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Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari met with Taro Aso, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan August 3, regarding the Japanese \$5 billion donation to Iraq and Iraq's request for an extra contribution to the reconstruction process. Japan's role within the International Compact and bilateral relations between the two countries were also discussed.

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Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki criticized a US-Iraqi attack August 7 on a Shiite militia stronghold in Sadr City, Baghdad, apologizing to the Iraqi people for the raid in a statement made on government television August 8.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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Coalition Forces Repositioning to Baghdad:

- Approximately 3,700 Coalition soldiers from around Iraq will reposition to Baghdad to support the Government of Iraq's ongoing mission to secure Baghdad and reduce the level of violence in the city.
 - As part of this plan, the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, whose tour in Iraq could be extended for up to four months, is repositioning from northern Iraq to Baghdad, adding their combat experience and specialized capabilities to the combined security efforts in the city.

Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces Kill 33 Terrorists in Day-Long Battle:

- Iraqi Security Forces and Multi-National Division–Baghdad soldiers engaged in firefight with terrorists in Musayyib July 23, killing 33 during the day-long battle.
- The terrorists launched a coordinated, sustained, and complex attack against Iraqi Police and Coalition Forces in the city. Coalition, Iraqi Army, and Iraqi Police reinforcements arrived, cordoning off the area and allowing the combined security forces to isolate and destroy the terrorist teams.



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

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Iraqi Police Graduate 3,316 from Basic Training Courses in July:

- The Iraqi Police Service graduated 3,316 police recruits from the ten-week basic training courses held in Hillah, Mosul, Sulaymaniyah, and Jordan during July 2006.
- Additionally in July, 1,686 police students completed a three-week Transitional Integration Program, which is a condensed version of the ten-week basic course for police officers who are already serving on duty.

Iraqi Cadre to Take over at Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Q-West:

- After the recent graduation of new Iraqi Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) July 25, Iraqi cadre will assume responsibility for future training at the Iraqi NCO Academy at Qayyarah West, which is about 45 miles south of Mosul.
- The three-week leadership development course prepares NCOs for leadership roles at their home units and includes traffic control point procedures, clearing buildings, drill and ceremony, physical fitness training, hand-to-hand combat, ethics, and other necessary military skills.



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

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~113,800***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~24,500
TOTAL	~162,600**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~113,200***
AIR FORCE	~700
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~115,000**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~277,600****

- * 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 August 9, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

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Reconciliation Commission to Hold Tribal Leaders Conferences:

- The Higher National Commission for National Reconciliation (HNCNR) – which launched its work July 22 – decided August 6 to accelerate holding meetings and conferences for tribal leaders, gearing to bring together Shiite and Sunni tribal sheikhs throughout Iraq. Tribal leaders of Maysan have called unanimously to support the Reconciliation Commission; sheikhs of Mahmoudiyah and nearby areas will meet August 9 to discuss the Commission's activities. Iraq's National Reconciliation and Dialogue initiative is a project for national reconciliation aimed at ending the insurgency, facilitating Iraqi reconstruction and protecting human rights.

Iraqi Civilians Unite Despite Community Tensions:

- Iraqi citizens are reaching across sectarian lines to support one another, according to a spokesman for the Baghdad-based Iraq Aid Association. Sectarian attacks in Iraq have spread since February's attack on a Shiite shrine in Samarra and an estimated 160,000 Iraqis have become internally displaced, according to the Ministry of Displacement and Migration. Even with the month-old Reconciliation Plan in place, most deaths continue to be sectarian in nature.



[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-Shahrestani	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		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,030.60	\$5,036.00	\$4,962.85	\$4,962.43	-\$0.42	\$4,953.09	\$4,957.96	\$4.87	\$4,600.66	\$4,605.78	\$5.12
Electricity Sector	\$4,220.02	\$4,220.02	\$4,035.04	\$4,063.78	\$28.74	\$3,777.67	\$3,782.62	\$4.94	\$2,463.91	\$2,472.58	\$8.67
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,696.49	\$1,697.26	\$0.76	\$1,678.95	\$1,680.31	\$1.37	\$1,060.52	\$1,067.33	\$6.81
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,308.10	\$1,308.10	\$1,237.21	\$1,236.45	-\$0.76	\$1,193.52	\$1,196.92	\$3.40	\$873.26	\$878.75	\$5.49
Democracy	\$1,013.85	\$1,013.85	\$993.58	\$974.32	-\$19.26	\$991.41	\$973.05	-\$18.36	\$809.71	\$796.03	-\$13.68
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$388.53	\$391.20	\$2.67	\$354.24	\$365.07	\$10.83	\$288.74	\$290.10	\$1.37
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.71	\$333.71	\$331.95	\$331.56	-\$0.39	\$328.79	\$328.56	-\$0.23	\$189.50	\$190.86	\$1.36
Health Care	\$784.50	\$784.50	\$764.17	\$763.90	-\$0.27	\$737.32	\$737.05	-\$0.27	\$509.20	\$514.20	\$5.00
Transportation and Communications	\$469.11	\$469.11	\$448.86	\$447.51	-\$1.35	\$423.97	\$421.62	-\$2.35	\$301.62	\$303.67	\$2.05
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,046.13	\$2,046.89	\$0.75	\$1,817.09	\$1,825.73	\$8.64	\$1,218.24	\$1,228.50	\$10.26
Private Sector Development	\$805.28	\$805.28	\$799.50	\$799.50	\$0.00	\$795.33	\$795.33	\$0.00	\$692.94	\$697.73	\$4.79
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$168.44	\$169.58	\$1.14
Total	\$18,443.94	\$18,443.94	\$17,916.75	\$17,927.22	\$10.47	\$17,263.82	\$17,276.66	\$12.84	\$13,176.75	\$13,215.12	\$38.37
IRRF II Construction			\$10,267.36	\$10,291.70	\$24.34	\$9,767.24	\$9,784.97	\$17.73	\$6,961.73	\$7,001.18	\$39.45
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,655.81	\$6,661.21	\$5.40	\$6,505.18	\$6,518.65	\$13.47	\$5,405.31	\$5,417.91	\$12.60
IRRF II Democracy			\$993.58	\$974.32	-\$19.26	\$991.41	\$973.05	-\$18.36	\$809.71	\$796.03	-\$13.68
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$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	\$20,917.24	\$20,917.24	\$20,390.05	\$20,400.52	\$10.47	\$19,496.12	\$19,508.96	\$12.84	\$15,315.75	\$15,354.12	\$38.37

