A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries and the Persian Gulf are shown in light beige and light blue respectively. The text is overlaid on the map.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Highlights

1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

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The 4th Iraqi Army Division assumed the security lead for its area of responsibility in northern Iraq, encompassing regions spanning Salah ad Din, Sulaymaniyah, and Kirkuk provinces August 8 from the 101st Airborne Division.

3. Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) offices in Karbala, Mosul, and Kut were attacked after a PUK newspaper accused a top Shiite cleric of inciting sectarian divisions in Kirkuk. The PUK is led by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

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Highlights

5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

The economic section of the Ninewa Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) convened a meeting of the Economic Development Working Committee along with some private bankers in the Mosul area. The focus of the meeting was concerned with building consumer confidence in the banking sector, developing banking infrastructure, and micro-loan programs for job and small business creation.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

During the weekend of August 12-13, 176 Iraqis from the greater Fallujah area signed up to join the Iraqi Police forces during a Marine Corps Regimental Combat Team 5 (RCT-5)-sponsored recruiting drive.

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Both President Bush and Ambassador Khalilzad released statements condemning the August 10 attack at the Imam Ali Mosque in Najaf.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Phase II of Operation Together Forward Progresses in Baghdad:

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Multi-National Division-Baghdad (MND-B) soldiers launched Phase II of Operation Together Forward in Baghdad August 7 in an effort to increase security and reduce sectarian violence in the city.
 - The operation began as more than 5,000 ISF and Coalition Forces (CF) secured the Doura area of southern Baghdad, systematically combing through businesses and homes. They expanded the efforts August 13, pushing into western Baghdad's Shula and Ameriyah neighborhoods.
 - In addition to systematically clearing neighborhoods of insurgents, the operation has a critical political and economic component, as ISF and CF met with local community and religious leaders and worked to improve essential services and economic conditions in the affected areas.

MND-B Soldiers Detain Key Leader in Mahmudiyah Terrorist Group:

- A MND-B patrol detained a key terrorist cell leader southwest of Baghdad August 10. The terrorist is directly linked to the July 17 attack on a local market in Mahmudiyah that resulted in 40 civilian deaths and 70 more wounded.



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

4th Iraqi Army Division Assumes Security Lead:

- The 4th Iraqi Army Division (IAD) assumed the security lead for its area of responsibility in northern Iraq, encompassing regions spanning Salah Ad Din, Sulaymaniyah, and Kirkuk provinces August 8 from the 101st Airborne Division.
 - The 4th IAD is the fifth of ten Iraqi army divisions to take the lead in security operations, marking the halfway point of Iraqi division headquarters assuming security lead.

4th Brigade, 6th IAD Assumes Responsibility South of Baghdad:

- The 4th Brigade of the 6th IAD assumed responsibility for Forward Operating Base Mahmudiyah South from the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division August 14. The IA unit will have responsibility for the south Baghdad areas of Mahmudiyah and Rutifiyah.

Iraq Border Defenses Upgraded:

- 255 of the scheduled 258 border forts have been completed as of August 5. The additional three forts will be finished in Sulaymaniyah and Anbar in September completing the \$161 million border fort project.



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

Majority of Iraqi Police Trained and Equipped:

- The commander of the Coalition's Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Major General Peterson, stated August 14 that Iraqi Ministry of Interior forces have reached 92 percent (173,000) of a planned strength of 188,000.
 - Iraqi Police Services: 123,000 (90 percent) of 135,000 are trained, and 83 percent are equipped. Ninety-nine percent in the “9+ key cities” are equipped.
 - The Iraqi National Police: (formerly called special police) 25,300 (98 percent) of 25,600 are trained, and 92 percent are equipped.
 - Additionally, 80 percent of instructors at the 12 police training academies in the country are Iraqis. Iraqi instructors will run and administer all academies by the end of 2006.
 - Department of Border Enforcement: 26,000 (92 percent) of 28,000 trained are trained, but only 56 percent are equipped. The equipment shortfall is a result of resources going to other Iraqi forces engaged in offensive operations in Baghdad and other contested parts of the country.



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

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 16, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

Patriotic Union of Kurdistan Party Offices Attacked:

- A suicide bomber attacked the Mosul headquarters of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), the party led by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani. Gunmen also ransacked offices of the President's Kurdish party in Karbala, south of Baghdad. The attacks came after Fadhila, a Shiite party powerful in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, demanded an apology from Talabani for an article in a PUK newspaper that accused its top cleric, Sheikh al-Yaqoubi, of igniting sectarian divisions in Kirkuk. Kurds claim the oil-rich city, but it is also home to many Turkmen, Sunni and Shiite Arabs. In a news conference, Fadhila spokesman Sabah al-Saeidi demanded an apology from the president of the PUK. In the nearby city of Kut, police said one guard was injured during a similar attack by about 50 men on the PUK office.

Iraqi Officials Charged with Corruption:

- On August 12, former Iraqi Minister of Electricity Muhsin Shlash and several other current and former senior government officials were charged with corruption by Iraq's Commission on Public Integrity (CPI) or ordered to appear before Iraqi judges for further investigation. The cases, referred to an Iraqi Court by the CPI, accuse officials of misdeeds ranging from stealing money and accepting kickbacks to assigning millions of dollars to phantom contracts. The CPI, led by Judge Radhi Hamza al-Radhi, is dedicated to preventing and investigating corruption in all levels of the Iraqi government nationwide.

