

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

Four coordinated truck bombs detonated in western Ninewah province August 14, killing and wounding hundreds of Iraqi civilians. Terrorists likely targeted the villages because of their remote location away from stringent U.S. and Iraqi security operations and in an attempt to increase sectarian strife. Meanwhile, the U.S. commander in Baghdad's eastern neighborhoods of Adhamiyah and Sadr City said the security situation there is improving with attacks against civilians, car bombings, indirect fire attacks, kidnappings, and sectarian killings all down since his unit began operations seven months ago.

### 2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) successfully provided security for crowds of pilgrims traveling to commemorate an annual holy day at a mosque in the Khadimiyah neighborhood of Baghdad last week. With no reported incidents, this year's annual pilgrimage was a significant step for the ISF. The same pilgrimage in 2005 was marred by an estimated 1,000 people killed in a stampede on the Jisr al-Aiema bridge after reports spread that a suicide bomber was in the crowd.

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

Iraqi former Prime Minister Iyad Allawi accused the government of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of being ill-equipped to halt the slide toward all-out chaos, and urged a nonsectarian replacement of the regime in a U.S. National Public Radio broadcast August 13. Efforts are underway among senior Iraqi political leaders to convene a leadership meeting designed to reach compromise and reconciliation on key legislative and other issues.

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### 6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales arrived in Baghdad August 11 to meet with Department of Justice officials working in Iraq to rebuild the country's legal and law enforcement infrastructure. This is Gonzales' third visit to Iraq during his tenure as Attorney General.

### 7. International Support for Iraq

The UN Security Council voted unanimously on the expansion of the role of the UN in Iraq. Resolution 1770, presented by the U.S. and Britain, extends the mandate of the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq to one additional year. In addition to increasing the number of UN employees in Iraq, the resolution permits a UN special representative in Iraq and to the delegation to offer advice, support and help to the Iraqi government.

### 8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

Iraqi newspapers resumed publication August 12 after the lifting of a four-day curfew imposed by the Iraqi government throughout Baghdad in preparation for pilgrims to the Shiite shrine of Imam al-Kadhim, and devoted most of their pages to Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's recent visit to Turkey and Iran.



## [1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

### Coordinated Truck Bombs in Northern Iraq Result in Deadliest Attack:

- Four coordinated vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices detonated in the villages of Khahtaniya and al-Jazeer in western Ninewah province August 14, killing and wounding hundreds of Iraqi civilians. U.S. media report that the confirmed death toll from the four truck bombings passed 250, making the attack the deadliest of the Iraq war. The majority of the victims were members of the Yezidi religious minority sect.
- Iraqis and minority sects in remote areas such as the Yazidis are especially vulnerable as militants seek new targets to avoid the strict security measures imposed on Baghdad and surrounding areas to help protect the Iraqi population and reduce sectarian violence.

### U.S. and Iraqi Forces Detain 12 "Rogue" JAM Members:

- Iraqi and U.S. forces detained 12 "rogue" members of the Jaysh al-Mahdi (JAM) militia allegedly involved in bomb attacks and assassinations of Sunni Arabs. The twelve were detained in a series of coordinated raids across Baghdad August 13. Eight of the detainees are allegedly high-level leaders linked to JAM special groups that carry out attacks on Iraqi and Coalition forces. Additionally, the suspects include a brigade commander, battalion commander, two company commanders and one leader of an extra-judicial killing cell.



## [1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

### Trends Encouraging in Eastern Baghdad Hotspots:

- The U.S. commander for security operations in Baghdad's eastern neighborhoods of Adhamiyah and Sadr City said August 11 that the security situation there is improving. U.S. Army Colonel John Castles, Commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 82nd Airborne Division said attacks against civilians, car bombs, indirect fire attacks, kidnappings, and sectarian killings are all down in his area of eastern Baghdad.
- Castle's 4,000-member BCT is responsible for the security of 3.5 million Iraqis and maintains five combat outposts and three joint security stations in the area. The BCT's soldiers are living out in the sector among the people they protect.
- Over the last seven months, the BCT has participated in more than 7,500 patrols and conducted more than 300 named operations, destroying and disrupting terrorist cells and special-action groups, and turning over 300 detainees and the evidence against them to Iraqi authorities.
- Finally, the BCT and its embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) are working with local government leaders and the people of the region to bring services back to the region. Along with the embedded PRT, which provides the commander the ability to plan long-term stability projects, the BCT has financed 30 projects totaling \$2.5M with another 60 projects set to start at a price of \$8M.



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

### Iraqi Security Forces Provide Security for Holy Day:

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) successfully provided security for crowds of pilgrims traveling to commemorate an annual holy day at a mosque in the Khadimiyah neighborhood of Baghdad last week. With no reported incidents, this year's annual pilgrimage was a significant step for the ISF. The same pilgrimage in 2005 was marred by an estimated 1,000 people killed in a stampede on the Jisr al-Aiema bridge after reports spread that a suicide bomber was in the crowd.
- The Iraqi Police and Army worked together to ensure the pilgrims, many of whom walked for days from areas around Baghdad and Diyala province, reached the mosque safely. Iraqi Major General Abdul-Kareem Khalaf, director of the Iraqi interior ministry's national command center, said the ISF were intensively deployed on the main roads leading to Kadhimiya to protect visitors to the shrine. In addition, a citywide driving ban was in effect to prevent suicide car bombings.



