

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions, with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the Persian Gulf to the east and the Red Sea to the south. The title "Iraq Weekly Status Report" is centered over the yellow area of Iraq.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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## Highlights

### 1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

Iraqi Security Forces, supported by soldiers from Multi-National Division – Baghdad, expanded their combined security efforts into the northeast Baghdad neighborhood of Adhamiyah August 27 in support of Operation Together Forward.

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

The Coalition announced that the Iraqi government will officially take control of its major air, sea and land-based military commands beginning in early September by standing up the Iraqi Joint Headquarters.

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

Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki brought together hundreds of tribal shaykhs from a broad range of groups in an August 26 conference to support his National Reconciliation initiative and help stop sectarian strife and terrorism. The shaykhs have signed a document that commits them to the reconciliation initiative and to preserving Iraq's unity.

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

Construction was completed on the Hay al-Zahara 11kV electrical network in Wasit Province. The \$421,000 GRD/PCO-funded project repaired and replaced electrical feeders and transformers, which will improve electricity to over 250 homes and commercial businesses in al-Kut.



## Highlights

### 5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

The Iraqi Minister of Trade announced that Iraq will participate in the Damascus International Fair September 3 -12, adding that Iraq's participation will strengthen trade and economic relations between Iraq and Syria.

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

The Iraqi Police Service (IPS) graduated 669 students from basic training courses. Two hundred thirty-eight students in Sulaymaniyah, 118 students in Baghdad, 71 in Irbil, and 35 in Quyyarah West completed the three-week Transition Integration Program.

### 7. Increase International Support for Iraq

UK Defense Secretary Des Browne met with PM Maliki in Baghdad, saying that despite continued violence and ongoing sectarian concerns, the situation in Iraq is improving. In addition, Brown and Maliki discussed the continued withdrawal and redeployment of British forces stationed in the country's south, with the ultimate aim of the Iraqi Army assuming security responsibilities.

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

The Interior Ministry of Iraq announced in a statement August 24 that Prime Minister Maliki has banned television channels from broadcasting images of violence and bloodshed in the country.



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

### Operation Together Forward Expands Into New Neighborhoods:

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), supported by soldiers from Multi-National Division – Baghdad, expanded their combined security efforts into the northeast Baghdad neighborhood of Adhamiyah August 27 in support of Operation Together Forward. The operation continues to show progress towards reducing the number of kidnappings, murders and sectarian violence in the focus areas of Dora, Mansour, and Kadhimiya.
  - The average daily murder rate in Baghdad province has dropped 46 percent from July to August and over 50 percent for the past two weeks from August 7-25 compared to July's daily rate.

### Iraqi Army and Police Repel Shiite Militia Attack in Ad Diwaniyah:

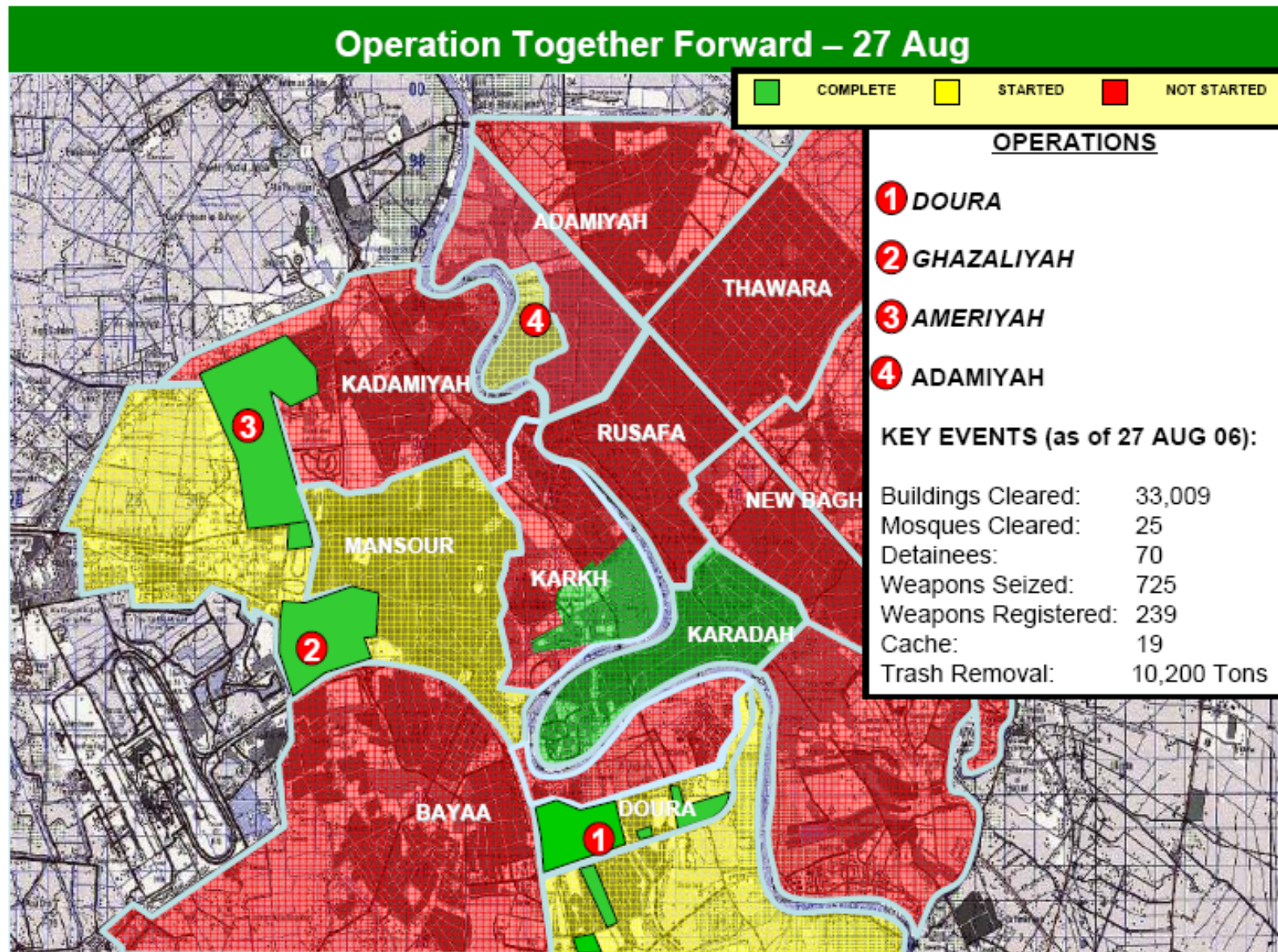
- Iraqi Army and police forces engaged a large group of Jaysh al-Mahdi in Ad-Diwaniyah August 28. Media sources reported 20 ISF and 50 unidentified gunmen were killed.