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



UN SRSG for Iraq calls for Unity:

- Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) Ashraf Qazi condemned in the strongest possible terms the killings of Iraqis next to the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf August 10 as well as the recent increase in sectarian violence that has killed hundreds of innocent citizens throughout the country. Responding to the continuing escalation of sectarian violence, Qazi urged all Iraqi political, religious and tribal leaders – as well as leaders of civil society – to unite in order to promote inter-communal tolerance and national reconciliation. Qazi also urged them to continue their efforts to take concrete steps to implement their various peace and reconciliation initiatives in order to put an end to the political and criminal violence in Iraq.



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

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

(F) = Female

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



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

(Millions of USD)

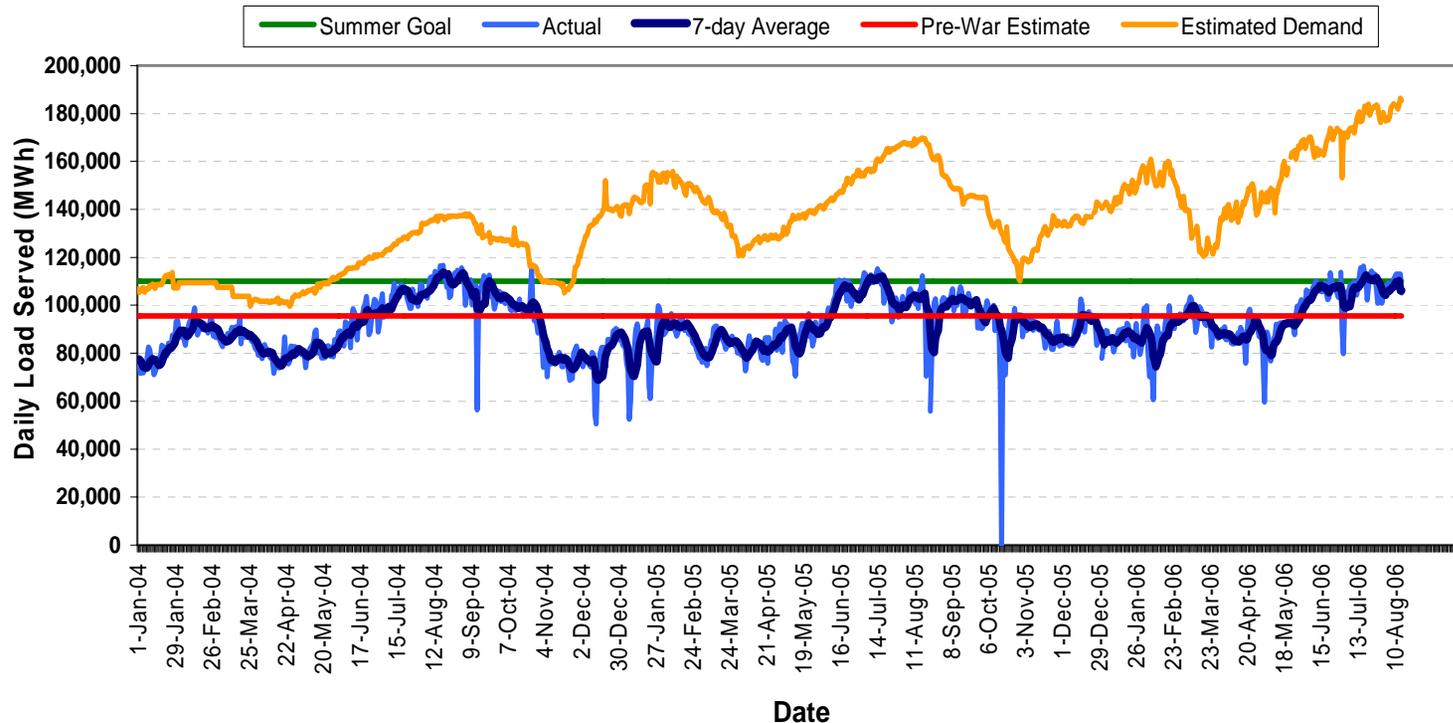
Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,030.60	\$5,030.60	\$4,962.43	\$4,973.74	\$11.31	\$4,957.97	\$4,958.10	\$0.13	\$4,605.78	\$4,610.32	\$4.55
Electricity Sector	\$4,220.02	\$4,220.02	\$4,063.78	\$4,168.95	\$105.18	\$3,782.62	\$3,816.21	\$33.59	\$2,472.58	\$2,502.35	\$29.77
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,697.26	\$1,698.30	\$1.04	\$1,680.31	\$1,675.15	-\$5.17	\$1,067.33	\$1,090.80	\$23.46
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,308.10	\$1,308.10	\$1,236.45	\$1,246.77	\$10.32	\$1,196.92	\$1,203.28	\$6.36	\$878.75	\$879.18	\$0.43
Democracy	\$1,013.85	\$1,013.85	\$974.32	\$1,000.07	\$25.75	\$973.05	\$995.70	\$22.65	\$796.03	\$797.21	\$1.18
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$391.20	\$391.30	\$0.10	\$365.07	\$368.36	\$3.28	\$290.10	\$291.90	\$1.80
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.71	\$333.71	\$331.56	\$331.43	-\$0.13	\$328.56	\$326.09	-\$2.48	\$190.86	\$190.95	\$0.09
Health Care	\$784.50	\$784.50	\$763.90	\$766.26	\$2.36	\$737.05	\$732.44	-\$4.61	\$514.20	\$513.97	-\$0.23
Transportation and Communications	\$469.11	\$469.11	\$447.51	\$447.64	\$0.13	\$421.62	\$419.77	-\$1.85	\$303.67	\$304.23	\$0.56
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,046.89	\$2,042.76	-\$4.12	\$1,825.73	\$1,821.38	-\$4.35	\$1,228.50	\$1,233.66	\$5.16
Private Sector Development	\$805.28	\$805.28	\$799.50	\$799.50	\$0.00	\$795.33	\$795.33	\$0.00	\$697.73	\$697.87	\$0.14
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$169.58	\$146.52	-\$23.06
Total	\$18,443.94	\$18,443.94	\$17,927.22	\$18,079.17	\$151.95	\$17,276.67	\$17,324.23	\$47.56	\$13,215.12	\$13,258.97	\$43.85
IRRF II Construction			\$10,291.70	\$10,404.49	\$112.79	\$9,784.27	\$9,793.13	\$8.86	\$7,001.18	\$7,049.86	\$48.68
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,661.21	\$6,674.61	\$13.40	\$6,519.35	\$6,535.40	\$16.05	\$5,417.91	\$5,411.90	-\$6.01
IRRF II Democracy			\$974.32	\$1,000.07	\$25.75	\$973.05	\$995.70	\$22.65	\$796.03	\$797.21	\$1.18
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	\$20,400.52	\$20,552.47	\$151.95	\$19,508.97	\$19,556.53	\$47.56	\$15,354.12	\$15,397.97	\$43.85

