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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4. **Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services**
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Highlights

5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Security Financial Services, Inc., based in Michigan, rolled out its first pre-paid purchase and Internet shopping cards in Iraq on April 2.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

On April 4, the Iraq High Tribunal announced new criminal charges against Saddam Hussein and six others, accusing them of genocide and crimes against humanity stemming from a 1980s crackdown against Kurds.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

Bulgaria sent the first troops of a 150-strong guard unit for duty at a refugee camp in Iraq. The new NATO member is sending 120 soldiers and 34 support personnel to guard a camp of Iranian refugees in Ashraf, some 40 miles north of Baghdad.

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

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, during her visit to Iraq on April 2, stated that “And indeed the international partners, particularly the United States and Great Britain and others who have forces on the ground and have sacrificed here, have a deep desire and I think a right to expect that this process will keep moving forward, because it is after all the political process that will disable those who wish to engage in violence against the Iraqi people.
[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Insurgents Killed During Failed Attack:
• On April 1, four insurgent gunmen were killed after two failed attacks against Iraqi and Task Force Band of Brothers soldiers near Balad. The three gunmen attacked an Iraqi Army unit east of Balad and Iraqi soldiers returned fire, breaking up the attack and trapping the gunmen in a nearby house. A patrol from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division arrived and came under fire as they approached the house. The soldiers returned fire, killing the three gunmen in the house. Three AK-47 assault rifles and several hand grenades were discovered in the building.

Operation Red Light II:
• Iraqi Army and US soldiers detained 17 anti-Iraqi forces personnel and discovered four weapons caches during Operation Red Light II in Salah Ad Din province March 31. The four weapons caches consisted of an assortment of IED making material, as well as 27,060 rounds of ammunition, 118 artillery rounds, 102 artillery projectile charges, 31 rockets, 19 rocket-propelled grenades, four surface-to-air missiles, 87 mines, 45 hand grenades, three mortar rounds, one mortar site, and one explosive stick of PE4. The 17 detainees were taken into custody by Iraqi Army soldiers for further questioning.

Baghdad Police College Graduates Latest Officers:
• A group of 278 policemen became the newest police officers within the Iraqi police force March 30 after graduating from the six month Officer Candidate Program at Baghdad Police College. The graduation is a step forward in providing more experienced and educated future leaders within the Iraqi Police Services.

Iraqi Brigade Operates Supply Delivery Mission Independently:
• For the first time the Iraqi unit operated independently from the 4th Sustainment Brigade, its American de facto higher headquarters. The operation was the culmination of months of effort from the 4th Support Battalion’s Taji-based units, and 189th Corps Support Battalion.

### Ministry of Interior Forces

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<td>HIGHWAY PATROL</td>
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<td>OTHER MOI FORCES</td>
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### Ministry of Defense Forces

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**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**

~250,500

* 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

Data as of April 3, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)
[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government—Developments

Talabani Upbeat on Progress of Government Formation:
• On April 4, President Talabani told local media that parliamentary bloc negotiators have largely completed government framework discussions on agenda and cabinet by-laws. He is pushing for the CoR to meet April 9 to discuss the candidacies of the PM, President and Speaker. During their visit, Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told Iraqi leaders that people, both inside and outside Iraq, are frustrated with the lack of progress on government formation talks. While highlighting the progress made on cabinet by-laws and government agenda issues, the Secretary emphasized that Iraq's international supporters must see progress.

Ja’fari Asked to Step Down:
• On April 1, senior members of Iraq's Shiite Alliance bloc, for the first time, publicly called for Ibrahim Ja’fari to step down as prime minister to break months of deadlock over a national unity government. Media sources report Ja’fari, along with Dawa/Sadrist supporters, are adamant that he is the UIA legitimate choice for Prime Minister and reject any proposal for him to step aside.
[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– Developments

IECI Official Announced December 15, 2005 Election Results:

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

President
Jalal Talabani

Deputy President
Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr

Deputy Prime Minister
Rawsh Shaways

Deputy Prime Minister
‘Abd Mutlak al-Juburi

Prime Minister
Ibrahim al-Ja’fari

Deputy Prime Minister
Ahmad al-Chalabi

Deputy Prime Minister
Vacant

Minister of Agriculture
Ali al-Bahadili

Minister of Communications
Juwan Fu’ad Ma’sum (F)

