A map of Iraq is shown, with the country's borders and internal provincial boundaries outlined in a light grey. The entire area of Iraq is filled with a solid yellow color. The map is set against a light tan background. In the top right and bottom right corners, there are light blue areas representing the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea, respectively.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

GOI Willing to Confront Al-Sadr:

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari told reporters April 21 that, if necessary, Iraq's government will confront Muqtada al-Sadr's militia to prevent open war in southern Iraq. The remarks came after a weekend of fighting in Sadr City and a statement by al-Sadr April 19 issuing a warning to the GOI and US to stop their crackdown against his militia in Basrah and Baghdad. Otherwise, al-Sadr threatened, he would declare "open war until liberation." In response, Minister Zebari said, "Of course nobody will accept open warfare in Iraq or allow the rule of militias to be established...The Iraqi government will be very firm to confront all outlaw militias, as was proven in Basrah and other places."

Iraqi President Says Sunnis Ready to Return to Cabinet:

- Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said April 20 that Iraq's main Sunni political bloc, which quit the Council of Ministers last year, is ready to return and has submitted a list of candidates. "The main obstacles have been removed...The National Concord Front [Note: more commonly known as the Iraqi Accord Front, or Tawafuq] has submitted to the Prime Minister the names of its candidates for the ministries," Talabani stated. Tawafuq, the main Sunni Arab bloc in the Iraqi parliament, withdrew from the government in August in protest of perceived unwillingness on the part of Prime Minister Maliki to control Shia militias and provide for greater Sunni representation in the government and security forces.

POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation



Secretary of State Rice Visits Iraq:

- Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made an unannounced visit to Iraq April 20. In her visit, Rice praised the "coalescing" of Iraqi politics around the government of PM Maliki and reiterated that Sunni and Kurdish leadership are working together with the Iraqi Prime Minister better than at any time. PM Maliki and President Jalal Talabani both agreed with the Secretary's assessment. Secretary Rice also commented on Muqtada al-Sadr's threat of open war against the Iraqi government: "I don't know whether to take him seriously or not" she said, noting that Sadr remains in Iran while "his followers can go to their deaths" in Iraq. Secretary Rice encouraged all Iraqis to "lay down their arms and come into the political process."



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)

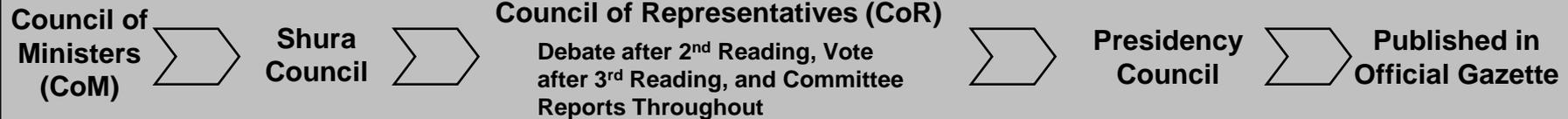
Minister of State for CoR Affairs

Safa al-Safi



POLITICAL – Key Legislation and Refugee Update

Legislative Process



Provincial Elections	The CoR is currently reviewing the law, which will set the legal basis and structure of provincial 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: 4,885

POLITICAL - Provincial



KRG Announces Drought Emergency:

- The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) announced a state of emergency and special funding from the region's budget to confront the drought in the region after an April 16 meeting involving the Deputy Prime Minister, the governors of the region's three provinces, and the regional ministers of Agriculture, Water Resources, and Municipalities. Each of the provinces has established inter-ministerial committees to prepare emergency measures, which will include drilling deep wells and distributing water via tankers to households. Earlier in the week, the Minister of Water Resources said that the Derbandikhan and Dokan dams have approximately 30% of their 50 year average for this time of year. The last time the region confronted such conditions was 1999-2000. The drought will be a major issue affecting service delivery (water and electricity), health and agriculture in the region and downstream in Diyala and Kirkuk.



SECURITY - Situation Update

GOI Stands Firm against Militias:

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari stated that his government would not allow open warfare and would continue to pursue militias. His statement came in response to Muqtada al-Sadr's vow published April 19 threatening "open war until liberation" against the GOI if it refuses to stop targeting Mahdi Army members in Basrah and Baghdad. Shortly after Sadr's statement, attacks by Mahdi Army members increased in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood.

Operation Charge of the Knights Enters Third Phase:

- Phase three of Operation Charge of the Knights began April 19 in Basrah, focusing on criminal strongholds in the Hyyaniyah District. The operation remains Iraqi-led, with small British and American Military Transition Teams in place to provide Iraqi leaders with advice, access to surveillance, and the ability to call for additional resources if needed.



