A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The rest of the map is light beige, and the Persian Gulf is light blue. The title text is overlaid on the map.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in MNF-I detention cases involving American nationals and their right to stand trial before an American jury. **(POLITICAL, page 4)**
- Indirect fire hit the Green Zone repeatedly March 23, 25, and 26, inflicting casualties, including one American dead, four wounded, and several Iraqis dead and wounded. **(SECURITY, page 8)**
- Iraqi Security Forces and Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia clashed in Basrah March 25 and 26, leaving at least 50 dead and 300 wounded. **(SECURITY, page 8)**
- American casualties in the war in Iraq reached 4,000 on March 23. **(SECURITY, page 9)**
- The 2008 Federal Budget law was published in the Iraqi Official Gazette, the final step for enactment of the law. **(ECONOMIC, page 14)**
- Bahrain announced its decision to send an ambassador to Iraq, formalizing diplomatic ties and strengthening the connection between the two Arab countries. **(DIPLOMATIC, page 24)**



POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

Clashes Between Militias and the Iraqi Government Intensify:

- Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has pledged to restore security in Basrah and fight corruption. He traveled to Basrah March 24 to supervise Iraqi Security Forces conducting operations in the city. PM Maliki made the decision to go to the city, which has seen a recent increase in militia and criminal violence, to assert Iraqi national government control. The past several days have also seen an increase in violence in Baghdad, including indirect fire attacks against the International Zone. Several southern provinces have reported heightened tensions.

U.S. Supreme Court Hears MNF-I Detention Cases:

- The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Geren v. Omar* and *Munaf v. Geren* March 25. Shawqi Ahmed Omar and Mohammad Munaf are American citizens who are being held under MNF-I custody in Iraq. During Omar's detention, a U.S. district court issued an injunction prohibiting MNF-I from transferring Omar to Iraqi custody for trial. In a separate, unrelated case, a U.S. district court permitted MNF-I to transfer Munaf to Iraqi custody for trial. The Supreme Court will determine whether domestic courts have jurisdiction over U.S. citizens who are in MNF-I custody for alleged and/or convicted crimes.



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

Hoshyar 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)

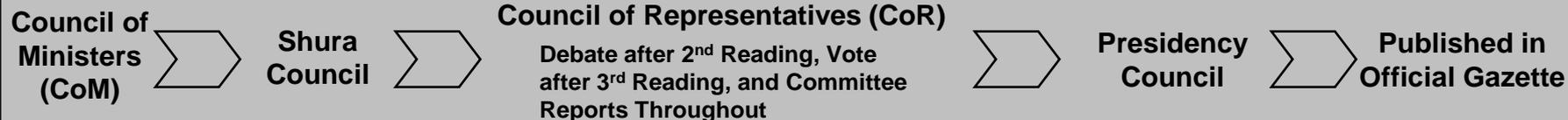
Minister of State for CoR Affairs

Safa al-Safi



POLITICAL – Key Legislation and Refugee Update

Legislative Process



Elections	The Council of Ministers is currently reviewing the law, which will set the legal basis and structure of provincial and national elections.
Hydrocarbons Package	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.
Amnesty Law	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was signed by the Presidency Council February 26 and was implemented March 2.
Pensions Amendment	PASSED: Published in the Official Gazette December 2007.
De-Ba'athification Reform	PASSED: Approved by default by the Presidency Council February 2008. Published in the Official Gazette in mid-February.
Provincial Powers	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was vetoed by the Presidency Council February 26. The veto was rescinded on March 19.

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: 3,635



POLITICAL - Provincial

Hillah Mayor Confirmed by Babil Governor:

- After a 14-month political conflict, Hillah Mayor Sabah al-Fatlawi was officially recognized by Babil Governor Salam Salih Mahdi al-Muslimawi at a gathering outside the Hillah Mayor's Office March 24. Provincial and district council members, several non-governmental organizations, and various media outlets attended the ceremony, during which District Council Chairman Hussain Hadi al-Tufali read the administrative order, signed by the governor, officially recognizing Sabah. Sabah was elected mayor by the district council February 18. This marks the end of a saga that saw three simultaneously serving mayors and repeated court clashes.

Babil Province Designated as Iraq's Cultural Capital for 2008:

- PM Maliki, Agricultural Minister Dr. Souhbi, and several deputy ministers visited Hillah to participate in kick-off celebrations marking the designation of Babil province as Iraq's cultural capital for 2008. Iraq's ancient cultural heritage and its leadership position were touchstones for many of the speakers, including PM Maliki. In his speech at the event, PM Maliki stressed the fundamental change that has occurred in Iraq's political culture and the need to respect the freedom of all citizens. PM Maliki is viewed as a native son because his home town, now located in Karbala province, was once part of Babil. In response to the governor's appeal for the GOI to give more funds to the province, PM Maliki's spokesperson announced authorization to construct a cultural palace at the Babylon ruins site. Each province to be named Iraq's cultural capital in future years will also receive this same benefit.