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

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## Operations Against Death Squads 21-27 AUG 06

### OPERATIONS

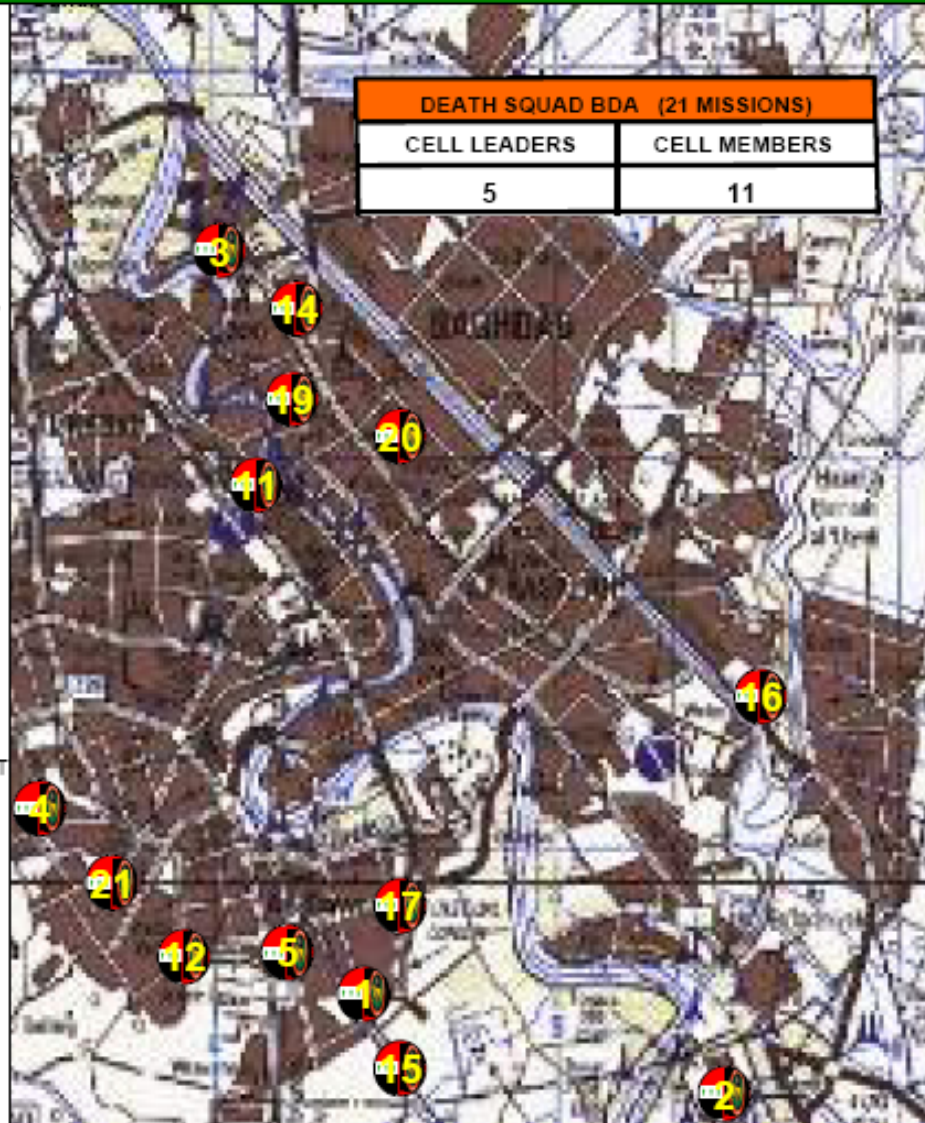
- 1 BAGHDAD: Conducted a C/S OP IVO Doura, 21 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members. **1 Cell Leaders Detained**
- 2 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Time Sensitive C&S OP IVO Doura, 21 AUG 06, IOT Capture kidnapers. **4 x Detainees**
- 3 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Adamiyah, 23 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members.
- 4 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Bayaa, 23 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members. **1 x Cell Leader Detained**
- 5 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Bayaa, 23 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members.
- 6 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO 30 km East of New Baghdad, 22 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members.
- 7 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Al Mada, 22 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members.
- 8 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Sarabadi, 22 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members.
- 9 BAGHDAD: Conducted a C/S OP IVO 30 km Kadamiyah, 22 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members.
- 10 BAGHDAD: Conducted OPS IVO Bayaa, 23 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members.
- 11 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Patrol OP IVO Salman Pak, 23 AUG 06. **Detained 1 x Cell Leader**
- 12 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Adamiyah, 23 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members. **1 x Detainee**
- 13 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Doura, 26 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members. **2 x Cell Leaders**
- 14 BAGHDAD: Conducted OP IVO New Baghdad, 26 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members. **4 x Detainees**
- 15 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Doura, 26 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members.
- 16 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Iskandariyah, 26 AUG 06, IOT Capture Death Squad Members. **2 x Detainees**
- 17 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Adamiyah, 27 AUG 06, IOT Capture Members of Death Squad.
- 18 BAGHDAD: Conducted a Raid OP IVO Adamiyah, 27 AUG 06, IOT Capture Members of a Kidnapping Cell.
- 19 BAGHDAD: Conducted a C/S OP IVO Bayaa, 27 AUG 06, IOT Disrupt Death Squad and Possible Cache Site.

### BAGHDAD PROVINCE

NOTE: 6, 7 and 8 - Operations East of Baghdad

13 and 18 - Operations South of Baghdad

9 and 10 - Operations outside of Baghdad Province





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

### Iraqi Government to Take Control of its Major Military Commands:

- The Coalition announced that the Iraqi government will officially take control of its major air, sea and land-based military commands beginning in early September by standing up the Iraqi Joint Headquarters.
- The Iraqi Ground Forces Command – the primary component for security operations – will stand up at the same time as the Iraqi Joint Headquarters and will gradually take control of the ten Iraqi Army (IA) divisions.
- As of August 28, five IA division headquarters, 26 brigade headquarters and 85 battalions had taken the lead in operations. About a quarter of all security operations are conducted independently by ISF and over two-thirds are conducted by Coalition Forces (CF) in conjunction with Iraqi forces. Less than ten percent are conducted by CF alone.

