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Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Highlights

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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

Minister of the Interior Bolani vowed to purge the country's domestic law enforcement ranks of "unfaithful and corrupt elements, who do not believe in the democratic political project in Iraq, and who managed to penetrate [the ministry] under circumstances of political and governmental vacuums."

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

The Government of Iraq and the United Nations formally launched the International Compact with Iraq July 27, which aims to build a framework for Iraq's economic transformation and integration into the global economy.

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

Addressing a press conference July 27 in Jordan after talks with King Abdullah II, Prime Minister Maliki pledged to disband all militias in Iraq to restore security to the country, but gave no specific date or timeframe, saying that "disbanding the militias will require several steps – political, military, and economic."



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Coalition Forces Repositioning to Baghdad:

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~112,400***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~23,400
TOTAL	~160,100**

Ministry of Defense Forces

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

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~275,100****

- * 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 2, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

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Corruption in Iraq a “Pandemic”:

- According to the quarterly report by the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR), corruption is "a virtual pandemic in Iraq," and threatens rebuilding efforts, international aid, and citizen confidence needed for a fledgling democracy. One Iraqi official estimated that corruption costs the country \$4 billion annually. A recent survey indicated a third of Iraqis polled had paid a bribe to get products or services in the past 12 months and that they had a "core mistrust" of the army and police. "Unless reforms are put in place, corruption may jeopardize the political stability of the new government," according to an audit included in the report. "Successfully addressing corruption in Iraq is indubitably a multigenerational process, but the severity of the current problem begs for a better-resources effort," Inspector General Stuart W. Bowen Jr. said in the report, recommending greater spending on anti-corruption programs. His office was created by Congress and reports administratively to the departments of State and Defense as well as Congress.

Sectarian Violence Continues:

- The cycle of sectarian violence in Iraq has steadily worsened in recent months – particularly in Baghdad – despite PM Maliki’s original security plan, which was instituted shortly after he took office in late May. According to statistics from the Iraqi government collated by the UN, an average of more than 100 civilians were killed per day in June, mostly in Baghdad. Much of the recent violence has been committed by sectarian death squads, including Sunni insurgents seeking to topple the national government and Shiite militiamen operating under the cover of Iraq’s Shiite-controlled security forces.



[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-Bolani	Minister of Justice Hashim al-Shibli	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahrestani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Adil al-Asadi	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	



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

(Millions of USD)

Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,030.60	\$5,036.00	\$4,963.96	\$4,962.85	-\$1.11	\$4,954.11	\$4,953.09	-\$1.01	\$4,576.86	\$4,600.66	\$23.80
Electricity Sector	\$4,220.02	\$4,220.02	\$4,020.01	\$4,035.04	\$15.03	\$3,602.37	\$3,777.67	\$175.31	\$2,418.00	\$2,463.91	\$45.91
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,693.28	\$1,696.49	\$3.22	\$1,648.33	\$1,678.95	\$30.61	\$1,029.61	\$1,060.52	\$30.92
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,308.10	\$1,308.10	\$1,233.95	\$1,237.21	\$3.27	\$1,185.78	\$1,193.52	\$7.74	\$870.59	\$873.26	\$2.66
Democracy	\$1,013.85	\$1,013.85	\$993.58	\$993.58	\$0.00	\$991.41	\$991.41	\$0.00	\$809.78	\$809.71	-\$0.07
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$378.62	\$388.53	\$9.90	\$353.98	\$354.24	\$0.26	\$286.88	\$288.74	\$1.86
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.71	\$333.71	\$331.90	\$331.95	\$0.05	\$329.00	\$328.79	-\$0.20	\$187.59	\$189.50	\$1.91
Health Care	\$784.50	\$784.50	\$760.38	\$764.17	\$3.79	\$676.10	\$737.32	\$61.22	\$505.27	\$509.20	\$3.93
Transportation and Communications	\$469.11	\$469.11	\$446.79	\$448.86	\$2.07	\$414.26	\$423.97	\$9.71	\$300.81	\$301.62	\$0.81
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,034.21	\$2,046.13	\$11.93	\$1,729.64	\$1,817.09	\$87.45	\$1,186.86	\$1,218.24	\$31.38
Private Sector Development	\$805.28	\$805.28	\$799.50	\$799.50	\$0.00	\$794.45	\$795.33	\$0.88	\$685.98	\$692.94	\$6.96
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$161.93	\$168.44	\$6.52
Total	\$18,443.94	\$18,443.94	\$17,868.61	\$17,916.75	\$48.15	\$16,891.86	\$17,263.82	\$371.96	\$13,020.16	\$13,176.75	\$156.59
IRRF II Construction			\$10,235.10	\$10,267.36	\$32.26	\$9,479.29	\$9,767.24	\$287.95	\$6,850.56	\$6,961.73	\$111.17
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,639.93	\$6,655.81	\$15.88	\$6,421.17	\$6,505.18	\$84.01	\$5,359.82	\$5,405.31	\$45.49
IRRF II Democracy			\$993.58	\$993.58	\$0.00	\$991.41	\$991.41	\$0.00	\$809.78	\$809.71	-\$0.07
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	\$20,341.91	\$20,390.05	\$48.15	\$19,124.16	\$19,496.12	\$371.96	\$15,159.16	\$15,315.75	\$156.59