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

### Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 26,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~194,200*

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~163,500***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~165,500**

### Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

**~359,700\*\*\*\***

\* 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

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



#### Former Prime Minister Condemns Maliki Government on Reconciliation:

- Iraqi former Prime Minister Iyad Allawi accused the government of Prime Minister Maliki of being ill-equipped to halt the slide toward all-out chaos, and urged a nonsectarian replacement of the regime.
- Allawi, whose mixed Sunni-Shiite Iraqi National List this month joined a boycott of the government led by Maliki, told U.S. National Public Radio August 13 that the present government is fueling the problems ravaging the country. "The whole situation is based on sectarianism and is anti-reconciliation," Allawi said in the interview. "I think the whole system ought to be changed, and a nonsectarian regime should prevail."

#### Iraqi Senior Leaders Meet to End Political Stalemate:

- Leaders from Iraq's divided communities held talks August 14 to pave the way for a leadership meeting called for by Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki. The meeting is designed to reach compromise and reconciliation on key legislative and other issues.



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

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

(F) = Female  
\* Vacant

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



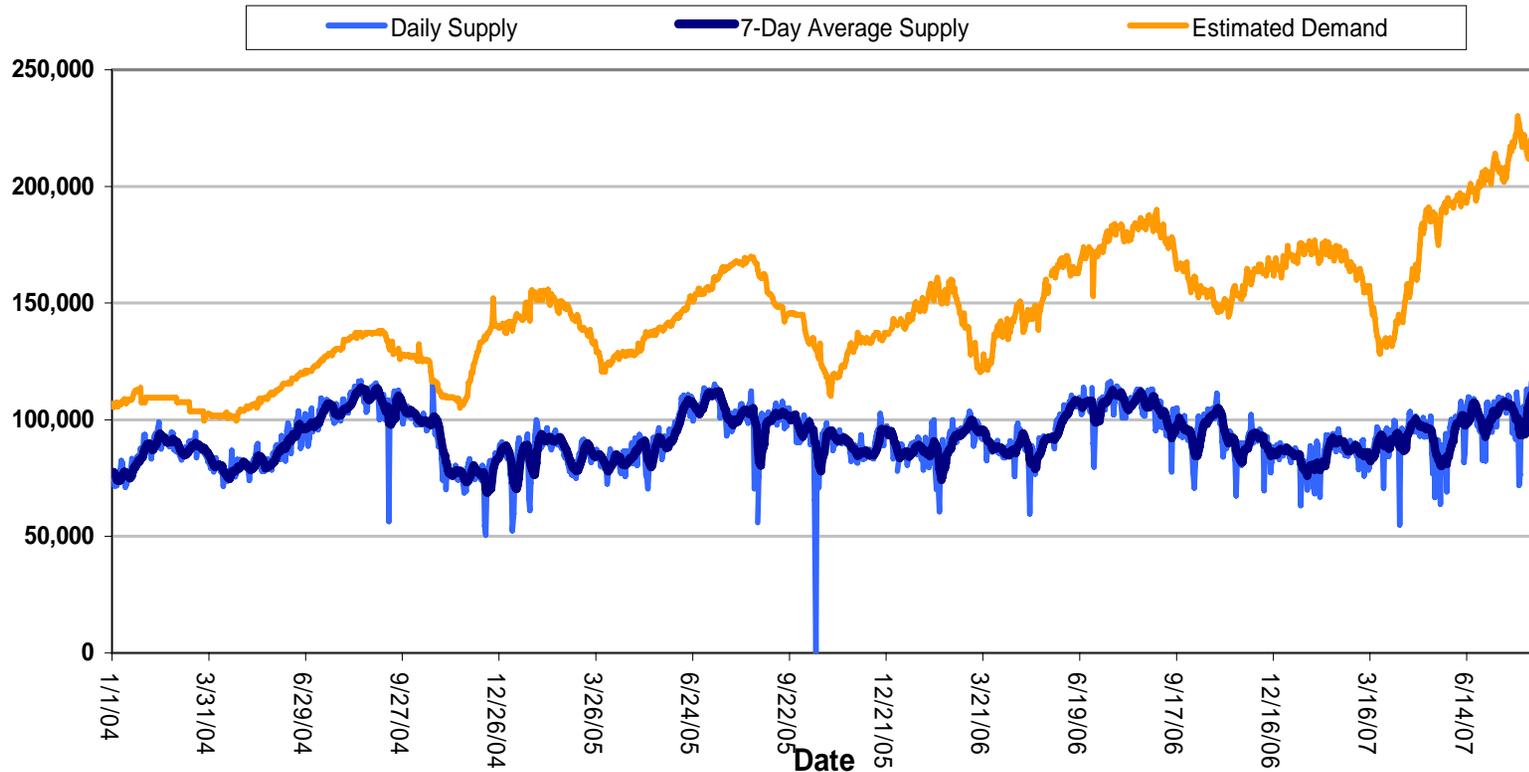
## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,004.79	\$4,967.72	\$4,967.72	\$0.00	\$4,966.76	\$4,966.76	\$0.00	\$4,811.80	\$4,811.80	\$0.00
Electricity Sector	\$4,216.87	\$4,140.99	\$4,140.99	\$0.00	\$4,020.62	\$4,020.62	\$0.00	\$3,444.61	\$3,444.61	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,610.07	\$1,610.07	\$0.00	\$1,559.89	\$1,559.89	\$0.00	\$1,473.11	\$1,473.11	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,265.71	\$1,265.71	\$0.00	\$1,258.81	\$1,258.81	\$0.00	\$1,102.55	\$1,102.55	\$0.00
Democracy	\$998.35	\$997.34	\$997.34	\$0.00	\$997.34	\$997.34	\$0.00	\$967.19	\$967.19	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$409.84	\$399.76	\$399.76	\$0.00	\$399.76	\$399.76	\$0.00	\$371.18	\$371.18	\$0.00
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$322.08	\$322.08	\$0.00	\$320.82	\$320.82	\$0.00	\$232.18	\$232.18	\$0.00
Health Care	\$815.55	\$770.68	\$770.68	\$0.00	\$761.54	\$761.54	\$0.00	\$683.85	\$683.85	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$456.72	\$452.65	\$452.65	\$0.00	\$446.98	\$446.98	\$0.00	\$358.85	\$358.85	\$0.00
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,115.79	\$1,990.84	\$1,990.84	\$0.00	\$1,942.99	\$1,942.99	\$0.00	\$1,666.58	\$1,666.58	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$811.91	\$807.85	\$807.85	\$0.00	\$807.85	\$807.85	\$0.00	\$794.22	\$794.22	\$0.00
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$211.05	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$188.08	\$188.08	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,403.32</b>	<b>\$17,935.64</b>	<b>\$17,935.64</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17,693.32</b>	<b>\$17,693.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$16,094.20</b>	<b>\$16,094.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
IRRF II Construction	-	\$10,250.83	\$10,250.83	\$0.00	\$10,015.96	\$10,015.96	\$0.00	\$8,848.57	\$8,848.57	\$0.00
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	\$6,687.46	\$6,687.46	\$0.00	\$6,680.01	\$6,680.01	\$0.00	\$6,278.44	\$6,278.44	\$0.00
IRRF II Democracy	-	\$997.34	\$997.34	\$0.00	\$997.34	\$997.34	\$0.00	\$967.19	\$967.19	\$0.00
<b>IRRF I Total</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,232.3</b>	<b>\$2,232.3</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,139.00</b>	<b>\$2,139.0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total IRRF I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$20,876.62</b>	<b>\$20,408.94</b>	<b>\$20,408.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$19,925.62</b>	<b>\$19,925.62</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,233.20</b>	<b>\$18,233.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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