### National Police Unveil “Quick Look” Plan:

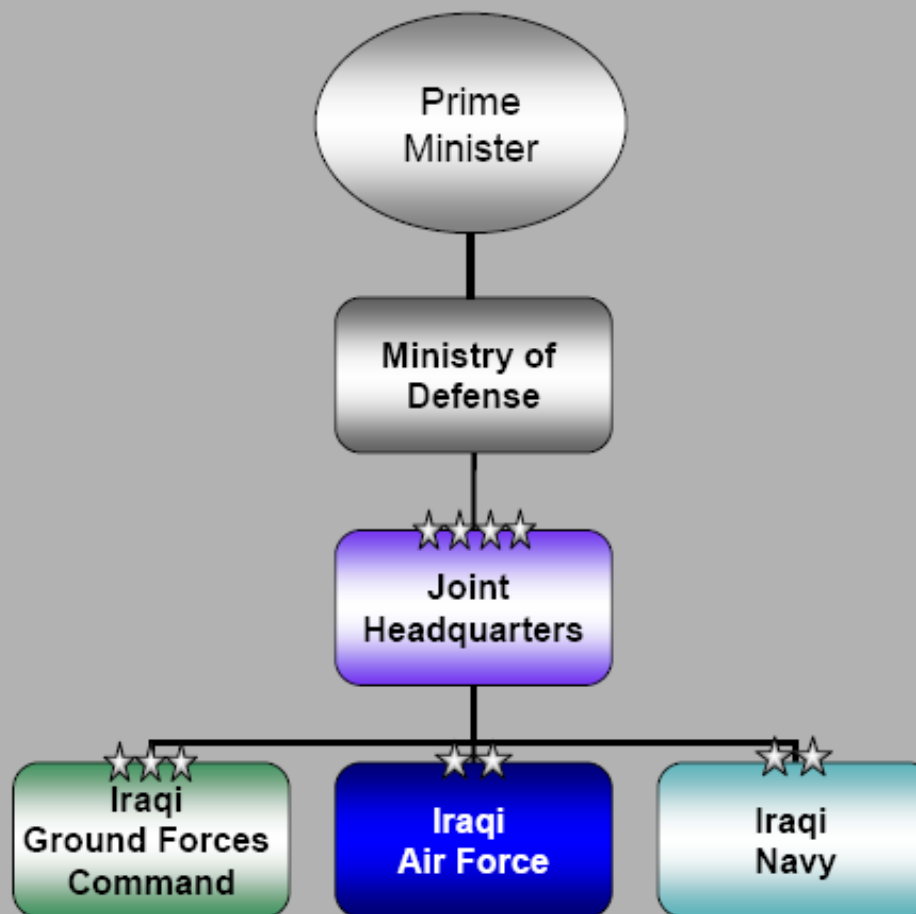
- “Quick Look” is the first phase of the National Police Transformation Plan designed to help transition Iraq to civil security and self-reliance. This phase consists of unit inspections and leader assessments conducted by Iraqi-led teams of Ministry of Interior and Coalition technical experts. These are currently underway in conjunction with Operation Forward Together and will continue through October.





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

### Iraqi Armed Forces Chain of Command





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

### Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~115,500***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~25,200
TOTAL	~165,100**

### Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~127,200***
AIR FORCE	~700
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~129,000**

**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**  
**~294,100\*\*\*\***

\* 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 21, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

#### Tribal Shaykhs Join National Reconciliation Initiative:

- Approximately 500 tribal shaykhs, representing a spectrum of groups, attended a National Reconciliation Initiative Tribal Conference August 26. Prime Minister Maliki said that the conference is a key part of the National Reconciliation project and stressed the participation of all groups, including those outside the traditional political arena. The shaykhs have signed a document that commits them to the reconciliation initiative and to preserving Iraq's unity.
- The tribal representatives also recommended forming six committees: de-Baathification, Army, Militias, Anti-Terrorism, Tribal Unity, and Displaced Families. The proposals of the six committees will be consolidated into a single final draft proposal to be presented to the Prime Minister and will outline the tribes' requests for government action.

#### Kurdistan Draft Constitution Includes Kirkuk:

- The Kurdistan Parliament's Constitutional Committee recently finished the preamble to the region's Draft Constitution. The draft is expected to be presented to the Kurdish Parliament for approval soon; a ratification referendum would follow. Provisions include Kirkuk's inclusion into the Kurdish territory, harmonization of legal and political affairs in the region with the Iraqi Constitution, indication that Islam is to be a source of law and assurance that other religions in the region would be respected.



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

#### Kidnapped Lawmaker Released:

- Sunni Iraqi legislator Tayseer al-Mashhadani – kidnapped July 1 – was released August 26. Earlier that same day, Maliki met for the first time with hundreds of tribal sheiks as part of his National Reconciliation initiative, aimed at ending Iraq's sectarian violence and the Sunni-led insurgency. One lawmaker said al-Mashhadani's release may have been timed to coincide with the Tribal Conference, which released 21 recommendations for reinforcing national unity.

#### Shia United Iraqi Alliance (UIA) Committee to Discuss Federalism:

- UIA spokesman Hassan al-Shamari stated that a committee of UIA members has been formed to focus on and discuss the “federalism project,” claiming that a draft resolution on federalism will be presented to the next session of the Council of Representatives. The draft includes items concerning the formation of federalized regions and addresses other issues, such as electoral concerns. The UIA currently is working on putting the final touches on this proposal.





### [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
<b>Minister of Agriculture</b> Ya'rub Nathim	<b>Minister of Communications</b> Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	<b>Minister of Culture</b> As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	<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> Hoshyar Zebari	<b>Minister of Health</b> Ali al-Shammari	<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> Hashim al-Shibli	<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> Karim Mahdi Salih
<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> Adil al-Asadi	<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> Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	<b>Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities</b> Liwa Sumaysim	<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

(Millions of USD)