SECURITY - Situation Update

Indirect Fire Targets Green Zone:

- On March 23, 25, and 26, several volleys of indirect fire struck Baghdad's International Zone. A total of five U.S. government employees were injured seriously, one of whom died of his injuries March 24. A number of Iraqi civilians were also killed and injured. Multi-National Division – Baghdad chief of staff Colonel Allen Batschelet stated, "Extremists continue to fire indiscriminately from the vicinity of Sadr City, putting the residents of Baghdad at risk. The vast majority of Iraqis want security and stability. Coalition forces want the same, a better future for all Iraqis."

Iraqi Security Forces Battle Militias in Basrah:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki gave Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army members a 72-hour deadline to surrender their weapons and renounce violence. According to the AP, at least 55 people have been killed and 300 wounded in Basrah and Baghdad after the fighting spread to the predominantly Shia district of Sadr City in northeastern Baghdad. Sadr recently called for civil disobedience by his militia. The violence, according to the AP, is the result of Sadrists angry over recent raids and detentions, saying U.S. and Iraqi forces have taken advantage of the cease-fire to crack down on the movement.



SECURITY - Situation Update

American Casualties Reach 4,000:

- Four American soldiers died March 23 from a roadside bomb, bringing the total number of American casualties since the start of the Iraq war to 4,000. The Associated Press maintains the tally, which includes eight civilians who worked for the Department of Defense. President Bush expressed condolences and regret over the casualty numbers, which came just days after the fifth anniversary of the start of the war.

Amnesty Law Affects Decision to Release Babil Detainees:

- Over 600 detention cases in Babil were reviewed by a judicial panel that determined that 377 should be released. Initial reports indicate that the vast majority of total detainees in Babil are Sunni and, according to the Hillah SWAT commander, Shia detainees in Babil are generally released quickly, while Sunnis are often held for long periods without charges or adjudication.



SECURITY – Security Transition

Iraqi Police Gain New Trucks through Foreign Military Sales:

- The Ministry of Interior (MOI) purchased 2,600 vehicles through the Foreign Military Sales Program (FMS), allowing every province and branch of MOI access to the best training and equipment possible. Iraq has also purchased thousands of weapons and millions of rounds of ammunition through FMS, which allows Iraq to purchase military supplies from foreign governments with its own funds. FMS “...helps us get the best prices, the best quality material from many different sources worldwide, and the best benefit,” said MG Abdulameer, MOI Assistant Deputy Minister for Infrastructure. MOI forces could reach 500,000, requiring enhanced infrastructure and logistical programs such as those provided by FMS.

Iraqi Air Force Commissions New Officers:

- Twenty-five newly commissioned Iraqi Air Force 2nd lieutenants will take leadership positions in sensor operations and maintenance, while several have been identified as pilot candidates. The officers are the third class of graduates from the Iraqi Air Force Academy in Taji, which teaches airmen basic military training, chain of command, leadership, weapons familiarization, drill and ceremony. The students are also introduced to the basics of flying, including basic aerodynamics, aerospace physiology, weather, and life support.



SECURITY – Security Transition

Sons of Iraq Flock to Police Recruiting Event:

- Some 175 former Sons of Iraq members attended a police recruiting event at the 3rd Battalion, 1st National Police Brigade headquarters in Tameen, a town southeast of Baghdad. The men, between the ages of 18 and 35, underwent rigorous screening requiring a national identification card, proof of intermediate education, a reading and writing exam, medical screening, and physical fitness testing. Additionally, the men were registered in the biometrics enrollment system and the Handheld Interagency Identity Detection Equipment System and interviewed by the Mada'in Qada chief of police. The drive is an effort to fill the Mada'in Qada's police ranks with former Sons of Iraq members.



