

A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding areas are light orange, and the Persian Gulf is light blue. The text is overlaid on the map.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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

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The President of Iraqi Kurdistan, Masud Barzani, says he is ready to discuss operations against the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militant group with his Turkish counterparts. He made the comment during an interview broadcast February 26. Turkey, which previously threatened cross-border military action to quell the PKK threat, recently signaled that it would be open to talks to resolve the issue.

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The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 23 terrorists February 11-17 for various crimes, including possession of illegal weapons, possessing fake identification, violating terrorism laws and illegal border crossing.

### 7. International Support for Iraq

Iraq will hold its first international trade exhibit since before the start of the war in 2003, in an effort to gain international investment and reconstruction help. The event will be held March 24-26 at the Bahrain International Exhibition Center in Manama. The trade exhibit is being organized by the Iraq government in association with Bahrain's Magnum Events and Exhibitions Management.

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

An Information Ministry official said February 26 that Egypt has stopped its satellite transmission of the private Iraqi channel al-Zawraa. The chairman of the board of Egyptian government-owned satellite channel NileSat said the feed was cut for technical reasons and was not an act of censorship. Al-Zawraa's owner said the move was politically-motivated and plans to sue Egypt.



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

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### IP and Coalition Forces Discover Large EFP Cache:

- An informant's tip led Iraqi Police (IP) officers from Judidah, in the Baquba area of Diyala province, and Coalition forces from the 1st Cavalry Division to a large improvised explosive device cache February 24 containing over 130 disks capable of producing Explosively-Formed Projectiles (EFPs) and two EFPs in various stages of assembly.
- Additionally, the cache contained one completed improvised mine and more than a dozen others in various stages of construction, more than two dozen mortar rounds and 15 rockets, six rocket launchers, five anti-aircraft rounds, over two dozen rocket-propelled grenade warheads, more than 400 plastic and steel containers in various stages of fabrication for Improvised Explosive Device (IED) construction, and large quantities of various IED-making material.

### IA Detains 16 Suspects During Operations Against Rogue JAM:

- Special Iraqi Army (IA) forces detained 16 suspected militiamen during operations February 27 with Coalition advisers in Sadr City, targeting the leadership of several rogue Jaysh al-Mahdi (JAM) cells who allegedly direct and perpetrate sectarian murder, torture, and kidnapping. The wanted individuals are reported to operate out of Sadr City and are also linked to attacks on Coalition Forces (CF) and the supply of weapons and munitions which support continued rogue JAM violence.



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

### IP Conduct Operation Shurta Nasir to Clear Hit of Insurgents:

- Nearly 500 IP from Hit in Anbar province recently conducted Operation Shurta Nasir (Police Victory) meant to clear the town of terrorists and identify locations for new police stations.
- IP planned and led this large-scale operation in western Iraq, which included nearly 100 recent graduates from the Jordanian International Police Training Academy. A combined force of 1,000 soldiers from both the Iraqi and US armies cordoned off the area to assist the police during the operation.
- During operations in the city of roughly 100,000, the Hit police captured 13 known terrorists, one large weapons cache, and began construction of two new police stations to meet the demands of the growing department.

### Suspected AQI Emir and 11 Others Detained in Raids:

- CF detained 12 suspected terrorists, including a suspected al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) emir during raids the morning of February 27, targeting foreign fighter facilitators and the AQI network.



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

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### IA Sends Troops to Support Fardh al-Qanun:

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**[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	~28,860
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~188,260**</b>

**Ministry of Defense Forces**

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~132,856***
AIR FORCE	~929
NAVY	~1,135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~134,920**</b>

**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 19, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)





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

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#### KRG President Ready to Confront PKK:

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- Turkey, which previously threatened cross-border military action to quell the PKK threat, recently signaled that it would be open to talks to resolve the issue.

#### Senior Iraqi Official Narrowly Escapes Assassination Attempt:

- Iraq's Shia Vice President Adil Abd al-Mahdi narrowly escaped an assassination attempt when an explosion occurred near the government building he was visiting in Baghdad. He was taken to a hospital after suffering minor wounds in the blast at the Public Works Ministry.
- A second member of the Iraqi government, Public Works Minister Riyadh Ghraib, also a Shia, is thought to have been seriously injured in the attack.



