The organizer, the Iraqi-American Chamber of Commerce, which will track the results of the Expo, expects it to generate \$500 million in new business activity and 10,000 jobs.

### GOI Considers Reform of PDS:

- The Government of Iraq is expected to implement reforms to the country's Public Distribution System (PDS), which distributes food aid to all Iraqis. PDS is inefficient, and program costs are rising to unsustainable levels; the GOI spent \$3 billion on the program in 2007 and may spend upwards of \$7 billion in 2008 due to an increase in food prices. Iraqis currently receive five items, down from ten: flour, sugar, rice, oil, and infant formula. Potential reforms include means-testing recipients and eventually monetizing benefits. Reforms remain controversial. If the GOI requires Iraqis to demonstrate need in order to qualify, five million people could be disqualified. Kristele Younes of Refugees International said, "Depriving Iraqis of the only lifeline they have left will make them over vulnerable and is likely to generate more insecurity inside Iraq." According U.N. estimates, one in four Iraqi children under the age of 5 is chronically malnourished and four million Iraqis require some type of food assistance. Nevertheless, appropriate reforms to PDS would ensure a focus on the poorest Iraqis, empower Iraqis to choose their own goods, strengthen the role of the private sector in providing commodities, and smooth food shortages and prices spikes.



## ECONOMIC – Oil

### Crude Oil Update:

*Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:*

Basrah Light at \$92.28/ barrel

Dated Brent at \$97.156/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$99.56/ barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$91.998/barrel