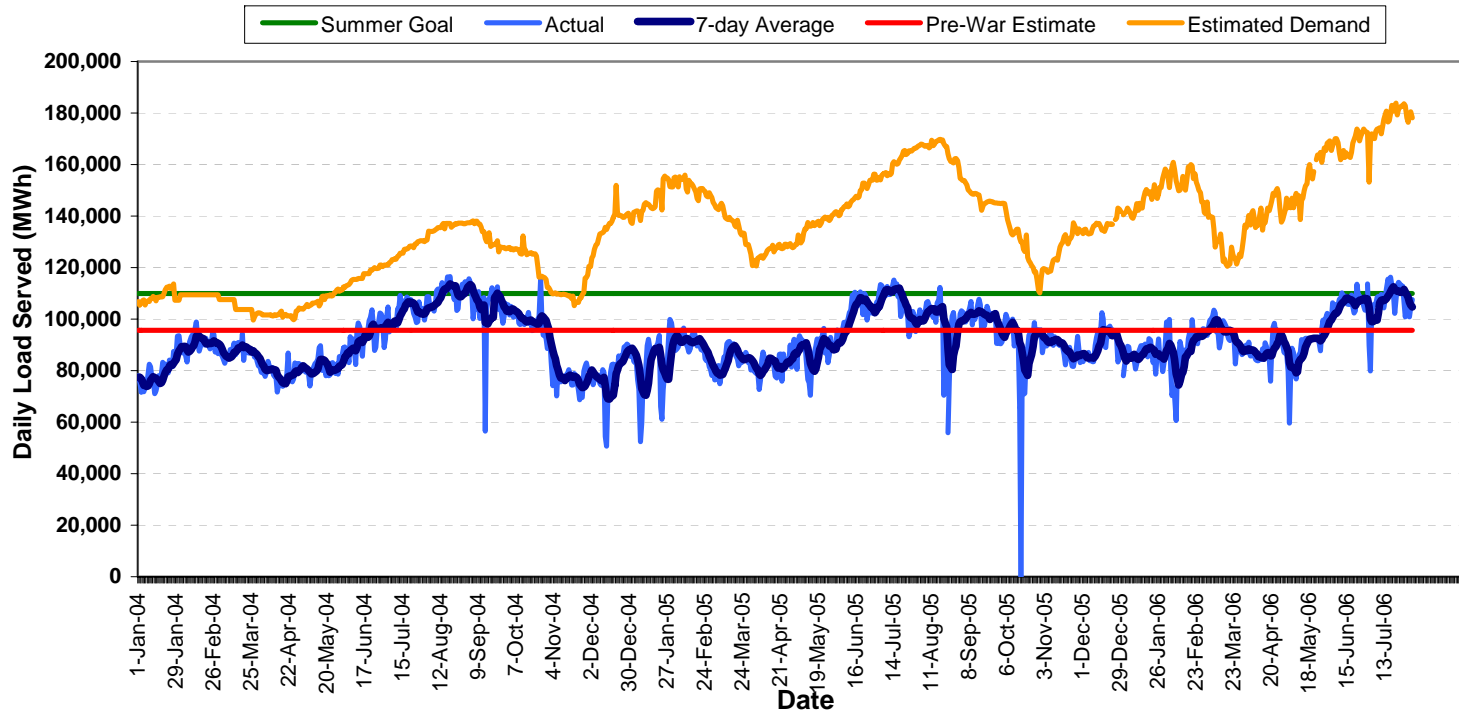
As of August 1, 2006



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

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Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of July 26-August 1, electricity availability averaged 6.0 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.6 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was seven percent above the same period in 2005.



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

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Water:

- Construction was completed on the installation of the Mahalla 513 water network in Sadr City, Baghdad Province July 13. The \$496,000 US Army-funded project installed a water network consisting of various pipe sizes to create trunk, branch and service lines. The completed project brings potable water to approximately 60,000 residents in the Sadr City area.
- Construction was completed on the Pave Attia Canal project in Taji, Baghdad Province July 24. The \$406,000 US Army-funded project provided for all materials, equipment and labor to pave 1.4 kilometers of the Attia Canal. This project improves flow and quality of drinking and irrigation water for 50,000 residents and farmers.

Sanitation:

- Construction was completed on a school bathroom renovation project in Sadr City, Baghdad Province July 20. The \$85,000 US Army-funded project rehabilitated the electrical, structural and mechanical systems of two separate bathroom structures – one for students and one for teachers.