SECURITY - Iraqi Security Forces

Iraq Security Forces as of March 19, 2008 ^a			
Component	Current Authorized Personnel ^b	Assigned Personnel ^c	Total Trained Personnel to date ^d
Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces ^e			
Iraqi Police Service ^f	288,001	279,870	166,037
National Police ^g	33,670	33,531	44,156
Border Enforcement	38,205	40,852	28,023
Total MoI	359,876	354,253	238,216
Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces ^h			
Army	186,352	160,248	180,263
Support Forces	17,369	18,087	19,750
Air Force	2,907	1,344	1,370
Navy	1,483	1,123	1,194
Total MoD	208,111	180,802	202,577
Counter Terrorism Bureau			
Special Operations	4,857	3,144	3,709
Total Iraqi Security Forces	572,844	538,199	444,502

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

Iraq Unveils Electronic Stock Exchange:

- The Iraq Stock Exchange will come closer to completing its revitalization this week with the opening of a new stock exchange system. Currently, a small group of traders uses whiteboards to make trades in the exchange's villa, located in the Baghdad financial district. Electronic trading will allow the exchange to further aid in the economy's recovery, which is improving due to stepped up government spending and increased oil revenue. Taha Salam, Chief Executive of the exchange said, "We have planned this for many years but faced many ups and downs. Iraq is a place where we have been hidden away from the world for far too long, but finally we are seeing some progress." The exchange is currently dominated by service companies. Oil companies and heavy industry companies are not currently listed.

Yearly Inflation Rates Rise:

- According to the GOI's February Consumer Price Index, year-on-year core inflation (excluding fuel and transport) rose from 10.8 percent in January to 13.8 percent in February. This increase is due to the baseline effect of the large decline in prices in February 2007 dropping off the measure. Similarly, year-on-year headline inflation increased to 8.1 percent in February, up from 1.3 percent in January. Inflation declined 0.6 percent in February. Iraq's real interest rates have returned to firmly positive territory, but continued prudence in conducting monetary policy is necessary.



ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

2008 Budget Law Published in Official Gazette:

- The 2008 Federal Budget law was published as Law Number 20 for 2008 in the Iraqi Official Gazette on March 13, the final step for enactment of the law. The law published in the Gazette is consistent with previous versions passed by the Council of Representatives and approved by the Presidency Council.

Development Fund for Iraq to Receive Oil-for-Food Funds:

- The Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) may receive up to \$1 billion from moneys raised during the Saddam era under the U.N. Oil-for-Food program. U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has asked the Security Council to transfer an initial \$100 million from Oil-for-Food to the DFI. The Oil-for-Food program was phased out after sanctions against Iraq were lifted following the 2003 liberation of Iraq.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Crude Oil Update:

Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:

Basrah Light at \$99.595/ barrel

Dated Brent at \$102.883/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$105.593/ barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$98.138/barrel

Revenue estimates:

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$41.0 Billion

2008: \$14.4 Billion (ytd)

Iraq Announces Tenders:

- Iraq announced tenders for international oil companies to study two of its largest oil fields, develop a natural gas field, and build a pipeline to Iran. International oil companies have until April 24 to file applications to develop the Akkas gas field in Anbar and until April 30 to file applications to conduct 3-D seismic testing of the Rumaila and Kirkuk oil fields. The fourth tender is for the design and construction of a pipeline from Basra, Iraq to Abadan, Iran. The applications for the pipeline project are also due April 24. It is unclear how the Rumaila, Kirkuk, and Akkas projects can be bid out when the Ministry of Oil has yet to release which international oil companies have been pre-qualified to bid on Iraqi oil projects.



ECONOMIC – Essential Services

LUKoil Attempts to Restart Development Deal:

- The Chief Executive of LUKoil met with Iraqi Oil Minister Hussein al-Shahristani to pursue reviving a previously agreed-upon oil development deal between the GOI and LUKoil. Iraq, however, has said the Saddam-era deal is nullified and will have to be re-competed and renegotiated. In 1997, Saddam Hussein made a \$3.7 billion agreement with LUKoil that gave the company drilling rights to the West Qurna field. Hussein later cancelled the deal in 2002. In advance of this meeting, Russian President Vladimir Putin made an overture to GOI leadership for their help with a LUKoil deal. Additionally, Russia has stated that it plans to invest \$4 billion in Iraq sometime in the near future. The West Qurna oil field is estimated to have a capacity of 4 billion barrels of oil.