Minister of Culture
Nuri al-Rawi

Minister of Defense
Sa’dun al-Dulaymi

Minister of Displacement & Migration
Suhayla al-Kinani (F)

Minister of Electricity
Muhsin Shalash

Minister of Education
Abdul Mun’im al-Falah Hasan

Minister of Environment
Narmin ‘Uthman (F)

Minister of Finance
‘Ali ‘Allawi

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hoshyar Zebari

Minister of Health
Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay’i

Minister of Higher Education
Sami al-Muzaffar

Minister of Human Rights
Vacant

Minister of Industry & Minerals
Usama al-Najafi

Minister of Interior
Bayan Jabr

Minister of Foreign Affairs
‘Abd al-Husayn Shandal

Minister of Justice
Jasim Ja’far

Minister of Housing & Construction
Ihsan al-Majid

Minister of Labor & Social Affairs
Idris Hadi

Minister of Oil
Hashem al-Hashemi (Acting)

Minister of Planning
Barham Salih

Minister of Trade
‘Abd al-Basit Mawlud

Minister of Science & Technology
Basima Butrus (F)

Minister of Municipalities & Public Works
Nasreen Berwari (F)

Minister of Transportation
Salam al-Maliki

Minister of Water Resources
‘Abd al-Latif Rashid

Minister of Youth & Sports
Talib Aziz al-Zaini

Minister of State for Civil Society
‘Ala’ abib Kazim

Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs
Safa’ al-Din al-Safiy

Minister of State for National Security Affairs
‘Abd al-Karim al-‘Anzi

Minister of State for Provinces
Sa’d al-Hardan

Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities
Hashim al-Hashimi

Minister of State for Women’s Affairs
Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)

(F) = Female
As of April 04, 2006

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<td>19,725.5</td>
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• Electricity availability in Baghdad decreased in the last week (28 March – 3 April 2006) to an average of 5.7 hours per day because of seasonal maintenance at area plants and a slight increase in demand.
• Nationwide average electricity availability likewise decreased slightly to 11.7 hours per day.
• Electricity output since the start of 2006 is 6 percent higher than it was for the same period in 2005.
[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity

Electricity:

• A US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), $10.4 million electrical transmission project in the Irbil Province was completed on March 29. The project, which will benefit 45,000 Iraqis, installed overhead transmission lines connecting the Shaqlawa substation with the new Khoshnaw substation. The project also included two underground fiber optic cable lines for future expansion.

• Construction was completed on a $4.4 million electrical distribution project in Kirkuk on March 26. The USACE project repaired the substation and increased generation to improve the electrical distribution system and power supply to the 10,000 residents in the center of Kirkuk.

• The USACE has completed a $16 million contract constructing four new electrical substations in Atrush, Esharqi, Toozand, and Abara that will benefit more than 222,000 Iraqis in the provinces of Dahuk, Diyala, and Salah Ad Din. The new substations are fitted with two transformers each which allows maintenance of a transformer without interfering with the substations’ ability to continue to supply power.

• Construction was completed on the Al Sadeyah ($3.1 million), Al Salam ($3.6 million), and Al Mansuriyah ($3.4 million) substations in Diyala Province on March 30. The three substations will improve the electrical distribution system and power supply to approximately 115,000 residents in the Diyala Province.
Public Health and Healthcare:
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) construction is complete on the Sulaymaniyah Maternity Hospital renovation in Sulaymaniyah Province. The $575,000 project required renovating the existing elevator, designing and constructing a new bed-lift elevator, repairing the roof, installing an incinerator and a reverse osmosis water treatment system. The project gave the hospital purified water, an on-site medical waste disposal facility and bed-lift capability, which will improve healthcare for the more than 120,000 residents of the area.

Mental Health:
- The US Department of Health sponsored a five-day Mental Health Action Planning Conference for Iraq in Cairo, Egypt March 25-30. The conference brought over 60 Iraqi psychiatrists, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Higher Education together with mental health experts from the US and UK to plan for community mental health programs.
- With only 80 to 90 psychiatrists and only one child psychiatrist in Iraq, community mental health in primary health care settings is the most practical approach to providing mental health services to an Iraqi population in dire need of these services. Working groups at the conference focused on mental health policy, services, research and communications.
Water and Sanitation:

- USACE construction is complete on the Basrah/Umm Qasr water supply in Az Zubayr, Basrah Province. The $16.1 million project included a geotechnical survey, pump assessment, head and gate repairs, waste disposal refurbishment, engine and hydraulics overhaul, and training. The project also included the design of a dedicated power supply for the pump station and a system to track operations and maintenance. This work will provide a reliable clean water supply to 2.5 million people in Basrah and Dhi Qar Provinces.

