

A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries are shown in a light tan color, and the Persian Gulf is shown in light blue. The text is overlaid on the map.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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Baghdad Security Crackdown Launches:

- Iraqi and US forces swept through Baghdad's Sunni district of Adhamiyah February 6 in a clearing operation that marked the start of the new Baghdad Security Plan.

IA Captures Death Squad Leader:

- Iraqi Army (IA) Special Operations forces captured a suspected death squad leader February 1 during operations in southern Baghdad.
- The death squad leader is allegedly responsible for carrying out kidnappings and murders against Iraqi civilians and ran a cell that consisted of more than 20 men.
- The suspect and his group are implicated in setting-up illegal checkpoints in order to kidnap Iraqi civilians and murder them. The leader and his cell are also implicated in the kidnapping of three Iraqi civilians in December 2006 and burning them alive.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Truck Bomb Blast Kills Over 100 in Baghdad's Rusafa Neighborhood:

- A bomb encased in a large truck detonated in Baghdad's Rusafa neighborhood, in the center of Baghdad the afternoon of February 3. The bomb targeted civilians at a busy intersection, killing 105 and wounding 251. Media reporting stated the attack was the worst single bombing since the US-led invasion began in 2003.



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

Iraqi Military Information Consolidated:

- As part of Iraq's Ministry of Defense (MoD)'s efforts to create a comprehensive and complete personnel system, officials within the department recently held a training session on data collection for the Iraqi Army.
- According to the director of the MoD Records Directorate "this system will provide commanders with an exact idea of who is serving in the military at the battalion level and will also ensure that all Iraqi soldiers receive the pay that is due to them."

National Police Expand Capabilities:

- According to Iraqi National Police Battalion Commander Col. Mohammed, the Iraqi National Police 2nd Division are receiving training that enables them to respond quicker to emergencies and increases their capability of rapidly deploying personnel to traffic control points should the security situation require it.
- Sgt. Bashar, one of the Division's training instructors, said there are 18 men going through a five-week program, emphasizing that trainees at the headquarters have already gone through their basic training and that this new training focuses on advanced skills to take the policemen to the next level of readiness.



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

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~28,900
TOTAL	~188,300**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~132,800***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~134,800**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~323,100****

- * 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 February 5, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

Newly Elected Iraqi Representative Accused of Terrorist Past:

- Press reports say that Council of Representatives member Jamal Jafaar Mohammed al-Ibrahimi al-Basri is also Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, who was sentenced to death by a Kuwaiti court in absentia for the 1983 bombings of the US and French embassies in Kuwait. Prime Minister Maliki has asked for all evidence against Jamal Mohammed be turned over to Iraqi authorities so he can face prosecution if necessary.

Iraq Prime Minister Urges Faster Start to Baghdad Security Plan:

- Prime Minister Maliki complained February 6 that the Baghdad security operation was off to a slow start and warned that insurgents are taking advantage of the delay to kill as many people as possible.

Sadr Orders Mahdi Army not to Confront Coalition Forces:

- The *Chicago Tribune* reports that, according to Sadrist and other Shiite officials, Muqtada al-Sadr has ordered his militia not to confront US forces and has endorsed negotiations aimed at easing the deployment of American troops in parts of the country loyal to him.

GOI to Host Regional Conference on Iraq Security:

- The GOI has invited Syria, Iran, and other regional countries to Baghdad next month to discuss the security situation in Iraq. The talks will be the first of ten meetings to take place in Baghdad. The Arab League, Organization of Islamic Conference, and United Nations have also been asked to attend.



[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-Bulani	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-Shahristani	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		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,988.17	\$4,988.66	\$0.49	\$4,986.19	\$4,986.19	\$0.00	\$4,716.47	\$4,718.48	\$2.01
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,224.34	\$4,224.34	\$0.00	\$4,080.91	\$4,080.91	\$0.00	\$3,029.57	\$3,045.97	\$16.40
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,678.03	\$1,677.11	(\$0.93)	\$1,584.47	\$1,583.54	(\$0.93)	\$1,318.28	\$1,327.97	\$9.68
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,303.93	\$1,303.93	\$0.00	\$1,297.72	\$1,297.72	(\$0.00)	\$982.42	\$1,008.53	\$26.12
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.74	\$1,001.80	\$0.06	\$1,001.74	\$1,001.73	(\$0.01)	\$893.61	\$893.95	\$0.34
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$354.55	\$354.85	\$0.30
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$331.95	\$331.95	\$0.00	\$324.59	\$324.59	\$0.00	\$209.55	\$209.77	\$0.23
Health Care	\$818.90	\$817.61	\$817.61	\$0.00	\$801.76	\$802.11	\$0.36	\$621.37	\$623.93	\$2.56
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$464.11	\$464.09	(\$0.02)	\$458.30	\$458.28	(\$0.02)	\$339.69	\$339.67	(\$0.02)
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,119.78	\$2,119.78	(\$0.00)	\$2,048.37	\$2,048.37	(\$0.00)	\$1,444.08	\$1,443.32	(\$0.76)
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$0.00	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$0.00	\$765.96	\$766.59	\$0.63
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$164.24	\$164.24	\$0.00
Total	\$18,448.95	\$18,357.33	\$18,356.94	(\$0.39)	\$18,011.71	\$18,011.11	(\$0.61)	\$14,839.79	\$14,897.28	\$57.49
IRRF II Construction		\$10,573.21	\$10,572.77	(\$0.44)	\$10,249.35	\$10,248.78	(\$0.57)	\$8,053.62	\$8,077.21	\$23.58
IRRF II Non-Construction		\$6,782.38	\$6,782.36	(\$0.02)	\$6,760.62	\$6,760.60	(\$0.02)	\$5,892.56	\$5,926.12	\$33.57
IRRF II Democracy		\$1,001.74	\$1,001.80	\$0.06	\$1,001.74	\$1,001.73	(\$0.01)	\$893.61	\$893.95	\$0.34
IRRF I Total	\$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	\$20,922.25	\$20,830.63	\$20,830.24	(\$0.39)	\$20,244.01	\$20,243.41	(\$0.61)	\$16,978.79	\$17,036.28	\$57.49