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



- Daily electricity demand August 8-14 was 15 percent above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the electricity grid was two percent below 2006; it met 51 percent of total electricity demand, compared with 61 percent for the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 7.3 and nationwide 10.7. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 7.0 and nationwide 11.0.



## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Education, Medical, Electricity, and Water & Sanitation

### Education:

- Construction on the new Ain-Zala village school in Ninewah province has been completed. The school will accommodate up to 300 students.

### Medical:

- The U.S. funded Harm Provincial Health Center (PHC) is now available to provide medical and dental care to over 35,000 residents.

### Electricity:

- Electricity supply August 8-13 was near its highest level for the year, but the failure of provinces to follow load-shedding directives resulted in a massive loss of power August 14 at 1700. All Baghdad generation and 60 percent of national generation was temporarily lost. Half of the lost power had been restored by midnight.

### Water & Sanitation:

- The sanitary sewer network in 9 Nissan, Baghdad will provide reliable sewage disposal for a population of nearly 47,000.

## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

### – Construction and Energy



#### Construction:

- A 13-company South Korean consortium announced August 10 that it has signed interim deals worth \$25 billion to build dams, highways and houses in Iraqi Kurdistan. The memorandum of understanding was signed in late July in the capital of Irbil, where about 1,200 South Korean troops are currently stationed.
- Under the deal, the South Korean firms will construct houses, five multipurpose dams and highways spanning 182 kilometers (114 miles) to link Irbil with the border city of Zakho.

#### Energy:

- The Missan oilfields authority finished the rehabilitation of the Sayed Nour oilfield in eastern Amarah August 12 and is planning to drill 50 new wells in the province, a media source from the Missan oilfields authority reported.
- The rejuvenated oilfield is composed of five wells with a production capacity of 15,000 bpd for each, according to the authority, noting work on this field also comprises the construction of a pumping station with a capacity of 20,000 bpd of crude oil.



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

### Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending August 10 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$66.394/ barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$71.938/ barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$70.888/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$66.74/barrel

### Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	24,598	24,576	-0.09%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	81,202	81,202	0.00%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	3,670	3,678	0.22%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	11,560	11,664	0.90%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>121,030</b>	<b>121,120</b>	<b>0.07%</b>