As of August 15, 2006

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



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of August 9-15 electricity availability averaged 6.9 hours per day in Baghdad and 11.0 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was three percent above the same period in 2005.

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



Transportation:

- The Najaf road paving project in Head was completed. The \$1.3 million US Army-funded project repaired and paved approximately 15 kilometers of rural roadway.

Sanitation:

- Baghdad Moon Company started construction and installation of the Fallujah Sewer Outfall in Fallujah, Anbar Province August 6 with an estimated closure date of November 22. The project involves the installation of a 40-inch diameter outfall pipeline between the Fallujah Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Euphrates River with government supplied materials. Construction will include pipeline drains, air/vacuum release valves, a steel pipe bridge over an irrigation canal, and a concrete headwall with rock riprap into the river.

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



Health Care:

- Expansion of the emergency room in the Mahmudiyah Hospital, Baghdad Province, was completed August 3. The \$157,000 US Army-funded project will increase patient care capabilities.

Electricity:

- Construction was completed on the al-Wasiti Substation in Kirkuk. The \$4.6 million US Army-funded project included the installation of a new substation and transformers and will improve the electrical power distribution to over 10,000 people in southern Kirkuk.



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

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending August 11 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$69.11/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$75.60/barrel
 - Kirkuk at \$70.70/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$77.15/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$71.15/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	21,843	2.16%
USAID	70,999	70,994	-0.01%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	689	659	-4.35%
MILCON (Military Construction)	136	127	-6.62%
CERP*	6,543	6,623	1.22%
MNSTC-I	7,588	8,998	18.58%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	11,194	11,238	0.39%
GRAND TOTAL	118,531	120,482	1.65%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