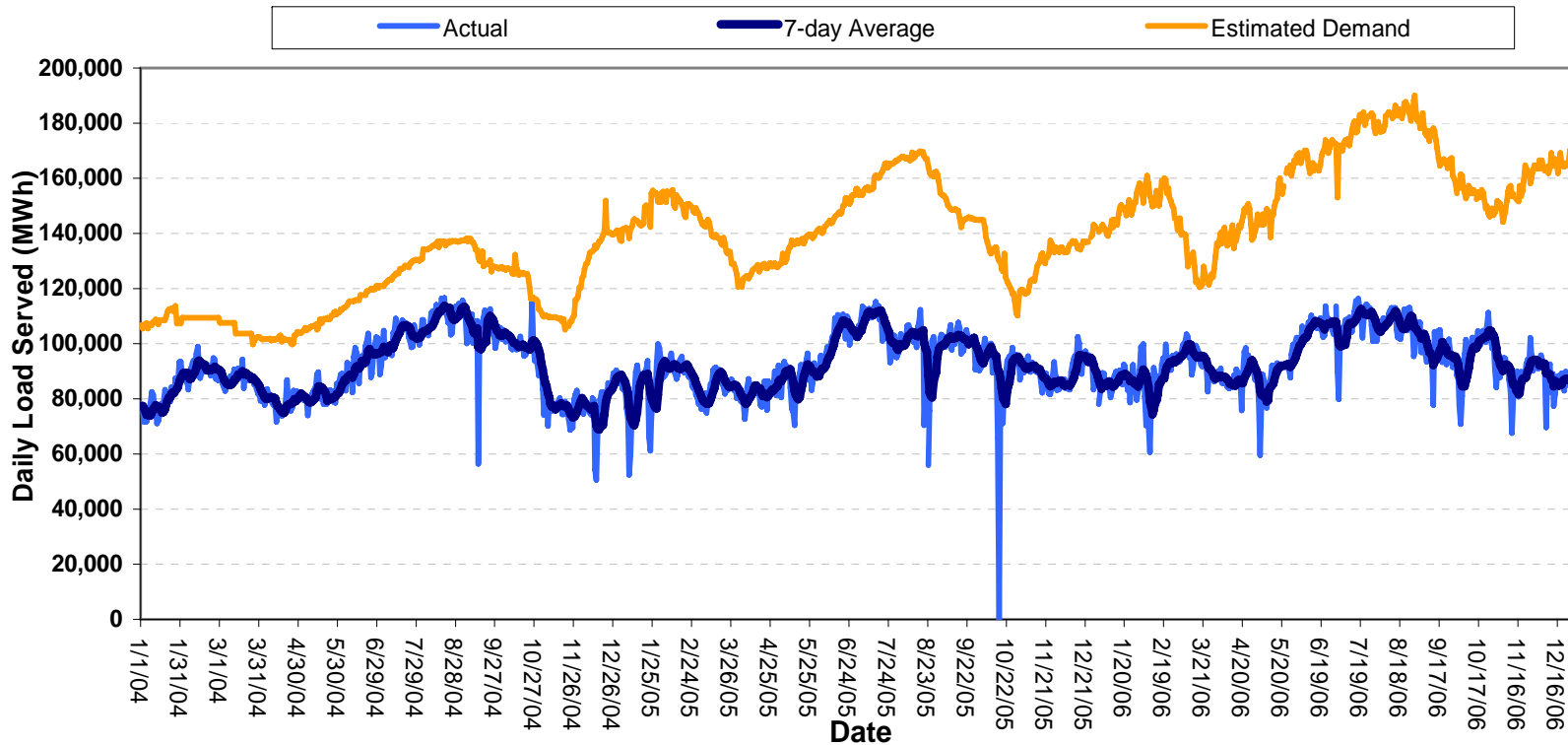
As of February 6, 2007



[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 February 1-7 electricity availability averaged 6.1 hours per day in Baghdad and 9.4 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 8% above the same period in 2005.