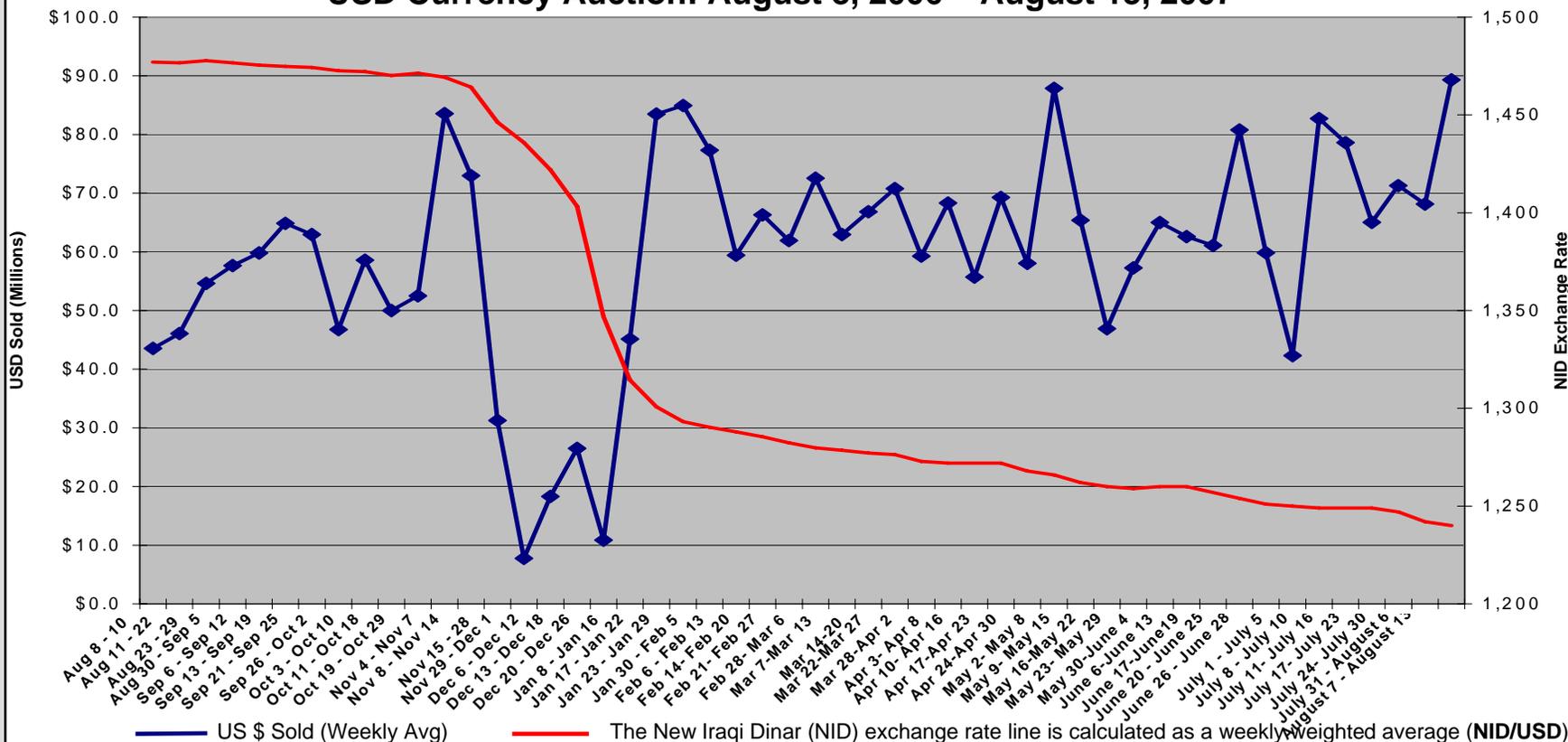


# [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. There are early signs that this effort may have begun to bear fruit, as year-to-date inflation is 2.8%, which projects a pace well below the IMF annual target of 30%. However, this decline in the rate of inflation may be temporary, as the CBI has slowed its appreciation of the currency and the rate of inflation (particularly for energy prices) typically picks up in the second half of the year.

**Central Bank of Iraq**  
**USD Currency Auction: August 8, 2006 – August 13, 2007**



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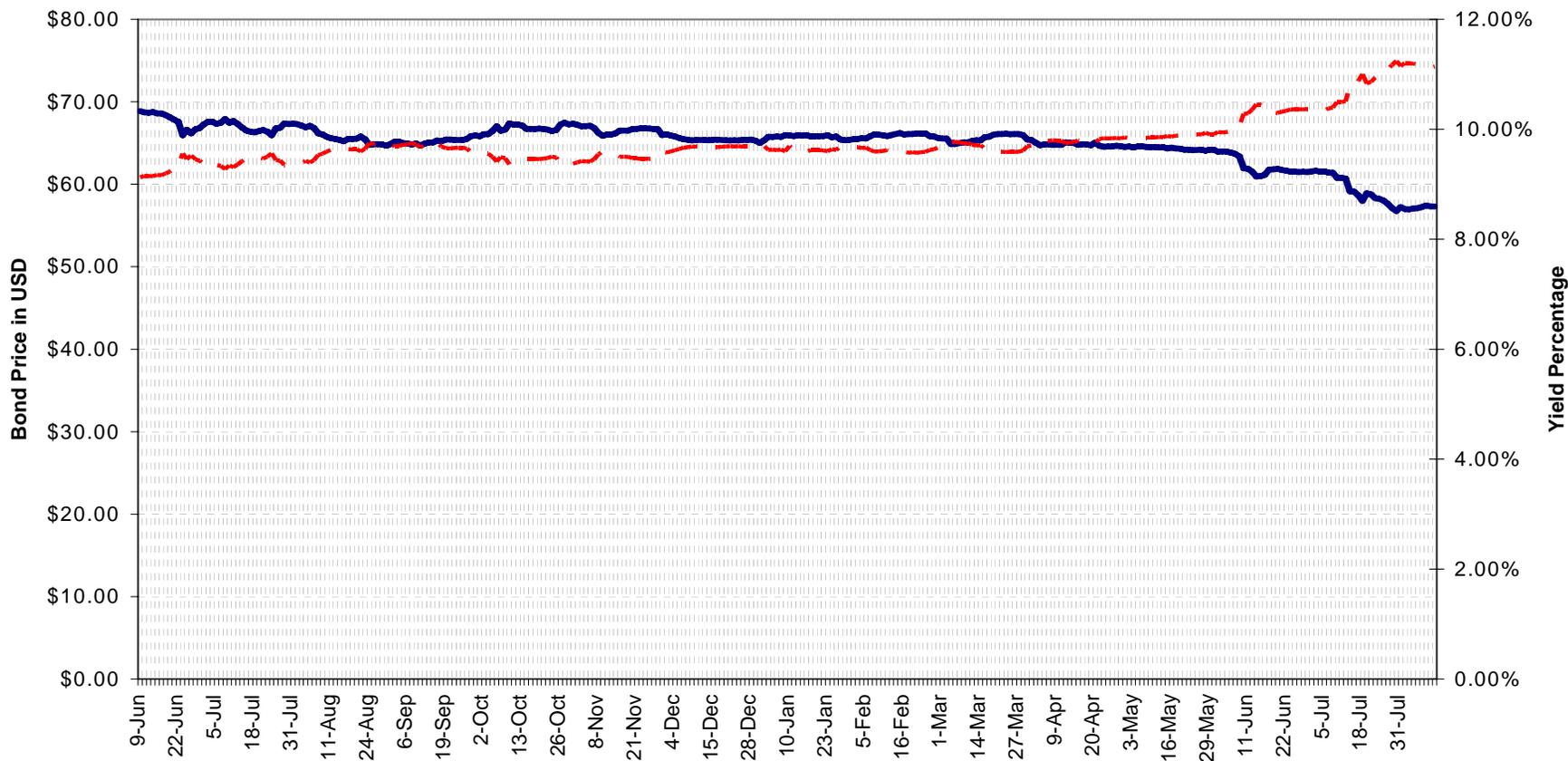