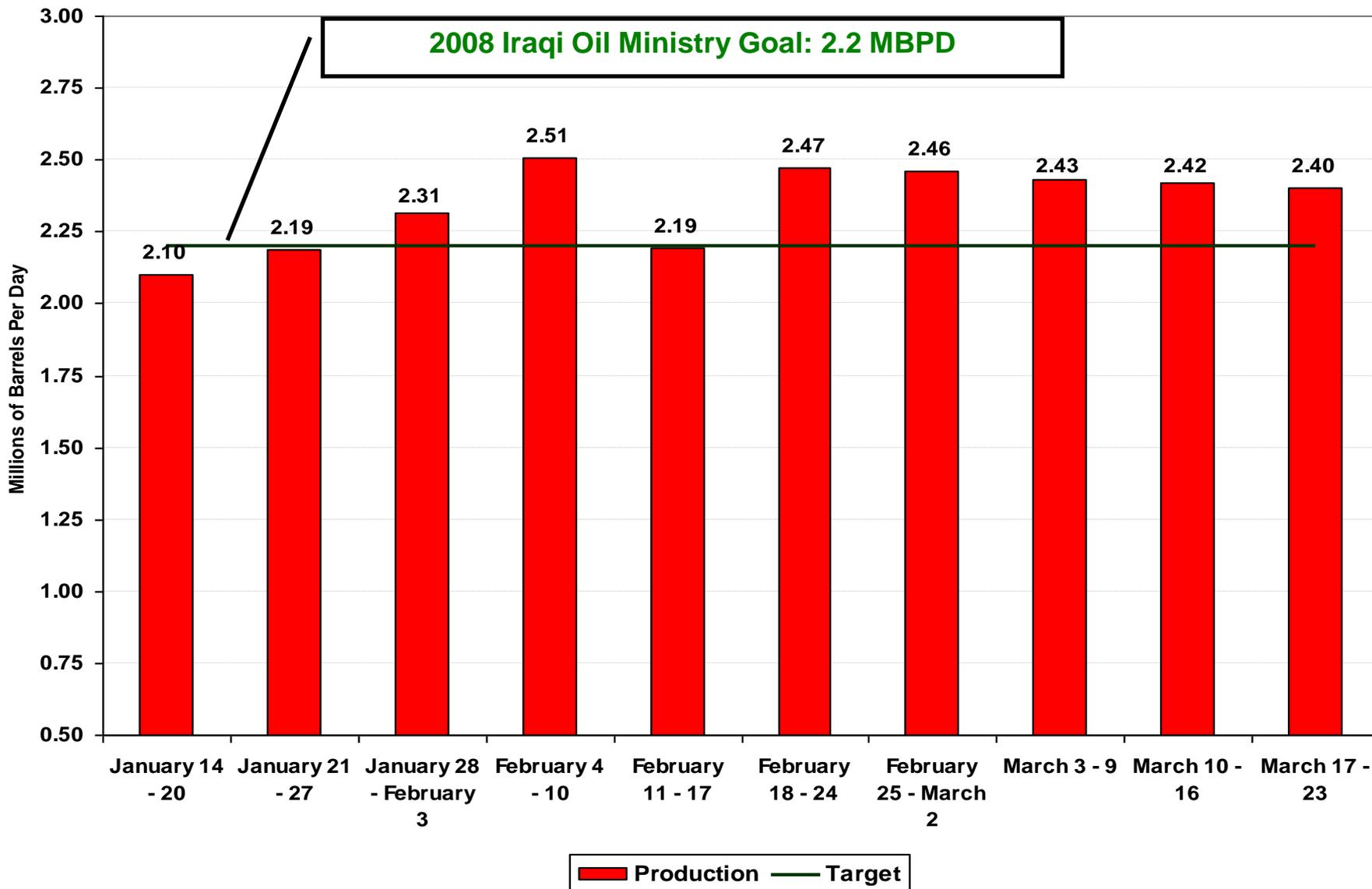
Chalabi's Essential Services Committee Looks at Potable Water Theft:

- The March meeting of the Baghdad Provision of Services Committee, led by Dr. Ahmad Chalabi, focused on potable water theft in the area. Dr. Chalabi estimated that 50% of water is lost due to civilians siphoning off water from the main distribution lines. Dr. Chalabi insisted that these individuals be detained and processed through the justice system in order to deter future offenders. It was not resolved as to who within the GOI should be responsible for enforcing rules on water distribution. Dr. Chalabi also cited a recent Red Crescent report that Iraq is one of the lowest performers in the Islamic world on health issues. He believes that access to potable water is related to this problem.