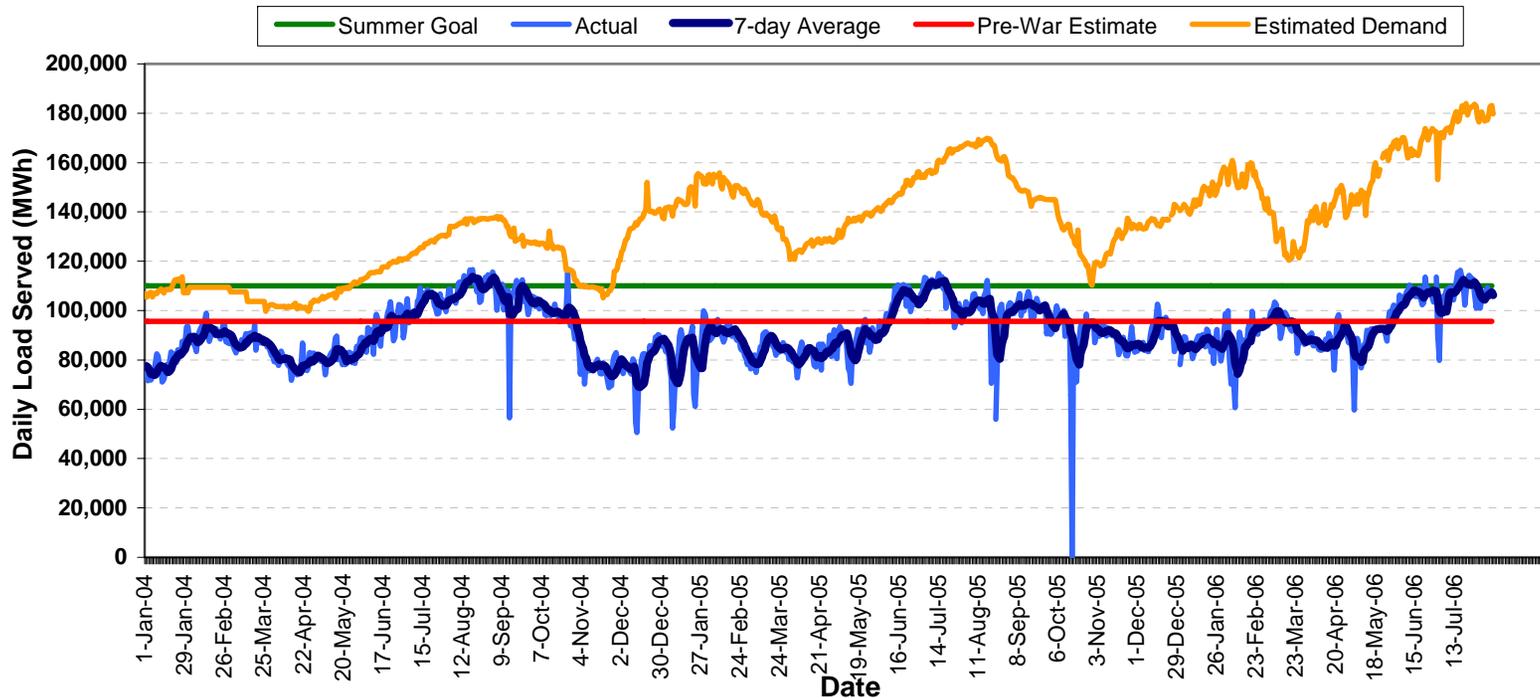
As of August 8, 2006



[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 August 2-8 electricity availability averaged 6.4 hours per day in Baghdad and 11.0 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was four percent above the same period in 2005.



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

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Water:

- The Nahrawan irrigation project in Baghdad Province was completed last week. The \$2 million, US Army-funded project renovated the Old Karguila, New Karguila, and Nahrawan pump stations. The project provides irrigation water to farmers in order to better utilize over 37,000 acres of agricultural land in the region.