SECURITY – Situation Update

Iraqi Army Finds Iranian-Marked Weapons Cache:

- Iraqi Army members discovered a large weapons and munitions cache at a house in the Al Hyyaniyah District of Basrah during the search phase of Operation Charge of the Knights April 19. Much of the weaponry, some of which is less than 12 months old, contained Iranian markings. The cache contained a high-explosive warhead, mortars, artillery shells, complete IEDs, IED components, explosively formed projectiles, grenades, and fuses.

United States Begins Releasing Detainees:

- The US military began releasing thousands of detainees and plans to release a total of nearly half the 23,000 currently in custody. The moves are an effort to reshape US detention policies as well as involve the primarily Sunni detainees in the political process. A UN Security Council Resolution, which expires in December, currently provides the United States with the authority to hold Iraqi detainees. US and Iraqi officials are negotiating a new security agreement that will address detainee authorities.



SECURITY – Security Transition

Iraqi National Policemen Graduate Carabinieri Training Course:

- More than 400 Iraqi National Policemen graduated from the third Carabinieri training course in Baghdad April 21. Minister of Interior al-Bolani and Major General Hussein, Iraq's National Police Commander, along with officials from the NATO Training Mission – Iraq and Italy's Carabinieri General Corps were in attendance. The Carabinieri training program is assisting in the development of the Iraqi National Police and increasing Iraq's capacity to provide its own internal security.

Iraqi Air Force Supports Basrah Operations:

- The Iraqi Air Force (IAF) planned, executed, and monitored over 100 missions in support of Iraqi Security Forces in Operation Charge of the Knights over the preceding weeks. During recent operations in Basrah, the IAF supported Iraqi ground forces with medical evacuation and personnel and equipment transportation, transporting 127 tons of ammunition, 18 tons of food, and eight tons of medical supplies to Iraqi troops in Basrah. The IAF also conducted reconnaissance and surveillance missions, providing intelligence on enemy concentrations and movements, bomb damage assessments, and the current status of Iraqi ground units.



SECURITY – Security Transition

First Class of Iraqi Army Master Trainers Graduates:

- Thirty one hand-picked Iraqi Army master trainers experienced the first Regional Training Center Master Instructor Course in Taji, northwest of Baghdad. The course, which lasted from March 26 to April 13, produces Iraqi Army master instructors who then train other master instructors or take part in mobile training teams that travel to regional training centers and provide oversight and evaluation to local instructors. Candidates for the Master Instructor Course must pass an assessment from regional commanders and be able to read and write effectively before being admitted to the course. The course's mission is to empower Iraqi mentors by providing them in-depth training in effective communication, equal opportunity, training identification, development and execution.



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 MoD strength is derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).



ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

Deals Marking First Step towards Privatization Signed:

- Minister of Industry and Minerals Fawzi Hariri and two multinational consortia signed cement production-sharing deals with state-owned cement factories April 20 after three months of negotiation. The signing took place on the second day of the state-owned enterprise conference in Dubai, sponsored by the Defense Department's Task Force to Improve Business Stability Operations in Iraq (TF-BSO).
- The factories are located in Al Qaim and Kirkuk, with Romanian and German companies winning these contracts, respectively. The Al Qaim deal involves a 100 million USD investment, for which the investors receive a 25% share of production. The 125 million USD Kirkuk deal involves two lines of production and a 35% share for the investors. A deal involving a third cement factory in Muthanna did not go through, and the Ministry of Industry and Minerals (MIM) plans to re-tender for a production-sharing agreement in this factory.
- Directors General (DGs) across the different areas of production within the MIM – ranging from glass and ceramics to construction and transport, from food and drugs to fertilizer and petrochemicals – presented the operational characteristics of their State-Owned Enterprises at the TF-BSO sponsored conference in Dubai. This included the design capacity, the highest achieved capacity, the year of that achievement, the type of production, the specifications of that production, and demand in the Iraqi market. This allowed international investors to then approach the individual DGs to discuss potential partnership. Follow-on interactions between MIM and the private sector will determine which deals will come to fruition.



ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

Iraq Ratifies UN Convention against Corruption:

- Ambassador Lawrence Benedict, the US Government's new Anti-Corruption Coordinator, verified that Iraq has completed all necessary steps for membership in the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). Iraq's ratification, which was deposited with the UN Documentation Center in Vienna in March, took effect April 16. Iraq has accomplished a main goal of the International Compact with Iraq by joining the UNCAC.