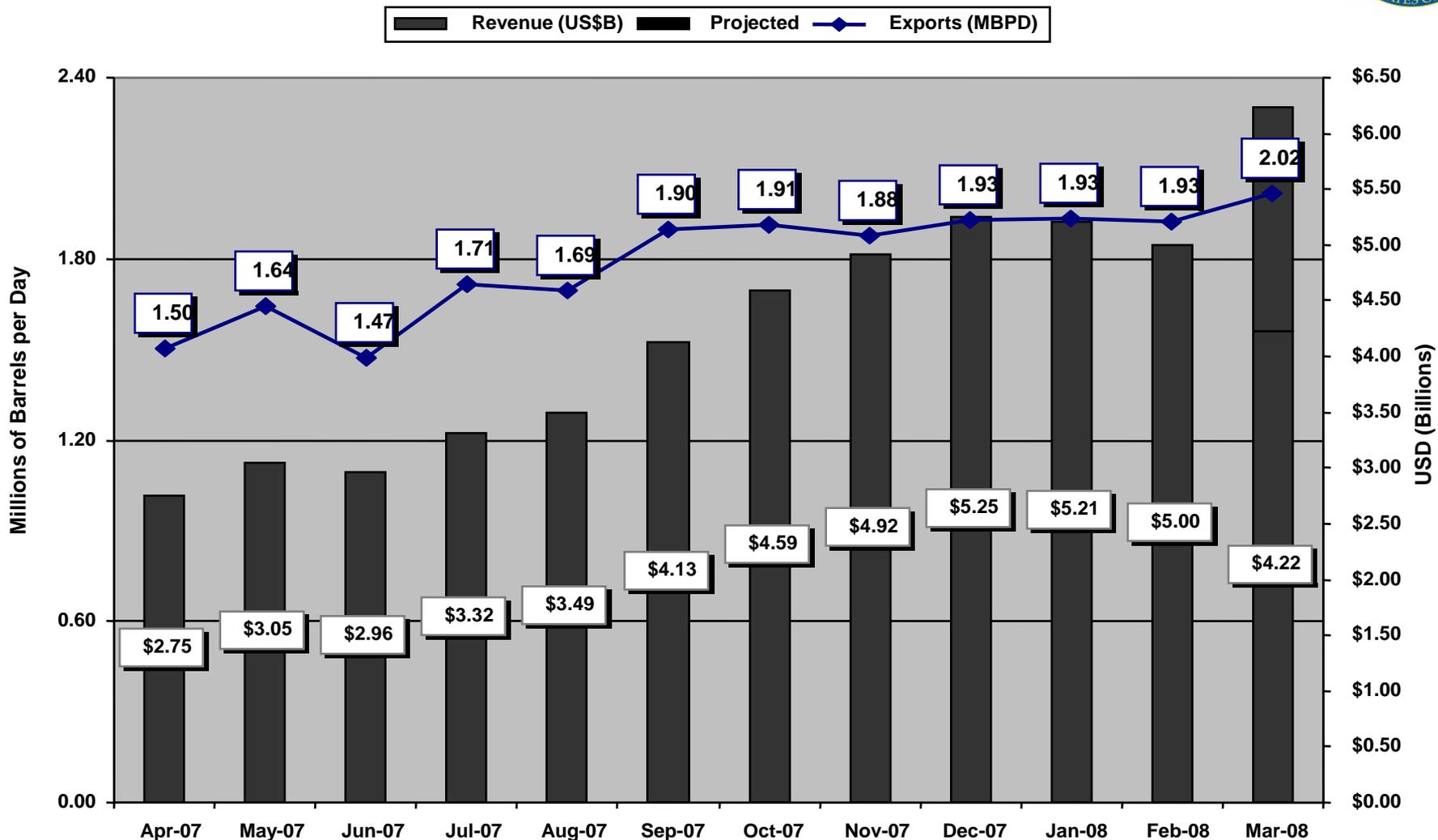
ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production

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ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export

