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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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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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- During the operation, in which Coalition Forces (CF) accompanied the ISF in an advisory role, several munitions caches were recovered. No civilian, ISF or CF casualties were reported.

US Post Raided by Insurgents:

- Insurgents launched a raid February 19 on a US military outpost north of Baghdad, killing two US soldiers and wounding another 17. Authorities said at least one suicide car bomber either rammed into or drove up beside two trucks carrying fuel into the base, igniting an explosion. Insurgents then opened fire with rockets mounted on a truck and from a nearby building.

- According to Iraq police officials and witnesses, US helicopters landed at least five times to evacuate casualties.

- The Iraqi Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Firefighters Learn Search and Rescue Techniques:

- Thirty-seven firefighters from throughout Iraq are participating in an urban search and rescue program conducted at the Basrah Training College by an international team of urban search and rescue experts.

- The 18-day course is designed to build the capacity to enter buildings that have collapsed and save the lives of people buried below the rubble. The program also trains the firefighters to assess a collapsed building’s structural integrity so they can implement the correct steps to make it safe before entering to search for survivors.

- Coalition forces have provided more than $1.2 million in equipment to conduct the training.
### Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

#### Ministry of Interior Forces

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#### Ministry of Defense Forces

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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**

~323,180****

* 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 20, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)
[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– Developments

CoR Unanimously Supports New Security Plan:

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Iraqi President Claims Mahdi Army Leadership Ordered to Leave Iraq:

• Prime Minister Maliki has determined that any members of militias in Iraq must give up that membership or face being targeted under the new Iraq security plan. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said he didn't know whether Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr was in Iraq, but he said members of Sadr's Mahdi militia had been told to leave the country. He added that he “think(s) that there are many senior members of the Mahdi army (that) had received orders to leave Iraq to ease the security forces’ mission to implement their plan.”

UN Welcomes US Refugee Plan:

• The UN has welcomed the USG plan to accept up to 7,000 Iraqi refugees over the next 6-9 months. The USG has also pledged $18 million to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to help Iraqi refugees in the region, 30% of its annual appeal. The USG refugee plan will also afford special treatment to those Iraqis employed by the USG or with close association to the USG.
### [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

**President**
- Jalal Talabani

**Deputy President**
- ‘Adil ‘Abd al-Mahdi

**Prime Minister**
- Nuri al-Maliki

**Deputy Prime Minister**
- Barham Salih

- Salam al-Zawba’i

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<td>As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi</td>
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<td>Khudayir al-Khuza'i</td>
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<td>Narmin 'Uthman (F)</td>
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<td>Sana al-Safii</td>
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(F) = Female
[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

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<td>$18,356.72</td>
<td>$18,356.73</td>
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IRRF II Construction                          | $10,572.55  | $10,572.53      | ($0.02)          | $8,142.19        |
IRRF II Non-Construction                      | $6,782.36   | $6,782.39       | $0.03            | $5,936.10        |
IRRF II Democracy                             | $1,001.80   | $1,001.80       | $0.00            | $894.28          |
IRRF I Total                                  | $2,473.30   | $2,473.30       | $2,473.30        | $2,139.00        |

Grand Total IRRF I & II                       | $20,922.25  | $20,830.02      | $20,830.03       | $17,111.57       |

As of February 20, 2007
During the week of February 15-21 electricity availability averaged 5.3 hours per day in Baghdad and 9.3 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 4% below the same period in 2006.
[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – *Electricity*

Electricity:

- Officer in Charge Major Angel Ortiz visited the US Army-funded-132Kv substation in Fallujah February 4. The engineer at the station told Major Ortiz that Fallujah is getting 16 hours of power daily to distribute to the 17 sectors of the city. He also said that city sectors are getting between 6-8 hours per day (two on/four off). That is a remarkable improvement over the situation just two weeks ago when Fallujah was getting about one hour of electricity per day.
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:
• Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending February 16 closed with the following prices:
  – Basrah Light at $49.64/barrel
  – Dated Brent at $56.17/barrel
  – WTI Cushing at $58.45/barrel
  – Oman/Dubai at $54.468/barrel

Employment Update:

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<td>33,868</td>
<td>19,279</td>
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<td>Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)²</td>
<td>3,973</td>
<td>3,973</td>
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<td>Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)</td>
<td>10,950</td>
<td>12,104</td>
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<td>Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction</td>
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<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>77,999</strong></td>
<td><strong>64,564</strong></td>
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CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

Data as of February 20
Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank’s US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, to tackle the past year’s rampant inflation. This welcome increase in the dinar’s value against the dollar is reflected in the figure below.

Central Bank of Iraq


USD Sold (Weekly Avg)

NID Exchange Rate

US $ Sold (Weekly Avg)  The New Iraqi Dinar (NID) exchange rate line is calculated as a weekly weighted average (NID/USD)
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq’s commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per 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.