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

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Electricity:

- The Bayji to Baghdad West #1 line repairs are complete, with service being restored.

Health:

- The recently completed US Army-funded Najaf Teaching Hospital is complete and will provide medical students the equipment and space needed to improve the health care of over 482,000 area residents.

Transportation:

- The recently completed US Army-funded repair of the 100-meter, two-deck bridge in Mosul is now fully serviceable for both vehicles and pedestrians, thereby benefiting over 1.7 million Iraqis.

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



Water:

- The Ifraz Water Treatment Plant (URI 3597) was put back into operation at 4,000 cm/h by the Irbil Director General of Water after FlourAmec completed repairs to the main headers and associated piping. After pressure testing both the Ifraz and Maroda sites, the contractor was able to start the intake and booster pumps. When additional electrical power is coordinated through the Director General of Electricity, the plant will be able to boost production to 6000 cm/h.



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

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending February 2 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$49.39/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$56.35/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$57.09/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$52.93/barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD)	32,485	32,366	-0.37%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	36,116	33,317	-7.75%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) ²	885	4,128	366.44%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	11,857	11,906	0.41%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,496	6,396	-1.54%
GRAND TOTAL	87,839	88,113	0.31%

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

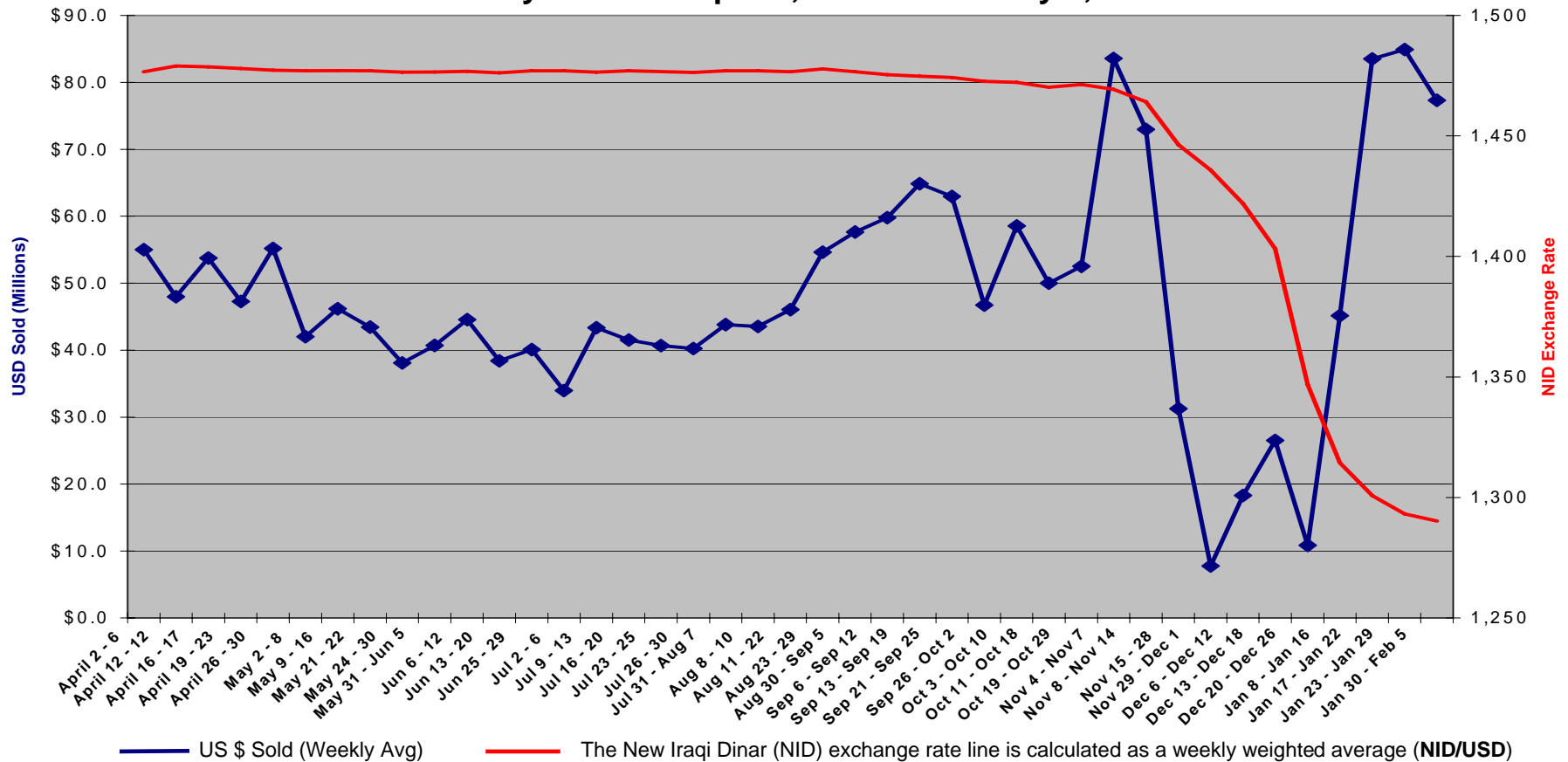


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 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
USD Currency Auction: April 2, 2006 – February 5, 2006**