Transportation:

- The World Bank’s Board of Executive Directors approved a credit to the Government of Iraq to rehabilitate highly damaged highways and rural roads and to reestablish critical river crossings. The \$135 million Emergency Road Rehabilitation Project will facilitate reconstruction, promote trade and economic integration, and benefit road users throughout the country. The project will also create substantial local employment.



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

Education:

- Construction was completed on the rehabilitation of the Feda'a School in Karadah, Baghdad Province July 11. The \$90,000 US Army-funded project installed new electrical power and exterior lighting systems. It also renovated the existing water system and installed new water components. This school provides an improved learning environment to approximately 1,800 students.

Electricity:

- The V94 at Kirkuk is offline due to a damaged compressor bearing and rotor. Siemens, the turbine manufacturer, has estimated a repair time of four months. Three specific repair options are currently under evaluation by the US Army Corps of Engineers Project and Contracting Office. The V94 represents a loss of over 200 MW per hour to the system.
- Construction was completed on the Emam Qasem electrical substation in Tameem Province July 29. The \$3.4 million US Army-funded project constructed a new substation that will help eliminate power outages affecting the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors and will provide electricity to about 16,000 homes.



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

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending August 4 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$68.18/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$76.21/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$74.76/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$69.99/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	21,382	21,382	0.00%
USAID	71,084	70,999	-0.12%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	689	689	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	136	136	0.00%
CERP*	6,543	6,543	0.00%
MNSTC-I	7,099	7,588	6.89%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	11,194	11,194	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	118,127	118,531	0.34%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

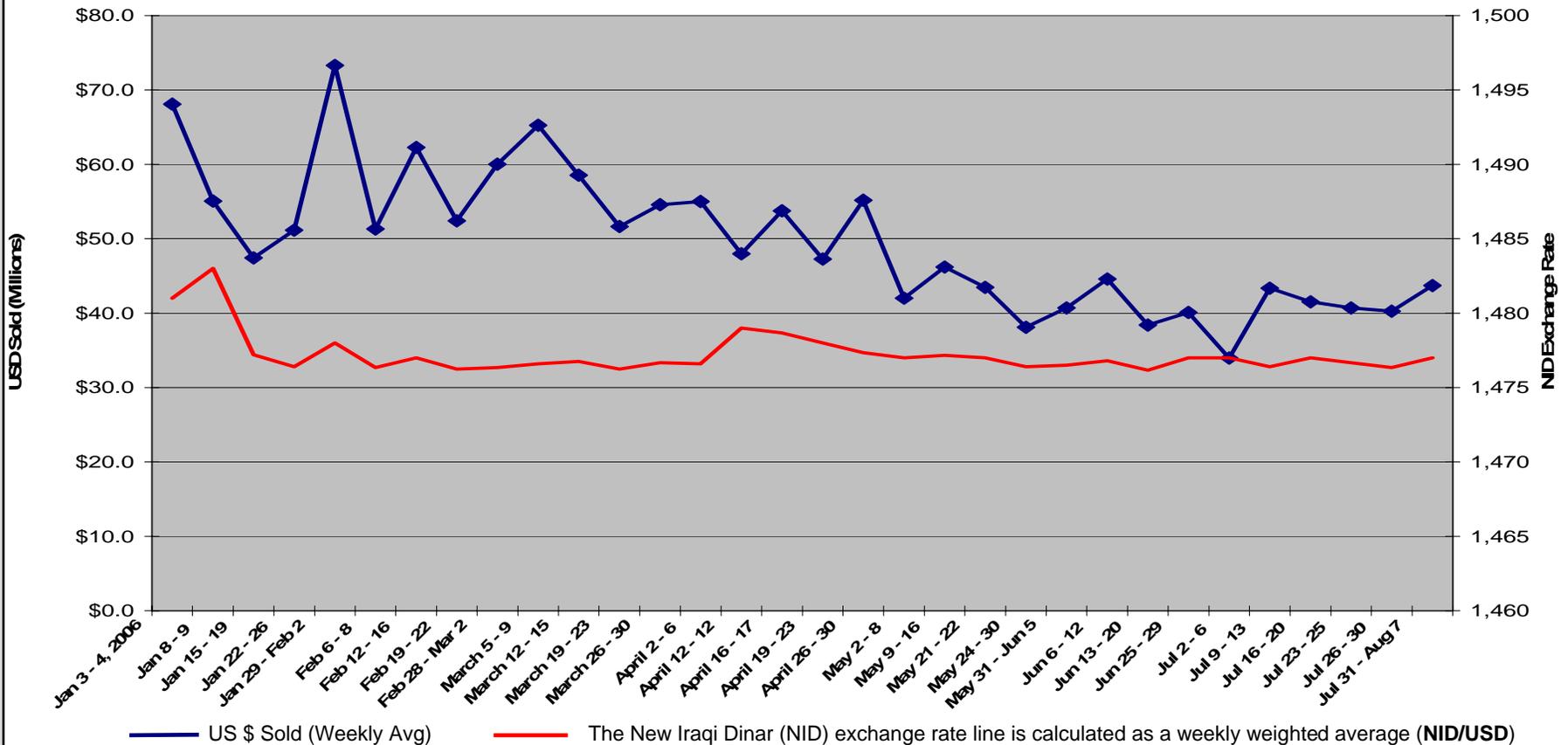


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since January 3, 2006. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD August 7.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – August 7, 2006