![Graph of Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales](image)

**Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales**
*June 1, 2006 - February 16, 2007*

- Trading High = $73.98 (January 24)
- Trading Low = $64.66 (August 30)
USAID Prepares Inter-Ministerial Committee for Iraq’s First WTO Accession Meeting:

- From January 28-31, USAID’s Izdihar Private Sector Development Project conducted a workshop in Amman to prepare the Government of Iraq (GOI) inter-ministerial World Trade Organization (WTO) committee for their first WTO Working Party meeting in Geneva, which is likely to take place in March.

- Ten GOI officials from various ministries and one representative from the Iraqi Kurdistan region participated in simulations of Iraq’s first Working Party meeting. Participants were also given advice and training on related future multilateral and bilateral negotiations.

Ministry of Planning Moving on Budget Execution:

- On February 15, Minister of Planning and Development Cooperation Dr. Ali Baban told Ambassador Tim Carney that two proposals for improving capital budget execution and contracting had been passed by the Council of Ministers.

- Minister Baban accepted Ambassador Carney’s suggestion to consider deploying one or more mobile budget execution teams to assist multiple provinces in budget execution.
2007 Iraqi Oil Ministry Goal: 2.1 MBPD

• Weekly Average (February 12 – 18) of 2.09 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

- 2006 Revenue Estimate: $31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: $2.8 Billion (Year to Date)
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – **Total Critical Refined Product Supplies**

![Bar Chart]

- Diesel: 9.9 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.5 ML supply of 15.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 12.6 ML supply of 22.1 ML target
- LPG: 3,126 tons supply of 5,500 tons target

*Note: This is a daily average for the week of February 12 – 18*
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

CCCI Convicts 13 Insurgents:

• The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 13 terrorists February 2-10 for various crimes, including possession of illegal weapons, possessing fake identification, violating terrorism laws and illegal border crossing.

• The trial court found an Iraqi man guilty of violating the Anti-Terrorist Law. On November 24, 2004, the Iraqi Army and Coalition Forces (CF) were searching vehicles at a gas station near Khalidiyah when CF approached the defendant’s vehicle and asked him to open the trunk. Forces discovered a 130mm artillery round along with wires, detonation strips and an improvised explosive device behind the driver’s seat. On February 7, the trial panel found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to death.

• Since its reorganization, under an amendment to Coalition Provisional Authority order 13, in April 2004, the CCCI has held 1,867 trials for Coalition-apprehended insurgents. The proceedings have resulted in the conviction of 1,607 individuals with sentences ranging up to death.
[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments

Syria Rejects US Proposal to Hold Refugee Talks:

- Syria rejected a US proposal to discuss the Iraqi refugee crisis with Damascus, saying it would only talk with the US if the two countries spoke about all regional issues. The state-run al-Thawra newspaper said in an editorial that the US “when it raised the issue of dialogue" with Syria only wanted to discuss the repercussions of the Iraqi refugee problem while “ignoring the cause.”

Iraqi Quality of Life Deteriorating for Decades:

- According to a study released by a division of the Iraqi government and the United Nations Development Program, one-third of Iraqis live in poverty and Iraqi living standards deteriorated considerably compared with the 1970s and 1980s, particularly in the area of access to, and quality of, water, electricity and sanitation, as well as employment, income, and asset ownership.

Additional Australian Trainers “Will Help Secure Iraq”:

- Australian Defense Minister Brendan Nelson confirmed February 20 that Australia will send around 70 extra trainers to Iraq in response to a request from Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki last year to assist the Iraqi Army and police. Treasurer Peter Costello said the 70 additional Australian trainers heading to Iraq are needed to allow Iraqi forces to take hold of security. “If the Iraqis are going to manage the situation, they have to have trained security forces which can take over from Australian troops and other troops.”
[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments

Lithuania “Seriously Considering” Withdrawing Troops from Iraq:
• A Lithuania government spokeswoman said February 21 that Lithuania is “seriously considering” withdrawing its 53 troops from Iraq.

Britain to Cut Forces to 5,500 in 2007:
• British Prime Minister Tony Blair said February 21 that Britain would reduce its troop levels in Iraq by 1,600 over the coming months. British troops will remain in Iraq through 2008.

Denmark to Withdraw Iraq Contingent in August:
• Denmark’s Prime Minister Fogh Rasmussen said his country will withdraw its 460-member contingent from Iraq by August and transfer security responsibilities to Iraqi forces. Rasmussen said Denmark will replace the troops with surveillance helicopters and civilian advisors.
[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of February 19, 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 ~ 14,010 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
Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

President Speaks to Reporters about BSP:

- President Bush told reporters at a White House news conference February 14 that the Baghdad Security Plan (BSP) is on track and the Iraqi government is meeting benchmarks necessary for continued Coalition cooperation.

- The president added that Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki has his top commander in place and forces are busy setting up a command-and-control headquarters in Baghdad. Bush cautioned, however, that the plan is still in its early stages.

- Bush also noted that other benchmarks met by the Iraqi government include the recent passing of its $41 billion budget, and the fact that Iraqi lawmakers are working to pass the country’s oil revenue law.
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