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

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Health Care:

- Construction on two primary healthcare clinics was completed in Baghdad Province. Al Noor (\$56,000) and Al Baladiyat (\$43,000) US Army-funded projects were completed July 15. The facilities will ensure the Iraqi people have access to comprehensive preventative medical care with each clinic expected to see approximately 35,000 patients a year.
- Renovation was completed on the Karkh Maternity Hospital in Baghdad. The \$11.5 million Gulf Regional Division-Iraq Project and Contracting Office (GRD-PCO) project included installing new exhaust, fire alarm and intercom systems. Additionally, the plumbing and electrical systems were repaired and a new generator was added.

Electricity:

- Construction was completed on the installation of electrical service to Al Kazaleia-Al Salam in Mansour, Baghdad Province July 15. The \$1 million US Army-funded project installed 27 kilometers of electrical cable to the Mansour district to provide electrical service to approximately 400 area households.



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

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending July 28 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$66.11/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$74.04/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$73.95/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$68.81/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)	22,724	21,382	-5.91%
USAID	72,033	71,084	-1.32%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	689	689	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	46	136	195.65%
CERP*	6,415	6,543	2.00%
MNSTC-I	7,544	7,099	-5.90%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	11,204	11,194	-0.09%
GRAND TOTAL	121,151	118,127	-2.50%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

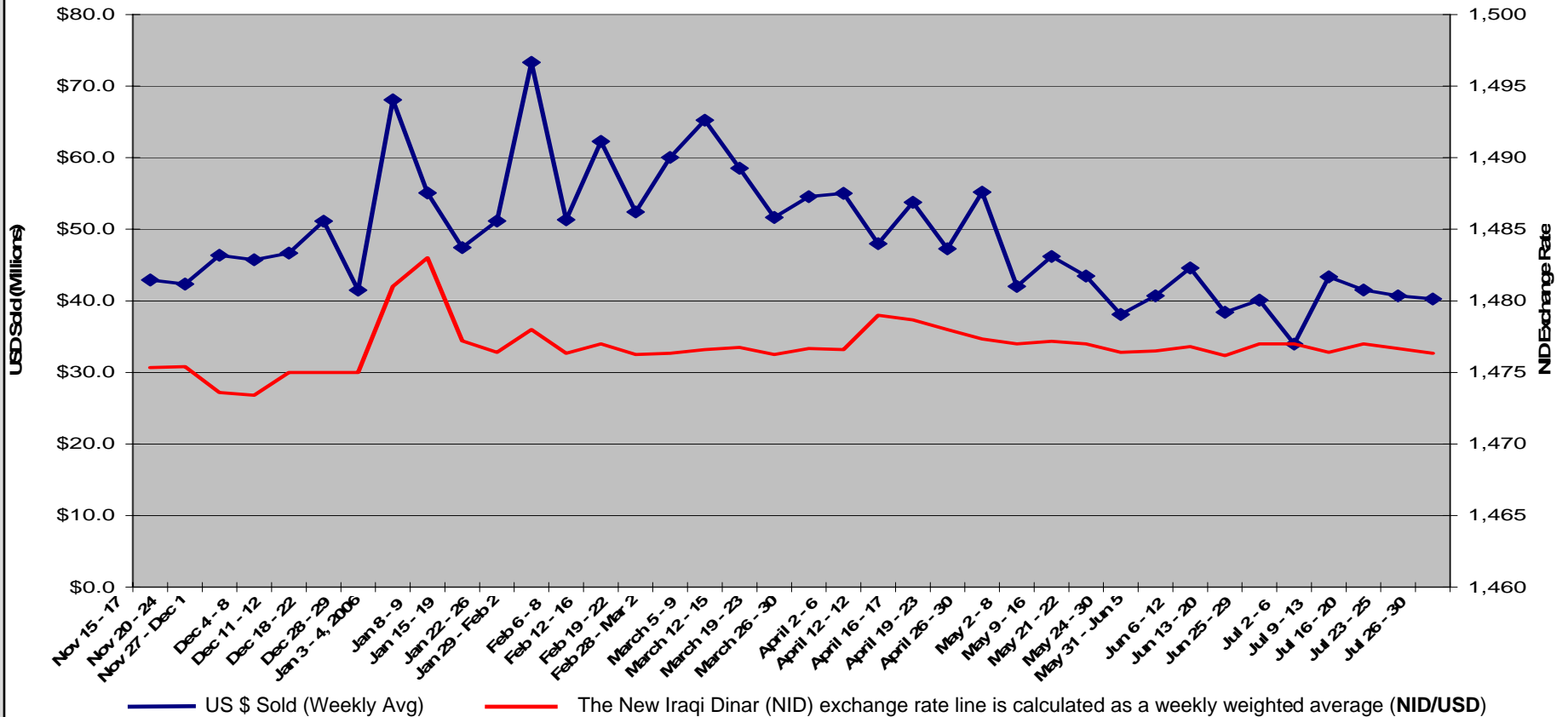


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 November 15, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD July 30. The volume of dollars sold by the Central Bank has increased somewhat in recent weeks, which decreases the dinar money supply and may help in combating inflation.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: November 15, 2005 – July 25, 2006**