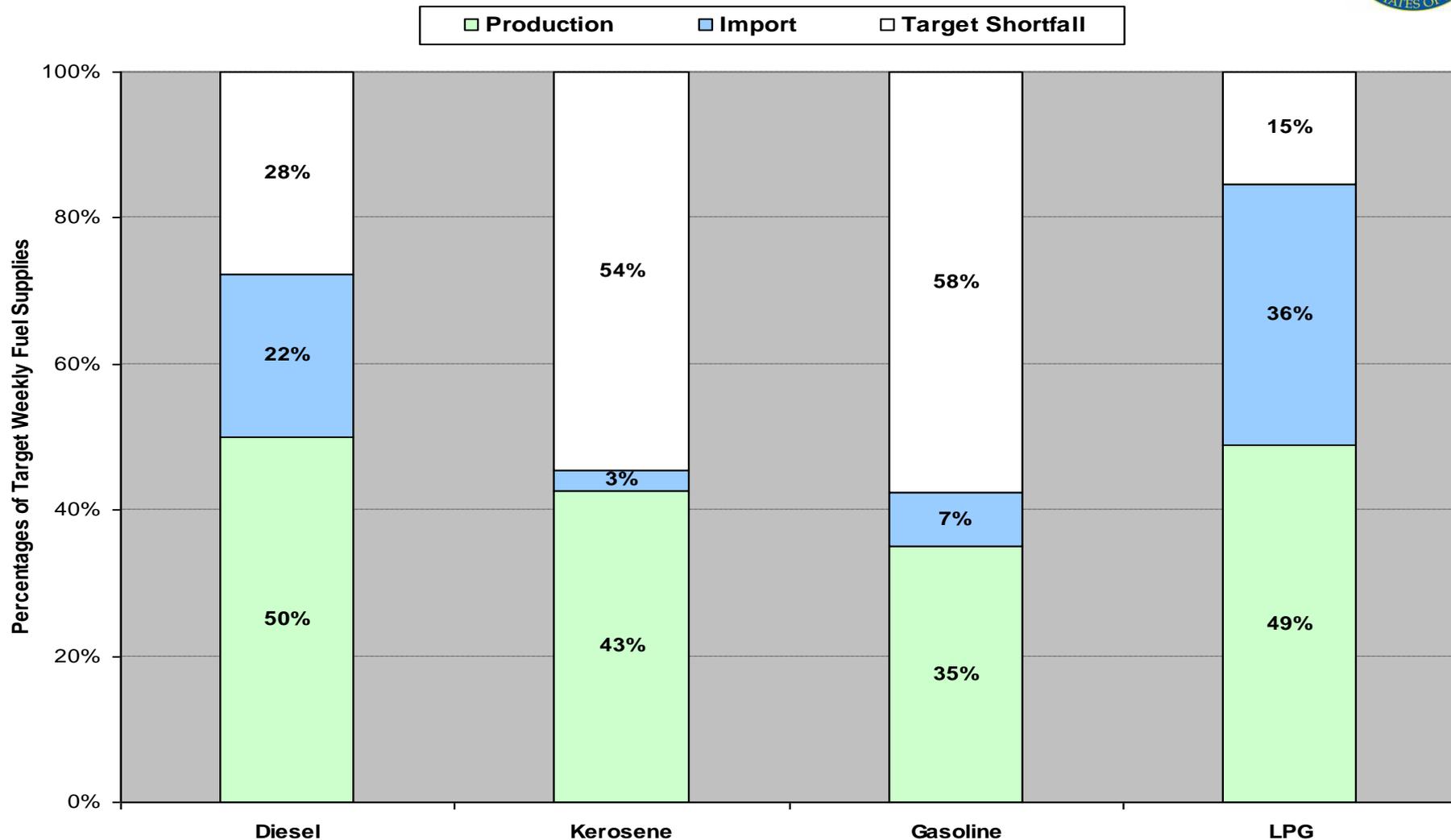


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$41.0 Billion
- 2008 Revenue Estimate: \$14.4 Billion (ytd)

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ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



Note: This is a daily average for March 17 – 23

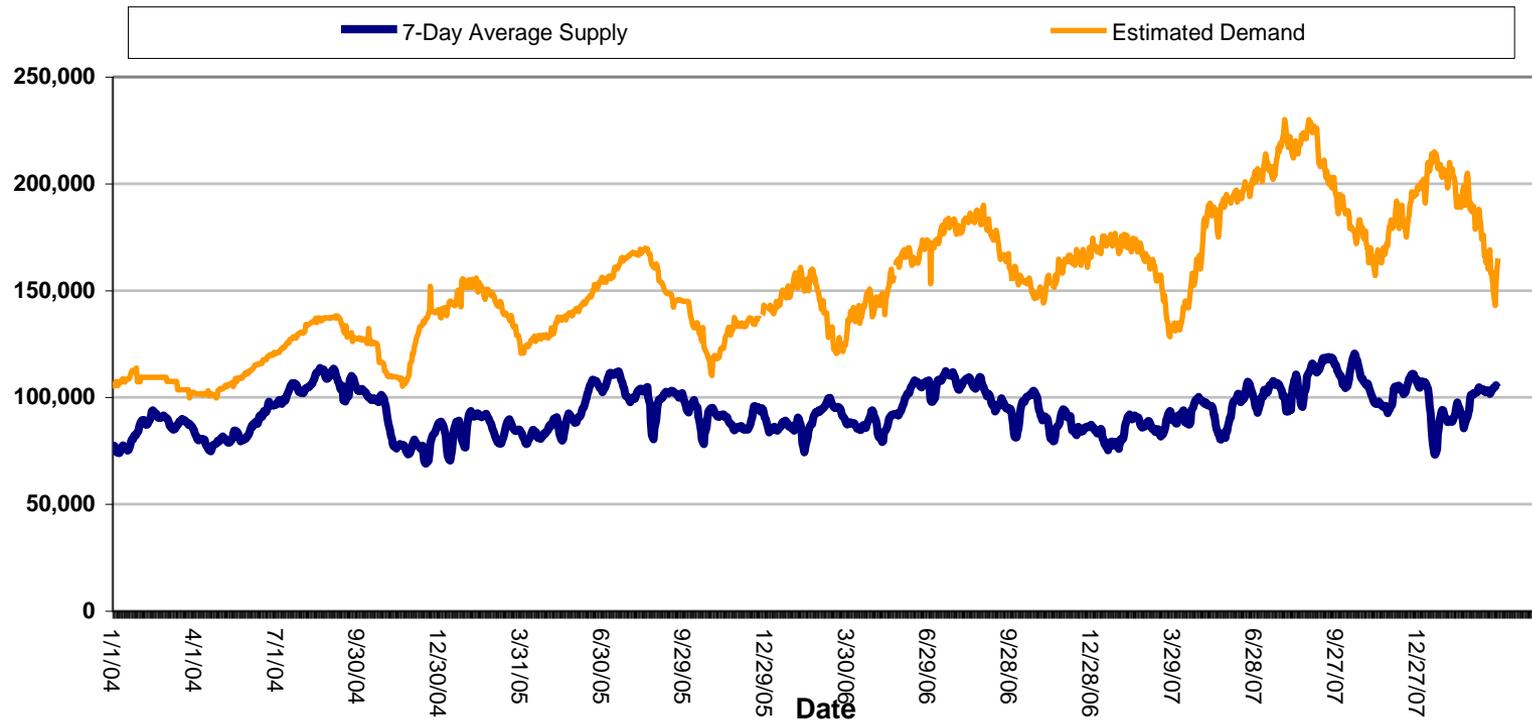
- Diesel: 17.7 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.6 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 11.4 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 4,319 tons supply of 5,100 tons target