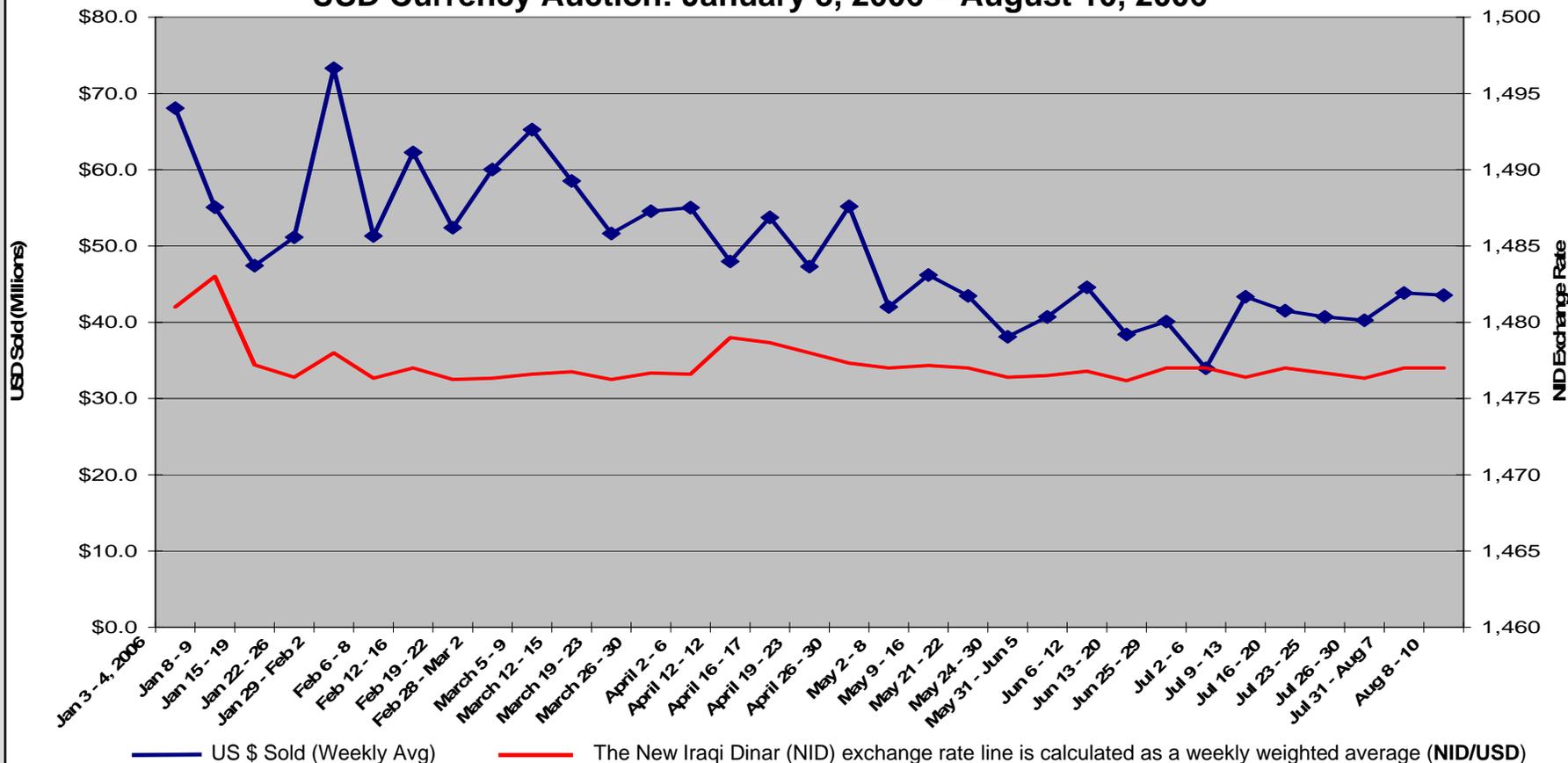


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 10.

Central Bank of Iraq
 USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – August 10, 2006



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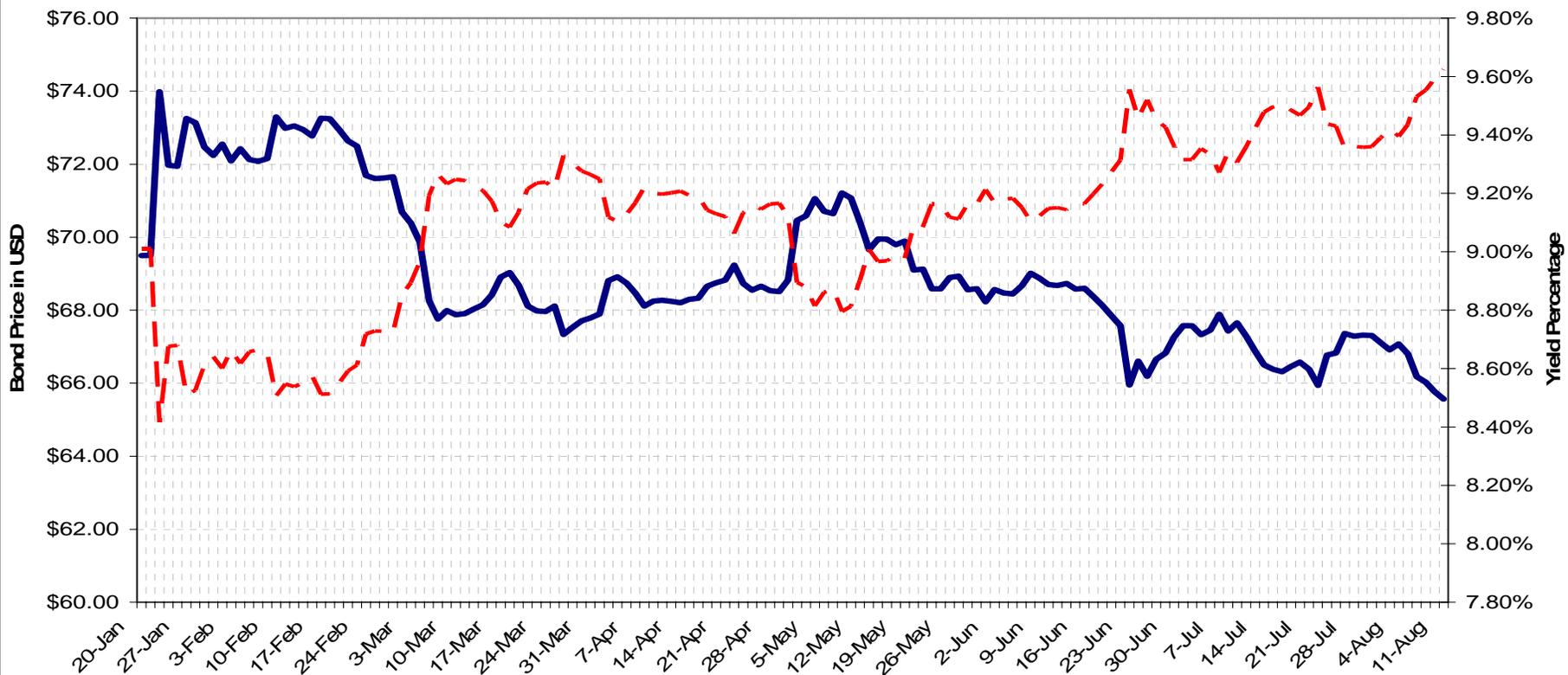


