Iraq Weekly Status Report
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This report provides weekly updates in the eight key areas identified as pillars of US government policy for victory in Iraq.

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Highlights

1. **Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents**
   Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces (CF) recently concluded a ten-day combined operation with 5th Iraqi Army Division units supported by Iraqi Police from the Balad Ruz area and with CF enablers, including Air Force and Army aviation assets, artillery, and security reconnaissance forces. The major combat operations targeted a group of terrorists, known as The Council, in the Turki Village, Tuwilla, and 30 Tamuz area south of Balad Ruz. Friendly forces reported killing over 100 terrorists, capturing an additional 50, and finding over 25 caches of supplies.

2. **Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance**
   The 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division officially took charge of independent operations in west Ramadi during a ceremony at Camp Ali January 22. This is the third battalion in the 1st Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division to assume authority over an area of Ramadi in the last five months.

3. **Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government**
   Abdul Hadi al-Daraji, a top aide to Muqtada al-Sadr, was arrested in Baghdad January 19 in connection with extrajudicial killings, amid growing signs of stepped-up efforts to quell Sadr and his supporters.

4. **Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services**
   Construction was recently completed on a health clinic in Samarra and Qala in Salah ad-Din province. The US Army-funded project enables the delivery of daytime healthcare services to approximately 35,000 people per year.
5. **Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy**
   The Iraq December consumer price index (CPI) inflation was 11.3%; making 2006 inflation 64.8%, a relative increase from the 51.7% year-on-year rate in November. The US government estimate of Iraq’s core inflation figure (which excludes fuel, transport, and rent) was 3.0% in December and 32.5% 2006. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) core inflation figure (which excludes fuel, transport, but includes rent, and which the IMF uses to judge the efficacy of exchange rate appreciation) was 3.2% in December and 31.9% in 2006. The sharp rise in December was driven largely by a 37.6% rise in fuel prices, while other CPI components rose less than 5% or fell slightly.

6. **Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law**
   More than 100 former members of Saddam Hussein’s regime will stand trial this year in connection with the deaths of tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims during the uprising after the 1991 Gulf War, prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi said January 18.

7. **Increase International Support for Iraq**
   Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, on the first visit to Syria by an Iraqi head of state for 30 years, met President Bashar al-Assad January 14. Syria's leader promised to help ease tensions in neighboring Iraq, while Talabani seeks to improve US-Syrian relations.

8. **Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents**
   On January 18, the Paris-based advocacy group Reporters Without Borders urged Iraqi authorities to escalate efforts to protect journalists after, it said, six journalists and media workers were killed in less than a week.
[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Conclusion of Combined Operation:

- Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces (CF) recently concluded a ten-day combined operation with 5th Iraqi Army (IA) Division units supported by Iraqi Police from the Balad Ruz area and with CF enablers, including Air Force and Army aviation assets, artillery, and security reconnaissance forces. The major combat operations targeted a group of terrorists, known as The Council, in the Turki Village, Tuwilla, and 30 Tamuz area south of Balad Ruz. Friendly forces reported killing over 100 terrorists, capturing an additional 50, and finding over 25 caches of supplies.

US Death Toll Hits 25 in One Day:

- At least 25 US military personnel were killed in Iraq January 20 in one of the worst days for American forces since the 2003 invasion. According to open-source reporting, 12 soldiers were killed in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crash northeast of Baghdad, apparently shot down by a shoulder-fired missile.
[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

ISF and CF Target JAM and Sunni Rejectionists/Extremists:

- In the past 45 days, combined Coalition operations included 52 operations primarily focused on Jaysh al-Mahdi (JAM) and 42 focused on Sunni Rejectionists/Extremists.
  - These recent Iraqi Security Forces (ISF)/CF focused operations against JAM have detained 16 high-level JAM militiamen and killed one JAM commander. Five of the detained individuals are JAM commanders in Sadr City. These recent detentions are in addition to six other JAM leaders who have been detained by ISF/CF since the beginning of October.
  - There are currently over 600 illegal JAM militia in detention awaiting prosecution by the Government of Iraq.
  - ISF/CF operations have captured 33 Sunni Rejectionist/Extremist cell leaders in Baghdad in the last 45 days.

High-Profile Bombings in Baghdad Market:

- According to media reports, January 22 was the deadliest day in Iraq so far this year. Twin car bombings in a crowded Baghdad market reportedly killed 88 people, bringing the day’s total civilian casualties to over 100.

IA Battalion Assumes Independent Operations in West Ramadi:

- The 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army (IA) Division officially took charge of independent operations in west Ramadi during a ceremony at Camp Ali January 22. This is the third battalion in the 1st Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division to assume authority over an area of Ramadi in the last five months.

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<td>OTHER MOI FORCES</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**

~323,000****

* 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 January 22, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)
[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government— Developments

Sadrist End CoR Boycott:
• The political movement of Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ended its two-month boycott of the Council of Representatives (CoR) January 21. The CoR has had a quorum since the Sadrist’s return.