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ECONOMIC – Electricity

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

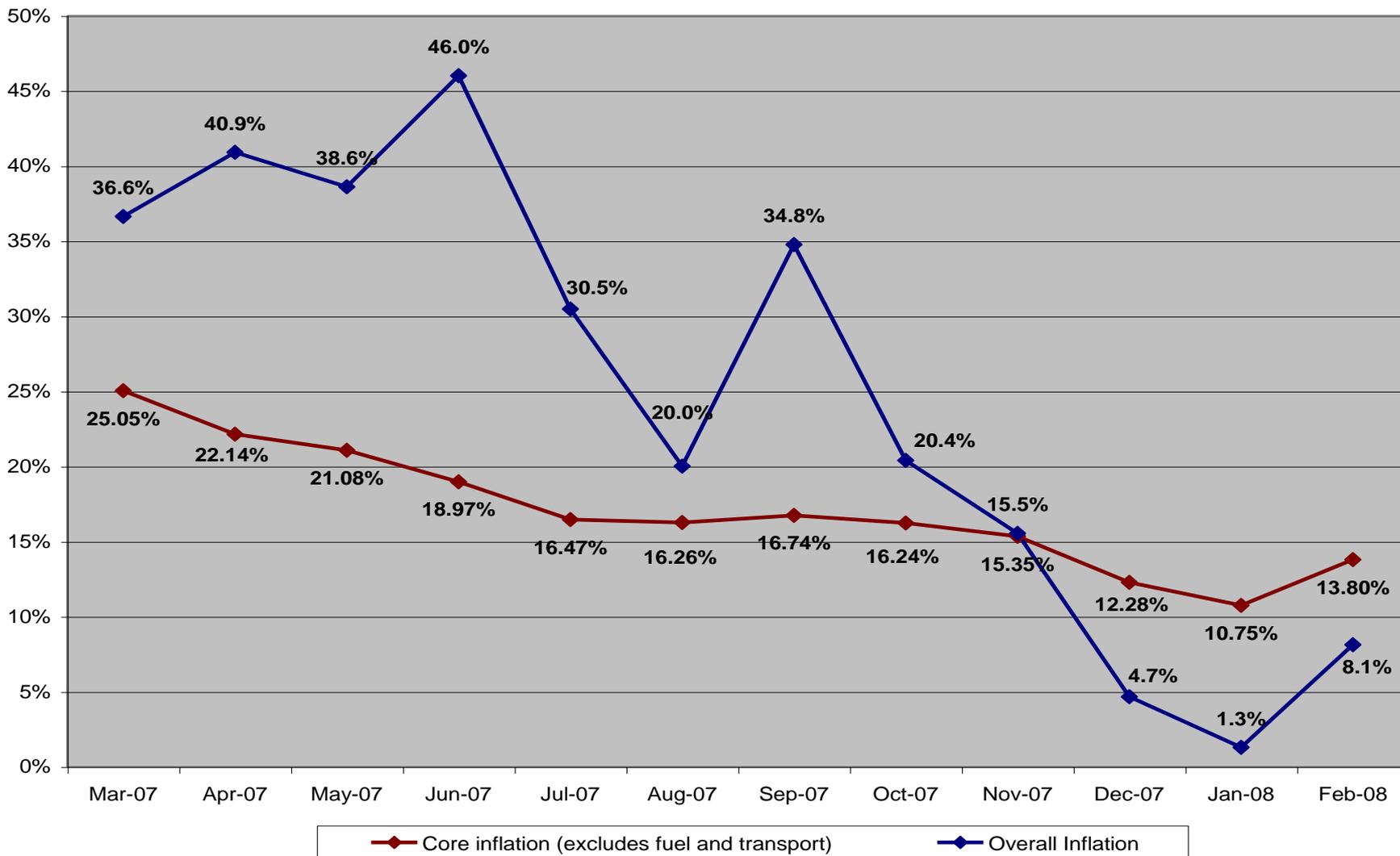


- For March 19-25, daily electricity demand was 14% above the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was 12% above the year-earlier period and met 68% of demand, compared with 69% for the year-earlier period.
- Hours of power after meeting demand from essential services are not available for this week. Hours of power for the missing weeks will be published as soon as they are available.



ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Year-on-Year Inflation



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ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales				
Price (USD)	\$72.77	73.97	\$66.76	\$62.82
Yield	8.71%	8.54%	9.56%	10.16%
Central Bank's USD Currency Auction				
USD Sold	\$96,540,000	\$91,730,000	\$75,237,000	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	\$1,208	\$1,209	\$1,210	\$1,254.00
Total Employed by USG Programs				
	95,562	96,934	82,608	N/A



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

Sector\Status			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Allocated	Un-allocated	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
(Millions of USD)											
Security and Law	\$4,978	\$27	\$4,955	\$4,955	\$0	\$4,955	\$4,954	\$0	\$4,866	\$4,866	\$0
Justice and Civil Society	\$2,264	\$38	\$2,240	\$2,239	-\$1	\$2,237	\$2,236	-\$1	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$0
Electricity Sector	\$4,196	\$29	\$4,066	\$4,056	-\$10	\$4,048	\$4,048	-\$1	\$3,781	\$3,785	\$4
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,723	\$2	\$1,597	\$1,597	\$0	\$1,597	\$1,597	\$0	\$1,569	\$1,570	\$0
Water and Sanitation	\$2,067	\$35	\$1,957	\$1,957	\$1	\$1,944	\$1,943	-\$1	\$1,782	\$1,785	\$3
Transportation and Comm\	\$462	\$1	\$456	\$456	\$0	\$449	\$449	\$0	\$407	\$407	\$0
Roads, Bridges and Const\	\$327	\$6	\$318	\$317	\$0	\$317	\$317	\$0	\$247	\$248	\$1
Health Care	\$812	\$10	\$782	\$783	\$1	\$776	\$776	\$0	\$725	\$725	\$0
Private Sector Development	\$821	\$2	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$811	\$811	\$0