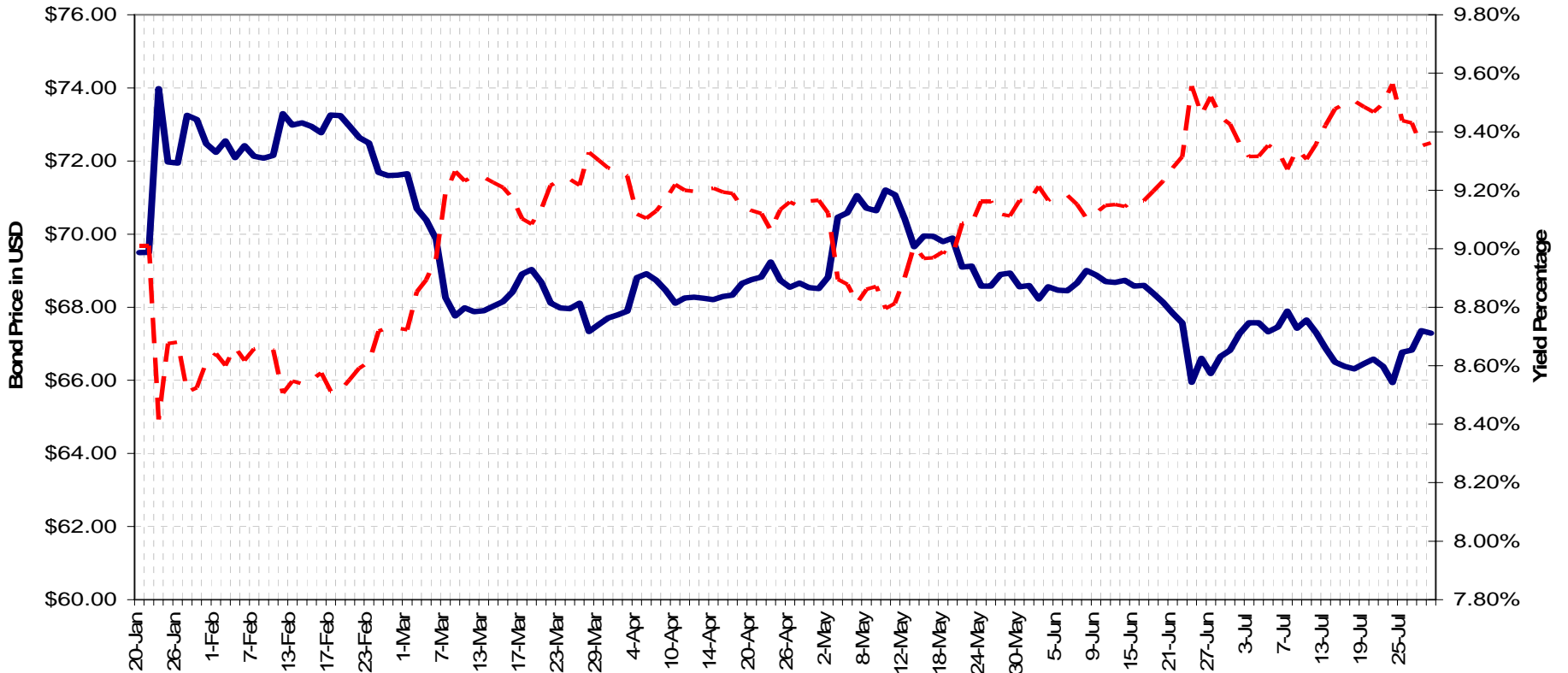


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.36 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - July 28, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$65.94 (July 24)

— Bond Price — Yield



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

New Iraqi Economic Legislation:

- The Government of Iraq (GoI) investment law received its first reading by the Council of Representatives (CoR) July 26, after a quick review by the Economic, Investment and Reconstruction Committee. The CoR did not have enough time to vote on the law before its July 30 recess (procedural rules require three readings over a specific amount of time). The first reading did, however, indicate the significance of the law to the GoI.
- The fuel import liberalization law received its first reading July 26, but like the investment law, it will have to wait until after the CoR's recess before it can be readied for a vote.

Agricultural Activities:

- In July, the USAID-funded Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Program for Iraq (ARDI) held classes for the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Water Resources to provide training in irrigation scheduling and Agro-Ecological Zone Mapping.



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

Ministry of Finance Tax Reform:

- USAID will provide technical assistance to the Iraqi Ministry of Finance on tax reform policies. The program may include assisting the Ministry Finance to develop a national sales tax or value-added tax, as well as training in legislative design and drafting skills.

IMF: Iraq Ready for SBA Review:

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Board was scheduled to review Iraq's performance under the first six months of its IMF Stand-By Arrangement (SBA, an economic reform plan) August 2. Commitments by the Iraq government under the SBA included reducing fuel subsidies and liberalizing fuel imports, and improving monetary and fiscal policy mechanisms.