# [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> Hoshiyar 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		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,988.67	\$4,988.67	\$0.00	\$4,986.20	\$4,986.20	\$0.00	\$4,723.95	\$4,722.69	(\$1.26)
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,224.15	\$4,181.39	(\$42.77)	\$4,081.96	\$4,041.37	(\$40.59)	\$3,090.09	\$3,110.29	\$20.20
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,677.11	\$1,672.78	(\$4.33)	\$1,583.54	\$1,581.41	(\$2.13)	\$1,344.47	\$1,356.38	\$11.90
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,303.93	\$1,303.93	\$0.00	\$1,297.72	\$1,297.69	(\$0.03)	\$1,016.49	\$1,024.27	\$7.78
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.80	\$1,001.80	\$0.00	\$1,001.73	\$1,001.09	(\$0.63)	\$894.93	\$896.17	\$1.24
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$401.26	\$401.15	(\$0.11)	\$355.34	\$356.86	\$1.52
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$331.94	\$331.94	\$0.00	\$324.58	\$324.54	(\$0.04)	\$214.23	\$214.23	\$0.00
Health Care	\$818.90	\$817.58	\$817.58	\$0.00	\$803.07	\$803.13	\$0.06	\$632.32	\$635.41	\$3.08
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$464.09	\$464.07	(\$0.02)	\$458.29	\$458.27	(\$0.025)	\$342.59	\$344.00	\$1.41
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,119.79	\$2,119.79	\$0.00	\$2,049.94	\$2,049.88	(\$0.06)	\$1,481.97	\$1,485.47	\$3.51
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$0.00	\$813.95	\$813.13	(\$0.83)	\$766.99	\$773.71	\$6.72
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$164.24	\$181.71	\$17.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,448.95</b>	<b>\$18,356.73</b>	<b>\$18,309.60</b>	<b>(\$47.12)</b>	<b>\$18,014.69</b>	<b>\$17,970.32</b>	<b>(\$44.38)</b>	<b>\$15,027.63</b>	<b>\$15,101.19</b>	<b>\$73.56</b>
<b>IRRF II Construction</b>		\$10,572.53	\$10,529.77	(\$42.77)	\$10,252.36	\$10,213.99	(\$38.37)	\$8,191.54	\$8,222.10	\$30.56
<b>IRRF II Non-Construction</b>		\$6,782.39	\$6,778.03	(\$4.36)	\$6,760.60	\$6,755.23	(\$5.38)	\$5,941.16	\$5,982.92	\$41.77
<b>IRRF II Democracy</b>		\$1,001.80	\$1,001.80	\$0.00	\$1,001.73	\$1,001.09	(\$0.63)	\$894.93	\$896.17	\$1.24
<b>IRRF I Total</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>\$20,922.25</b>	<b>\$20,830.03</b>	<b>\$20,782.90</b>	<b>(\$47.12)</b>	<b>\$20,246.99</b>	<b>\$20,202.62</b>	<b>(\$44.38)</b>	<b>\$17,166.63</b>	<b>\$17,240.19</b>	<b>\$73.56</b>

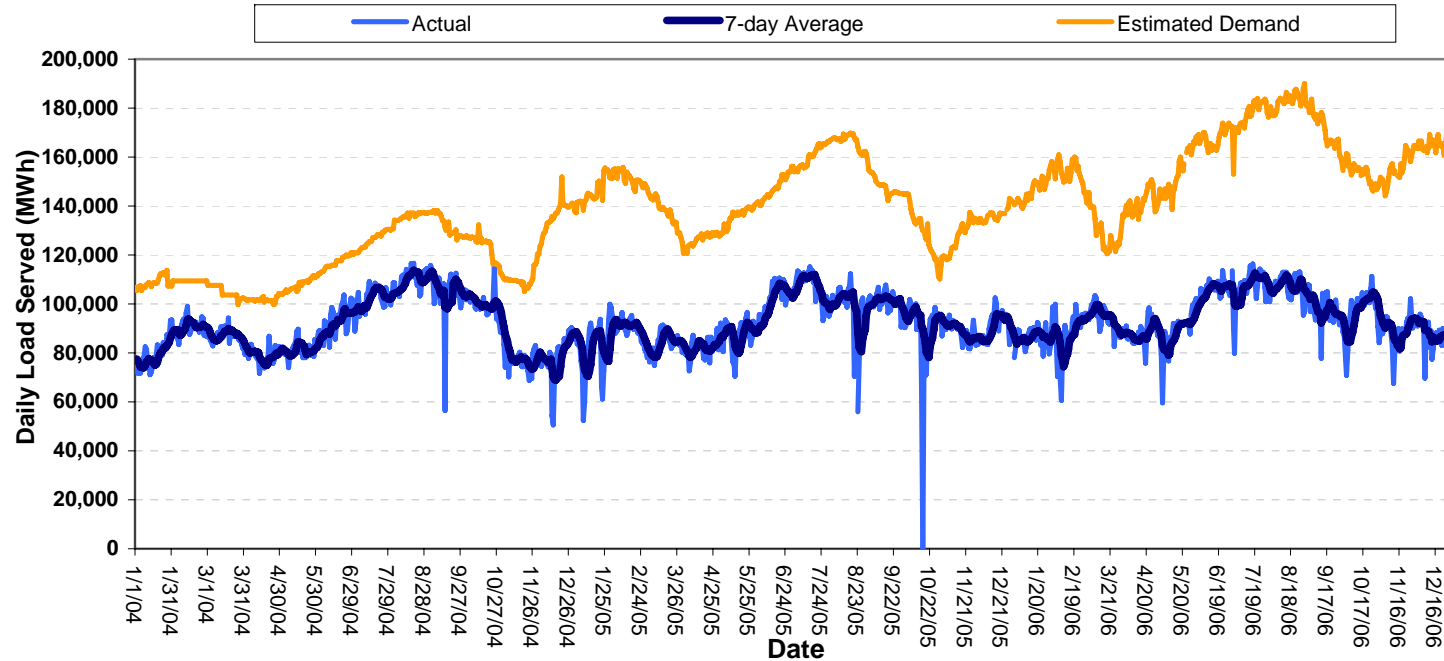
As of February 27, 2007



# [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 22-28 electricity availability averaged 6.2 hours per day in Baghdad and 9.7 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 6% below the same period in 2006.