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 9.62 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - August 11, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$65.57 (August 11)

— Bond Price — Yield

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

Change in Iraqi Tariff Regime Mooted:

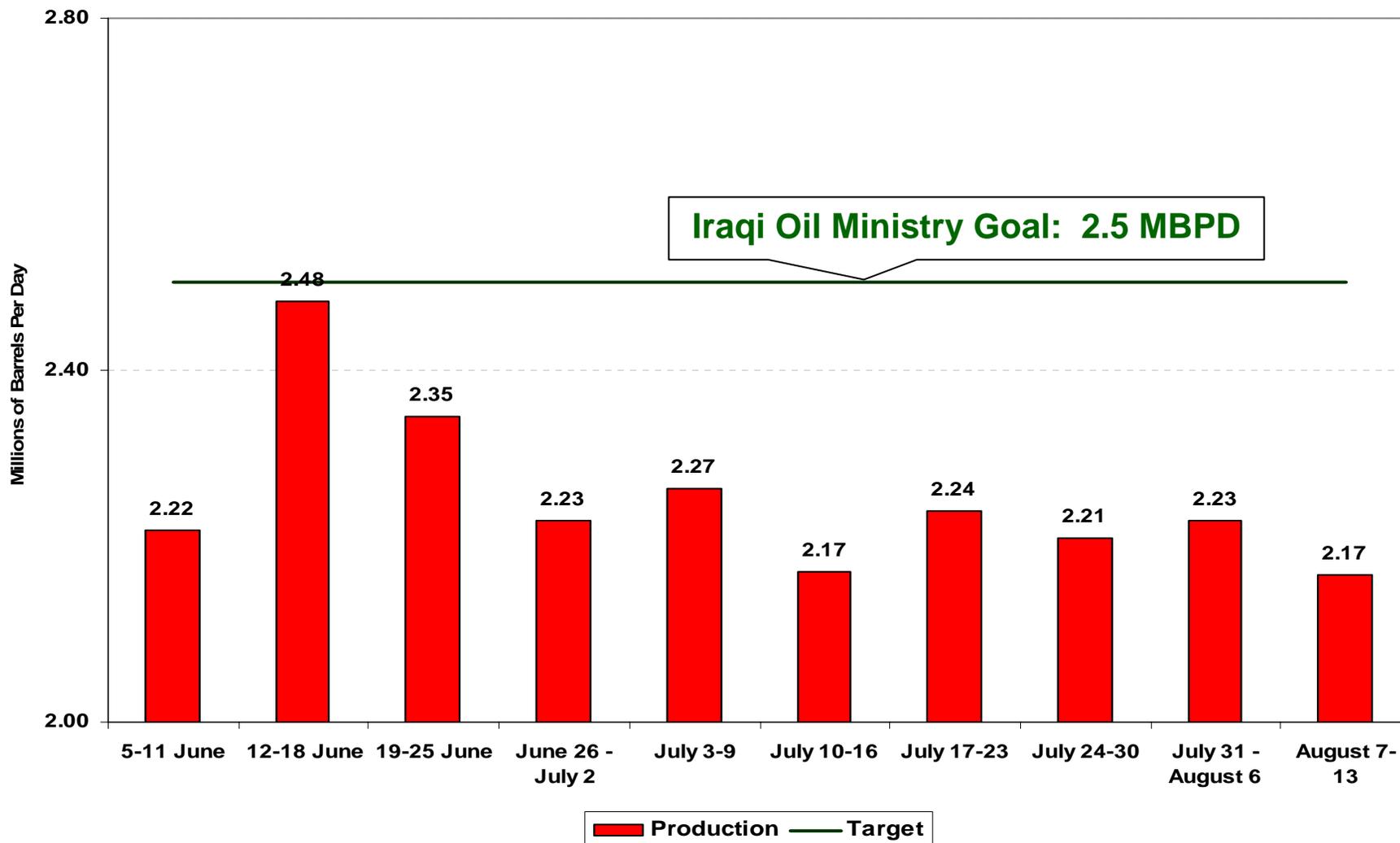
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) is contemplating drafting a line-by-line tariff schedule vice maintaining an across-the-board reconstruction levy. This would be a marked shift from policies agreed upon with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) previously and incorporated into the IMF's Stand-by Arrangement (SBA) with Iraq.

July Inflation Threatens SBA:

- According to Iraq's Central Office for Statistics (COSIT), inflation surged 8.3 percent in July to 32 percent year-to-date and 69.9 percent year-on-year, primarily due to fuel and transport costs. Iraq's SBA sets Iraq's inflation target at 30 percent for all of 2006.