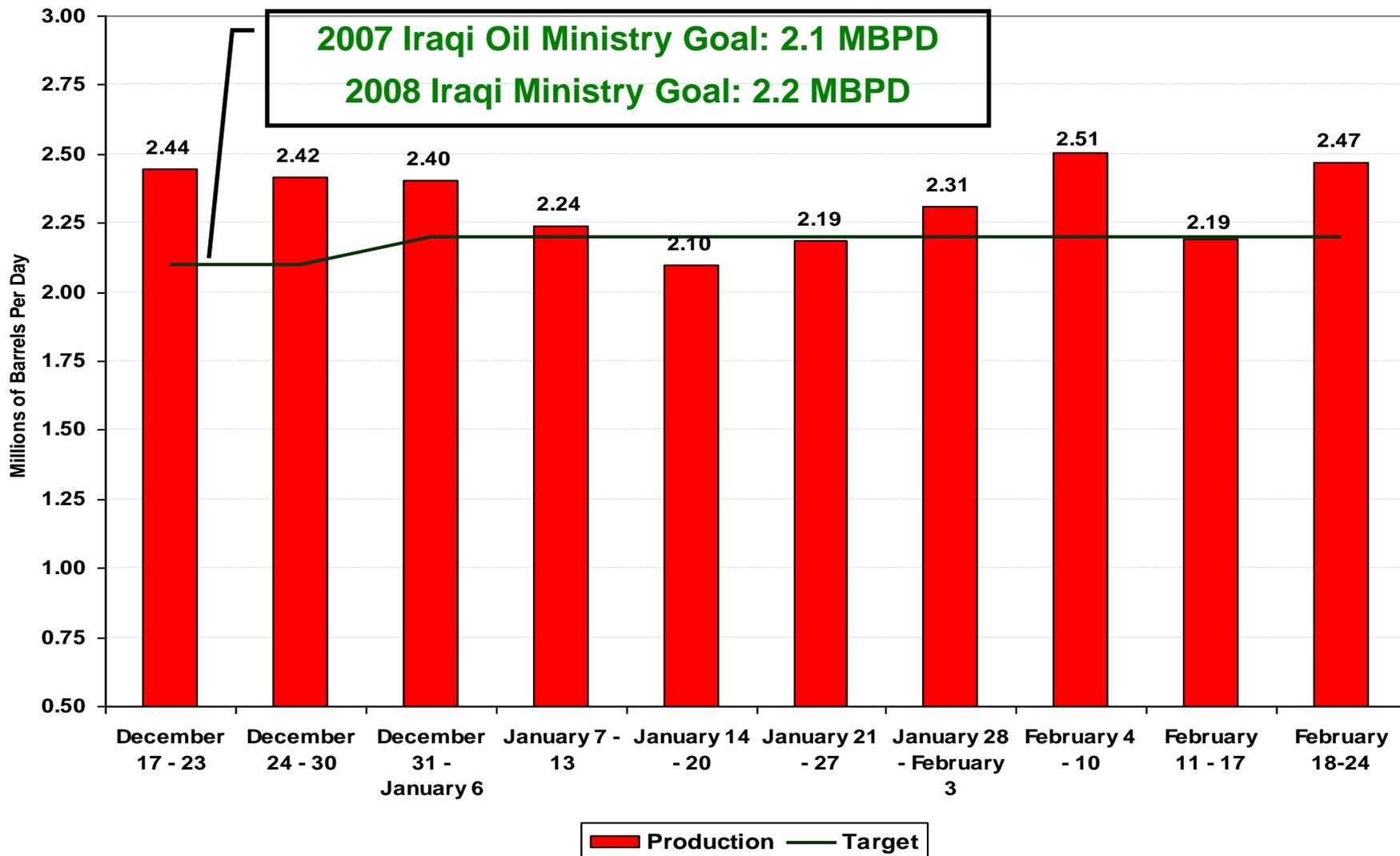
*Revenue estimates:*

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$34.4 Billion (estimated)