# [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per 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.

**Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales**  
June 9, 2006 - August 10, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)

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

### Iraqi Oil Minister Says No Special Deals For Russia:

- During a recent visit to Moscow, Iraqi Oil Minister Husayn al-Shahristani indicated that once the new law governing the Iraqi oil sector is in place, oil and gas contracts will be developed through transparent and market-oriented mechanisms, as opposed to awarding new deals based on political considerations as they have been in the past.
- Shahristani also said that Russian companies which worked for years in the Iraqi energy industry until the war began in 2003 would get no special treatment as earlier oil and gas contracts are reviewed and renegotiated. He did note, however, that Russian oil company Lukoil, which had an agreement with Saddam Hussein's government to drill at the West Qurna field, could have a competitive advantage within the new framework given its previous experience in Iraq.

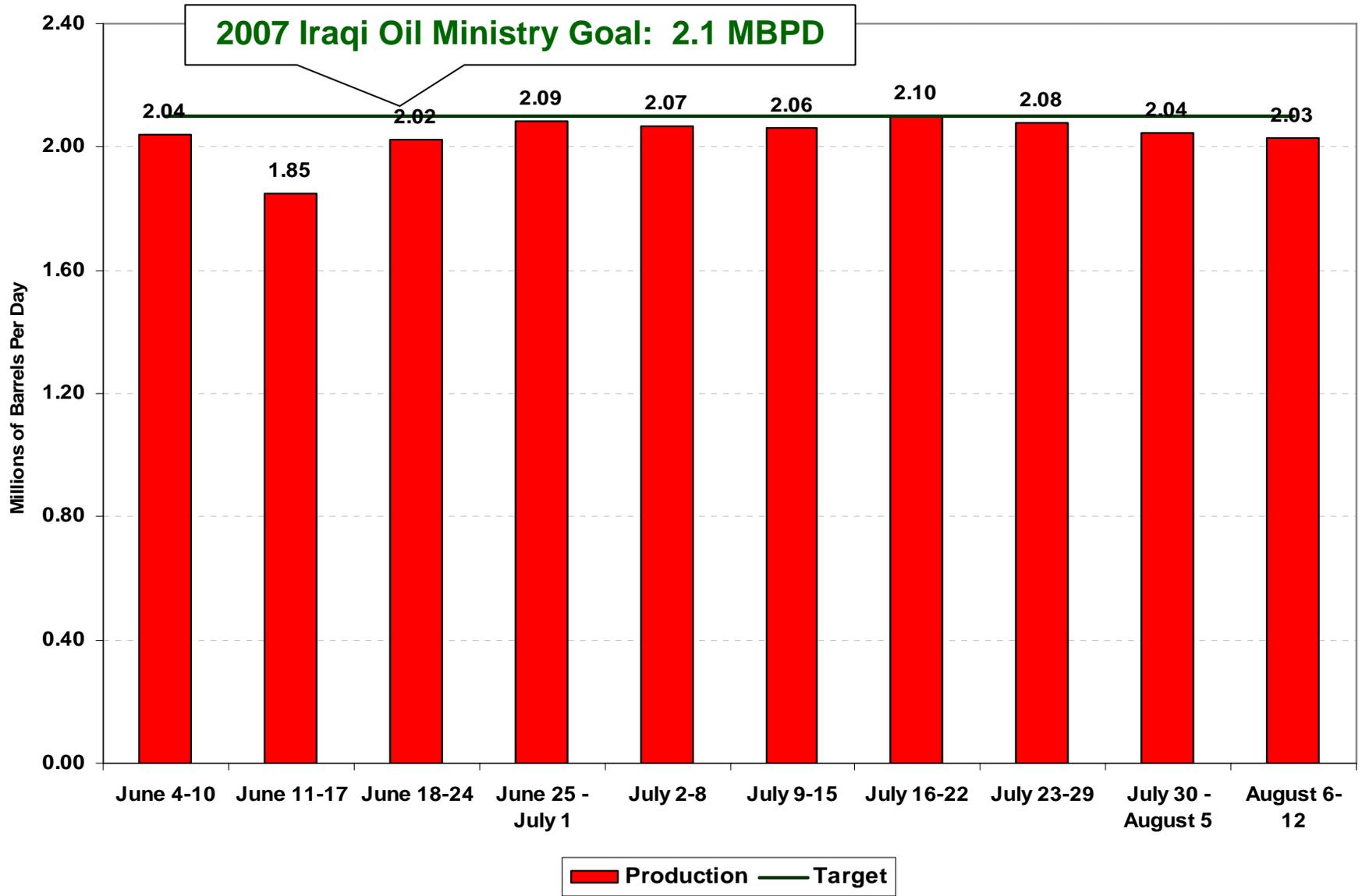
### Iraqi-Made Clothes to be Sent to U.S. Market:

- During an announcement August 12 to put state industries back to work, Deputy Industry Minister Sami al-Araji said that a U.S. team led by Paul Brinkley was in discussions with major American retailers such as Sears and Wal-Mart to have Iraqi-made clothing on sale in a limited number of major American cities by the holiday season.



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

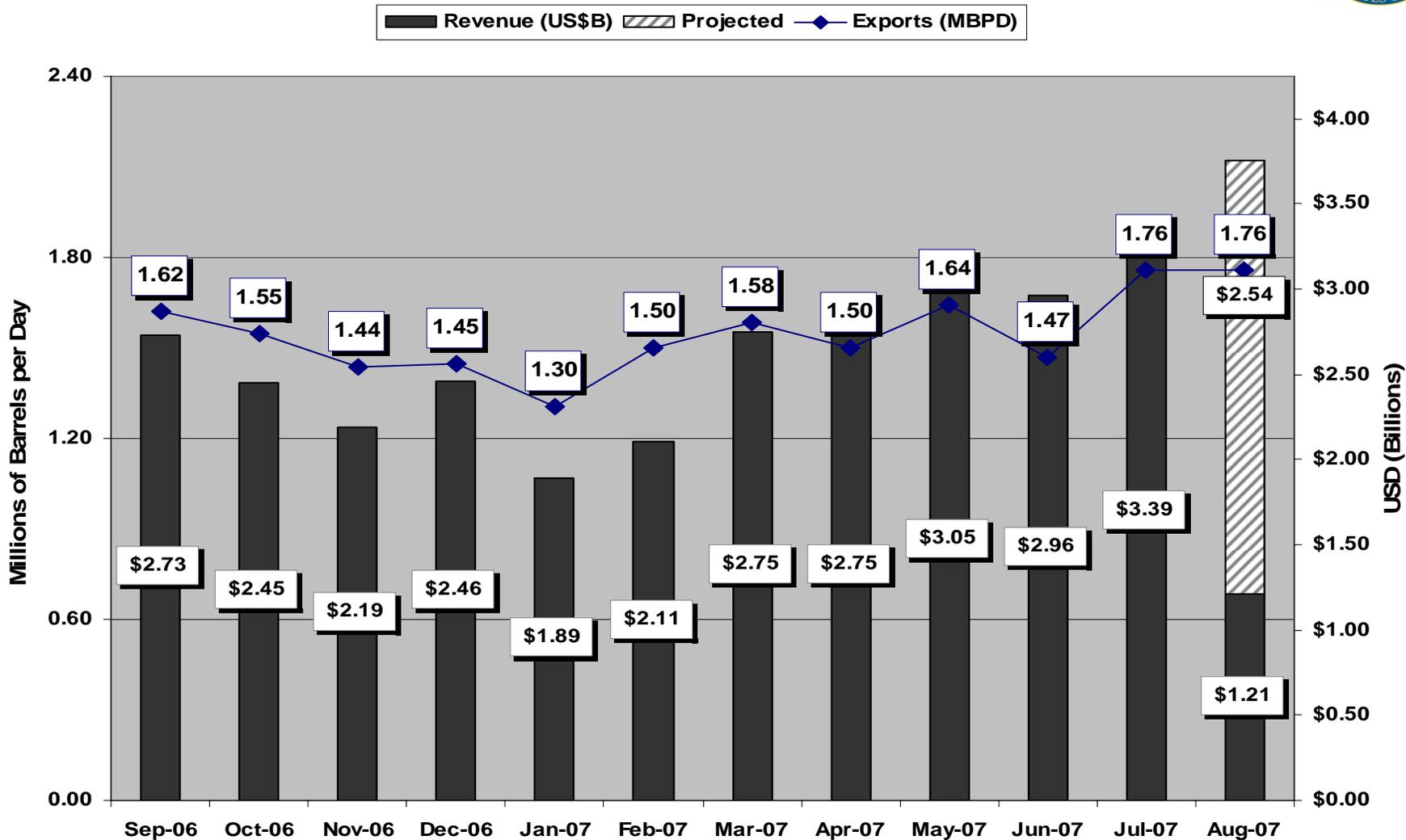
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# [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