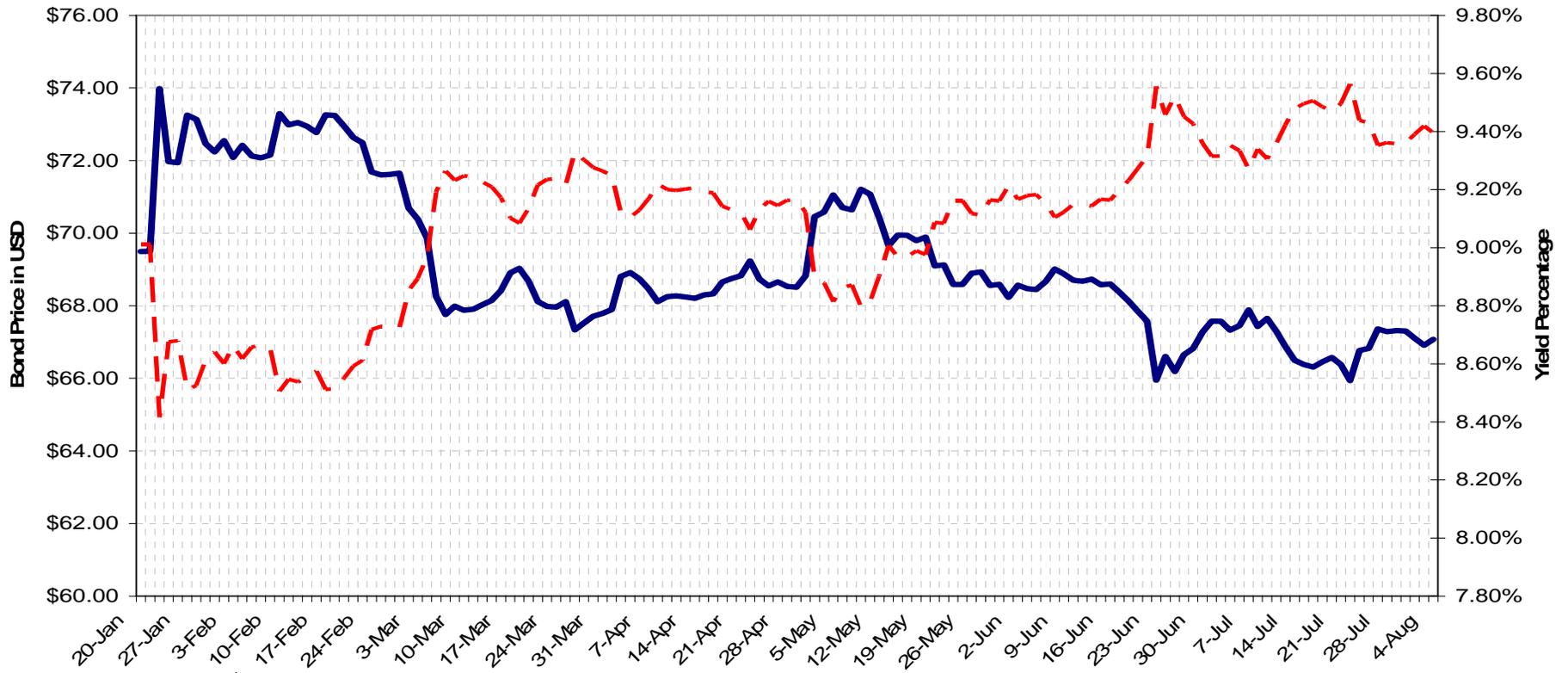


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at 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 9.4 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
 January 20, 2006 - August 4, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$65.94 (July 24)

— Bond Price — Yield



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

International Trade:

- The Chairman of the Iraqi Chamber of Commerce (ICC) met with an official of the Indian Embassy in Iraq to discuss trade cooperation between Iraq and India and the possibility that Indian companies will participate in rebuilding Iraq. The Chairman of the ICC hopes that the Indian companies will invest in Iraq to strengthen the economic relations between the two countries.
- The Iraqi Ministry of Trade presented a draft commercial agreement to the cabinet with Nigeria to reactivate trade relations between the two countries. An official source in the Ministry said that this agreement will develop Iraq's food production, textile production and agriculture sectors.
- A trade delegation from Italy is currently visiting Kurdistan. The head of the delegation expressed Italy's desire to sign commercial agreements with the government of Kurdistan and to participate in the rebuilding of the region.