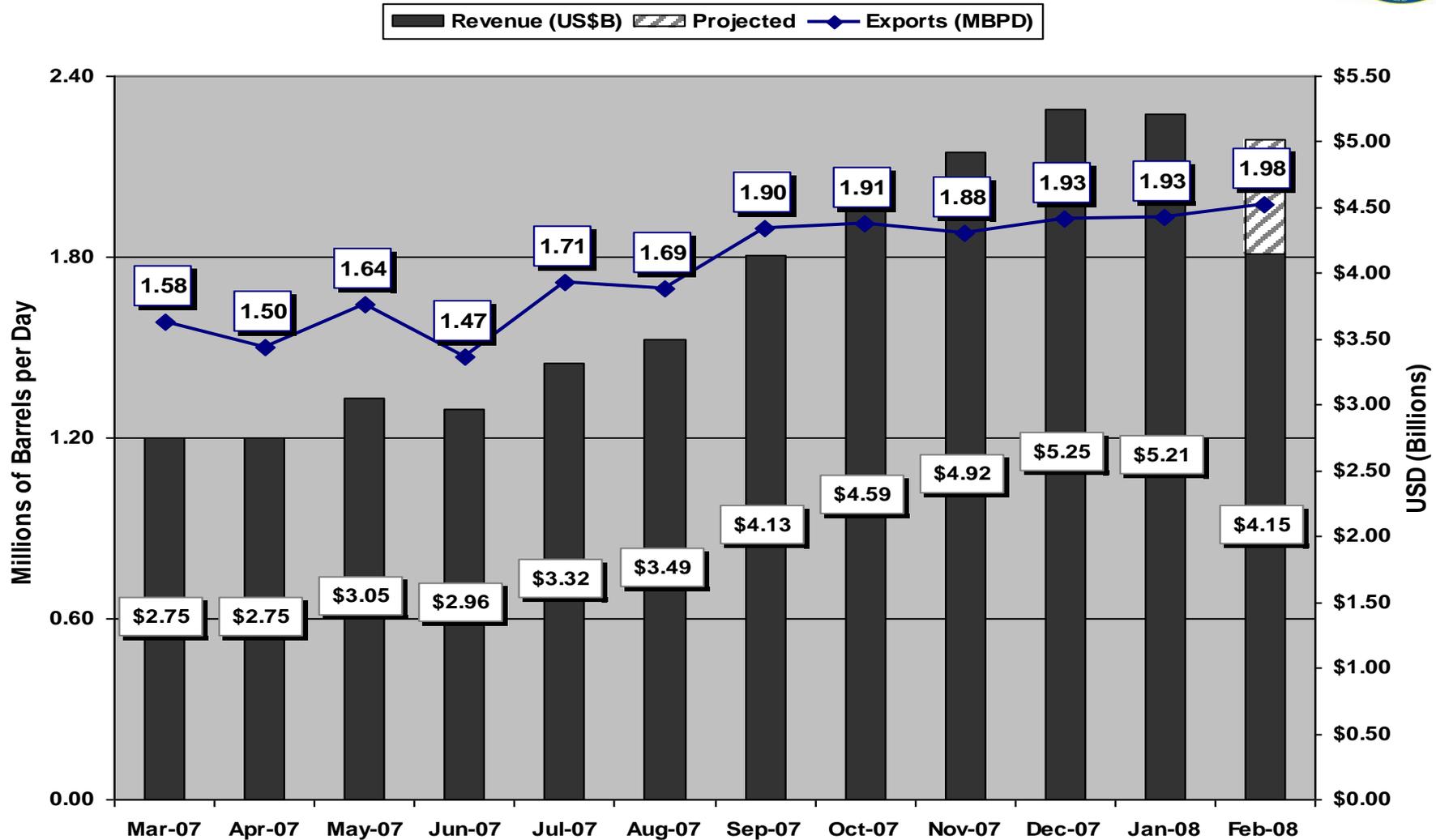
# ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production