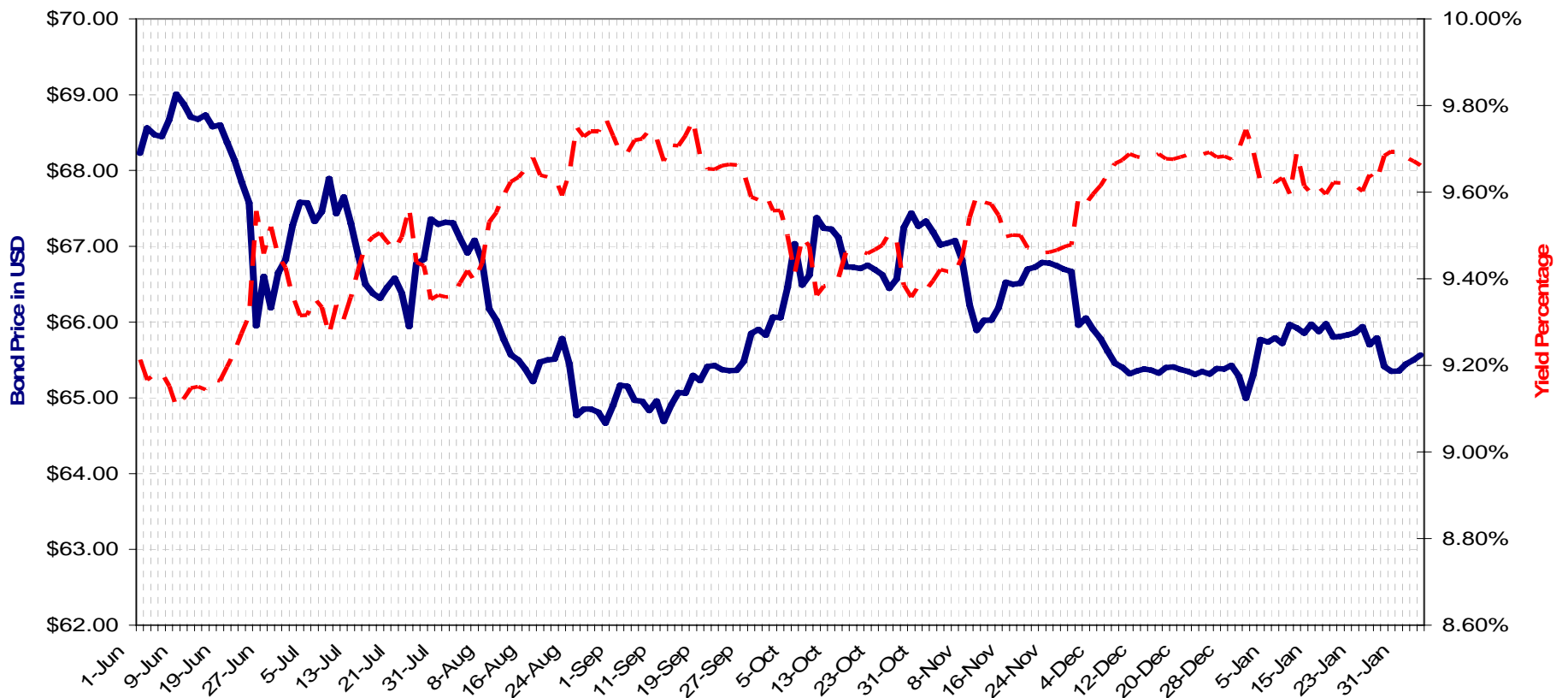


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
June 1, 2006 - February 2, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

Iraqi State-Owned Enterprise (SOE) Wins Competitive Bid:

- The State Company for Textiles in Najaf has been awarded a \$443,604 contract for Iraqi Ministry of Defense (MoD) uniforms on a competitive USG procurement. This is the first competitive contract awarded to an Iraqi State-Owned Enterprise (SOE) during the present USG effort to enhance economic activity by linking Iraqi SOEs to USG requirements. The company won the bid by proving its ability to supply superior quality goods at a competitive price. This initial contract is expected to be followed by further competitive awards for additional MoD uniforms.

Oil, Gas and Petrochemical Summit:

- The Ministry of Oil and the Ministry of Industry & Minerals are scheduled to participate in an Iraq Oil, Gas & Petrochemical Summit scheduled to be held in Amman April 17-18.
- This will be the first major international summit covering these industries to be held after the ratification of the investment law and the expected completion of the hydrocarbon law. Participation is expected by the large international oil and petrochemical industries as well as financial and investment organizations. Other participants include the Kurdistan Regional Government.