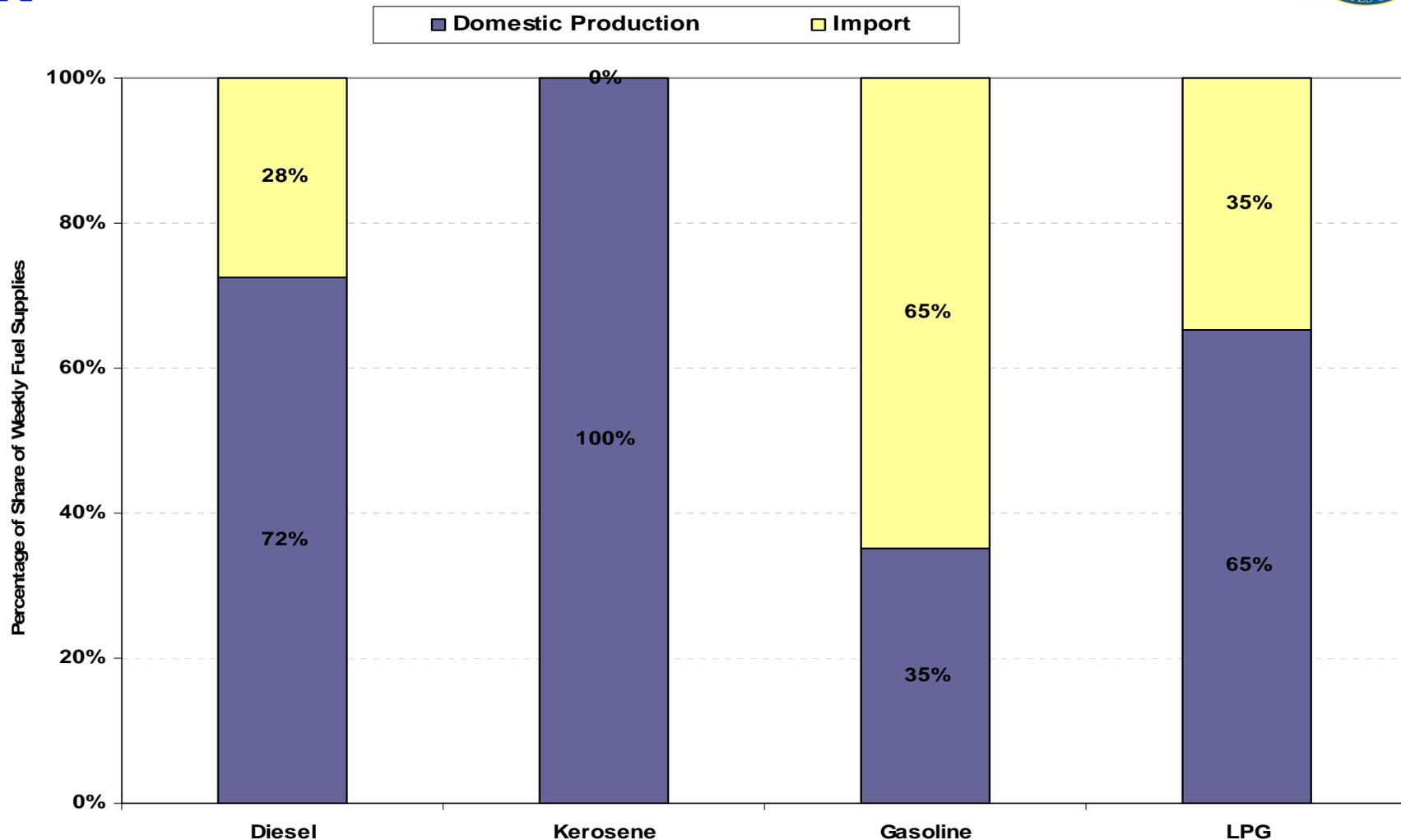
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- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$20.1 Billion (Year to Date)