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

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### Electricity:

- The completed US Army-funded rehabilitation of the ED 400V overhead distribution network in the Muhalla 883 area of Karkh, Baghdad province, provides increased electrical capacity that will benefit more than 14,000 local residents.
- The Ninewa Ministry of Electricity (MoE) provided positive feedback on the quality of workmanship and the high level of coordination between the MoE, Gulf Region North District, Gulf Region Division and ABB regarding the completion of ET-900 Mosul 400 kV Substation Rehab (URI 16032). The project's objective was to rehabilitate the existing substation and expand its capacity to receive and distribute power from Turkey, Syria, the Mosul Dam, and the Mosul Gas Turbine generation plant. The substation will benefit over four million citizens across the region.



**[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 16 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$ \$51.688/ barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$58.222/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$59.4025/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$55.613/barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,812	22,540	-1.19%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	19,279	17,467	-9.40%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) <sup>2</sup>	3,973	4,305	8.36%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	11,228	11,271	0.38%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,396	6,481	1.33%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>63,688</b>	<b>62,064</b>	<b>-2.55%</b>

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

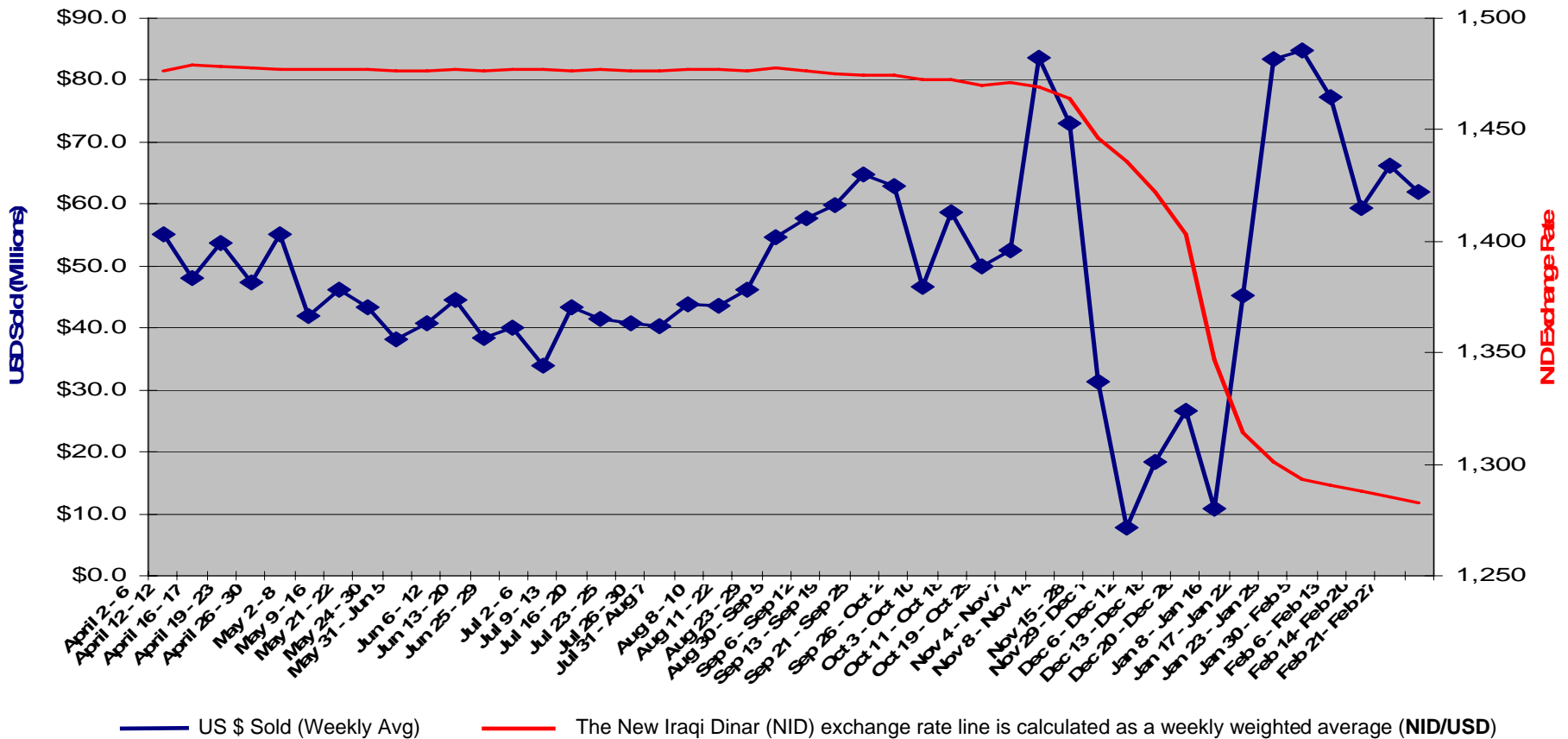


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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