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

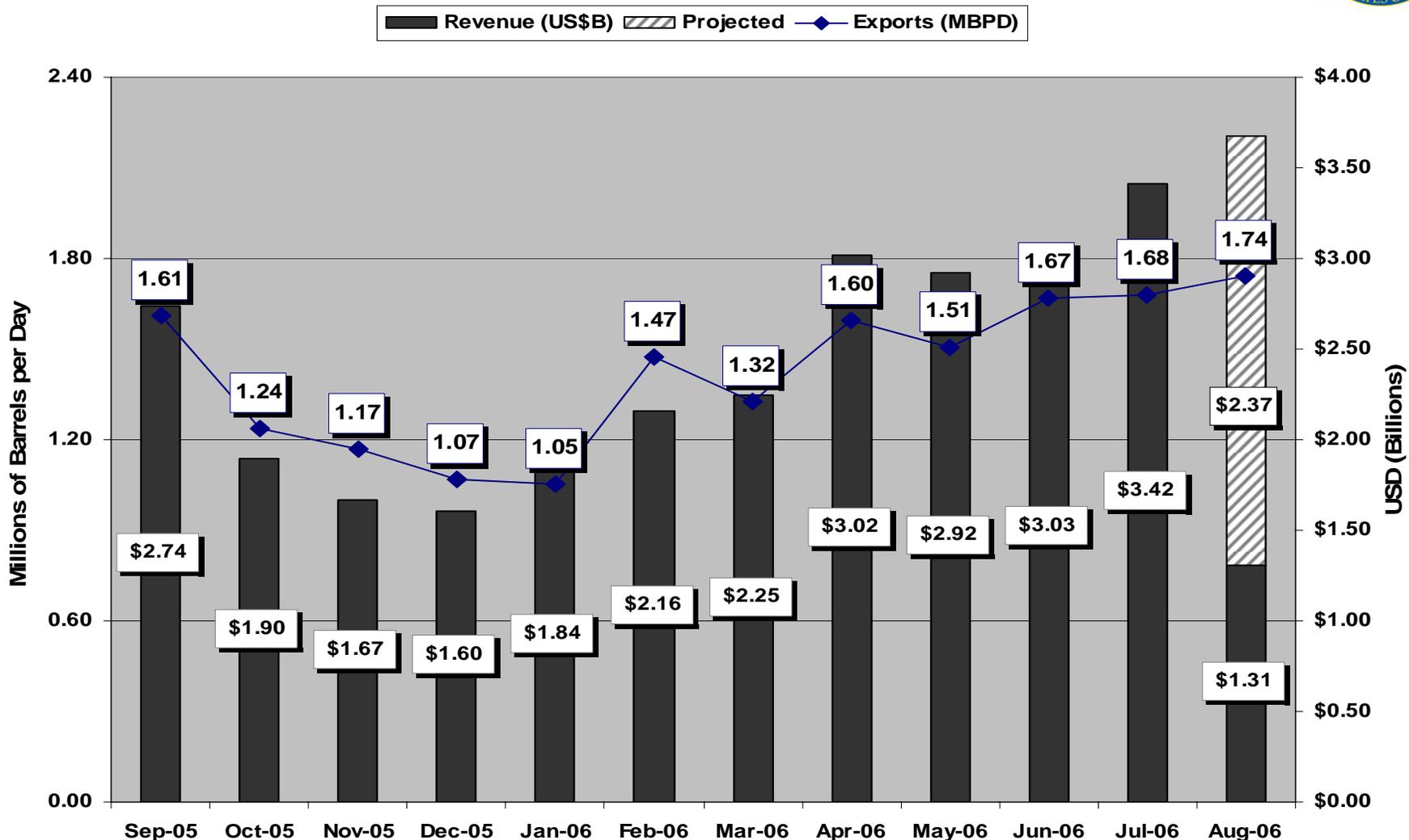


- Weekly Average (August 7-13) of 2.17 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