Edu\, Refugees, Human Rights	\$436	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$395	\$395	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID,DoS)	\$213	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0
Total IRRF II	\$18,299	\$150	\$17,824	\$17,814	-\$10	\$17,776	\$17,774	-\$2	\$16,946	\$16,954	\$8
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,924	\$7,924	-\$1	\$7,905	\$7,914	\$9	\$7,690	\$7,691	\$0
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,380	\$9,371	-\$9	\$9,351	\$9,340	-\$11	\$8,739	\$8,746	\$8
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$517	\$517	\$0
Total IRRF I	\$2,475	\$0	\$2,291	\$2,291	\$0	\$2,232	\$2,232	\$0	\$2,139	\$2,139	\$0
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,774	\$150	\$20,115	\$20,105	-\$10	\$20,008	\$20,006	-\$2	\$19,085	\$19,093	\$8



DIPLOMATIC – Political Engagement

Bahrain to Reopen Embassy in Baghdad:

- King Hamad announced the decision of the Kingdom of Bahrain to reopen its embassy in Baghdad and the intention to send an ambassador at a White House meeting with President Bush March 25. The King said that as a brotherly Arab state and founder of the Arab League, Iraq deserves full support from other Arab states. President Bush praised Bahrain and thanked the King personally for “a very strong move that indicates a willingness to lead.”

Anti-Corruption Conference a Success:

- UN Development Programme (with European Commission funding), in coordination with Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih’s office, organized an international anti-corruption conference in Baghdad March 17-18. Special Representative to the Secretary-General Staffan de Mistura chaired the conference. The Iraqi participants recognized that corruption is a major challenge that they must overcome to create a stable and democratic government. They agreed that not just the government but civil society as well have an essential role to play by raising public awareness and promoting accountability and transparency. More than 200 GOI officials, Iraqi academics, NGO activists, and international guests attended the opening session.



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 ~ 9,970 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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