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# ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export

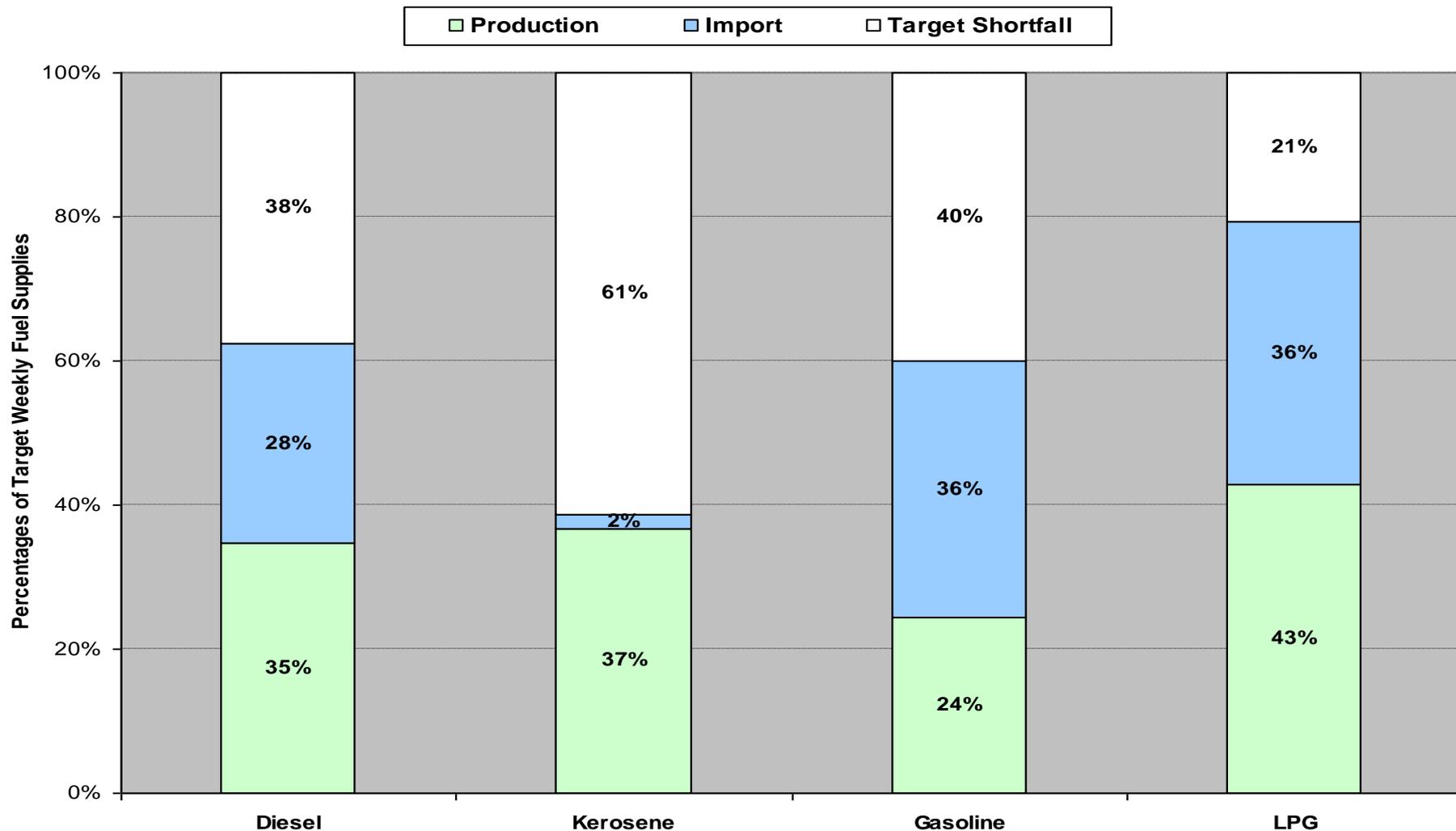


- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$41.0 Billion
- 2008 Revenue Estimate: \$9.4 Billion (Year to Date)

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# ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



Note: This is a daily average for February 18 – 24

- Diesel: 15.3 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.6 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 16.1 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 4,046 tons supply of 5,100 tons target

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## ECONOMIC – Transportation & Essential Services