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

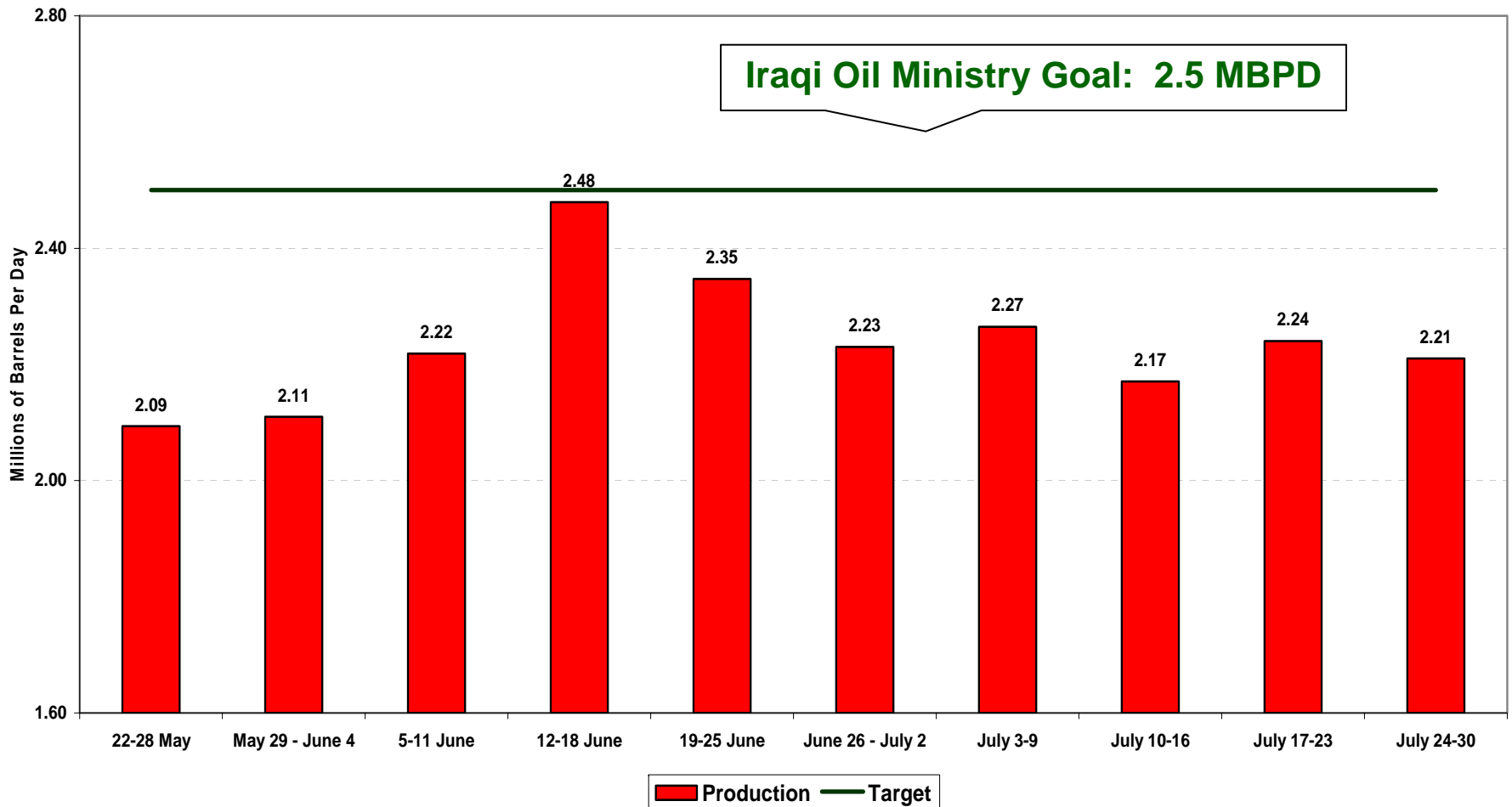
Commercial Debt Restructuring Complete:

- On July 22, Citigroup Inc. said that Iraq had completed the process to retire \$19.7 billion of Saddam-era commercial debt on terms comparable to those of the Paris Club group of sovereign creditor nations (which provided 80 percent debt forgiveness). The process included debt-for-debt exchange, cash buybacks and an arbitration process addressing previously unreconciled claims.
- Almost 500 commercial claimants participated in the program. Nearly 12,000 individual Saddam-era commercial claims were cancelled as a result of the process.