- The following table shows volume sold 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 Currency Auction: April 2, 2006 – February 27, 2007**



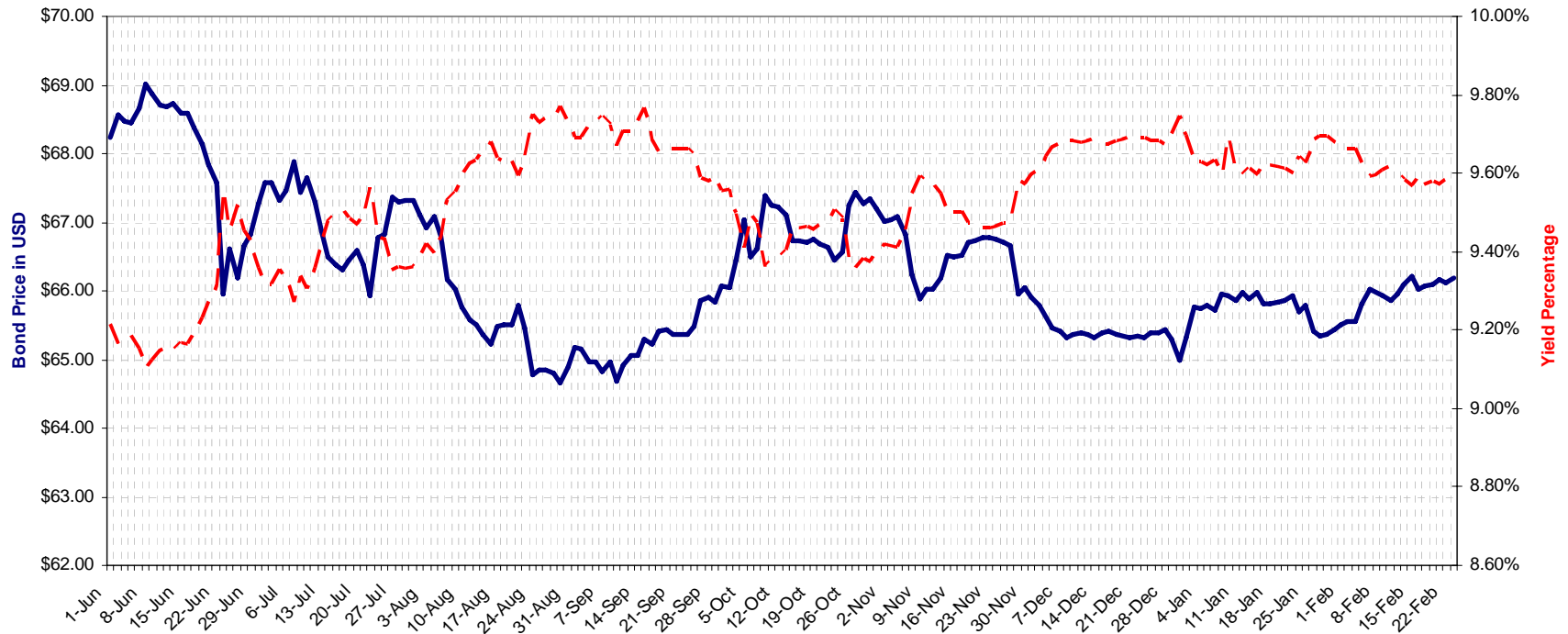


# [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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.

### Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales June 1, 2006 - February 23, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)





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

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### Council of Ministers Passes Draft Hydrocarbon Law:

- On February 26, the Council of Ministers approved a draft of the hydrocarbon framework law. The next step is for the draft legislation to be submitted to the Council of Representatives for deliberation. This law is a vital component necessary for long-term economic growth in Iraq.

### GOI Announces Creation of New Budget Execution Task Force:

- Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih, Finance Minister Bayan Jabr, and Minister of Planning and Development Ali Baban discussed the formation of a new budget execution task force with Ambassador Carney. They will lead the task force and will have a special focus on Sunni areas.
- They also announced a March 5 conference on ministerial and provincial spending agencies, as well as a March 7 conference in Anbar province to underscore Iraqi government support for local development.