Transportation:

- The Musayib Bridge, located about 45 kilometers south of Baghdad reopened last week. It will make traveling easier for residents of Babil province. The span, which runs over the Euphrates River in Iskandariyah, is the main thoroughfare for merchants, worshippers and families who travel north to Baghdad or south to Karbala.
[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Education and Transportation**

**Education:**

- USAID's private sector development program last week delivered 5,000 new books on modern accounting concepts to Iraqi accountants nationwide. The Arabic-language books, comprising 120 titles on accounting, auditing, marketing, human resources, law and economics, were delivered to 26 locations, including 7 universities, a governmental organization, and 18 branches of the Iraqi Union of Accountants and Auditors (IUAA). Eighty percent of the recipients were located outside of Baghdad.

- On March 16, the US Army Corps of Engineers completed a $458,000 primary school project in the Dahuk Province. The project consisted of constructing a new two-story, 12-room school. The Dahuk school will house 825 students and 36 teachers.
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:
• Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending March 31 closed with the following prices:
  – Basrah Light at $57.36/barrel
  – Dated Brent at $64.48/barrel
  – WTI Cushing at $66.09/barrel
  – Oman/Dubai at $58.71/barrel

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

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<th>Iraqis This Week</th>
<th>% Increase on Week</th>
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<td>57,987</td>
<td>56,908</td>
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<td>MILCON (Military Construction)</td>
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<td>234</td>
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- CERP numbers have not been updated recently and PCO will be reporting on a bi-weekly basis.
- USAID continues to update weekly.
[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 November 1, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD on April 3.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: November 1, 2005 - April 3, 2006

*The NID exchange rate line is calculated as a weekly weighted average.*
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 are currently trading at just under their original asking price. The drop in price and accompanying increase in yield around the end of February reflect increased concerns following the Feb. 22 bombing of the Al Askari Mosque in Samarra. The bonds’ current yield of 9.26 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 = $67.34 (March 28)
Central Bank Employee Training:

- In March, Iraqi bankers attended a Banking Supervision seminar sponsored by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and US Federal Reserve System (FRS). The two-week workshop focused on asset/liability management and bank liquidity for staff from the Central Bank of Iraq’s (CBI) Banking Supervision Department. The Istanbul seminar caps off a two-year coordinated training program with the IMF, FRS, and USAID that focused on introducing the fundamental elements of risk-based banking supervision.
Agricultural Development:

• Current surveys have found that many of the poultry farms in the Baghdad region have suspended production, and those still operating are doing so at only a fraction of their full capacity. USAID’s Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Program for Iraq (ARDI) will soon release a full report on Baghdad’s poultry industry, which will offer recommendations to assist the struggling industry.

• In the coming weeks, teams of ARDI and Ministry of Agriculture agronomists will conduct field inspections with 124 farmers in Erbil and Dahuk who received certified wheat seed in 2005 to determine which crops are acceptable for producing certified seed. The farmers with fields that pass inspection will receive official government certification that their wheat seed is high quality, or certified plus one. The project will then be able to generate between 3,300 and 4,000 tons of seed for the next planting season.

• ARDI and MoA are working together to estimate production yields for the 2005-2006 winter crop season. To improve the accuracy of crop estimates, ARDI is utilizing satellite imagery, in tandem with field observations to be conducted in April and May when it is easiest to distinguish crop varieties. The collected data will provide crop estimates with a much smaller margin of error than previous surveys.
[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Production

- Weekly Average (March 27-April 2) of 2.18 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)
• 2005 Revenue Estimate: $23.5 Billion
• 2006 Revenue Estimate: $6.2 Billion (Year to Date)
[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services –
Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

- Diesel: 15.6 ML supply of 20.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.3 ML supply of 10.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 20.4 ML supply of 23.4 ML target
- LPG: 3,518 tons supply of 4,400 tons target

Note: This is a daily average for the week of March 27-April 2
• 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.
Saddam Accused of Genocide in New Charges:

- On April 4, the Iraqi High Tribunal announced new criminal charges against Saddam Hussein and six others, accusing them of genocide and crimes against humanity stemming from a 1980s crackdown against Kurds. The move, tantamount to an indictment under the Iraqi legal system, paves the way for a second trial of the ousted ruler. Saddam already is being tried in the killings of more than 140 Shiites in the town of Dujail. Under Iraqi law, the second trial could begin anytime after 45 days. Investigative judge Raid Juhi said the charges against Saddam and the others had been filed with another judge, who will review the evidence and order a trial date. The new case involves Saddam's role in “Operation Anfal”, a three-phase move against Kurds in northern Iraq during the war with Iran in the late 1980s. Anfal included the March 16 gas attack on the village of Halabja in which 5,000 people, including women and children, died. Human rights groups consider the Halabja attack one of the gravest atrocities allegedly committed by Saddam's regime. However, Juhi told The Associated Press that the Halabja gas attack would be prosecuted separately and was not considered part of the charges filed Tuesday.
[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments

Japanese Troop Withdrawal Delay:
• On April 2, Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso announced that Japan may delay the withdrawal of its troops from southern Iraq because of the unstable situation in the country, perhaps until as late as autumn. Previous media reports had said the government wanted to withdraw the troops by the end of May. Aso suggested that delay in withdrawal might be appropriate due to deadlock over formation of a national unity government.

Bulgarian Troops Arrive:
• Bulgaria sent the first troops of a 150-strong guard unit for duty at a refugee camp in Iraq. The new NATO member is sending 120 soldiers and 34 support personnel to guard a camp of Iranian refugees in Ashraf, some 70 km (40 miles) north of Baghdad. The Bulgarian troops will stay in Iraq for a year.

UNICEF and WHO Immunize Against Polio:
• Thousands of health workers are fanned out in Iraq in a United Nations supported campaign to vaccinate children against polio and consequentially, the possibility of paralysis. 4.8 million children under the age of five will have been vaccinated by April 23, reinforcing the country’s polio free status. The last reported case was in January 2000. The current countrywide program was launched the week of March 27 during the first of the annual National Immunization Days (NIDs) by the Government with UNICEF and WHO support.
[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations**

Data as of April 04, 2006

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

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**TOTAL ~ 20,000 Forces**

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

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**29 Countries and NATO***

(including US)

**Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

*29 includes the 26 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and Singapore.
Strategic Communications:

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, during her visit to Iraq on April 2, stated that “And indeed the international partners, particularly the United States and Great Britain and others who have forces on the ground and have sacrificed here, have a deep desire and I think a right to expect that this process will keep moving forward, because it is after all the political process that will disable those who wish to engage in violence against the Iraqi people. It is only through a political process in which the Iraqi people have confidence and political leadership in which they have confidence that they can be certain to abandon for all time any resort to violence.”

- “The goal is to leave the foundation for a democratic and stable Iraq, because once that democratic and stable Iraq is in place, you will have the foundations of a different kind of Middle East and our own security will be much stronger. And so the President has said many times that the presence here is for the purposes that I've just talked about, and it is going to remain the presence that we need until Iraqis are able to secure themselves.”
[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – Developments

Strategic Communications:
British Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, in a joint press conference with US Secretary of State Rice, reinforced the US-UK position to support a national Iraq government: “It is now crucial that [the Iraqi government] move forward quickly to ensure the nominations of the senior positions, have those agreed and then agree the cabinet, because there is frankly no doubt that the political vacuum that is here at the moment is not assisting the security situation, and the country's got to be able to move forward. We have emphasized, Secretary Rice and myself, time and again that who becomes nominated and then elected to these leadership positions, including the prime minister, is a matter for sovereign decisions by the sovereign parliament, the Council of Representatives of Iraq; but the international community, particularly the United States, whose forces have lost so many brave men and women, and the United Kingdom a similar situation relative to the strength of our forces, that we are entitled to say that whilst it's up to you, the Iraqis, to decide who should fulfill these positions, somebody has to fill these positions and fill them quickly. And we have urged those that we've been speaking to, to do so.”
Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams

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 U.S. 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.
Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams

Baghdad PRT Inaugurated:
• On March 26 the Baghdad PRT was inaugurated marking the fourth PRT launched to date.
  -In November 2005, the first three “Proof of Concept” PRTs were launched in the provinces of Ninawa, Babil, and Kirkuk. The proposed roll-out plan will have an eventual eight US-led PRTs, four Coalition-led PRTs and six Iraqi teams.

Interested in working in Iraq?
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