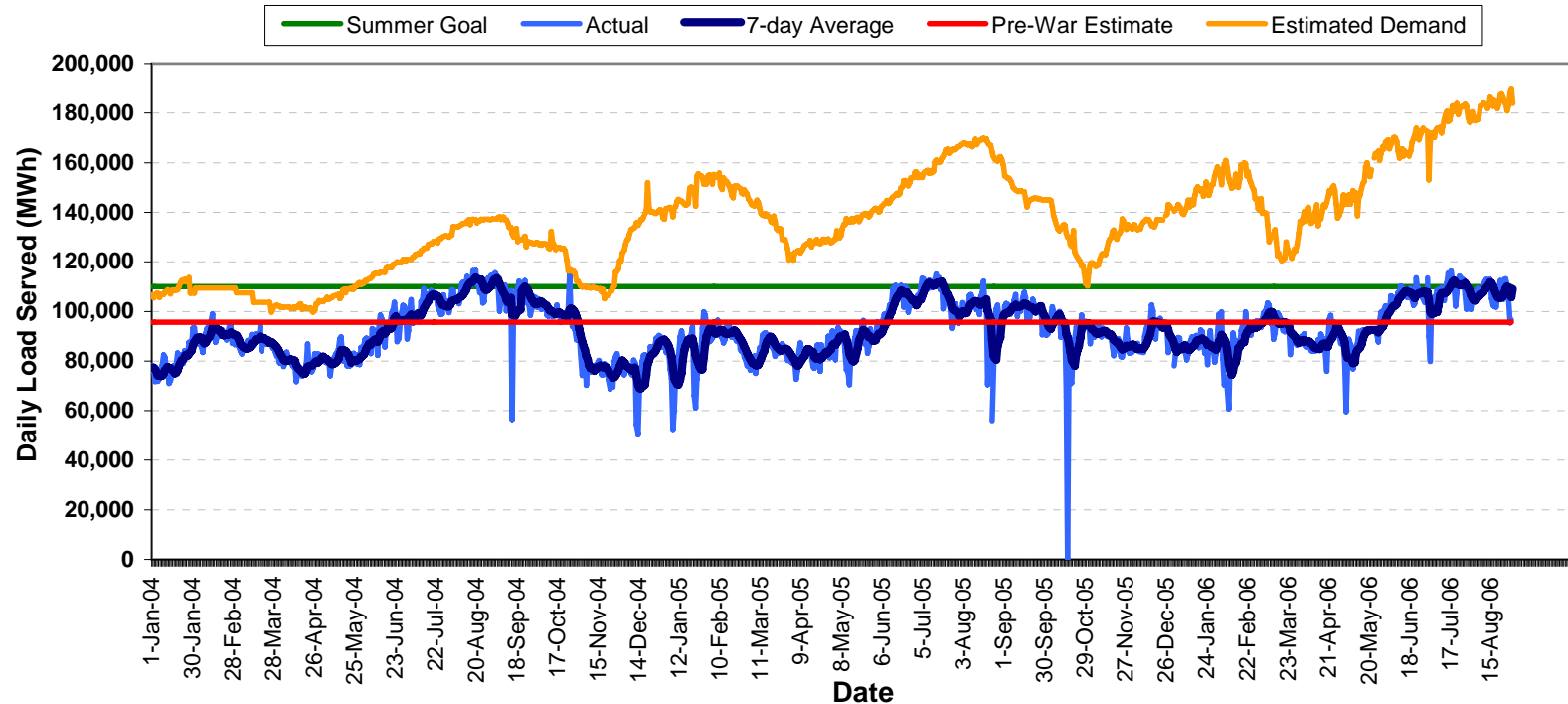
Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,030.60	\$5,030.60	\$4,969.91	\$4,970.78	\$0.87	\$4,958.10	\$4,931.93	-\$26.17	\$4,618.41	\$4,610.07	-\$8.34
Electricity Sector	\$4,220.02	\$4,220.02	\$4,163.01	\$4,125.84	-\$37.17	\$3,870.37	\$3,872.77	\$2.40	\$2,522.46	\$2,557.48	\$35.02
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,702.41	\$1,698.27	-\$4.14	\$1,686.63	\$1,686.99	\$0.36	\$1,100.91	\$1,107.69	\$6.79
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,308.10	\$1,308.10	\$1,273.48	\$1,274.58	\$1.10	\$1,231.30	\$1,251.83	\$20.52	\$900.17	\$904.41	\$4.25
Democracy	\$1,013.85	\$1,013.85	\$999.41	\$999.44	\$0.03	\$995.58	\$998.07	\$2.49	\$799.59	\$800.19	\$0.60
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$390.32	\$390.54	\$0.22	\$367.94	\$367.66	-\$0.28	\$298.68	\$300.22	\$1.54
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.71	\$333.71	\$330.67	\$332.60	\$1.93	\$323.64	\$331.65	\$8.02	\$191.42	\$191.85	\$0.43
Health Care	\$784.50	\$784.50	\$773.60	\$780.73	\$7.13	\$736.08	\$770.65	\$34.58	\$519.22	\$519.84	\$0.62
Transportation and Communications	\$469.11	\$469.11	\$445.79	\$445.79	\$0.00	\$421.64	\$421.64	\$0.00	\$307.30	\$307.40	\$0.10
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,045.27	\$2,045.65	\$0.38	\$1,835.04	\$1,836.96	\$1.93	\$1,249.19	\$1,255.80	\$6.62
Private Sector Development	\$805.28	\$805.28	\$799.50	\$799.35	-\$0.15	\$795.33	\$795.33	\$0.00	\$697.37	\$702.94	\$5.57
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$151.73	\$151.76	\$0.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,443.94</b>	<b>\$18,443.94</b>	<b>\$18,105.81</b>	<b>\$18,076.00</b>	<b>-\$29.80</b>	<b>\$17,434.07</b>	<b>\$17,477.91</b>	<b>\$43.84</b>	<b>\$13,356.45</b>	<b>\$13,409.66</b>	<b>\$53.22</b>
IRRF II Construction			\$10,389.01	\$10,359.56	-\$29.45	\$9,861.33	\$9,879.34	\$18.01	\$7,122.24	\$7,176.17	\$53.93
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,717.38	\$6,717.01	-\$0.38	\$6,577.17	\$6,600.51	\$23.34	\$5,434.62	\$5,433.30	-\$1.31
IRRF II Democracy			\$999.41	\$999.44	\$0.03	\$995.58	\$998.07	\$2.49	\$799.59	\$800.19	\$0.60
<b>IRRF I Total</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</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>\$20,917.24</b>	<b>\$20,917.24</b>	<b>\$20,579.11</b>	<b>\$20,549.30</b>	<b>-\$29.80</b>	<b>\$19,666.37</b>	<b>\$19,710.21</b>	<b>\$43.84</b>	<b>\$15,495.45</b>	<b>\$15,548.66</b>	<b>\$53.22</b>

As of August 29, 2006

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



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of August 23-29 electricity availability averaged 5.7 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.9 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 18 percent above the same period in 2005.



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

### Water:

- Two erosion control and embankment rehabilitation projects were completed in Basrah province July 24. The \$470,000 US Army-funded projects restored riverbanks and provided erosion control at the Shatt al-Arab River in the al-Dayer and al-Hartha districts. These erosion control projects impact approximately 150,000 residents.

### Electricity:

- Construction was completed on the Hay al-Zahara 11kV electrical network in Wasit Province. The \$421,000 GRD/PCO-funded project repaired and replaced electrical feeders and transformers and will improve electricity to over 250 homes and commercial businesses in al-Kut City.
- The Diala Electric Industry Company, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals, signed a contract with the Ministry of Oil to provide six electricity distribution units at a cost of 24 million Iraqi dinars. A director in the Ministry of Industry said that state-owned companies have been participating in the rebuilding of Iraq, especially in the oil, electricity and construction sectors.





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

### Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending August 18 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$64.12/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$72.12/barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$72.06/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$68.18/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
<b>PCO</b> (Project and Contracting Office)	<b>21,843</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>-3.86%</b>
<b>USAID</b>	<b>70,926</b>	<b>72,117</b>	<b>1.68%</b>
<b>AIRP</b> (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	<b>659</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>MILCON</b> (Military Construction)	<b>127</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>6.30%</b>
<b>CERP*</b>	<b>7,051</b>	<b>7,024</b>	<b>-0.38%</b>
<b>MNSTC-I</b>	<b>8,713</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>-13.11%</b>
<b>IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>11,238</b>	<b>11,253</b>	<b>0.13%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>120,557</b>	<b>119,759</b>	<b>-0.66%</b>