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

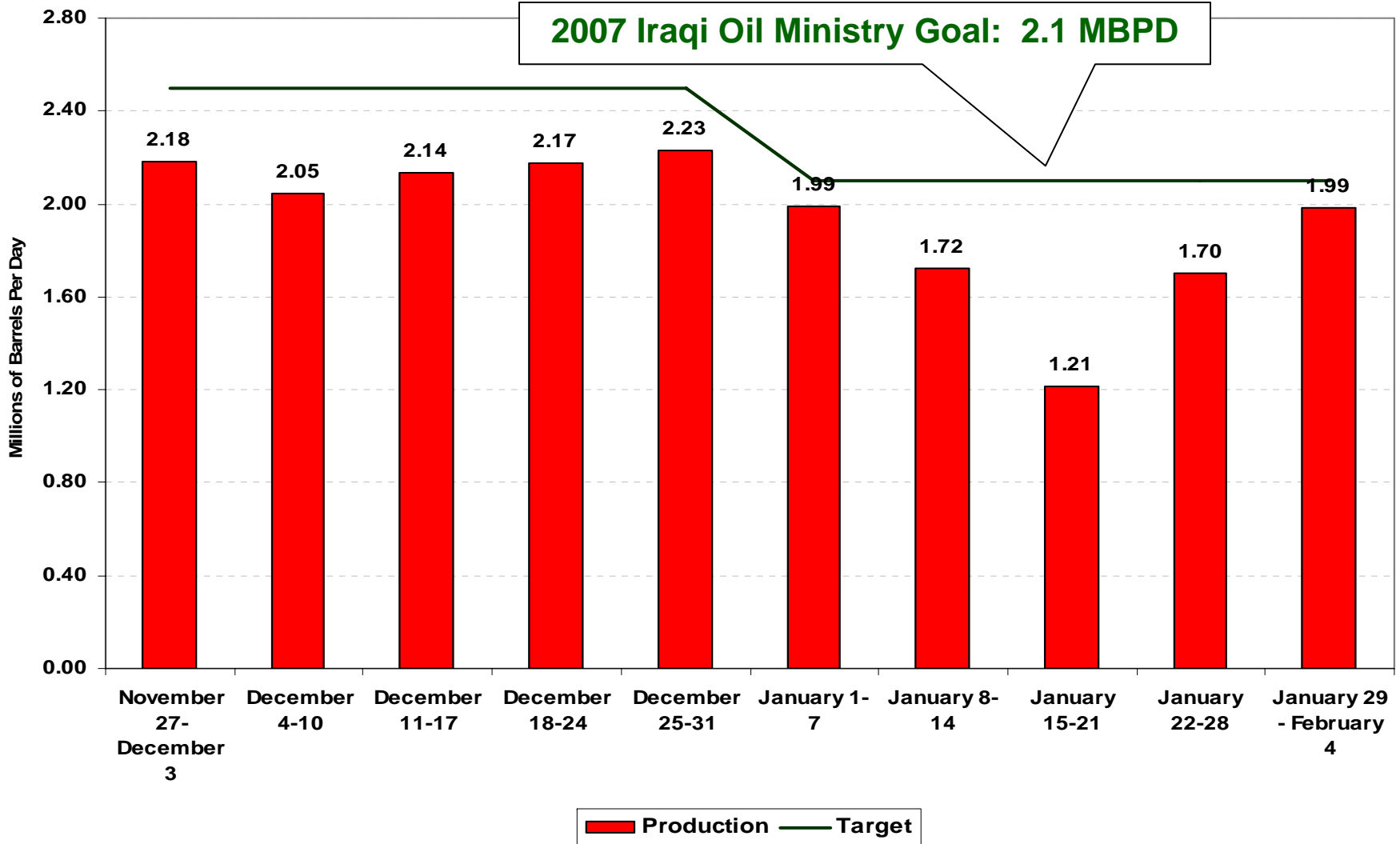
Trade and Investment Conference:

- On February 1, USAID's Izdihar Private Sector Development Project and the American Chamber of Commerce of Iraq co-hosted the “Trade and Investment Showcase: Successes of the Government of Iraq” in Amman, sponsored by Microsoft.
- Over 100 people representing businesses and government agencies attended the event, which focused on the new Iraqi investment law and the GOI’s efforts to become a member of the World Trade Organization. GOI officials from the Ministries of Trade, Foreign Affairs, Industry and Minerals, and Planning made presentations.