Top Sadr Aide Arrested:
• Abdul Hadi al-Daraji, Muqtada al-Sadr’s media director in Baghdad, was arrested January 19, in connection with extrajudicial killings, amid growing signs of stepped-up efforts to quell Sadr and his supporters. Daraji was arrested at his house in the neighborhood of Baladiyat, near the Mahdi Army stronghold of Sadr City shortly after midnight, said Sadr spokesman Abdul Razak al-Nadawi.
• According to a spokesman for Prime Minister Maliki, Maliki was not forewarned about the arrest. It has not been confirmed whether Daraji has been formally charged.

Sunni Delegation to Meet with Iranian Officials about Sectarian Violence in Iraq:
• On January 22, top Muslim scholars “condemn[ed] the sectarian war between Sunnis and Shiites unfolding in Iraq, which is conducive to its fragmentation,” according to a statement issued at the end of a three-day conference on inter-Islamic dialogue, attended by more than 200 scholars from 44 countries, representing various Islamic sects.
• A leading Qatar-based Sunni cleric, Shaykh Yussef Qaradawi, announced at the end of the conference that a Sunni delegation will meet with Iranian officials in an effort to stem sectarian violence in Iraq.
## [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

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(F) = Female
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**[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)

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<td>$18,005.42</td>
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<td>$18,012.46</td>
<td>($40.96)</td>
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**IRRF II Construction**

- IRRF II Construction: $10,575.48
- IRRF II Construction: $10,573.40 ($2.08)
- IRRF II Construction: $10,245.13
- IRRF II Construction: $10,250.09 ($4.97)
- IRRF II Construction: $7,989.33
- IRRF II Construction: $8,027.37 ($38.04)

**IRRF II Non-Construction**

- IRRF II Non-Construction: $6,828.34
- IRRF II Non-Construction: $6,782.41 ($45.93)
- IRRF II Non-Construction: $6,806.58
- IRRF II Non-Construction: $6,760.65 ($45.93)
- IRRF II Non-Construction: $5,850.81
- IRRF II Non-Construction: $5,877.51 ($26.70)

**IRRF II Democracy**

- IRRF II Democracy: $1,001.71
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- IRRF II Democracy: $896.79
- IRRF II Democracy: $893.05 ($3.74)

**IRRF I Total**

- IRRF I Total: $2,473.30
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- IRRF I Total: $2,232.3
- IRRF I Total: $2,232.3
- IRRF I Total: $2,139.00
- IRRF I Total: $2,139.00

**Grand Total IRRF I & II**

- Grand Total IRRF I & II: $20,922.25
- Grand Total IRRF I & II: $20,878.83 ($48.01)
- Grand Total IRRF I & II: $20,285.72 ($40.96)
- Grand Total IRRF I & II: $16,875.94
- Grand Total IRRF I & II: $16,936.93 ($60.99)

As of January 23, 2007
During the week of January 18-24 electricity availability averaged 4.5 hours per day in Baghdad and 7.5 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 7% below the same period in 2005.
[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Transportation and Health

Transportation:

• Construction was recently completed on the Shalal bridge in Najaf province. The US Army-funded project provides an all-weather access artery for villagers and farmers in the community.

Health:

• Construction was recently completed on a health clinic in Samarra and Qala in Salah ad-Din province. The US Army-funded project enables the delivery of daytime healthcare services to approximately 35,000 people per year.

• Built by local construction companies with quality assurance managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, this $3.35 million facility provides routine and initial emergency care to patients including X-ray, laboratories and dentistry. Medical supplies and laboratory equipment were included in the contract to make this facility complete and operational.
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending January 19 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at $45.13/barrel
  - Dated Brent at $52.18/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at $51.48/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at $49.56/barrel

Employment Update:

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<th>Iraqis This Week</th>
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<td>10,506</td>
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<td>Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction</td>
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<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>72,820</td>
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CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

Data as of January 23
[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 April. Since September, the Central Bank has begun slowly appreciating the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, to tackle rampant inflation over the past year. This welcome increase in the dinar’s value against the dollar is reflected in the figure below.

Central Bank of Iraq

The New Iraqi Dinar (NID) exchange rate line is calculated as a weekly weighted average (NID/USD)
[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 9.6 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

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Trading High = $73.98 (January 24)
Trading Low = $64.66 (August 30)
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Economic Events

December Inflation Figures Released:

• The Iraq December consumer price index (CPI) inflation was 11.3%; making 2006 inflation 64.8%, a relative increase from the 51.7% year-on-year rate in November. The US government estimate of Iraq’s core inflation figure (which excludes fuel, transport, and rent) was 3.0% in December and 32.5% for 2006. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimate of Iraq’s core inflation figure (which excludes fuel, transport, but includes rent, and which the IMF uses to judge the efficacy of exchange rate appreciation) was 3.2% in December, and 31.9% in 2006. The sharp rise in December was driven largely by a 37.6% rise in fuel prices, while other CPI components rose less than 5% or fell slightly.