Iraq Seeks Further Debt Relief from Gulf Countries:

- The GOI is asking Gulf neighbors to drop Saddam-era debts, including reparations to Kuwait from the 1991 invasion. Gulf states previously agreed to forgive significant amounts of debt, most of which stems from the Iraq-Iran war. Additionally, Iraq deposits five percent of all oil revenue into a UN Security Council fund to compensate for the Kuwait invasion. Kuwait has received an estimated \$11 billion from the fund, close to half of the total amount. GOI spokesman Ali Al-Dabbagh said that the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahma, has shown interest in reviewing the situation.



ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

Unemployed Receive Training in Fallujah:

- Four training programs for unemployed Iraqis, slated to last four months each, began April 21 in Fallujah and will focus on maintenance and repair of personal computers and cell phones, welding, and carpentry. The Unemployed Recruitment Center in Fallujah supervises this training with the International Relief and Development Organization. Ya'rob Talib Salem, the center's professional training director, stated that each participant will take part in a four month program and will receive a qualification degree. Professional qualification degrees will be issued to each participant by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs upon completion of the program. 160 Iraqis were enrolled in the training as of April 22.

UK to Hold Symposium on Basrah Reconstruction:

- GOI Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi announced a symposium in the UK in late April to encourage British investors to get involved in Basrah. The announcement followed a meeting with British Ambassador to Iraq Christopher Prentice. According to a press release received by Voices of Iraq, the two discussed the importance of Iraqi sovereignty, especially in regards to the security situation. Interested parties hope that the conference, which will be held in London, will be successful in getting investors to participate in Basrah's reconstruction.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Crude Oil Update:

Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:

Basrah Light at \$104.892/ barrel

Dated Brent at \$111.812/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$114.406/ barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$104.658/barrel

Revenue estimates:

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$41.0 Billion

2008: \$19.4 Billion (ytd)

GOI - Kurdish Oil Deals Still Not Recognized:

- Despite recent talks between the GOI and the KRG, the GOI maintains that crude oil contracts signed between the KRG and foreign companies are invalid. The Minister of Oil stated that the deals would have to meet the conditions of the draft hydrocarbon law from last year. This would stipulate that the KRG deals meet federal guidelines, including adhering to the qualified list of companies. The KRG has signed an estimated 25 contracts with companies of varying size. Minister of Oil al-Shahristani did state that discussions between the two parties would continue.



ECONOMIC – Oil

GOI May Sign First Oil Contracts in June:

- The GOI is currently negotiating five two-year service contracts with major international oil companies to boost oil output. Iraqi Oil Minister Hussein al-Shahristani stated that these contracts will be signed in June. The June timeframe represents a three-month delay from the original target of March. The GOI hopes to boost output by 500,000 barrels per day by the end of the first year of signing these service contracts. These contracts are separate negotiations from the recently announced list of pre-qualified companies. Those companies will bid on oil and gas fields throughout Iraq later in the year.



ECONOMIC – Essential Services

Power Operations Continue Despite Problems:

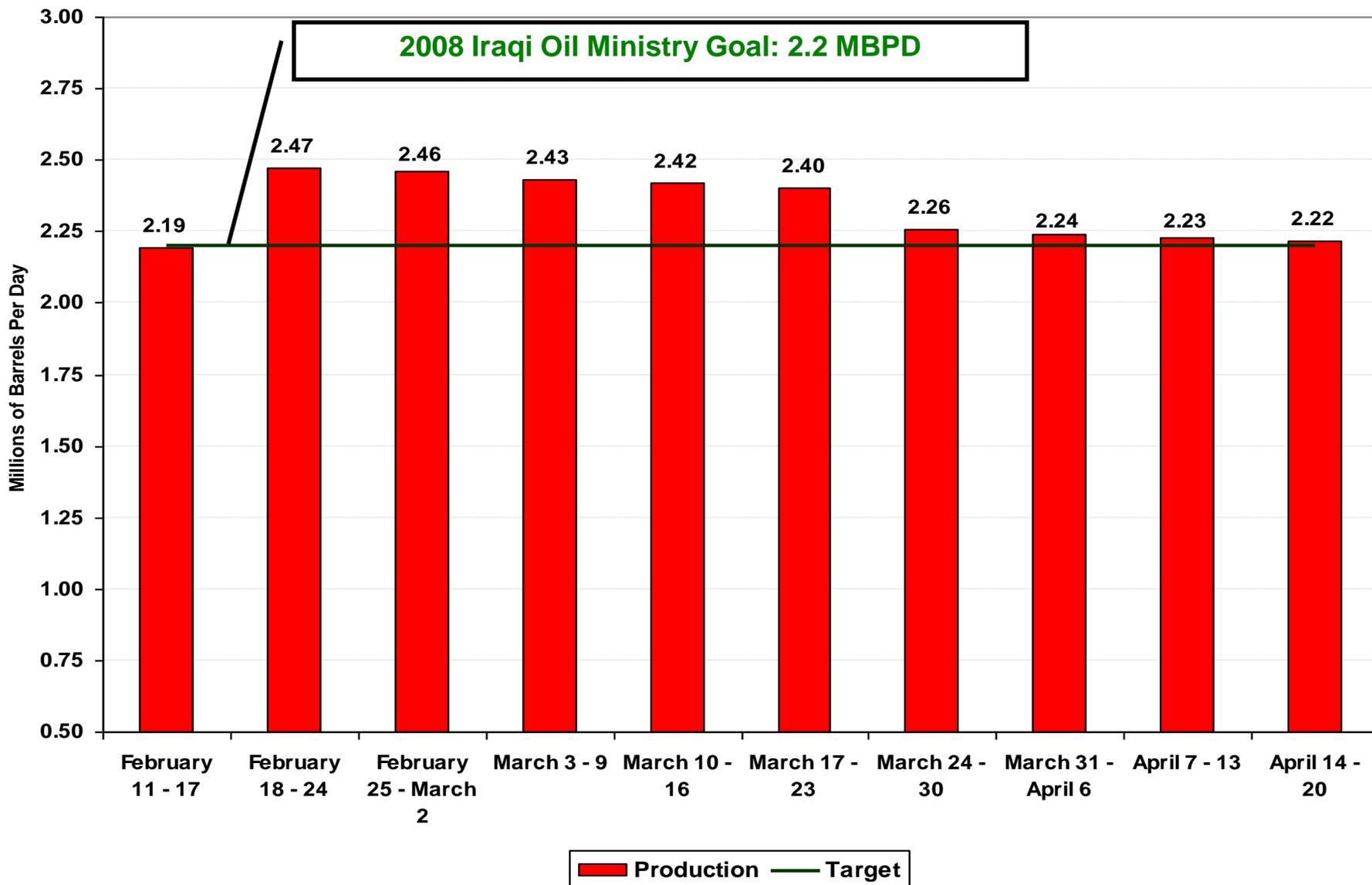
- The Iskandariyah power plant is suffering from several minor deficiencies, but in order to meet demand, cannot shut down for maintenance. The South Korean-built power plant was rebuilt in 2001 after suffering damage during the 1991 Gulf War. The power plant runs on crude oil trucked into its location on the MNF-I Forward Operating Base Iskan. The power plant's pipeline is not operational. According to an MNF-I release, the plant produces 400 to 600 megawatts of electricity, which is an estimated 40% of its capacity. A smaller plant, operating on gasoline, is under construction near the plant and should be able to assist with capacity constraints.

EU Close to Energy Deal with Iraq:

- The EU has been pursuing an energy deal with Iraq in order to weaken its reliance on oil and gas supplied by Russia. The European Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs and Minister of Oil Hussein al-Shahristani also held talks in which Iraq pledged an initial 5 billion cubic meters of gas to the EU per year. Russia currently provides the EU with 25% of its gas needs. EU officials had commented previously that they hoped Iraq could export gas using a planned pipeline across Turkey into central Europe. This would hinge on connecting western Iraq to the proposed Arab Gas Pipeline. According to a statement released by the European Commission, Iraq would utilize the Akkas Field to meet the EU's demand for gas. It is expected that a much smaller portion of gas than the initial amount pledged would be available from the field in up to three years.