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

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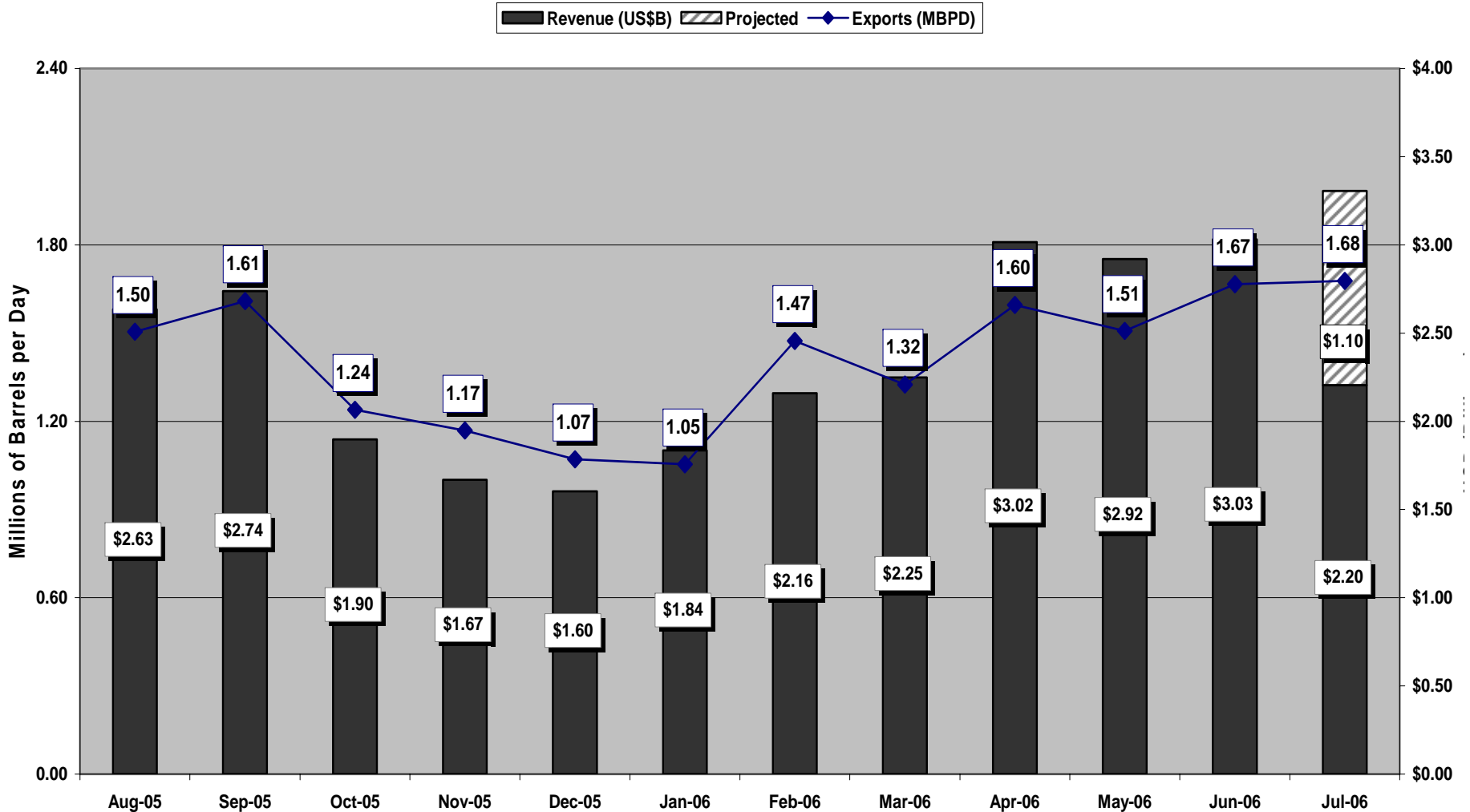