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

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### KRG Reopens Borders to US Poultry:

- The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) has re-opened the Turkish-Iraqi Kurdish border to US poultry imports, provided they are not sold locally in the Iraqi Kurdistan region. However, the permanence of this solution is unclear.

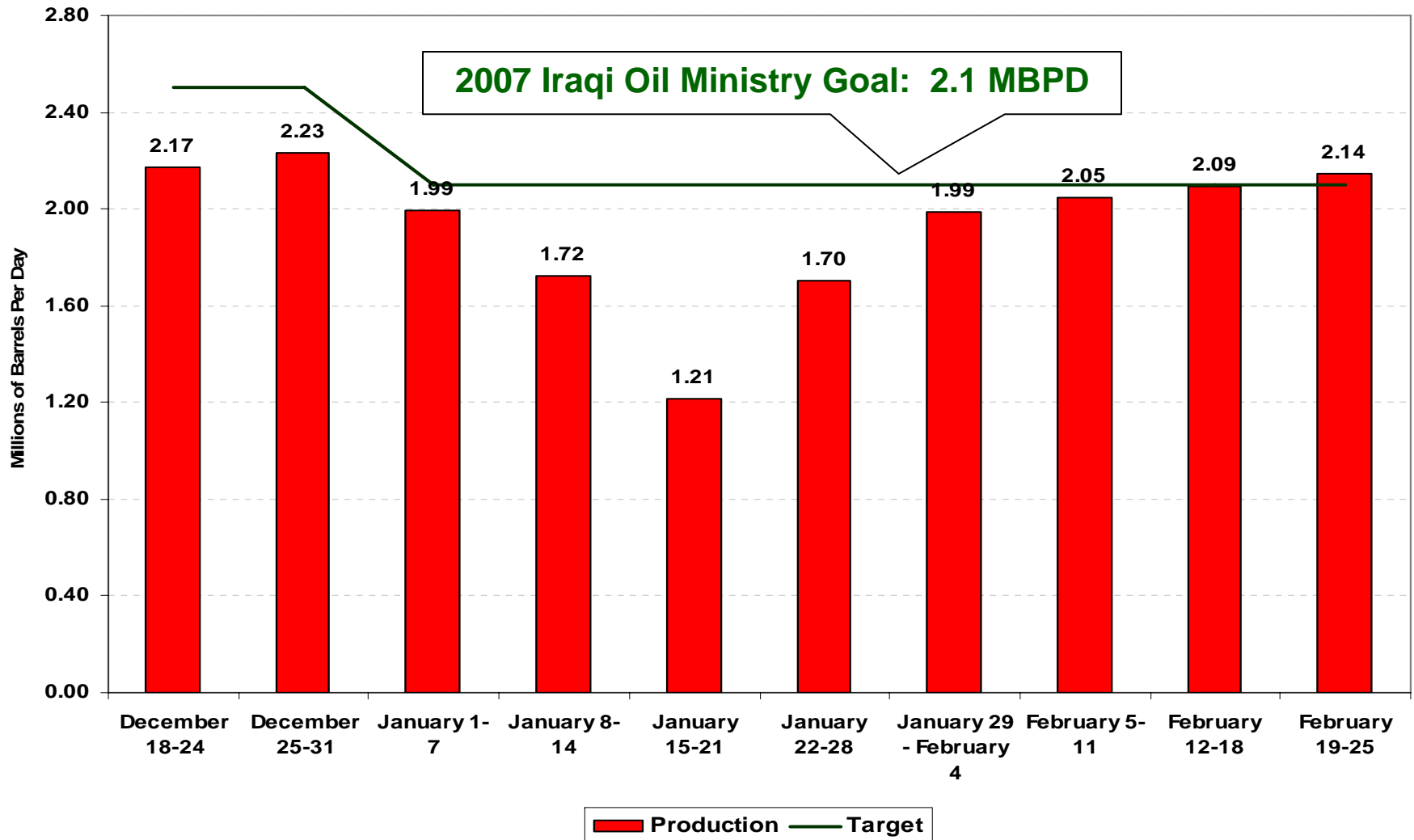
### Trade Bank of Iraq President meets with Ex/Im Bank:

- President Hussein al-Uzri of the Trade Bank of Iraq met with representatives from the Export/Import Bank in Washington, DC February 27. In addition to meeting with the Export/Import Bank, Uzri also met with US Department of Treasury officials, and with World Bank, International Finance Corporation and JP Morgan representatives.