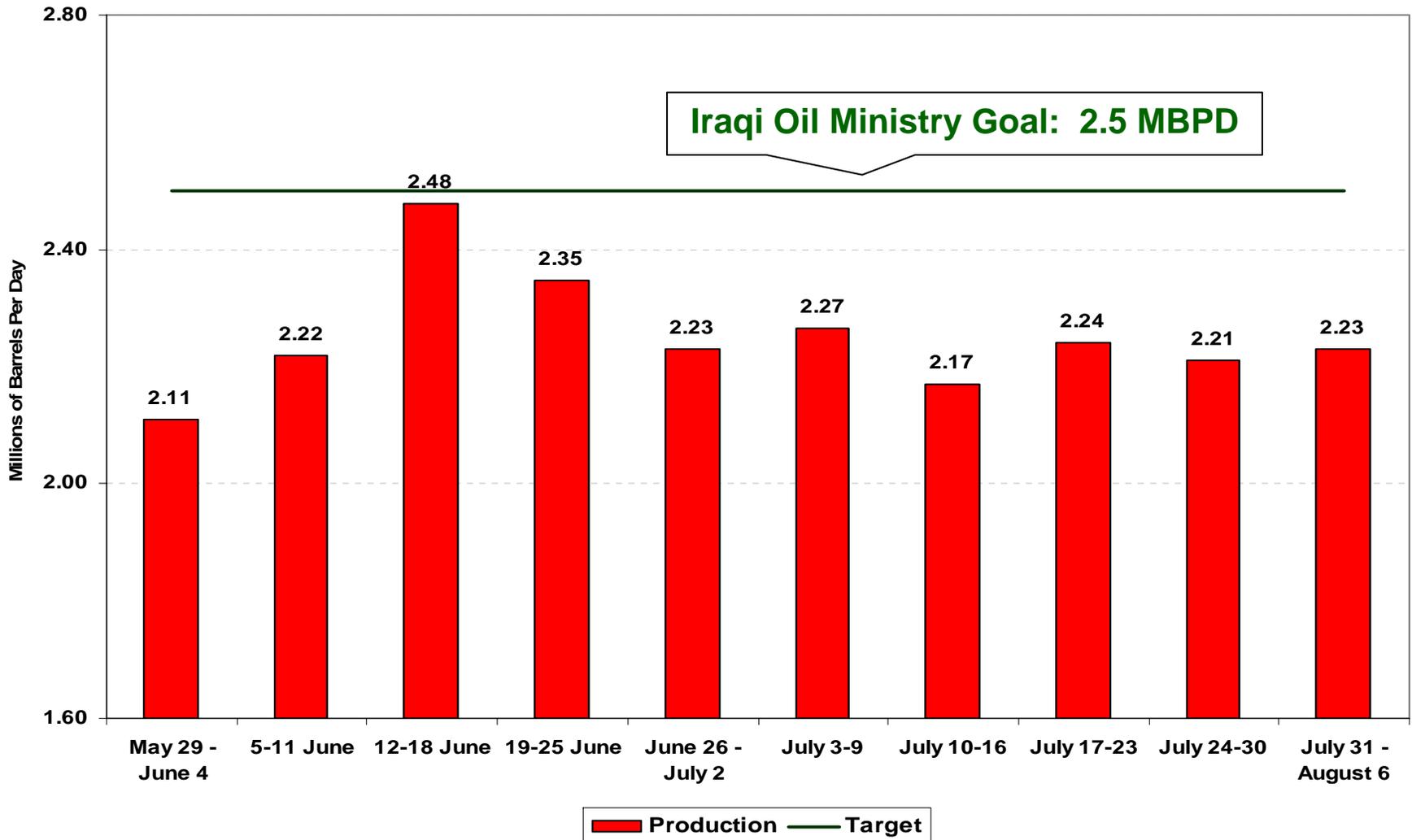
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[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