- Weekly Average (July 24-30) of 2.21 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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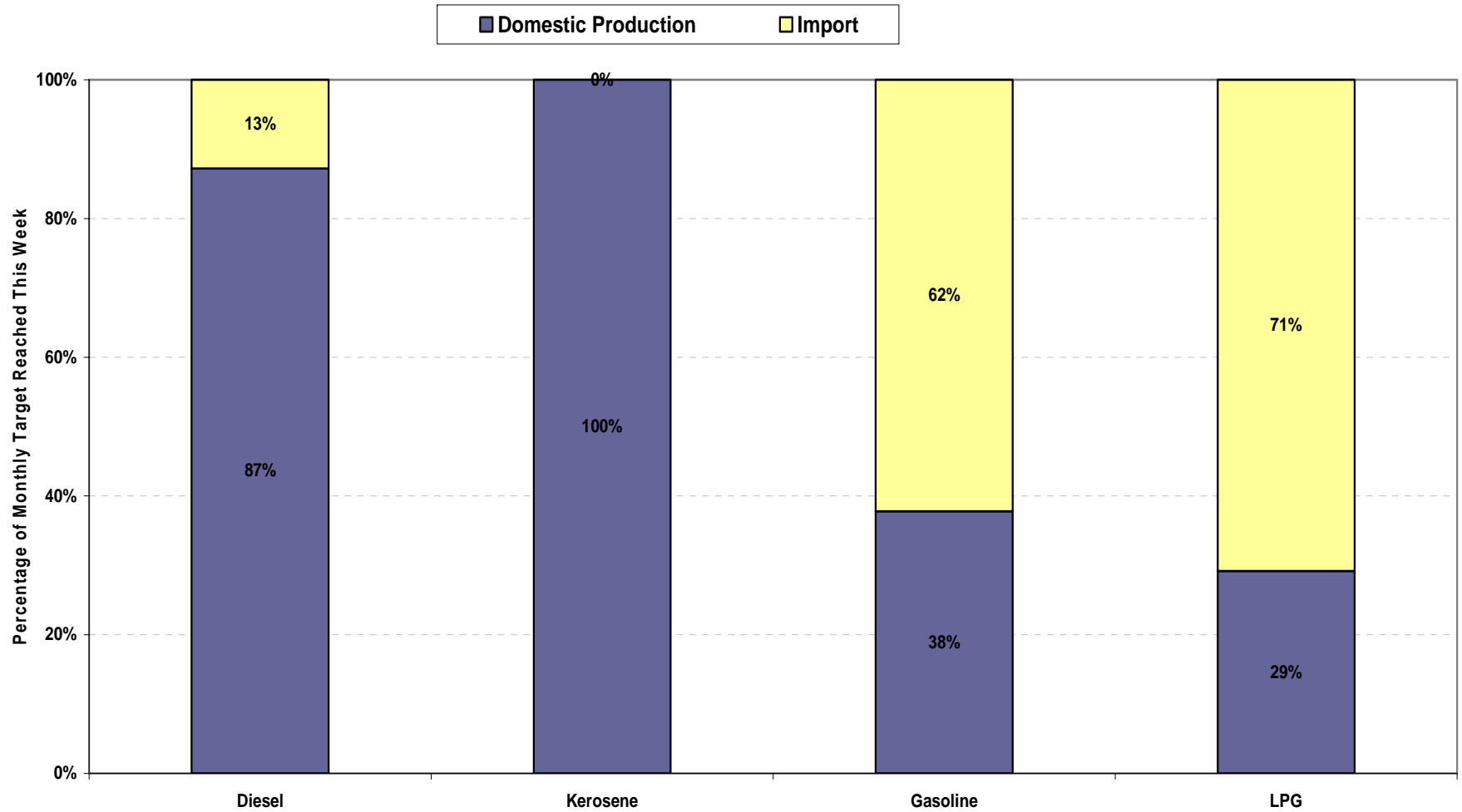


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$17.4 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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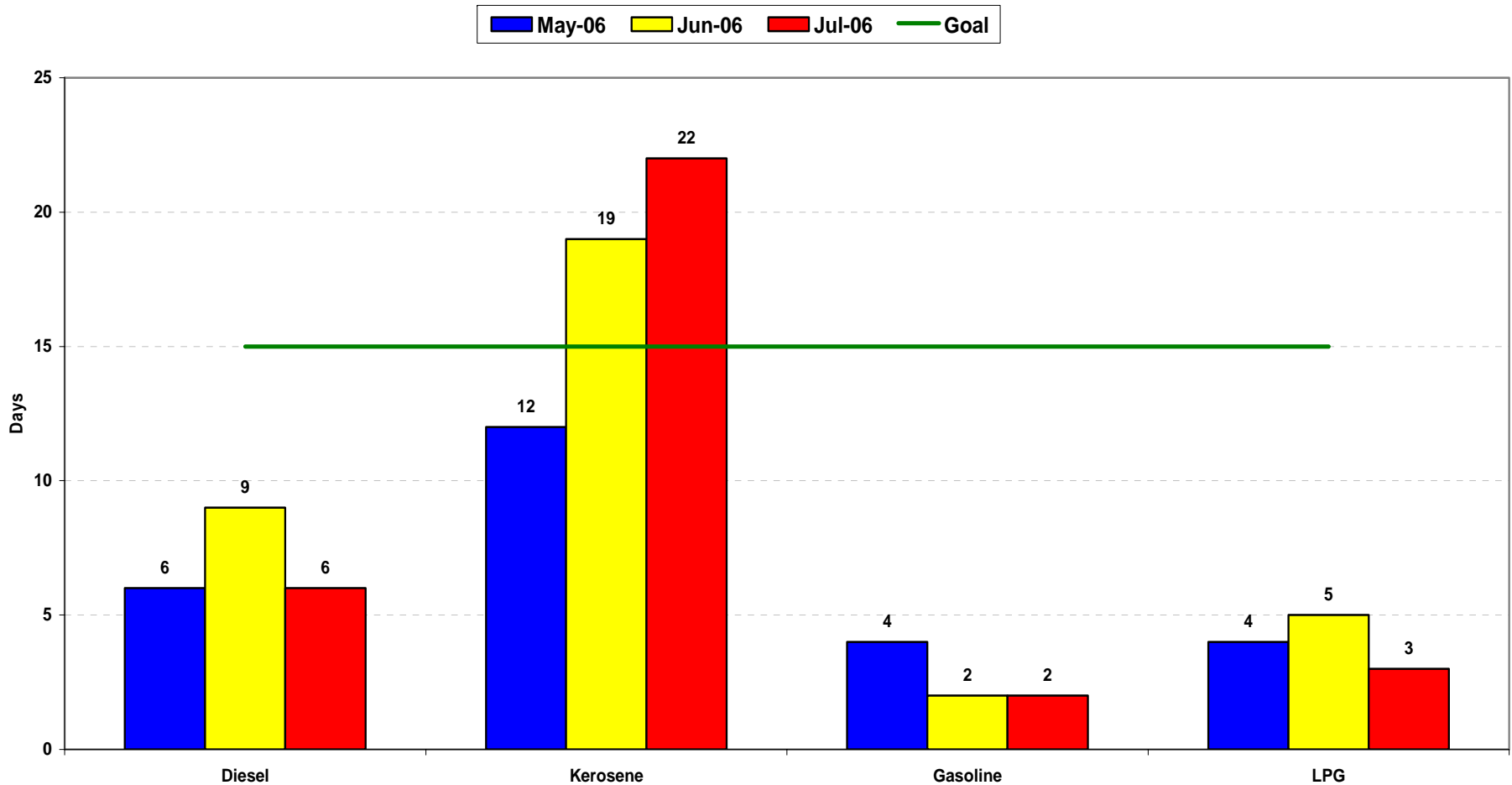
Note: This is a daily average for the week of July 24-30