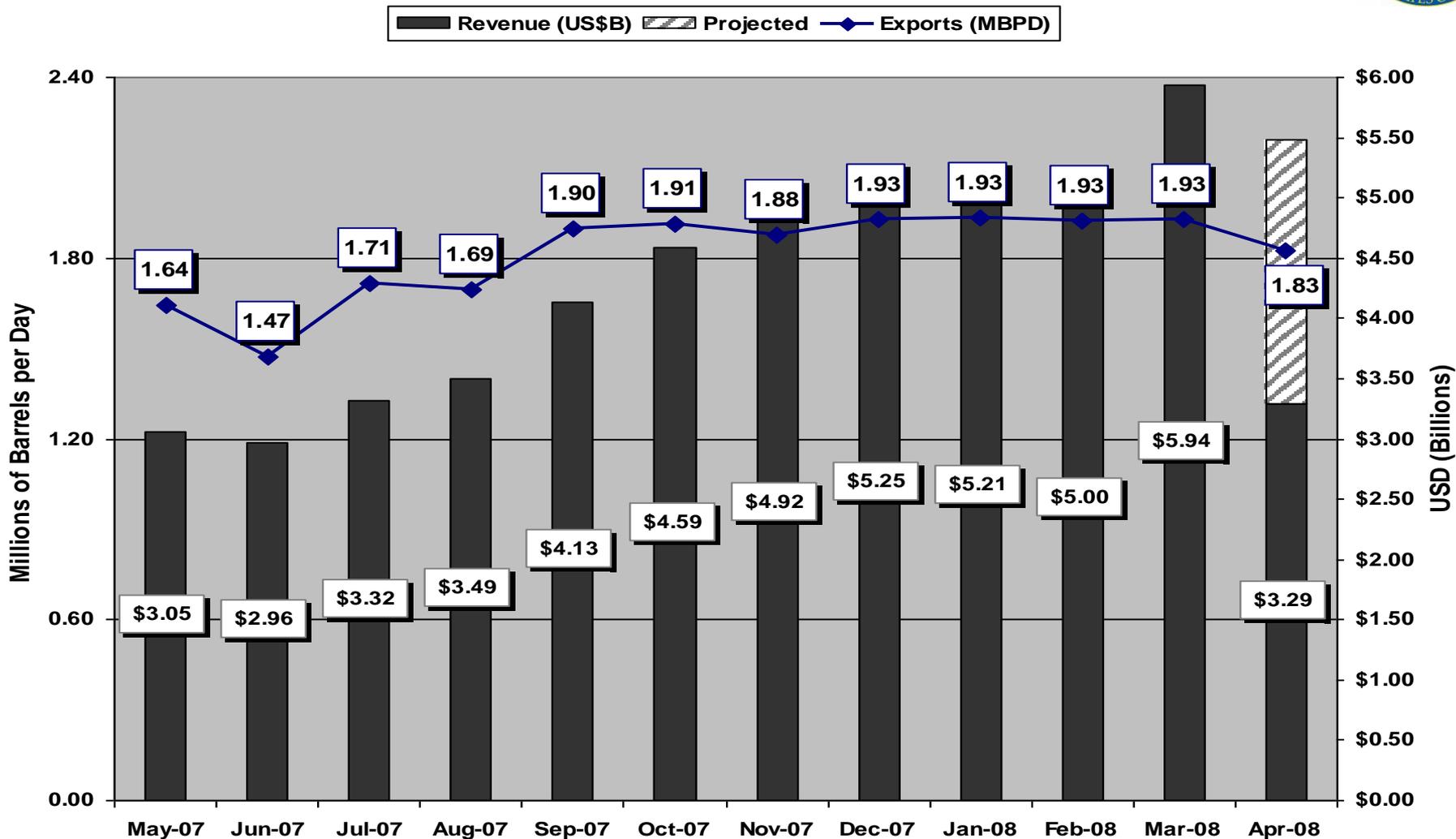
ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production



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ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export