Iraqi Business Matchmaking Event in Dubai:

• The US Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Izdihar project and the US military co-hosted an Iraqi Business Matchmaking Event in Dubai January 9-11. The purpose of the event was to show Iraqi business leaders examples of commercial and developmental success in countries with similar background and resources, such as the United Arab Emirates. Participants took advantage of the opportunity by networking and conducting actual business exchanges. They also toured various business facilities in Dubai.
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy –Economic Events

USIP Hosts Seminar on Iraq's Hydrocarbon Law:

- On January 19, the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) hosted a seminar on Iraq's hydrocarbon law. The two speakers were one of the original drafters of the central government's version, and the legal advisor to the Kurdish Minister of Natural Resources and former adviser on the constitution to the USIP.

- The Iraqi participant in drafting the law said the parties were still ironing out final wording on approval of contracts, after which the framework law will be submitted to the Council of Ministers. He said there would be an appropriate return to the investor so that Iraq could develop a long-term relationship with the international oil community.

- The Iraqi participant said that once an agreement is reached between the various parties, the oil articles in the constitution should be amended to reflect the political agreement contained in the law.

- The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) legal advisor claimed that the KRG will have a separate petroleum regime and that it is not subject to the Iraq National Oil Company, the Oil Ministry in Baghdad, or other Baghdad-based offices. He disagreed with the central government spokesman that a constitutional agreement was necessary, and doubted it would occur.
• Weekly Average (January 15-21) of 1.21 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)

• Production and exports was low this week because of the installation of meters on the oil terminal.
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

- 2006 Revenue Estimate: $31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: $1.0 Billion (Year to Date)
Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – **Total Critical Refined Product Supplies**

- Diesel: 11.3 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 3.7 ML supply of 16.8 ML target
- Gasoline: 11.4 ML supply of 22.5 ML target
- LPG: 1,276 tons supply of 5,630 tons target

*Note: This is a daily average for the week of January 15 – 21*
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

Former Saddam Regime Officials To Be Tried:

- More than 100 former members of Saddam Hussein’s regime will stand trial this year in connection with the deaths of tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims during an uprising after the 1991 Gulf War, prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi said January 18.

- This case will mark the third trial of former regime officials after the Dujail case, in which Saddam was sentenced to death and hanged last month, and the ongoing trial of those accused of killing more than 100,000 Kurds during the so-called Anfal campaign of the 1980s.

- According to Moussawi, among those expected to stand trial are Saddam's half brothers Watban, Ibrahim and Sabawi, as well as the former president's secretary, Abed Hmoud, and former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz. Some will be tried in absentia, including Saddam's former deputy Izzat Ibrahim and former senior Baath party official Mohammed Younis al-Ahmed. They have been on the run since the fall of Saddam's regime in April 2003.
[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments

**Iraq Receives Copy of New Turkish Ambassador's Credentials:**

- Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari received the credentials of the newly-appointed Ambassador of Turkey to Iraq, Derya Kambay.

**Japan Offers Training Courses on Consular and Diplomatic Affairs:**

- The Ambassador of Japan to Iraq, Hisa u Yamaguchi, met with Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari, where several issues were discussed, including the exchange of visits by top officials from both countries, the developments of the political and security situations in Iraq, the future of the Baghdad security plan, and the International Compact with Iraq. Japan also offered to train members of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry staff members in two special courses for consular and diplomacy affairs.

**President Talabani Visits Syria:**

- Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, on the first visit to Syria by an Iraqi head of state for 30 years, met President Bashar al-Assad January 14. Syria's leader promised to help ease tensions in neighboring Iraq, while Talabani seeks to improve US-Syrian relations.
[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of January 17, 2007

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

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

TOTAL ~ 14,650 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 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey
Protection for Journalists Urged by Advocacy Group:

- On January 18, the Paris-based advocacy group Reporters Without Borders urged Iraqi authorities to escalate efforts to protect journalists after, it said, six journalists and media workers were killed in less than a week. The group issued a statement calling on the Iraqi government to bring the killers to justice, and noted that the recent string of slayings came less than a month after the UN Security Council adopted a resolution on the protection of journalists.

Children Die During Imitation Hangings:

- A security source said January 20 that an Egyptian teenager had hung himself in his home in Alexandria in an apparent imitation of last month’s execution of Saddam Hussein.

- Eight other children have died around the world after attempt to reenact Saddam’s execution, which was broadcast by a string of satellite channels globally.
• This brief draws from multiple sources. References are cited on the following pages.

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- DoD Input to Iraq Weekly Status Report January 24, 2007

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- POC Bob Means (202) 647-9815
- The chart shows average daily power production in megawatt hours (MWh). 120,000 MWh goal equates to 20 hours at 6000 MW average supplied load or 24 hours at 5000 MW average supply load. Currently supplies are not much improved over last year when judged by hours of power, but this is in part due to an influx of new appliances. This has dramatically altered demand and diluted the effect of increased generation capacity on actual results.
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