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

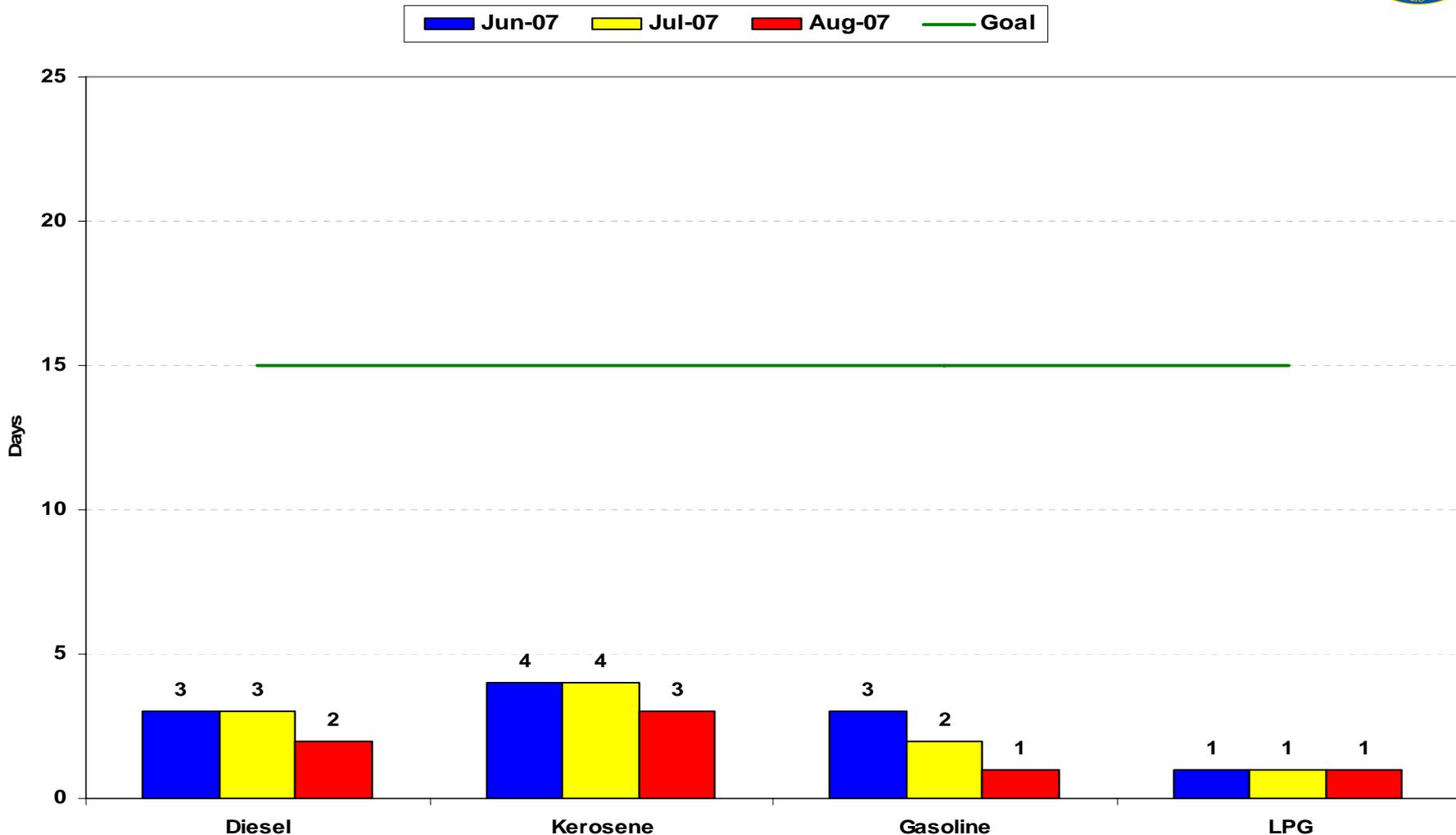


Note: This is a daily average for August 6 – 12

- Diesel: 9.5 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 2.4 ML supply of 11.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 8.1 ML supply of 23.1 ML target
- LPG: 1,608 tons supply of 5,100 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– Rule of Law



### Attorney General Alberto Gonzales Travels to Baghdad:

- Attorney General Alberto Gonzales arrived in Baghdad August 11 to meet with and thank Department of Justice officials working in Iraq to rebuild the country's legal and law enforcement infrastructure. This is Attorney General Gonzales' third visit to Iraq during his tenure as Attorney General.
- Attorney General Gonzales was accompanied by Michael J. Sullivan, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), John Clark, director of the U.S. Marshals Service, and other Department of Justice staff. The Attorney General met with Multi-National Forces-Iraq Commanding General David Petraeus upon arriving in Iraq. The Attorney General's agenda while in Iraq included meetings with Ambassador Ryan Crocker, Department of Justice and U.S. military personnel, and various Iraqi government officials, including Chief Justice Medhat al-Mahmoud of the Federal Supreme Court, Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il and Minister of the Interior Jawad al-Bulani.



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

### Iraq Sets Date for Third Saddam-Era Trial:

- This month, the Iraqi High Tribunal is set to open a third trial into alleged crimes committed under Saddam Hussein, this time over the suppression of a Shiite uprising. Fifteen defendants will go on trial, including Ali Hassan al-Majid, who is widely known as Chemical Ali, and who was sentenced to death two months ago for his role in the slaughter of ethnic Kurds.

### Iraqi Judge Fatalities Prove Need for Newly Constructed Complex:

- Overall, more than 30 Iraqi judges have been killed in the line of duty in Iraq, underscoring the need for the new complex in Baghdad aimed at protecting the justice system, U.S. and Iraqi officials said August 13. The number was disclosed during a press conference to promote a new justice complex in eastern Baghdad that began operating last month.



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

### Expansion of UNAMI Role Unanimously Approved:

- The UN Security Council voted unanimously August 10 to expand the UN role in Iraq. Resolution 1770, presented by the U.S. and Britain, extends the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq mandate for another year. In addition to increasing the number of UN employees in Iraq, the resolution permits the UN Special Representative in Iraq to offer advice, support, and help to the Iraqi government.

### Danish Military Ends Iraq Mission:

- The Danish battalion of 450 ground troops has left Iraq, a Danish army spokesman reported August 8. “The Danish battalion that has been deployed in southern Iraq is now out of Iraq,” Army Operational Command (AOC) spokesman Hans Vedholm reported.

### EU Supports First Border Security Working Group (BSWG):

- The EU Presidency issued a statement August 13 welcoming the first BSWG, held in Damascus August 8-9; emphasizing the need for regular BSWG meetings to explore ways to improve security and reduce violence in Iraq.

### Sweden Ends Commercial Flights to and from Iraq:

- Sweden has suspended commercial flights to and from Iraq, the aviation authority said August 14, contending one of the country’s passenger jets was targeted by a rocket last week as it left the northern Iraqi city of Sulaimaniyah. An Iraqi airport official denied the plane came under fire, blaming Kurds who were hunting using spotlights that the pilots mistook for the arc of an incoming missile.



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

### 25 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

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

**TOTAL ~ 11,325 Forces**

\*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

**33 Countries and NATO\***  
(including US)  
**Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

\*33 includes the 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

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



### Baghdad Newspapers Resume Publication:

- Iraqi newspapers resumed publication August 12 after the lifting of a four-day curfew imposed by the Iraqi government throughout Baghdad in preparation for pilgrims to the Shiite shrine of Imam al-Kadhim, and devoted most of their pages to Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's recent visit to Turkey and Iran.

### Associated Press Correspondent Kidnapped:

- An official Iraqi police source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that an Iraqi photographer working for the U.S. Associated Press news agency was kidnapped August 8 during an attack in central Baquba. Talal Ahmed Abdullah was kidnapped after an armed group intercepted his vehicle and led him to an unknown place.



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