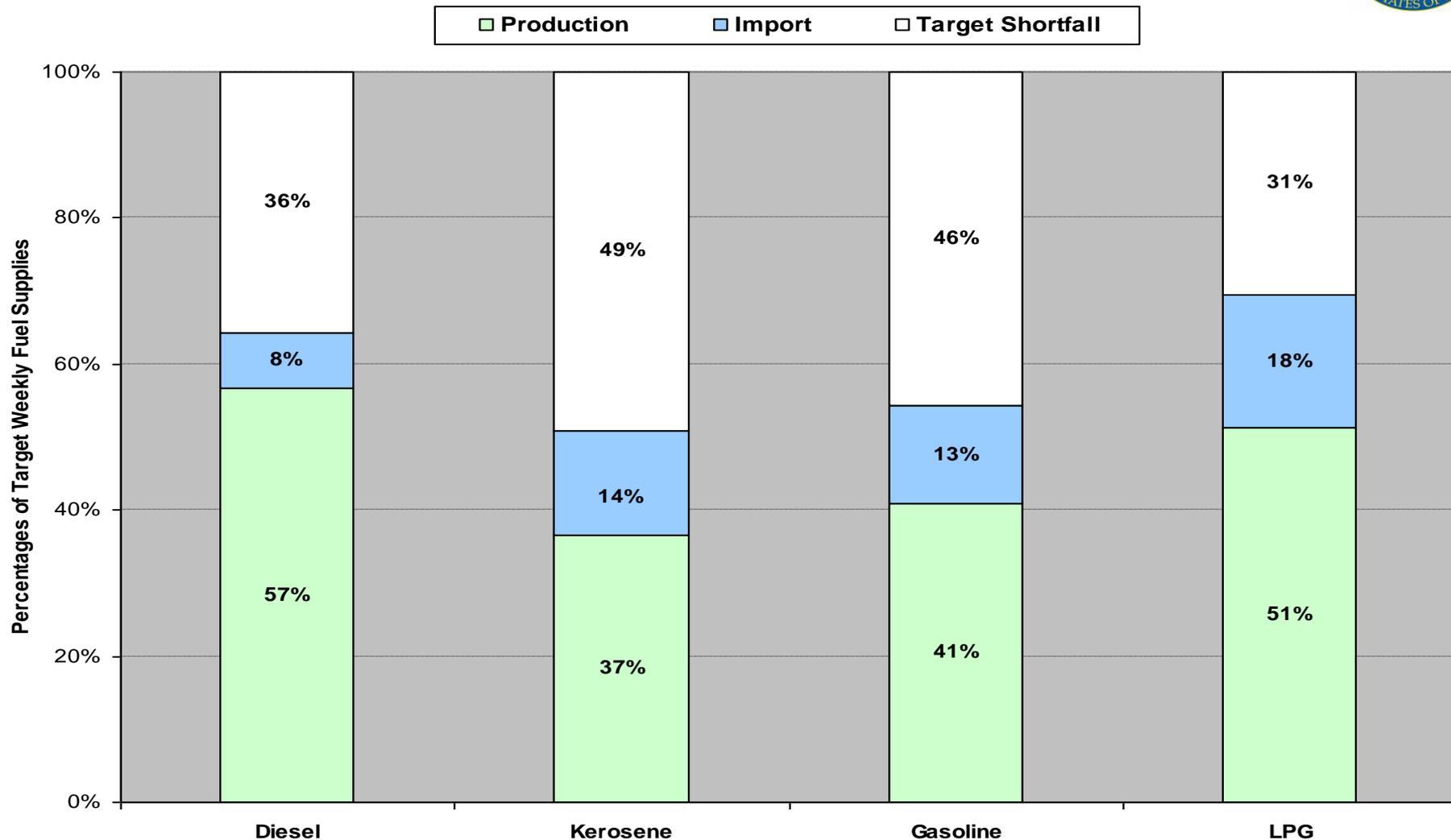


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$41.0 Billion
- 2008 Revenue Estimate: \$19.4 Billion (ytd)

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ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



Note: This is a daily average for April 14 – April 20

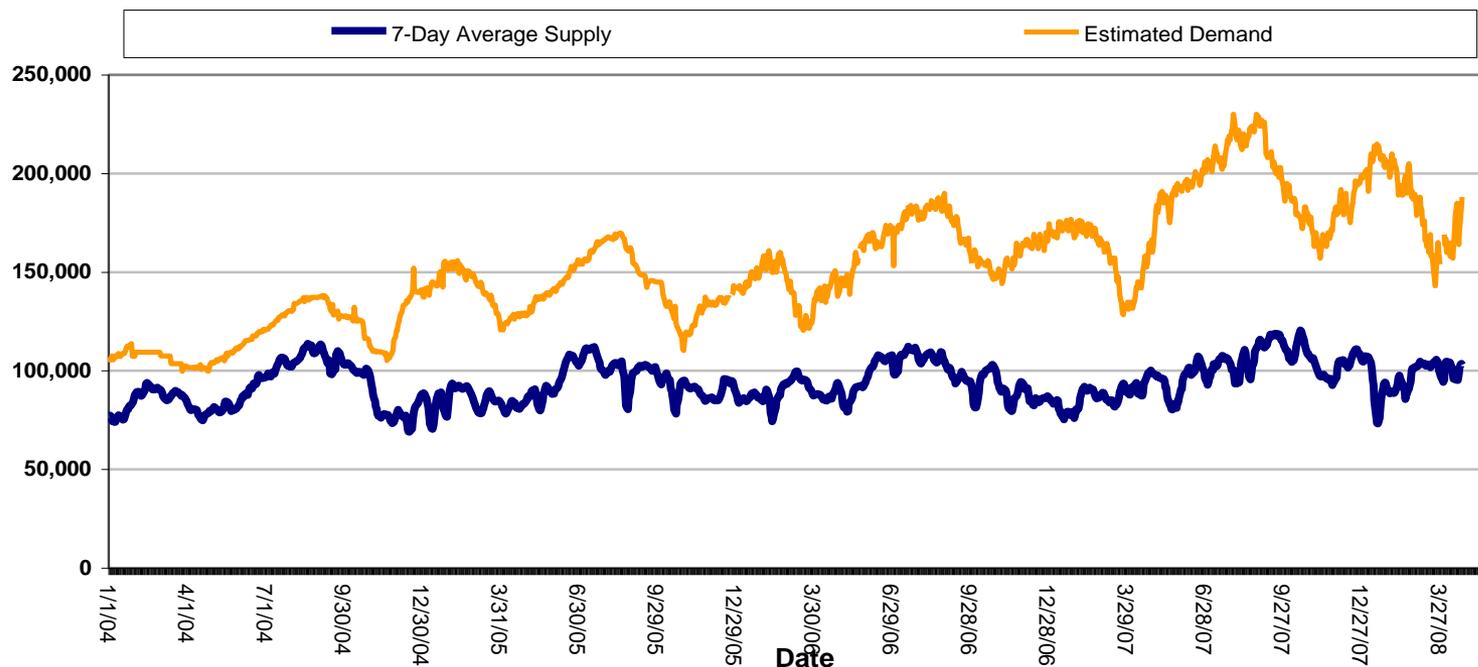
- Diesel: 15.8 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 7.4 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.5 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,542 tons supply of 5,100 tons target