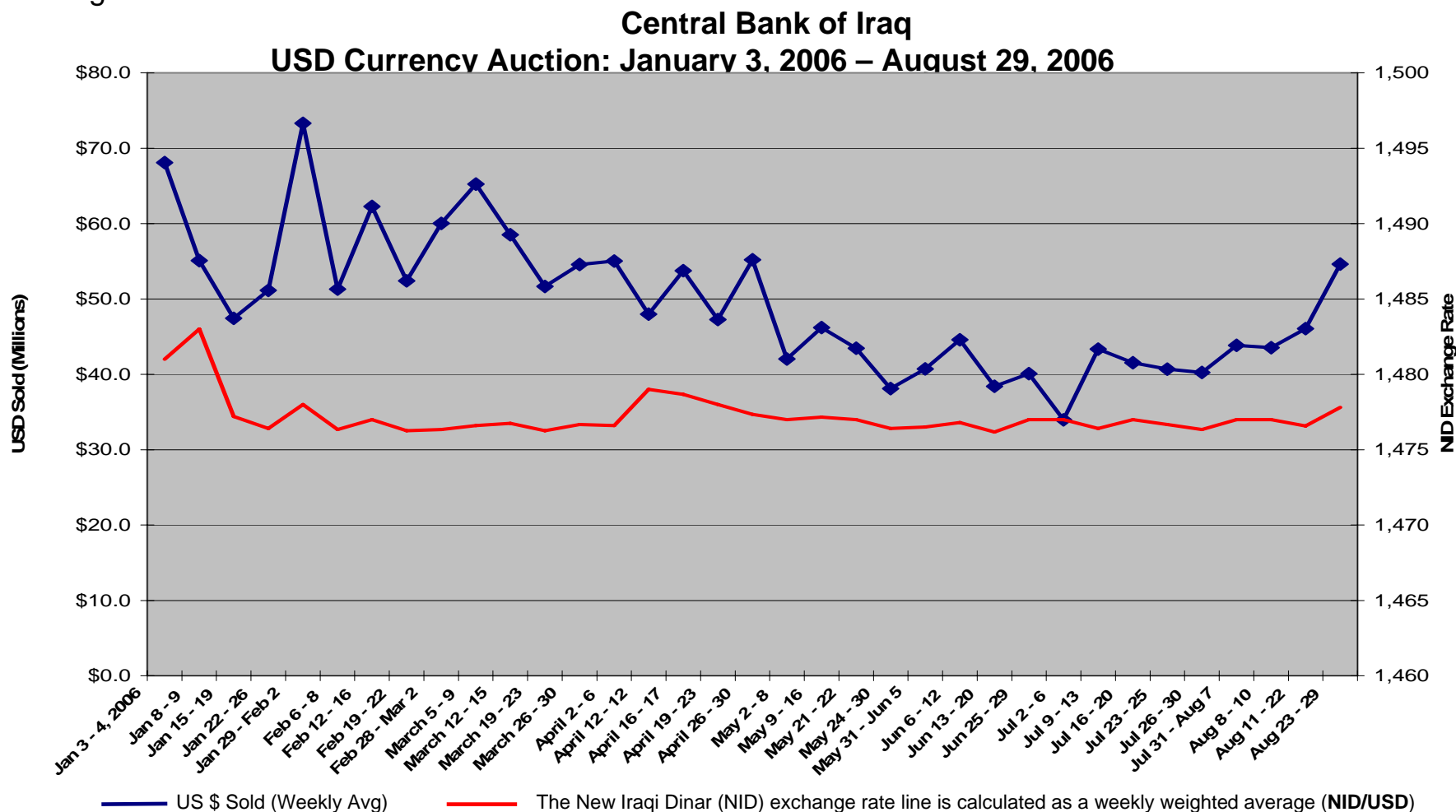
\* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.



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

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

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since January 3. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD August 29.





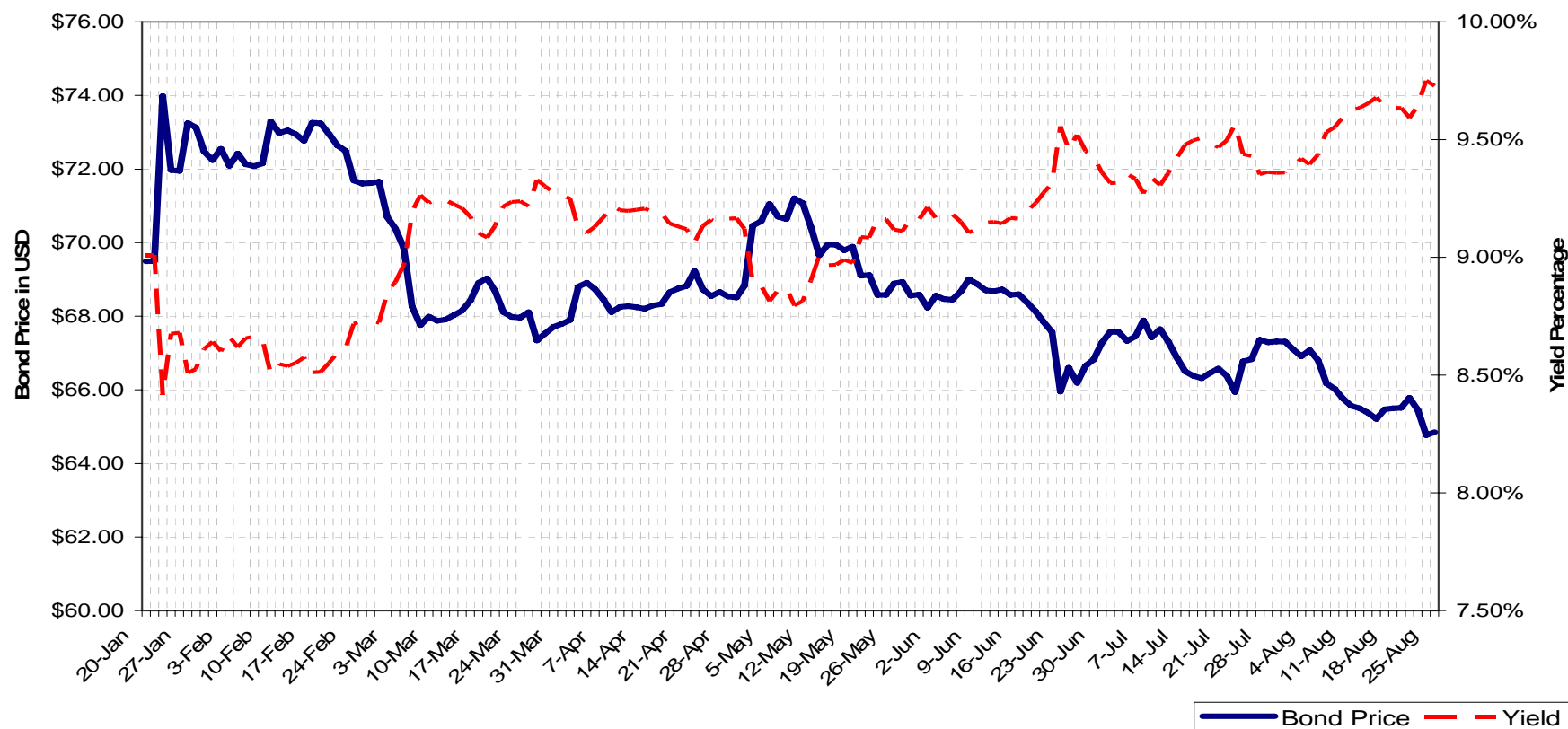
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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

### **Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales**

January 20, 2006 - August 25, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.77 (August 24)



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

### Damascus International Fair:

- The Iraqi Minister of Trade announced that Iraq will participate in the Damascus International Fair September 3 - 12. The Minister added that Iraq's participation will strengthen trade and economic relations between Iraq and Syria and hopes that Iraqi businessmen will sign contracts for food production, construction and industry fields.

### New Iraqi Microfinance Institutions:

- Twelve management and staff members of two new Iraqi microfinance institutions recently attended a training program in Amman on microfinance fundamentals. The training provided skills that will help Iraqi staff successfully operate their institutions to benefit small Iraqi businesses.