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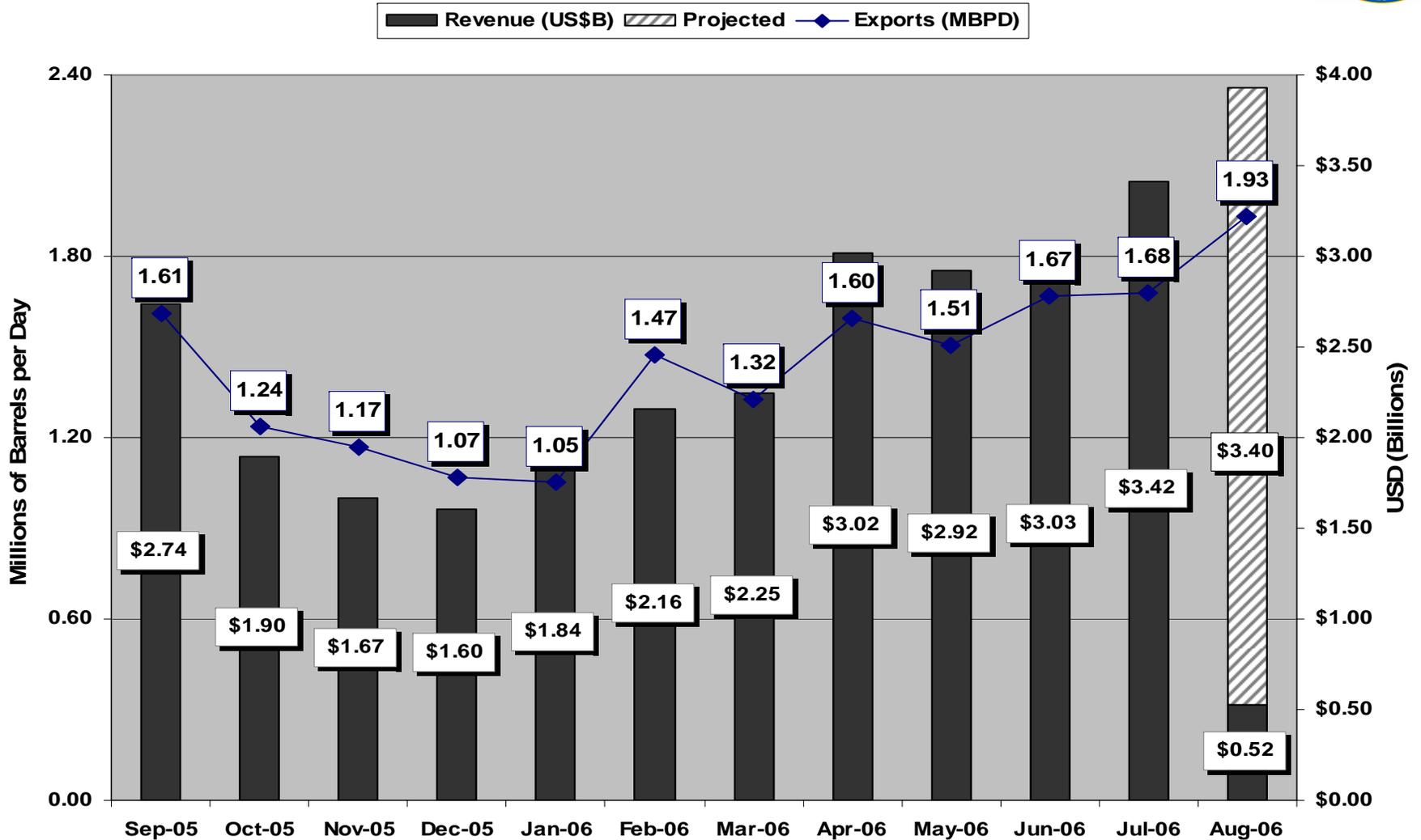


- Weekly Average (July 31 – August 6) of 2.23 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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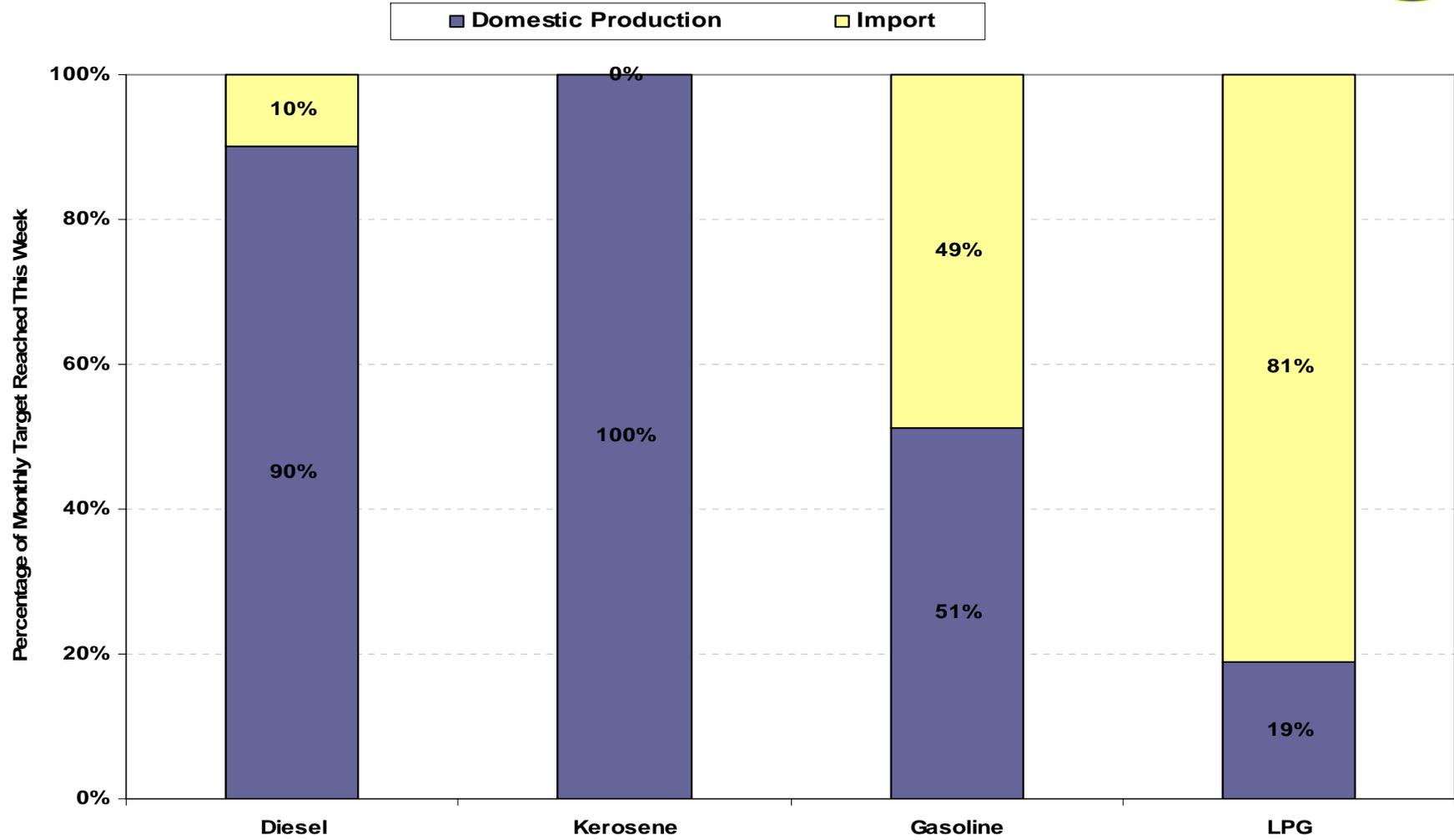