### Austrian Airlines Resumes Flights to Irbil:

- According to a KRG press release, Austrian Airlines will resume flights between Vienna and Irbil April 2. Austrian Airlines will begin service with three flights per week and increase to four flights per week to Iraq in June. Austrian Airlines' own statement cited improvements in security in the last few months as the main reason for resuming operations. Minister Falah Mustafa Bakir, Head of the KRG Department of Foreign Relations, said, "Austrian Airline's decision to resume its service to Erbil International Airport is very encouraging, providing frequent and undisrupted flights to the Kurdistan Region. This flight has helped our region be closer to Europe."

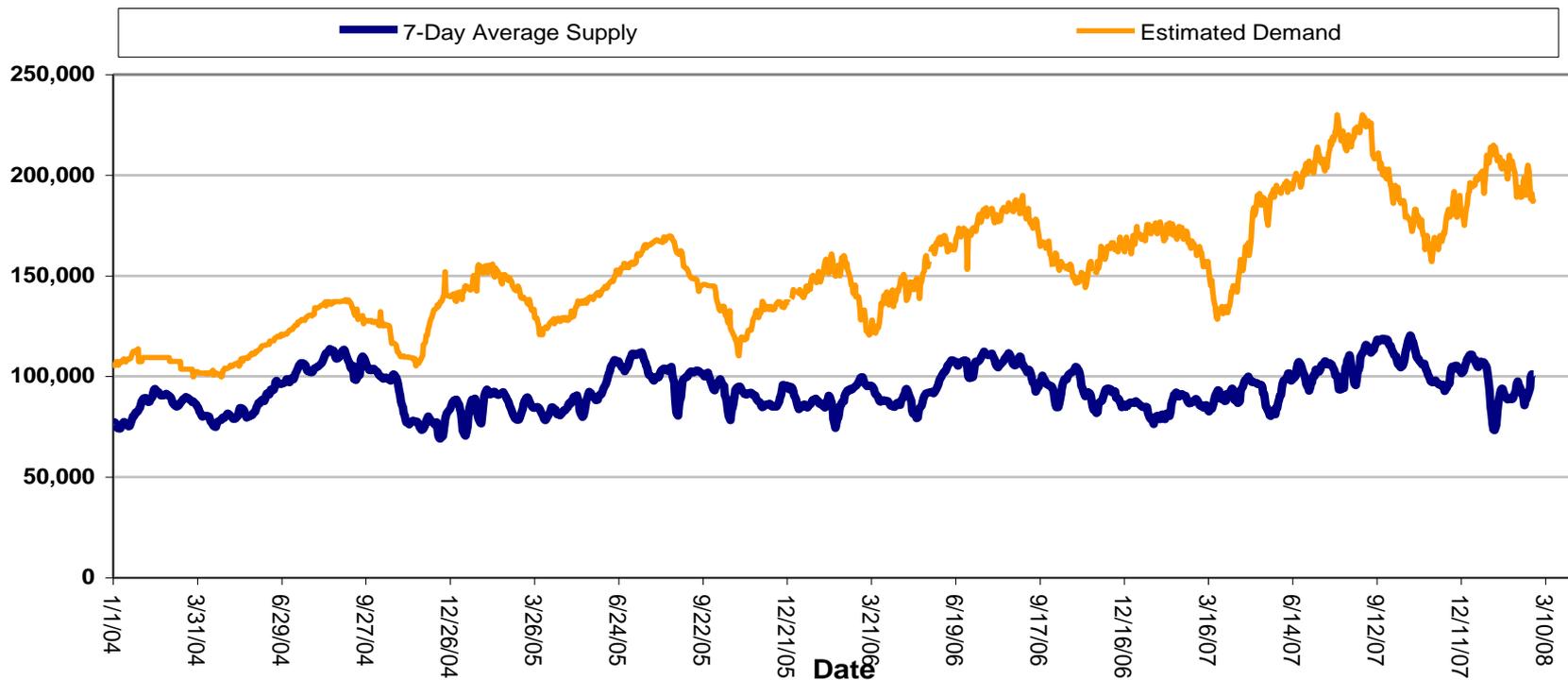
### February 19 Meeting of the Baghdad Provision of Essential Services Committee:

- The Baghdad Provision of Services Committee heard concerns last week on power station security, fuel importation, and other fiscal concerns. The Baghdad General Manager for the Ministry of Transportation discussed bus shortages and transportation costs. According to the general manager over 1/3 of the Ministry of Transportation's bus fleet has been stolen since 2003.
- The Ministry of Oil delivered a written report on threats and attacks at gas stations which the ministry maintains are "overwhelmed" by militias. Dr. Ahmed Chalabi, leader of the Committee's efforts, plans to send a letter to all ministries to inform and encourage them to import their own fuel at the international market price rather than SOMO. The Energy Fusion Cell presented plans to focus future efforts on supporting an Iraq National Energy Policy instead of coordination for security of infrastructure and repairs.



# ECONOMIC – Electricity

## Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

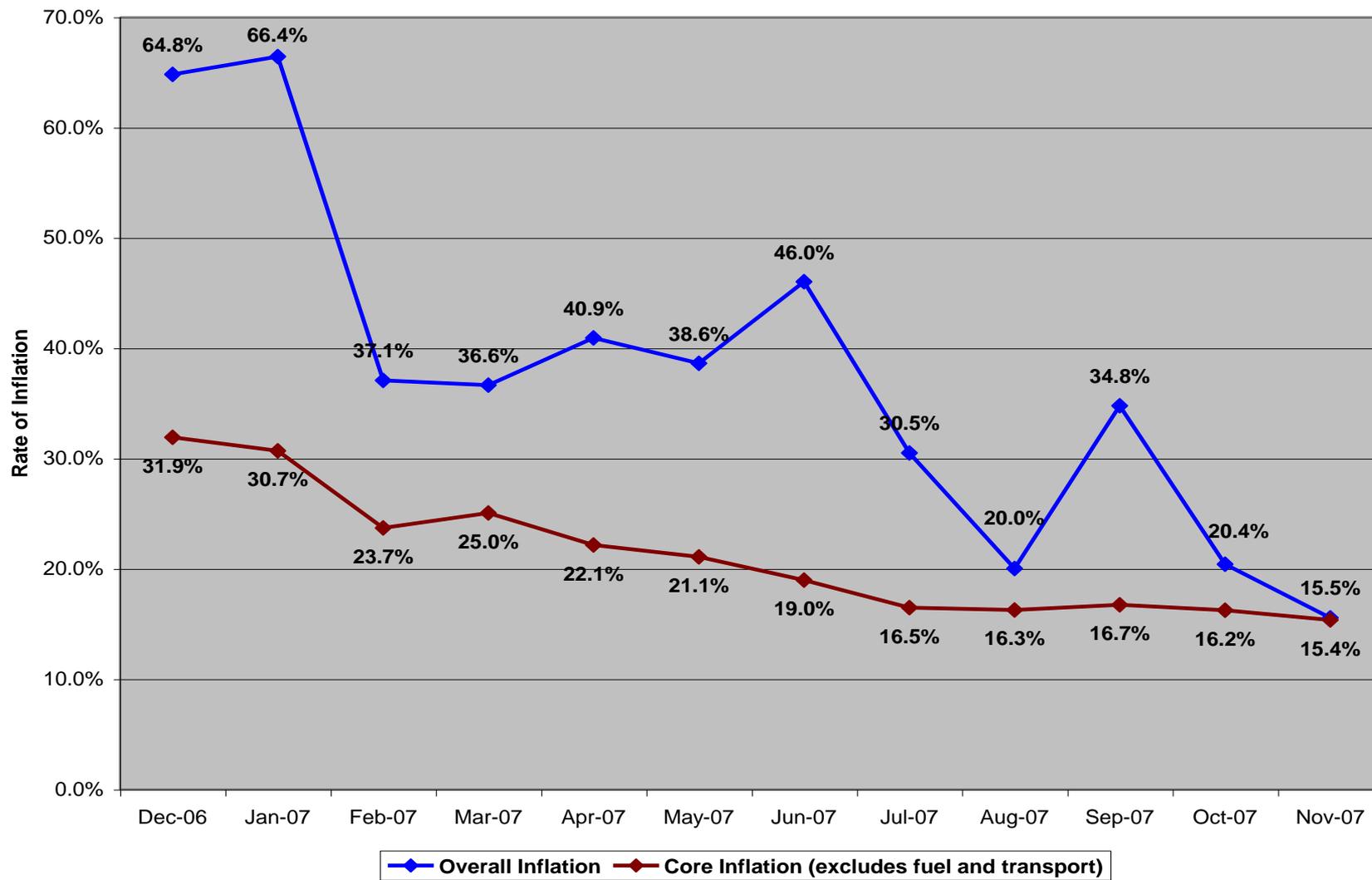


- For January 20-26, daily electricity demand was 12% above the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was 16% above the year-earlier period and met 52% of demand, unchanged from the year-earlier period.
- For January 19-25, average hours of power via the electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 8.0 and nationwide 10.5. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 6.0 and nationwide 9.4.



# ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

## Year-on-Year Inflation





## ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
<b>Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales</b>				
Price (USD)	\$73.11	\$71.79	\$66.76	\$62.82
Yield	8.66%	8.83%	9.56%	10.16%
<b>Central Bank's USD Currency Auction</b>				
USD Sold	\$69,864,000	\$87,901,000	\$107,435,278	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	\$1,210	\$1,210	\$1,214	\$1,254.00
<b>Total Employed by USG Programs</b>				
	83,836	83,652	93,814	N/A