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

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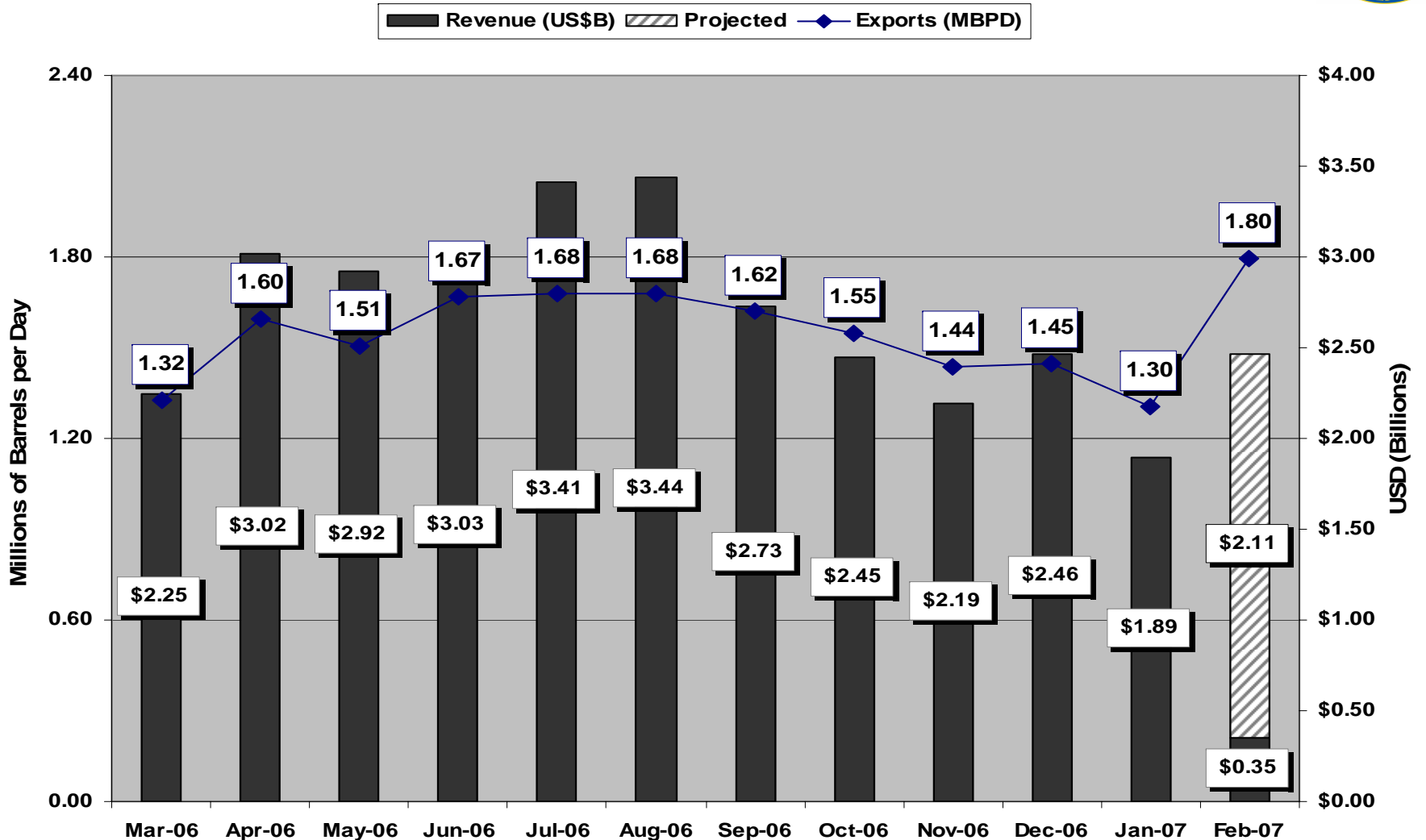