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$19.1 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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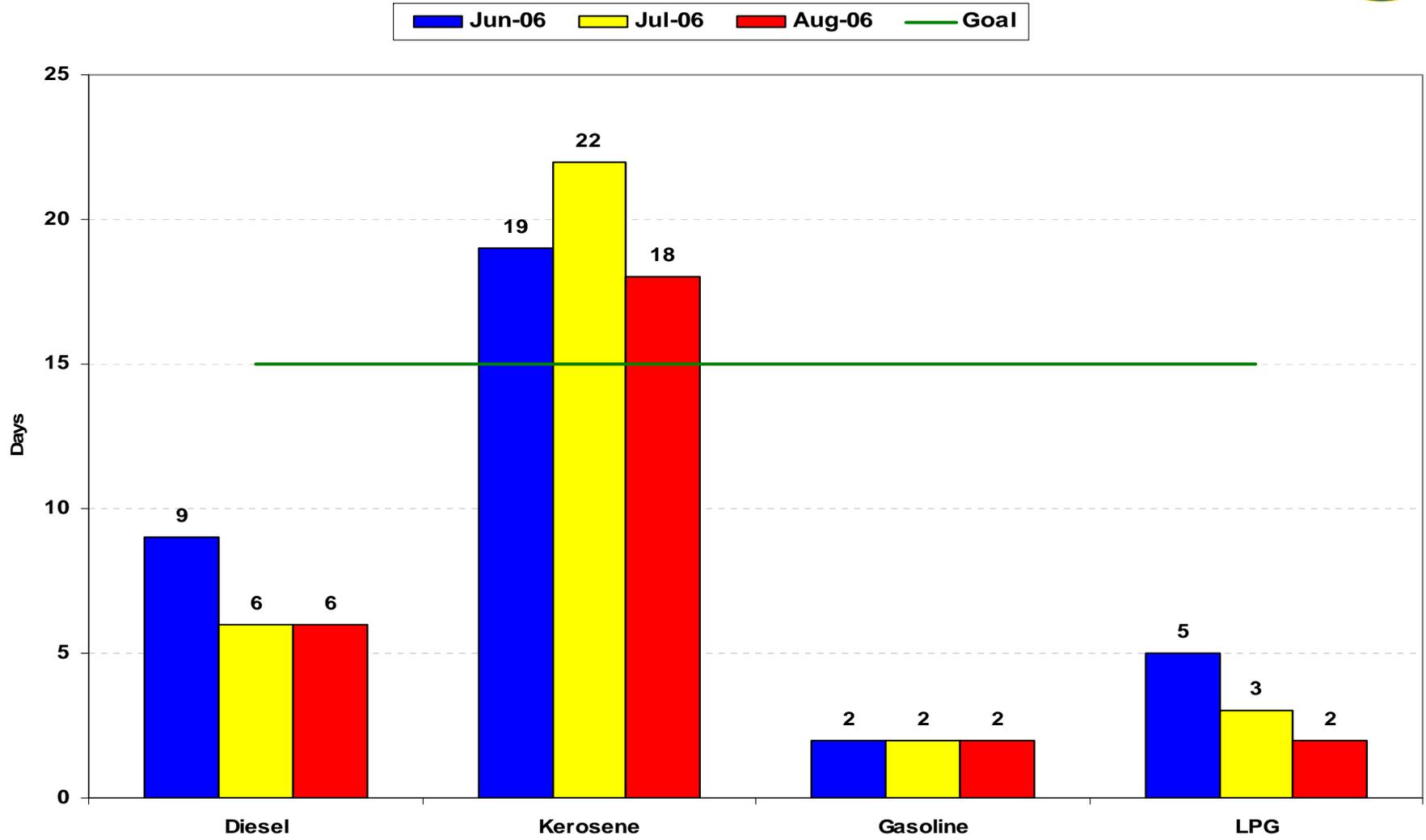
Note: This is a daily average for the week of July 31 – August 6

- Diesel: 11.2 ML supply of 23.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 1.9 ML supply of 5.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 11.7 ML supply of 20.5 ML target
- LPG: 3,230 tons supply of 4,460 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