- Diesel: 7.5 ML supply of 23.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 1.6 ML supply of 8.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 6.0 ML supply of 24.1 ML target
- LPG: 451 tons supply of 4,460 tons target



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

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• The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



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

Iraq's New Interior Minister Promises Clean-Up:

- Minister of Interior Jawad Bolani vowed to purge the country's domestic law enforcement ranks of “unfaithful and corrupt elements, who do not believe in the democratic political project in Iraq, and who managed to penetrate [the ministry] under circumstances of political and governmental vacuums.” In an interview, one of his deputies said Bolani wants to polish the image of the ministry, which has been accused of creating death squads and torture chambers. Colonel Saddoun Abulollah, a spokesman for Bolani, said the minister has already begun to reform the ministry and that the Iraqi people should honor the police, adding that 3,000 police officers had been killed and 3,000 injured in the line of duty since April 2003.

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



Saddam Hussein's Trial Resumes:

- Saddam Hussein's trial resumed July 27 for the final session before the verdict, with court-appointed attorneys ready to deliver final summations for two of the major defendants. Hussein has not been in court since his summation was presented July 26 by a court-appointed attorney; his defense team has boycotted the trial since last month to protest the killing of lawyer Khamis al Obeidi. The prosecution has asked for the death penalty for Hussein and two of the other seven defendants for their roles in the deaths of Iraqis in a crackdown following a 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam in Dujail. After the summations are complete, the five-judge panel will adjourn to consider a verdict, which could come as early as mid-August, but an American legal expert who has been advising the court said it was more likely in the fall. Hussein is also due to stand trial August 21 in the suppression of Iraqi Kurds in the 1980s.



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

Iraq Announces Formal Launch of the International Compact for Iraq:

- The Government of Iraq (GoI) and the United Nations (UN) announced the formal launch of the International Compact with Iraq July 27. The Compact, jointly chaired by the GoI and the UN – with the support of the World Bank – will, over the next five years, bring together the international community and multilateral organizations to help Iraq achieve its National Vision.
- The GoI's five-year National Vision is that Iraq shall be a united, federal and democratic country, at peace with its neighbors and itself, well on its way to sustainable economic self-sufficiency and prosperity and well-integrated in its region and the world. Guided by the UN Millennium Development Goals, the GoI will work to meet basic needs, protect the rights of all citizens and ensure the optimal use of the country's resources for the common good.

European Union Iraq Commission Appoints First Head of Delegation:

- The European Commission appointed Ilkka Uusitalo, who had recently served as Head of Delegation in Pakistan, as the Head of its newly-established European Commission Delegation in Iraq. This decision paves the way for a reinforcement of the Commission's presence in the country and will contribute to the deepening of EU-Iraq relations.



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

Data as of July 21, 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

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

PM Maliki Addresses Press Conference In Jordan:

- Addressing a press conference July 27 in Jordan after talks with King Abdullah II, Prime Minister Maliki pledged to disband all militias in Iraq to restore security to the country, but gave no specific date or timeframe, saying that “disbanding the militias will require several steps – political, military, and economic” and that militias would have to be disbanded in a way that would not “cause tension and would reassure Iraqis, especially those who seek protection from militias, that the government will be responsible for security.” Speaking to the same press conference, Jordanian Prime Minister Marouf al Bakhit agreed with PM Maliki’s statement on the necessity of border security and added that “terrorism threatens us the way it threatens Iraq.”



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

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US Delegation Visits Iraq:

- A five-member delegation of US congressmen visited Baghdad July 31, meeting with US military and political officials, as well as the Iraqi defense minister and officials from the interior ministry. Members of the delegation expressed concern over the sectarian violence in the country, with US Representative Tom Cole stressing that this violence “is seen as a great political setback,” but said that PM Maliki’s address to the US Congress “made an enormously positive impression.” Representative Josiah Banner said that “the challenges facing the Iraqi government are daunting...A free democracy in Iraq won’t develop overnight, but the seeds have been planted.”



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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