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

### National Finance Conference:

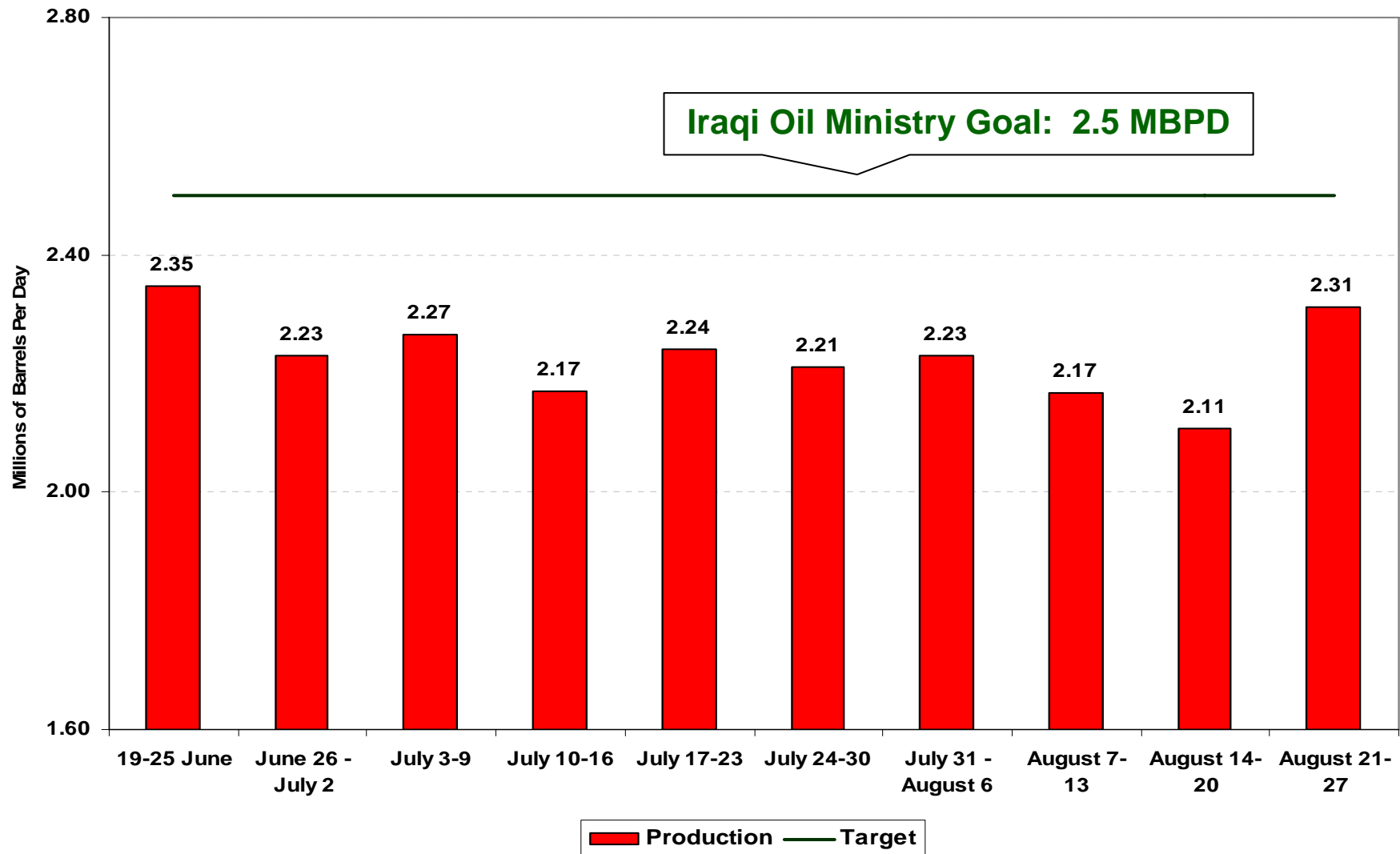
- On June 16 -17, USAID's Local Governance Project hosted the Provincial Council's National Finance Conference on the use of the Accelerated Reconstruction and Regional Development Funds. The main purpose of the conference was to discuss the Ministry of Finance rules governing the use of over \$2 billion in Iraq's 2006 Federal Budget allocated directly to Iraq's provinces. This is the first time in recent history that federal funds have been allocated directly to Iraq's provinces. The action marks a change in the federal government's control over fiscal resources and the first major step to decentralization as outlined in Iraq's new Constitution.

### Agricultural Reconstruction and Development for Iraq Program:

- USAID's Agriculture Reconstruction and Development for Iraq (ARDI) program helped farmers in Dahuk governorate increase production in their fields after completing repairs on 98 tractors and 18 combine harvesters. These repairs were out on a cost-sharing basis between ARDI and the farmers, which ensured that farmers helped identify the best use of funds.



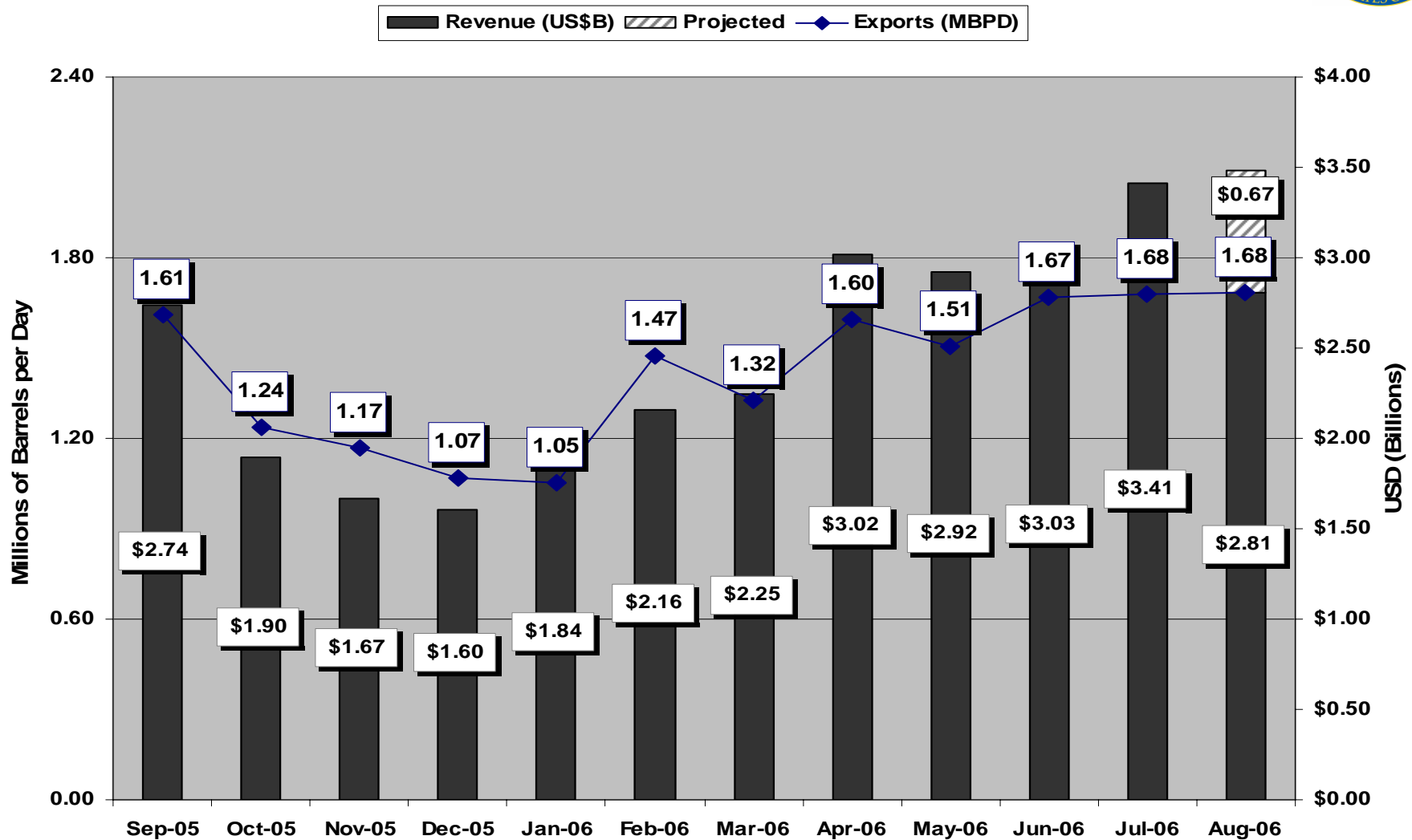
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (August 21-27) of 2.31 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