- Weekly Average (January 29 – February 4) of 1.99 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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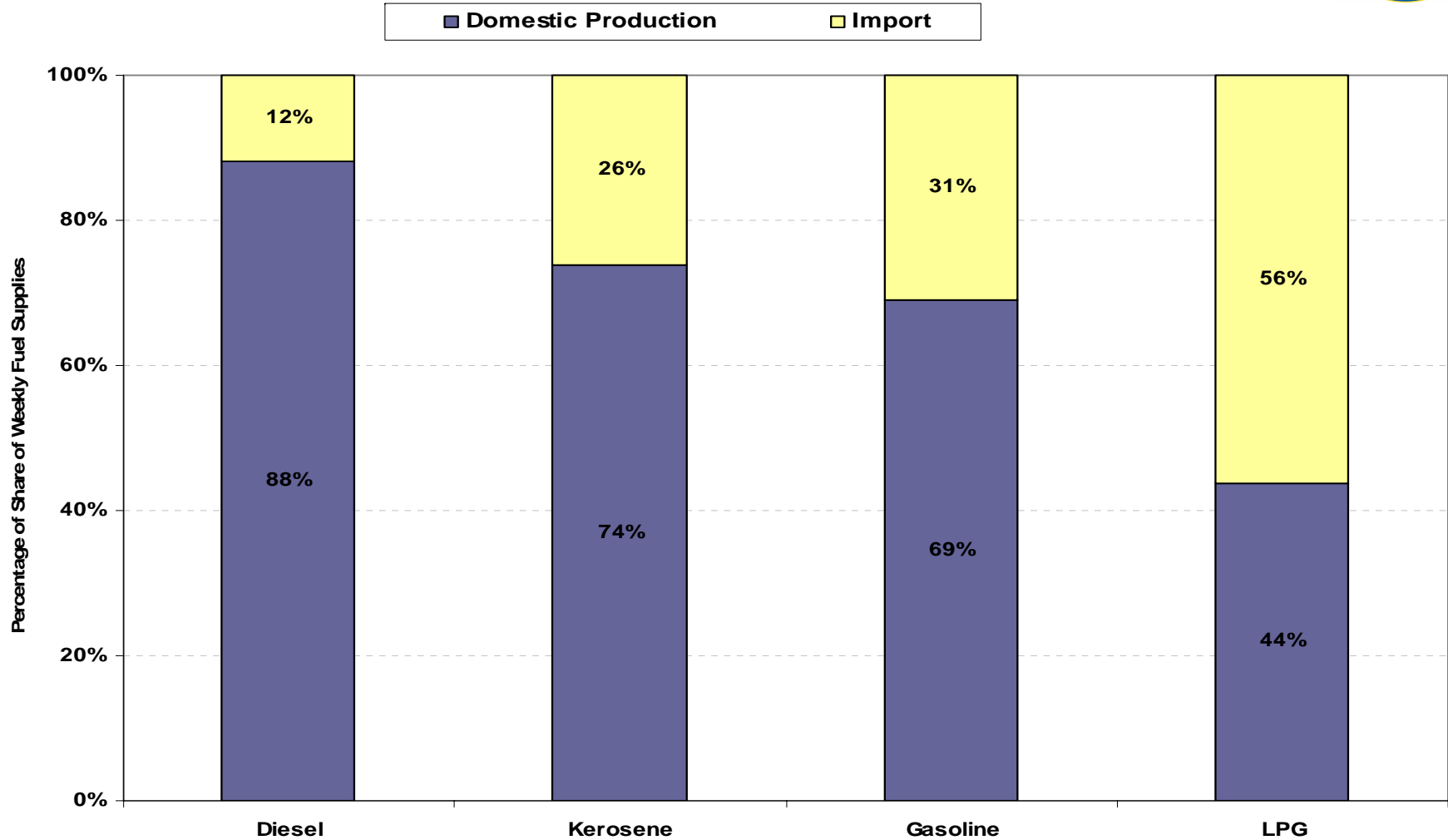


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$2.2 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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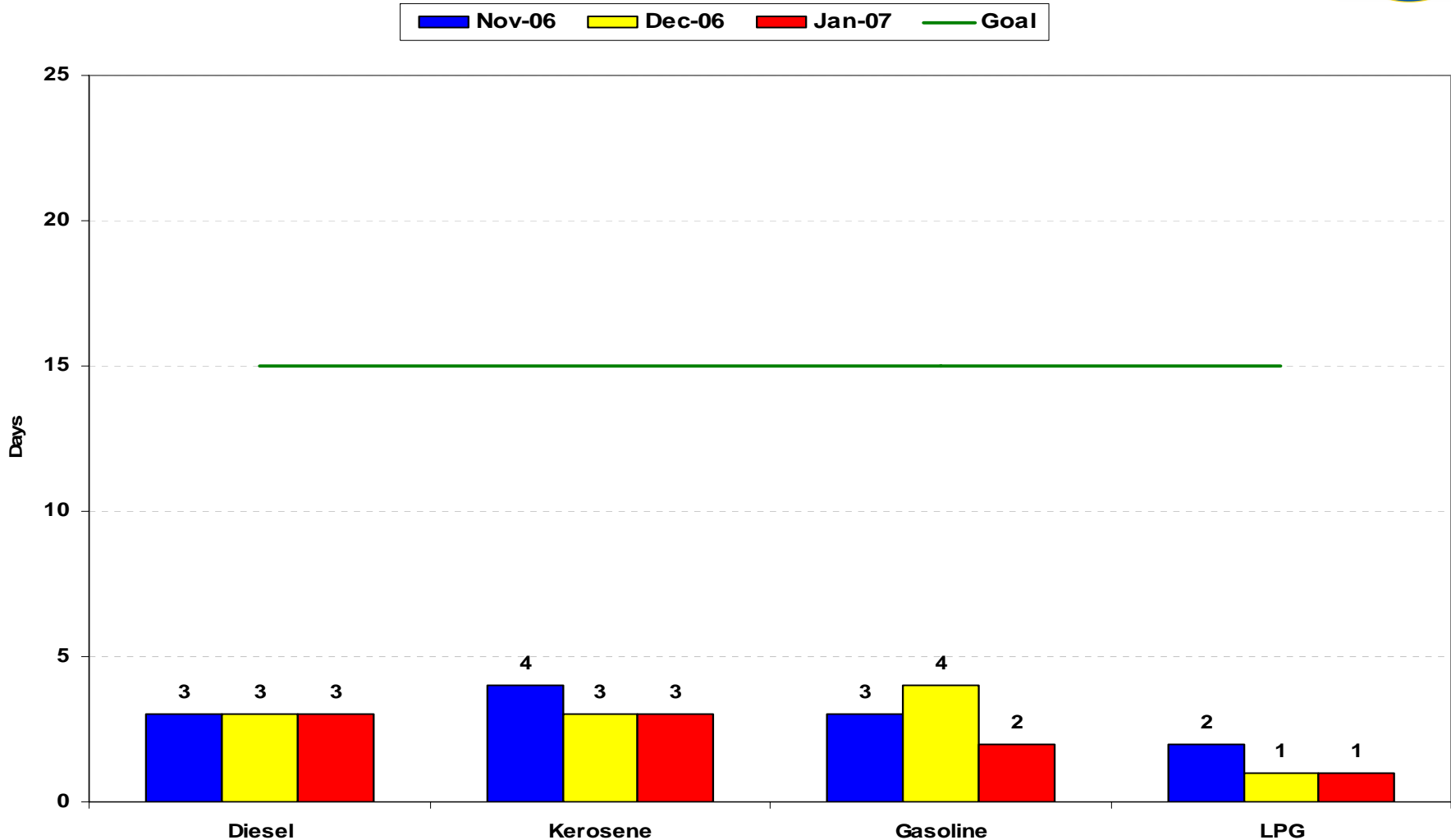
Note: This is a daily average for the week of January 29 – February 4