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

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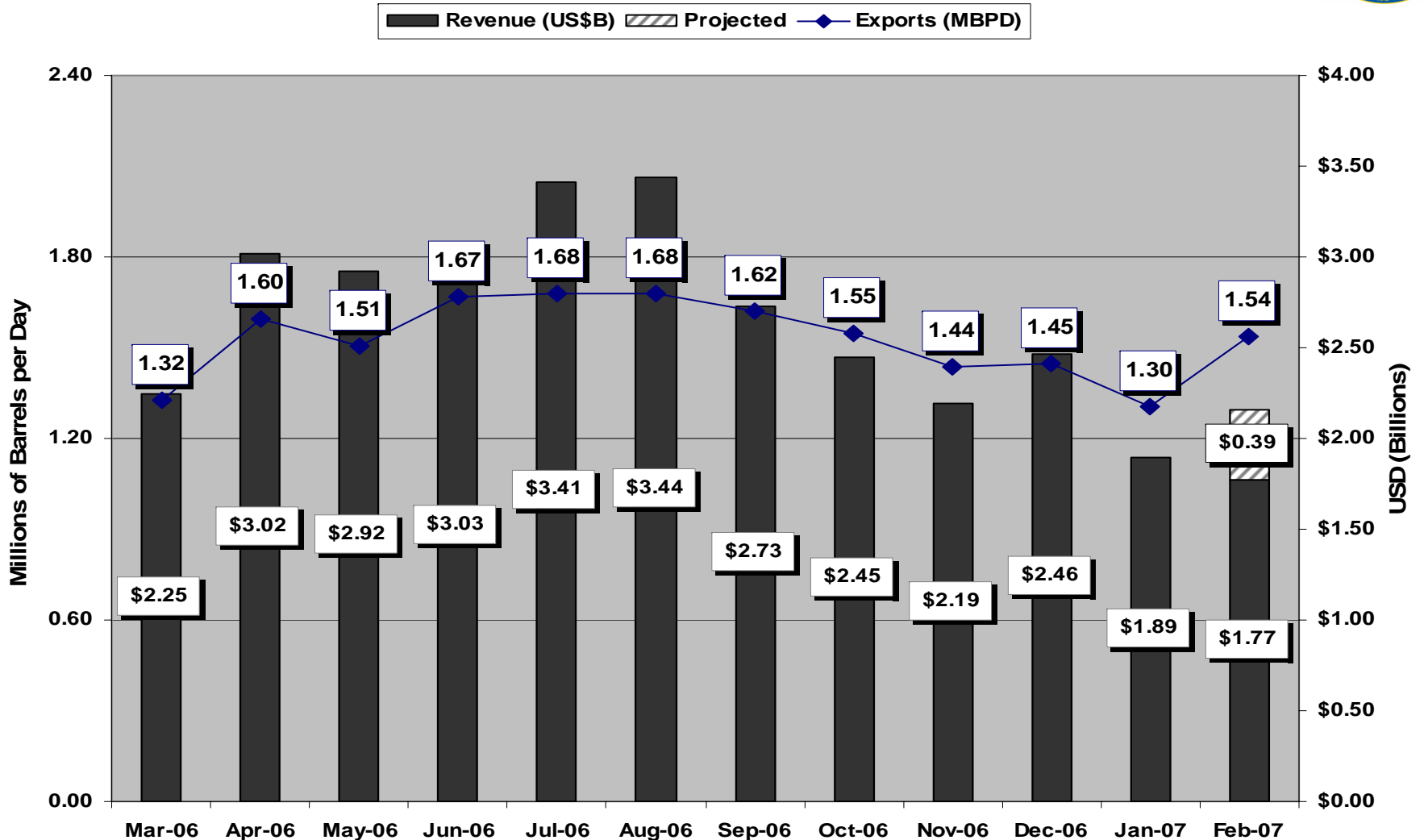