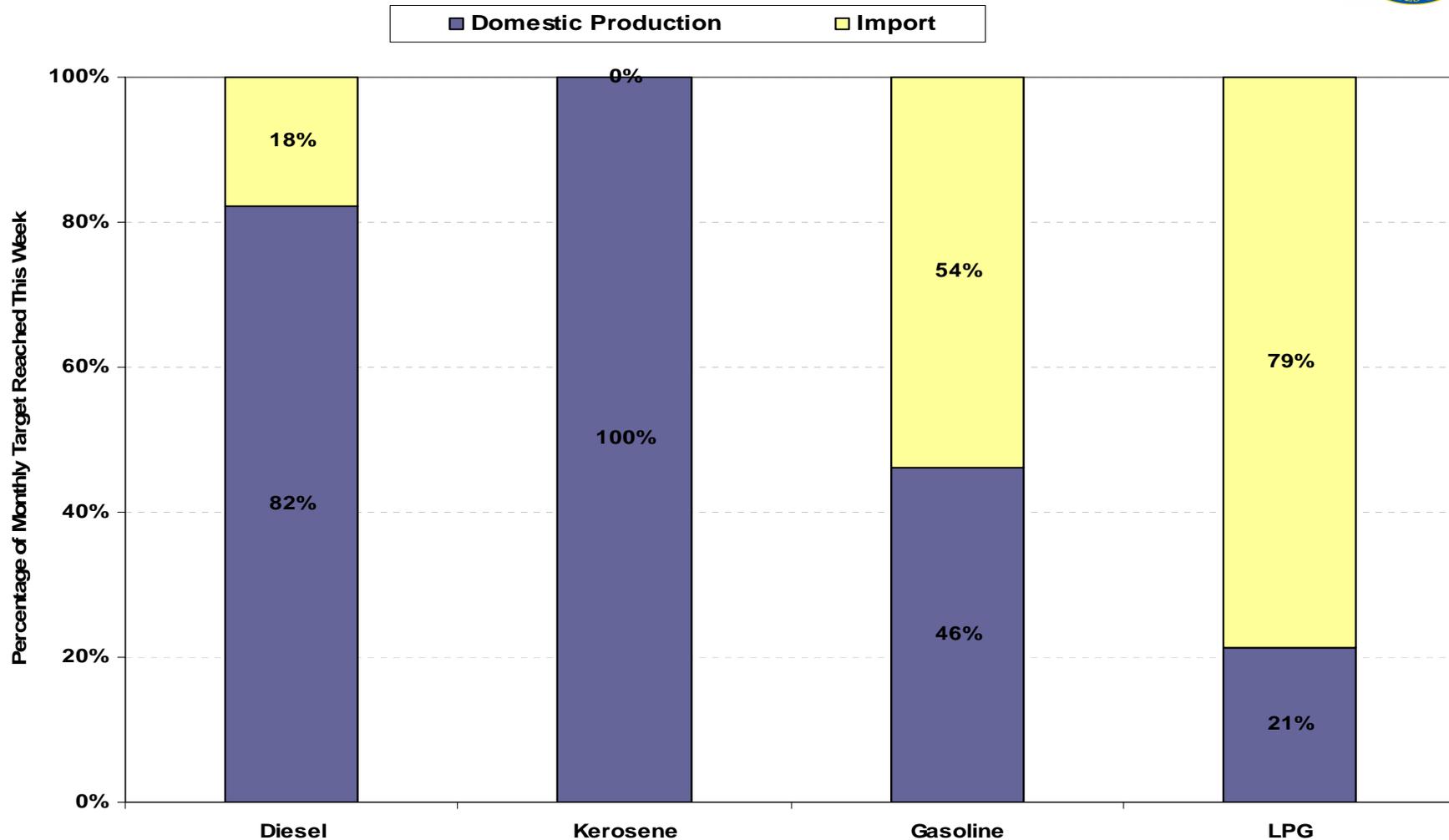
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- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$19.9 Billion (Year to Date)