- Diesel: 11.1 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.7 ML supply of 15.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 12.2 ML supply of 22.1 ML target
- LPG: 3,089 tons supply of 5,500 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

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IA and Marine Mission Captures 77 Detainees:

- The Iraqi Army (IA) and US Marines concluded a mission that resulted in the capture of 77 detainees near Habbaniyah February 2.
- The mission to detain members of murder and intimidation cells was a joint operation with Iraqi Forces and Marines of Regimental Combat Team 6, supported by local Iraqis focused on ridding their towns of insurgents. During the mission, soldiers of the 1st IA Division and Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment detained individuals suspected of coordinating insurgent attacks against Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces. Several of the detainees were immediately identified as persons of special interest according to intelligence reports.

Iraqi Police in Ramadi Discover Large Weapons Cache:

- Iraqi members of the Albu Obaid Iraqi Police station discovered one of the largest weapons caches in the last year while conducting patrols in eastern Ramadi February 3. The cache consisted of over 300 82mm mortar rounds, three 152mm artillery rounds, two bags of homemade explosives, two Katyusha 107mm rockets, in addition to other items that included a mortar base plate, a spool of copper wire used for detonating improvised explosive devices and various smaller caliber ammunition.



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

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Iraqi Refugees Stage Sit-In Outside UNHCR Office in Damascus:

- About 200 Iraqi refugees staged a sit-in outside the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Damascus to protest new residency limits for civilians and their families fleeing Iraq.

Secretary Rice Announces the Creation of a Task Force on Iraqi Refugees:

- Secretary Rice announced the creation of a task force headed by Undersecretary Paula Dobriansky that will coordinate US assistance for Iraqi refugees and internally displaced persons, while simultaneously aiming to devise plans to help Iraqis who are at risk due to their work with the USG.

UN Envoy Calls on Iraqis to Display Strong Leadership to Quell Continued Violence:

- UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for Iraq Ashraf Qazi called upon the Iraqi people to display the far-sighted leadership necessary to calm the country's rising crisis. He condemned the recent increase of violence in Iraq this week and urged Iraqis to utilize fresh thinking.



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

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UN High Commissioner for Refugees:

- In a meeting with King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz and other Saudi officials in Riyadh over the weekend, UNHCR Anthony Guterres stressed the necessity of creating a stronger partnership between the UNHCR and the Muslim world.

Bosnia Approves Plan to Keep Troops in Iraq:

- Bulgaria approved an extension of its military mission in Iraq for another year. Bulgaria will send 155 soldiers to Iraq to replace 120 troops and 35 support personnel who are there now.



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

Data as of February 5, 2007

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

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

TOTAL ~ 15,371 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

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

GOI Statement Against al-Jazeera:

- The Iraqi National Media Center Director in the Cabinet Council Secretariat General issued a statement February 7 over the “aggressive stance of al-Jazeera channel toward Iraqi people and its national government.”
- The statement read, in part, “We, in the time where we condemn this hostile stance for this satellite channel, call upon the Iraqi people’s representatives at the parliament to take a strict and decisive stance against this channel and to use all lawful and possible legal actions to sue it in order to stop its antagonist trend.”

Video Shows US Helicopter Crash:

- A video running for more than three minutes was posted to an Islamist website February 4 showing an attack on a US Apache helicopter that was claimed by al-Qaida in Iraq.
- The images are accompanied by verses from the Koran, religious chants and calls for jihad in the name of Shaykh Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, the head of a Sunni group linked to al-Qaida.



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

Shiite Leader Calls for Unity:

- In his first public statement in months concerning Iraq, on February 3, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani called for Muslim unity and an end to sectarian conflict.
- Sistani noted that differences have existed between Shiites and Sunnis for centuries but should not be cause for bloodshed.
- In an apparent referral to Abdullah bin Jabrain, Sistani also accused some unspecified individuals and groups of working to widen the division among Muslims. Jabrain is a key member of Saudi Arabia’s clerical establishment who joined other senior figures from the Wahhabi school of Sunni Islam to describe Shiites as “the most vicious enemies of Muslims.”



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