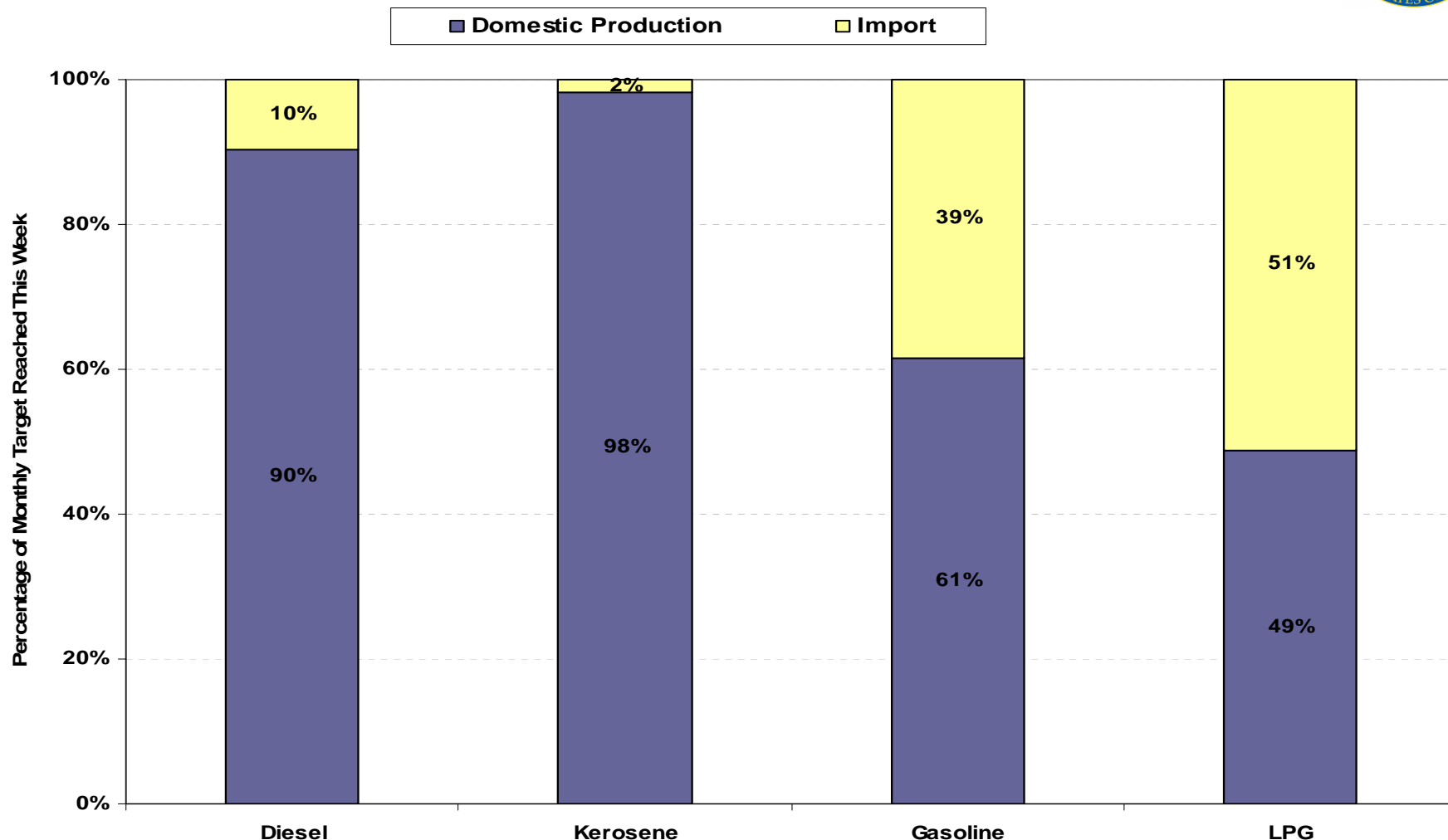
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$21.4 Billion (Year to Date)



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



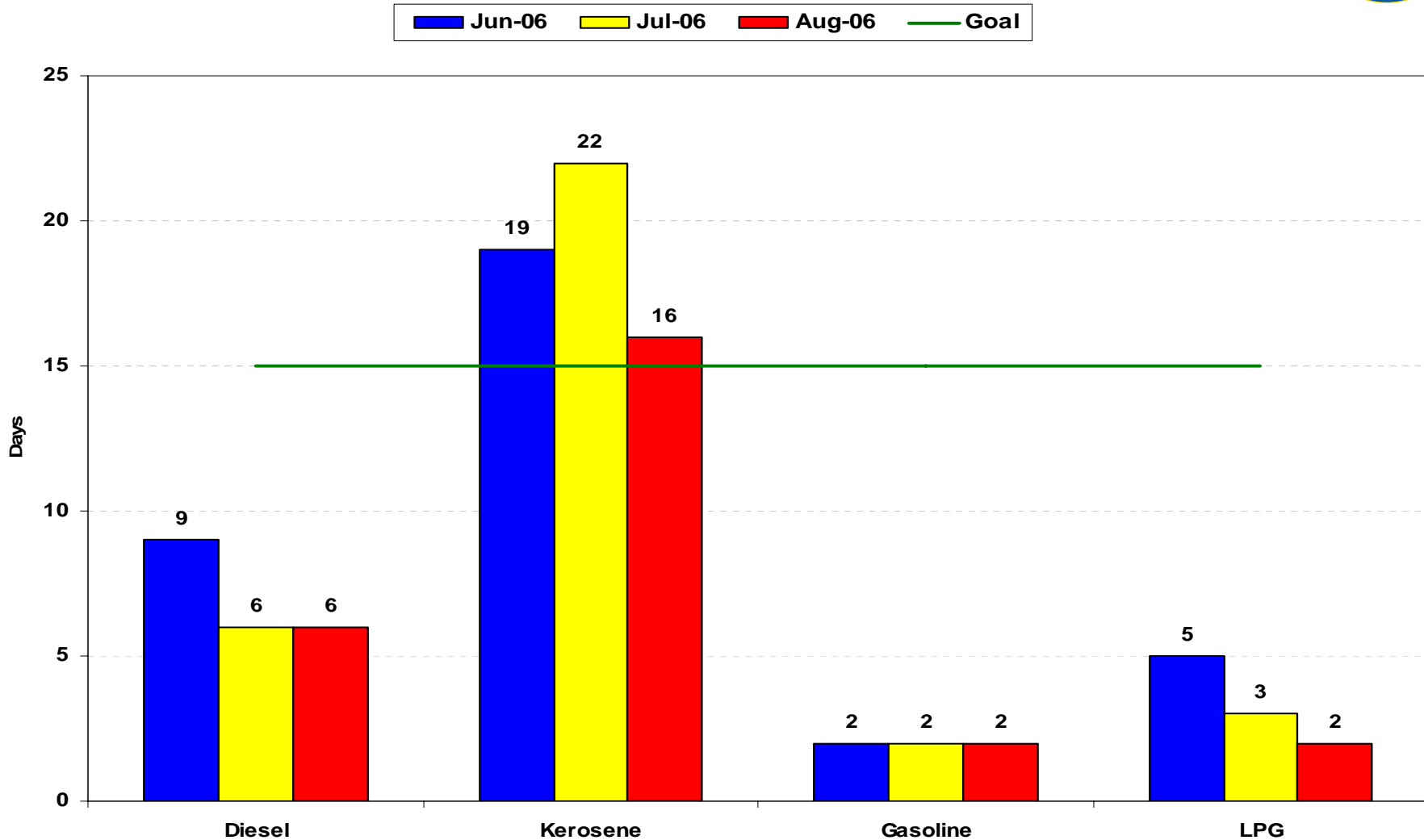
Note: This is a daily average for the week of August 21-27