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ECONOMIC – Electricity

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

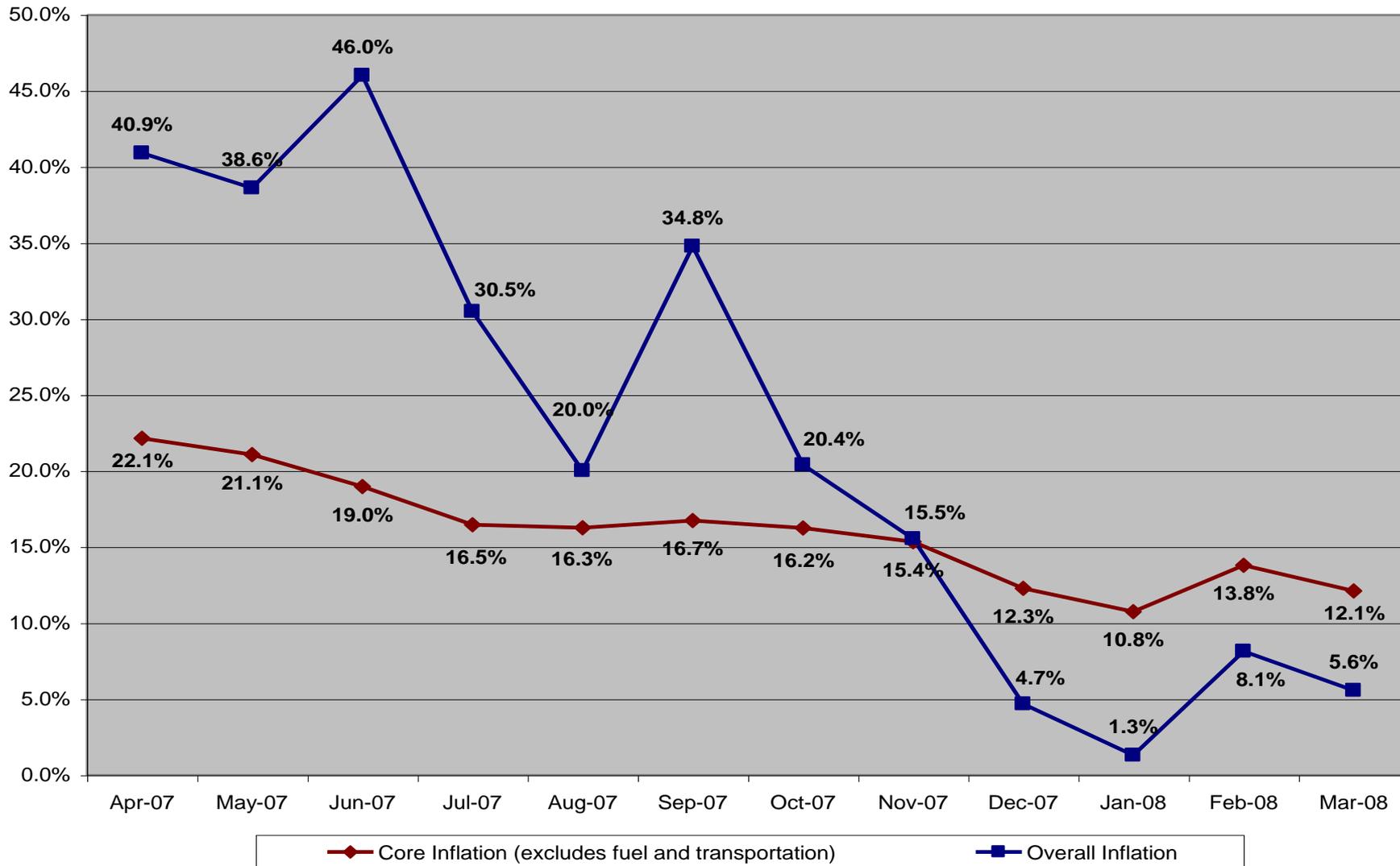


- Daily electricity demand April 16-22 was 18% above the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was unchanged from the year-earlier period and met 58% of demand, compared with 64% for the year-earlier period.
- Data on average hours of power after meeting demand from essential services was unavailable for this reporting period.