- Weekly Average (February 19 – 25) of 2.14 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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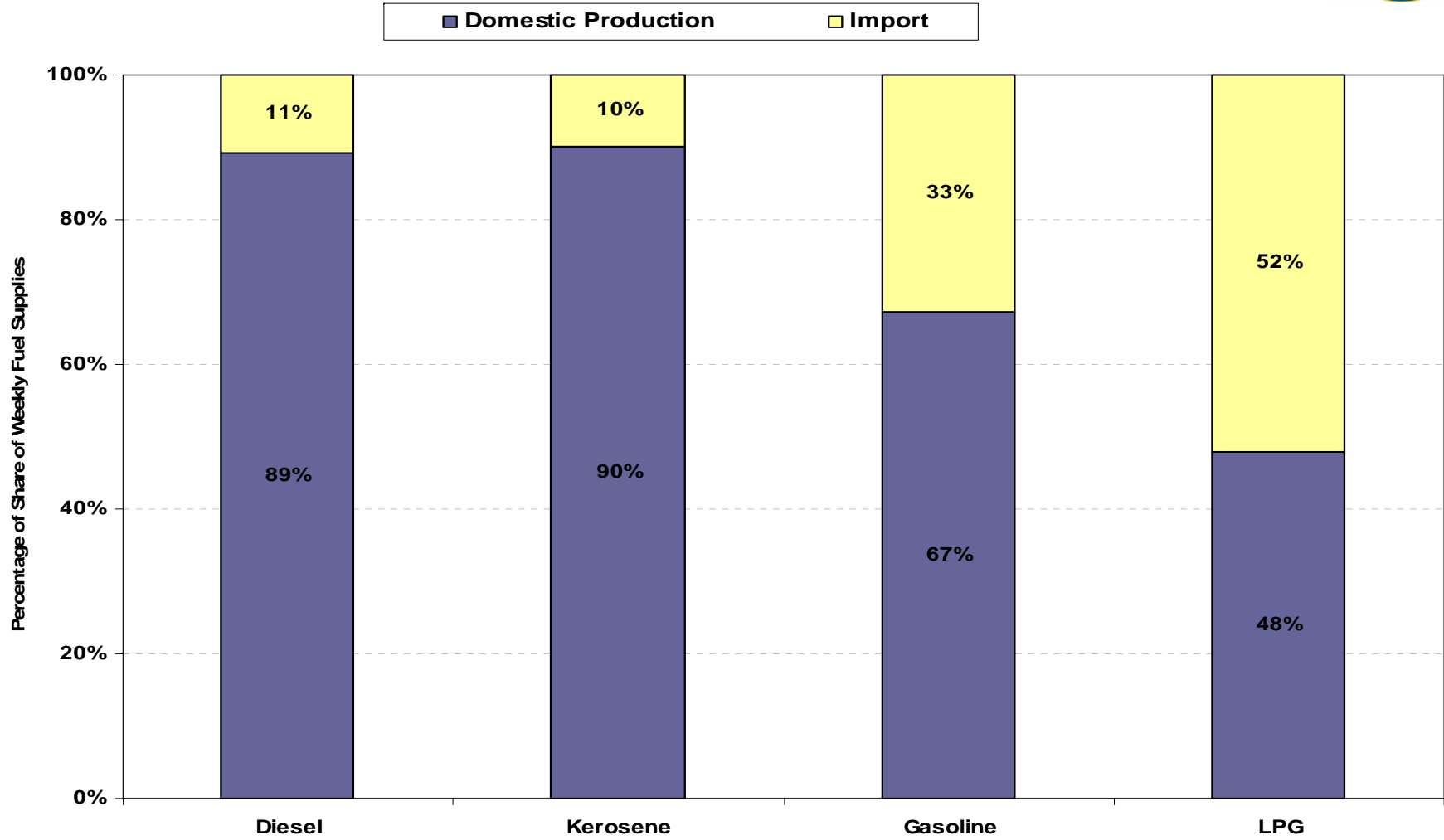


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$3.7 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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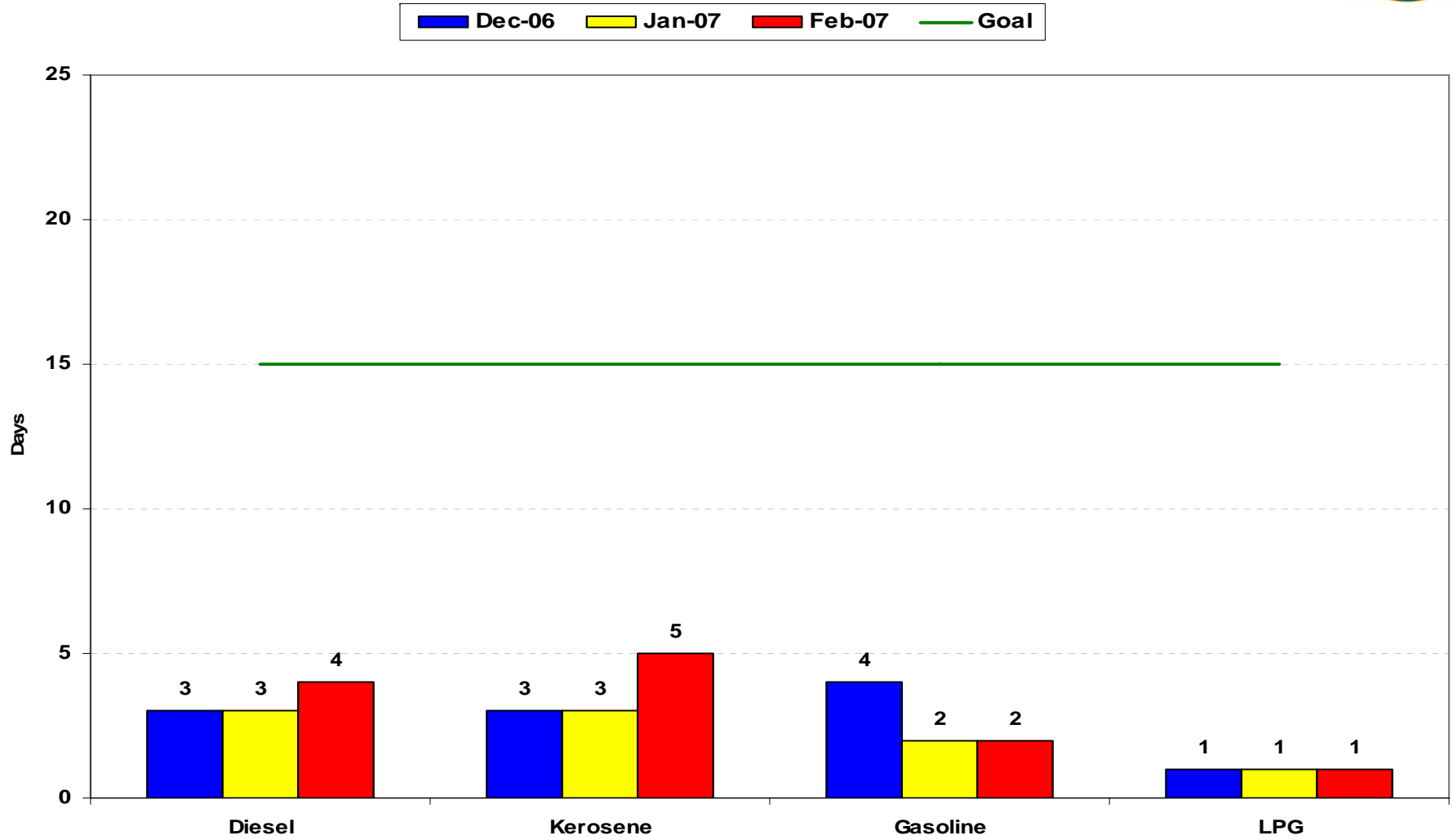
Note: This is a daily average for the week of February 19 – 25