- Diesel: 13.8 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.5 ML supply of 8.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 18.9 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 3,417 tons supply of 4,460 tons target





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



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



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

### Kurdish Women Tell of Chemical Attack At Hussein Trial:

- Kurdish women whose families were killed in a poison gas attack cursed ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein as they gave evidence on the third day of his genocide trial. Hussein and six co-defendants are accused of masterminding the 1987-1988 Anfal campaign against Iraq's Kurdish minority.
- The accused appeared before a panel of judges at the Iraqi High Tribunal in Baghdad, where prosecutors began to call more witnesses to testify. The former president is accused of ordering his forces to conduct a campaign to exterminate up to 182,000 Kurdish civilians and raze around 3,000 villages in Iraq's northern hills and deserts.
- Court officials expect the Anfal trial to last nearly four months. Along with Hussein, six former officials – including his cousin Ali Hassan – are facing charges. Hussein and Hassan are accused of committing genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. They have refused to enter pleas and the court has ordered that pleas of innocent be recorded for them.
- The remaining five defendants have pleaded innocent to charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Hussein has already been tried for allegedly ordering the deaths of 148 Shiite villagers and could face the death penalty. The verdict in that case is due October 16.



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

### Iraqi Police Training Courses Graduate:

- The Iraqi Police Service (IPS) graduated 669 students from basic training courses. Two hundred thirty-eight students in Sulaymaniyah, 118 students in Baghdad, 71 in Irbil, and 35 in Quyyarah West completed the three-week Transition Integration Program.
- The three-week Officer Transition Integration Program graduated 32 students in Sulaymaniyah, 69 in Baghdad, 57 in Kut, and 49 in Mosul. The IPS also graduated 201 Iraqi police from advanced and specialized courses held at the Baghdad Police College. The courses included basic and advanced criminal investigations, interviews and interrogations, violent crime investigations, internal affairs investigations, drug enforcement investigations and basic and advanced instructor development. The National Police graduated 404 students from the basic course conducted in Baghdad.



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

### UN Plan Formalized:

- Japan's UN Ambassador in New York Kenzo Oshima and the Assistant Secretary-General of the UN's Peacekeeping Operations Department Jane Holl Lute, formalized an agreement August 29 over Japan's expanded Kuwait-based air operations to ferry UN and Coalition personnel and supplies to Iraq. Under the plan laid down in December 2003, Japanese Air Self-Defense Force (JSDF) aircraft are authorized to fly to air bases in Basrah, Mosul and Balad. The new plan also allows JSDF aircraft to fly to bases in Baghdad and Irbil.

### UK Defense Secretary Meets with Prime Minister Maliki:

- UK Defense Secretary Des Browne met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in Baghdad, claiming that despite continued violence and ongoing sectarian concerns, the situation in Iraq is improving. In addition, Brown and PM Maliki discussed the continued withdrawal and redeployment of British forces stationed in the country's south, with the ultimate aim for Iraq's own army to assume security responsibilities. The process of handing over control of the southern regions to the Iraqi army began last month; Browne had previously commented that the number of UK soldiers in the Dhi Qar and Muthanna provinces could be halved within the next 12 months.



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

### Turkey Pleased With Appointment of US Special Envoy for Countering the PKK:

- In a press statement August 29, the Turkish Foreign Ministry expressed its pleasure with the appointment of Retired General Joseph W. Ralston (United States Air Force, retired) as US Special Envoy for Countering the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). General Ralston will have responsibility for coordinating US engagement with the Government of Turkey and the Government of Iraq to eliminate the threat posed by the PKK and other terrorist groups operating in northern Iraq and across the Turkey-Iraq border. This appointment underscores the commitment of the US to work with Turkey and Iraq to eliminate terrorism in all its forms.



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

Data as of August 7, 2006

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

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

**TOTAL ~ 18,000 Forces**

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

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

\*34 includes the 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey





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

### PM Maliki Bans Violent Images:

The Interior Ministry of Iraq announced in a statement August 24 that Prime Minister Maliki has banned television channels from broadcasting images of violence and bloodshed in the country. The order – issued by Maliki during a visit to the Ministry August 23 – prohibits broadcasters from showing “blood and killings that magnify the horror” and warned of legal action against those who violated the order. National Police Division head Major General Rashid Flayah urged reporters to tone down stories that might inflame sectarian tensions in the country, saying at a news conference, “We will let you do the job, but we want you to stop publishing pictures that arouse passions and sectarian feelings.”



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

### Al-Sabah Newspaper Attacked:

- A suicide car bomber attacked Al-Sabah – Iraq's largest newspaper – August 27, killing two people and wounding 20. The blast also destroyed more than a dozen vehicles and caused a quarter of the building to collapse. The attack marks the second for Al-Sabah in three months. In an interview, executive editor Falah al-Mishaal said he believed the bombing was in retaliation for a meeting of Iraqi television and newspaper editors organized by Al-Sabah in which participants were to sign a "pledge of honor" to respect the government's reconciliation efforts and to avoid printing or broadcasting inflammatory statements or violent images.

### Sistani Makes Rare Public Statement:

- In a rare public statement made August 24, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani chastised Iraq's politicians for traveling abroad often and urged them to spend more time in Iraq and improving public services. A source in Sistani's office said that "His Eminence Sistani has insisted that ministers and members of parliament do not travel abroad and instead get in touch with the people."



## 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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