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)	\$70.77	\$70.68	\$73.07	\$62.82
Yield	8.99%	9.00%	8.67%	10.16%
Central Bank's USD Currency Auction				
USD Sold	\$120,832,000	\$116,082,500	\$88, 525, 850	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	1,204	1,205	\$1,208	\$1,254.00
Total Employed by USG Programs				
	117,699	118,563	95,953	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	\$4,975	\$23	\$4,954	\$4,954	\$0	\$4,953	\$4,953	\$0	\$4,867	\$4,867	\$0
Justice and Civil Society	\$2,288	\$13	\$2,239	\$2,239	\$0	\$2,234	\$2,234	\$0	\$2,157	\$2,158	\$0
Electricity Sector	\$4,203	\$22	\$4,063	\$4,063	\$0	\$4,049	\$4,050	\$1	\$3,812	\$3,817	\$4
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,722	\$3	\$1,597	\$1,597	\$0	\$1,597	\$1,597	\$0	\$1,570	\$1,573	\$3
Water and Sanitation	\$2,065	\$37	\$1,964	\$1,969	\$5	\$1,951	\$1,950	-\$2	\$1,792	\$1,797	\$5
Transportation and Comm\	\$462	\$1	\$456	\$456	\$0	\$455	\$455	\$0	\$410	\$410	\$0
Roads, Bridges and Const\	\$327	\$7	\$317	\$317	\$0	\$317	\$317	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0
Health Care	\$813	\$10	\$783	\$783	\$0	\$776	\$776	\$0	\$730	\$730	\$0
Private Sector Development	\$821	\$2	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$813	\$813	\$0
Edu\, Refugees, Human Rights	\$436	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$398	\$398	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID,DoS)	\$220	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0
Total IRRF II	\$18,330	\$119	\$17,826	\$17,832	\$5	\$17,787	\$17,786	-\$1	\$17,011	\$17,023	\$12
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,930	\$7,929	-\$1	\$7,913	\$7,912	-\$1	\$7,701	\$7,703	\$1
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,377	\$9,383	\$6	\$9,355	\$9,355	\$0	\$8,792	\$8,803	\$11
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	\$20,805	\$119	\$20,117	\$20,123	\$5	\$20,020	\$20,019	-\$1	\$19,150	\$19,162	\$12



DIPLOMATIC – Political Engagement

Rice Seeks Commitments from Gulf Leaders at Ministerial Meeting:

- US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called for Iraq's Arab neighbors to increase their diplomatic and financial support for Iraq. The Secretary's statements were made at a ministerial-level meeting in Manama, Bahrain held April 21. Bahrain, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia previously pledged increased diplomatic support for Iraq, including the sending of ambassadors to Baghdad. Both American and Iraqi officials have shown frustration with the time it is taking to make good on these pledges.

Iraqi Leaders Appeal for Support from Persian Gulf Neighbors:

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari appealed to Arab neighbors to fulfill promises to support Iraq during an April 22 Expanded Neighbors Ministerial in Kuwait. Iraq's neighbors have hinted at concerns regarding Iran's influence over Iraq's Shia-led government. Zebari sought to allay Arab fears by reiterating that Iraq does not answer to Iran. During the meeting, Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki also criticized neighboring states for not doing more to strengthen diplomatic relations, forgive debt and stop militants from entering the country.

UN Under Secretary General Sees UN Presence in Iraq as Positive:

- Lynn Pascoe, UN Under Secretary General, stated April 21 after a visit to Iraq that "the United Nations is playing a constructive and positive role and will continue working to build a peaceful and prosperous Iraq." Pascoe met with Iraqi Vice President Adil Abdel Mahdi and Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih, as well as with US Ambassador Ryan Crocker and General David Petraeus. Pascoe is scheduled to brief the UN Security Council next week.



DIPLOMATIC – Coalition Contributors

25 Countries with forces in Iraq (including US)

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

TOTAL ~ 9,891 Forces

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

*31 includes the US, 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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