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

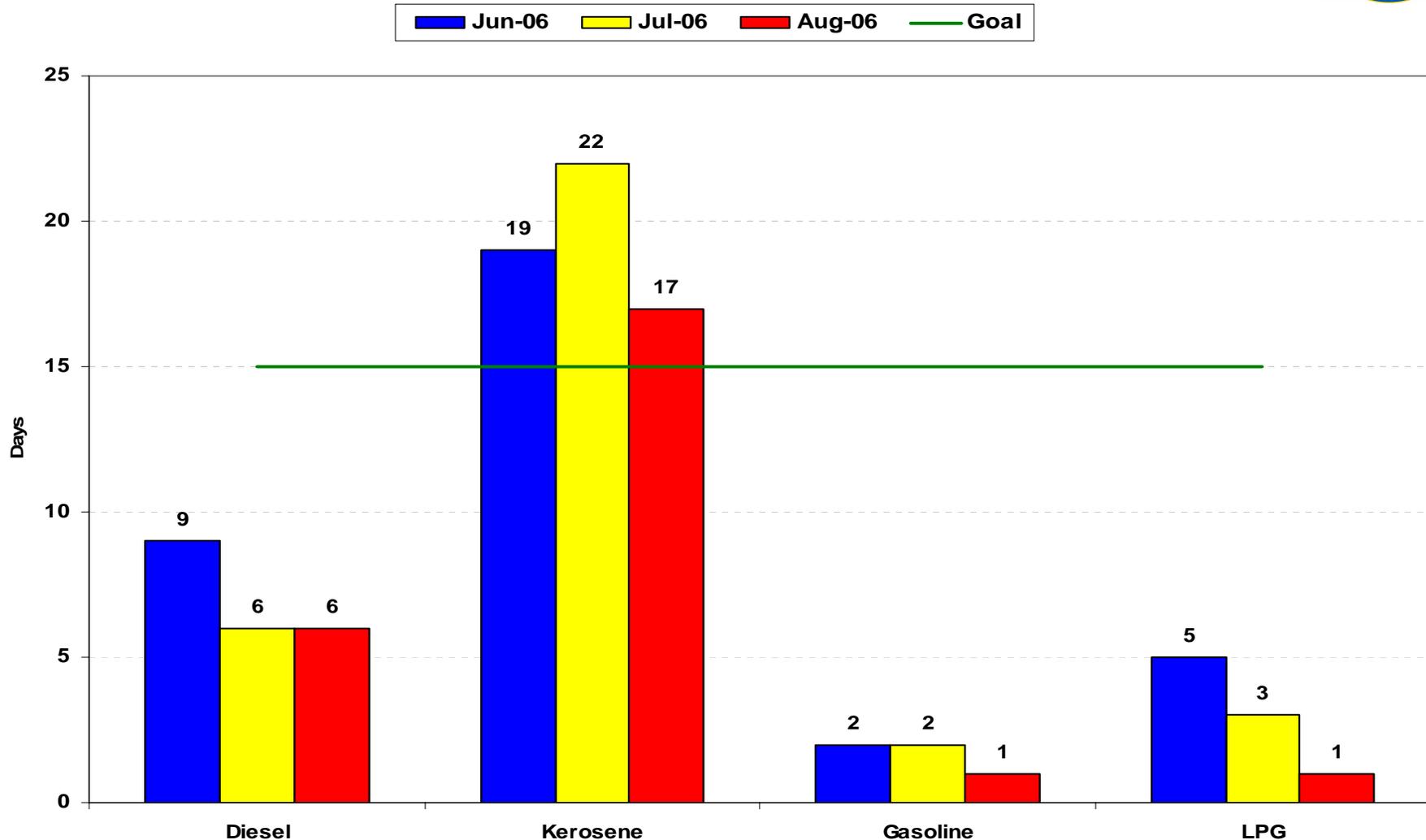


Note: This is a daily average for the week of August 7-13

- Diesel: 11.1 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 3.7 ML supply of 5.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 15.4 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,940 tons supply of 4,460 tons target



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



- 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



Marine-Sponsored Iraqi Police Recruiting Drive Nets 176:

- During the weekend of August 12-13, 176 Iraqis from the greater Fallujah area signed up to join the Iraqi Police forces during a Marine Corps Regimental Combat Team 5 (RCT-5)-sponsored recruiting drive. “In spite of the fact that the police are being targeted, these guys stand forward and join the force,” said Col. Larry Nicholson, the commanding officer of RCT-5. “That speaks more eloquently than any Iraqi or American commander can. They are voting with their feet.” Since August 1, nine Iraqi policemen have been killed in the line of duty, according to Lt. Col. Frank Charlonis, the RCT-5 Police Implementation Officer.
- “I want to protect my city and fight against terrorism,” said one applicant through an interpreter while waiting in line. Another applicant readily agreed and added, “I have a big desire to be a police officer.” Within the week, they will enroll in an eight-week training course offered by the Jordan International Police Training College, Charlonis said. Currently, 1,700 Iraqi police serve in greater Fallujah.



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

UNAMI Organizes Human Rights Workshop:

- The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) Human Rights Office (HRO), in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and with the support of the United Nations Office for Project Services, organized a human rights workshop in Geneva, Switzerland August 7-11 for 13 members of the Iraqi Council of Representatives (CoR), including 12 from the Human Rights Committee.
- The workshop focused on international human rights treaties and the treaty body system, national human rights institutions, the new UN Human Rights Council, the Special Procedures, and the role of parliaments in human rights. The last session was held at the headquarters of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, where best practices of the role and functions of human rights parliamentary committees were discussed.
- The workshop generated a highly participatory dialogue among the participants and their interlocutors. The UNAMI HRO will continue to work closely with members of the Human Rights Committee of the CoR to promote and support the establishment of a strong human rights protection system. Significant progress has been achieved in preparation of the draft law establishing a National Human Rights Commission in Iraq.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments

President Receives Credentials of EU Ambassador to Iraq:

- Iraqi President Jalal Talbani received the credentials of the European Union (EU) Ambassador to Iraq Ilkka Uusitalo August 9 and called on the EU to make further efforts to bring about security, stability and economic prosperity as well as to increase capital in Iraqi development and economic enterprises that would yield benefits for the Iraqis and contribute to rebuilding their country's infrastructure. President Talabani also praised the EU for their support of civil society organizations of Iraq as a means to increase democratic principles.

Central Bank Expects most of Iraq's Foreign Debt to be Forgiven:

- Governor of the Iraqi Central Bank Dr. Sinan al-Shibibi delivered a lecture August 9 on the status of Iraq's foreign debt reduction. Dr. Shibibi expected that \$120 billion of Iraq's total debt will have been written off by 2008, with \$20 billion still left unsettled and explained that accumulated interests constitute more than half of the current Iraqi international debt. He also said that Iraq cannot undertake serious long-term development and reconstruction projects with these costs overburdening them.

Turkish Government to Announce Special PKK Coordinator:

- On August 16 the Turkish Foreign Ministry plans to name a Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) coordinator when the US names it own PKK coordinator. According to Foreign Ministry sources, the Turkish coordinator will be an army official.



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

Data as of August 7, 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**

Condemnation by President Bush and Ambassador Khalilzad:

- Both President Bush and Ambassador Khalilzad released statements condemning the August 10 attack at the Imam Ali Mosque in Najaf. President Bush addressed the Iraqi people, saying “on behalf of the American people, I join Iraqi leaders of all communities who have condemned this barbarous action in the strongest possible terms. To the Iraqi people, I pledge the commitment of the United States to helping your new government bring peace and security to all areas of your country.” Ambassador Khalilzad expressed his sadness of the attack and said that terrorists are “the enemies of Iraqi unity, security, democracy and prosperity,” urging anyone who had information concerning terrorists activities to come forward and provide it to security forces.

Shiite Leader Calls for Formation of Neighborhood Militias:

- In a recorded debate broadcast on state television August 13, Hadi al-Amiri – a member of parliament and head of the Shiite Badr Organization militia – called for neighborhood committees to provide security in their own districts and questioned the ability of US and Iraqi forces to ease violence in Iraq. In response, representative of the Sunni Iraqi National Dialogue Party Haidar al-Mulla said that the formation of such committees is a “maneuver around a law on dissolving militias.” Though it is not clear if the process of forming such committees has already started, young men in mosques are known to have been approached and asked to join them.



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

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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