## ECONOMIC - Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and 2

Sector			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Allocated	Un-allocated	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,978	\$27	\$4,960	\$4,960	\$0	\$4,960	\$4,960	\$0	\$4,860	\$4,864	\$4
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,264	\$38	\$2,253	\$2,253	\$0	\$2,249	\$2,249	\$0	\$2,148	\$2,151	\$3
Electricity Sector	\$4,196	\$29	\$4,070	\$4,070	\$1	\$4,050	\$4,052	\$1	\$3,759	\$3,763	\$4
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,723	\$2	\$1,601	\$1,597	-\$4	\$1,601	\$1,597	-\$4	\$1,563	\$1,567	\$4
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,067	\$35	\$1,961	\$1,957	-\$4	\$1,951	\$1,947	-\$4	\$1,773	\$1,775	\$2
Transportation and Communications	\$462	\$1	\$457	\$457	\$0	\$451	\$451	\$0	\$403	\$403	\$1
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$327	\$6	\$318	\$318	\$0	\$318	\$318	\$0	\$245	\$245	\$0
Health Care	\$812	\$10	\$784	\$784	\$0	\$775	\$776	\$0	\$720	\$720	\$0
Private Sector Development	\$821	\$2	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$806	\$806	\$0
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$436	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$395	\$395	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,299</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$17,857</b>	<b>\$17,850</b>	<b>-\$7</b>	<b>\$17,809</b>	<b>\$17,803</b>	<b>-\$7</b>	<b>\$16,881</b>	<b>\$16,899</b>	<b>\$18</b>
<b>IRRF II Non-Construction</b>	-	-	\$7,932	\$7,927	-\$5	\$7,911	\$7,906	-\$5	\$7,668	\$7,675	\$7
<b>IRRF II Construction</b>	-	-	\$9,405	\$9,403	-\$2	\$9,378	\$9,377	-\$1	\$8,697	\$8,708	\$11
<b>IRRF II Overhead</b>	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$516	\$516	\$0
<b>IRRF I Total</b>	<b>\$2,475</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,291</b>	<b>\$2,291</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,232</b>	<b>\$2,232</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,139</b>	<b>\$2,139</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Grand Total IRRF I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$20,774</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$20,148</b>	<b>\$20,141</b>	<b>-\$7</b>	<b>\$20,041</b>	<b>\$20,035</b>	<b>-\$7</b>	<b>\$19,020</b>	<b>\$19,038</b>	<b>\$18</b>

## DIPLOMATIC – Political Engagement



### GOI Demands Turkey Withdraw from Iraq:

- The GOI demanded February 26 that Turkey immediately withdraw its forces from Iraq. "The Iraqi Cabinet has denounced the Turkish army's incursion," GOI spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said after the government met to discuss the issue. "The Cabinet calls on Turkey to withdraw its troops immediately and stop the military intervention." Al-Dabbagh also warned against a clash between Turkish and KRG forces. "We want good relations with Turkey and Turkey should understand that the situation is dangerous and could be made worse by any military mistake that could prompt clashes between the peshmerga and Turkish troops," al-Dabbagh said. The Kurdish parliament also met February 26 and unanimously approved a measure authorizing the peshmerga to defend themselves if they were attacked by Turkish troops. Turkish officials have confirmed that a Turkish delegation will visit Baghdad February 27 to meet with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani and Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari, both Kurds, as well as other top Iraqi officials.

### EU Presidency Statement on Turkish Operations in Iraq:

- In a February 25 statement, the EU Presidency noted that it was following with "concern" Turkish Army operations in the territory of Iraq undertaken February 21. While recognizing Turkey's need to protect itself from terrorism, the statement called on the GOT to refrain from using disproportionate military action and to respect Iraq's territorial integrity, human rights and rule of law. It also called on Turkey to limit military activities to those absolutely necessary for achieving its objectives - protecting the Turkish people from terrorism.

## DIPLOMATIC – Economic Engagement



### Iraq SOE Investment Conference:

- The Iraqi Ministry of Industry and Minerals (MIM) announced it would hold a conference April 19-20, 2008 in Dubai for regional and international investors to discuss joint venture opportunities with 40 Iraqi state-owned enterprises (SOEs). The Minister and Directors General of six primary industrial sectors – petrochemicals, food and pharmaceuticals, construction, engineering, industrial services, and textiles – will look to create partnerships and production sharing agreements. This follows the three recently announced joint ventures which are still to be finalized with European business consortia in the Iraqi cement industry, with each joint venture being valued at over \$100 million.



## DIPLOMATIC – Coalition Contributors

### 26 Countries with forces in Iraq (including U.S.)

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

**TOTAL ~ 9,895 Forces**

**32 Countries and NATO\***  
 (including the U.S.)  
**Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

\*32 includes the U.S., the 25 countries listed above, and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

Note: Fiji and New Zealand, participating as a part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), are not included.



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