Sectarianism, Crime Tainting Iraq Police:

- Almost a quarter of Iraq's national police are led by men suspected of crimes or sectarian violence and should be replaced, a senior Coalition official said August 2. "There are 26 battalions. Maybe five or six have leaders who have led them in a way that was either criminal, or sectarian, or both," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told reporters at a briefing in Baghdad.
- Many question the government's will to confront death squads that could be operating from within the security forces. "There are (security) forces in Baghdad who don't feel that they have the backing of their government to confront the (militias)...It puts the soldier on the street in a pretty tricky spot," the official said.
- Interior Minister Jawad al-Bulani plans to clean up the 24,000-strong national police force – dominated by Shiites despite efforts to recruit more Sunnis – by taking individual units off the streets for 72 hours of intensive scrutiny in August and September. "We will provide to them the intelligence we have about these particular guys that we think have been acting extra-judicially, and then we will encourage the Minister of the Interior to replace them," said the official.
- Bulani has also recommended that the individual protection forces maintained by each ministry be placed under his command. "(This) is an environment of mistrust. There are certain parts of Baghdad that, if we send a national police unit, they will be accused of atrocities before they get there," the official said. "(But) we have got to go the extra mile, as hard as it is, to build a civilian security apparatus," he said.



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

CCCI Convicts 24 Insurgents, One Sentenced to Life Imprisonment:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 24 security detainees July 19 - 27 for various crimes, including possession of illegal weapons, attempting to or using explosives, and illegal border crossing. The trial court found Abd al-Rahman Shakh Ru Dinor guilty of illegal border crossing, in violation of Article 24 of the Foreigner Resident Law and sentenced him to life imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended the defendant after he illegally entered Iraq from Iran. Upon conviction, defendants are turned over to the Iraqi Corrections Service to serve their sentences. To date, the CCCI has held 1,318 trials of insurgents suspected of anti-Iraqi and anti-Coalition activities threatening the security of Iraq and targeting Multi-National Force-Iraq. These proceedings have resulted in 1,128 individual convictions with sentences ranging up to death.

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

Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Meets with Iraqi Officials:

- Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshiyar Zebari met with Taro Aso, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan August 3, regarding the Japanese \$5 billion donation to Iraq and Iraq's request for an extra contribution to the reconstruction process. Japan's role within the International Compact and bilateral relations between the two countries were also discussed.

Turkish Forces Fire on Suspected PKK Targets in Iraq:

- Turkish artillery fired on a suspected Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) camp in northern Iraq. Turkey threatened to carry out cross-border operations against PKK terrorists hiding in northern Iraq if the US forces in Iraq and the central Iraqi government fail to remove the PKK from Iraq. Turkish government spokesman and Justice Minister Cemil Cicek announced August 7 that the steps being taken by the US and Iraqi authorities to deal with the PKK presence in northern Iraq have not met Turkey's expectations.



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

Romanian President Meets with Iraqi Officials:

- Romanian President Traian Basescu arrived in Baghdad on an official visit August 9. Basescu met with President Talabani and Prime Minister Maliki.

Turkish Prime Minister Meets with Iraqi Deputy President:

- Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan met with Iraqi Deputy President Hashimi in Istanbul August 9. Turkish Interior Minister Aksu also attended the meeting.



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

Data as of August 4, 2006

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

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

TOTAL ~ 19,000 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 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey



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

PM Maliki Criticizes US-Aided Raid:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki criticized a US-Iraqi attack August 7 on a Shiite militia stronghold in Sadr City, Baghdad, in which police said three people - including a woman and a child - were killed. Maliki apologized to the Iraqi people for the raid in a statement made on government television August 8, saying that it was an operation which had been executed without his consent or approval and promised that it would not happen again. He went on to say that "Reconciliation cannot go hand in hand with operations that violate the rights of citizens this way...This operation used weapons that are unreasonable to detain someone - like using planes."



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

Iraqi President Denies Civil War:

- Iraqi President Jalal Talabani rejected the idea that his country was caught in the midst of civil war August 7, saying in a joint news conference with General George Casey that he didn't "believe that a civil war is taking place in Iraq," and that there "is more than one Iraqi political force...which opposes civil war." Talabani explained that the killings in Iraq were, rather than signals of civil war, reactions to insurgency attacks. "When a car bomb explodes in a Hussainiyat (Shiite mosque), markets and Shiite regions, it is natural there would be a reaction among enthusiastic Shiite youngsters who find the government unable to maintain security. This is a reckless reaction."

Joint Statement Applauds Handover:

- Ambassador Khalilzad and General Casey released a joint statement August 8 praising the handover of the Fourth Iraqi Division Headquarters from the 101st Airborne Division, saying that this achievement "represents the Division halfway mark of our joint goal of putting all Iraqi Security Forces in the lead in coordinating, planning and conducting security operations in Iraq," and that "These turnovers from Coalition Forces to Iraqi Security Forces reflect the increased operational capacity of the Iraqi Security Forces."



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

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PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from US and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.

PRT Operations Status:

- PRTs have been established in Ninawa, Babil, Tamim, Baghdad, and Anbar provinces. The teams are comprised of representatives from the US Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners.

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