- Diesel: 12.5 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.0 ML supply of 15.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.4 ML supply of 22.1 ML target
- LPG: 3,510 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

### CCCI Convicts 23 Insurgents:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 23 terrorists February 11-17 for various crimes, including possession of illegal weapons, possessing fake identification, passport violations and illegal border crossing.
- The trial court found a Moroccan man guilty of Article 24 of the Iraqi Penal Code for illegal boarder crossing. On December 29, 2004, the defendant crossed the border into Iraq and was apprehended by the Iraqi Boarder Patrol (IBP). After being questioned by the IBP, the defendant was further questioned upon suspicion of being a suicide bomber affiliated with al-Qaida; these suspicions were validated. The defendant was then transferred to Multi-National Forces (MNF) custody. On February 11, the trial panel found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to life imprisonment.
- The trial court found two Iraqi men guilty of illegal possession of special category weapons in violation of Order 3/2003 Section 6, Paragraph 2B. On December 10, 2006, MNF detained the defendants during a security patrol near Haditha after spotting suspicious antennas on the roof of the defendants' house. Inside the house, MNF found ID making material, a timer, a circuit tester and an HK magazine. MNF then searched two sheds within the compound and found numerous rifles, handguns, explosives, hand grenades, ammunition and military radios. On February 13, the trial panel found the defendants guilty and sentenced them each to 30 years imprisonment.



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

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### Iraq to Hold International Trade Exhibit:

- Iraq will hold its first international trade exhibit since before the start of the war in 2003, in an effort to gain international investment and reconstruction help. The event will be held March 24-26 at the Bahrain International Exhibition Center in Manama. The trade exhibit is being organized by the Iraq government in association with Bahrain's Magnum Events and Exhibitions Management.

### Japan Announces Additional Iraq Funding through the UN:

- Japan will provide additional funding to Iraq through a number of United Nations agencies, with a total of \$104.5 million being provided to the UN Development Program, the UN Children's Fund, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration, the World Food Program, and the World Health Organization for humanitarian and reconstruction aid.





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

### Pakistan Hosts Summit on Iran, Iraq:

- Foreign ministers from seven Muslim nations: Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan, met in Pakistan to discuss possible ways to resolve tensions in the Middle East - including in Iran and Iraq - and to curb the spread of terrorism.

### Neighbor's Conference Planned for Iraq in March:

- The Iraqi Foreign Minister said that officials from regional states - including Syria and possibly Iran - will join US and British envoys at a meeting in Baghdad next month, which will seek ways to stabilize Iraq. Ambassadors from the five permanent members of the UN who are based in Baghdad confirmed they would also participate.



# [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

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

### Egypt Ends Transmission of Iraq Satellite Channel:

- An Information Ministry official said February 26 that Egypt has stopped its satellite transmission of the private Iraqi channel al-Zawraa. The chairman of the board of Egyptian government-owned satellite channel NileSat said the feed was cut for technical reasons and was not an act of censorship. Al-Zawraa's owner said the move was politically-motivated and plans to sue Egypt.
- Al-Zawraa's pro-Sunni programming – which has come under criticism from both the US and Iraqi governments - has accused the Shiite-led Iraqi government of killing Sunnis and being a front for Iran. Al-Zawraa is also transmitted via ArabSat.

### Saddam's Lawyer to Publish Book About the Former Dictator:

- Saddam Hussein's former chief lawyer, Khalil al-Dulaimi, said February 25 that he plans to publish a book this year disclosing secret information about the former dictator.
- Dulaimi also said he would reprint as many as 300 personal letters, poems and other works penned by Saddam.



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