

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 title text is overlaid on the yellow area.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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**Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
US Department of State**



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

Multi-National Force-Iraq Commander General David H. Petraeus said March 8 that the new security strategy focused on population security can work but will take time to be fully implemented. General Petraeus said that Iraqi and Coalition forces working together have established about 40 joint Iraqi-U.S. security posts across Baghdad as part of the three-week-old Operation Enforcing the Law.

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

Three of the four Iraqi army divisions in the north are now under the control of the Iraqi Ground Forces Command, and U.S. troops are turning over more counterinsurgency operations to those units, according to Major General Benjamin Mixon, the top US commander in Multi-National Division–North (MND-N).

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

Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, hoping to show those outside the capital that the government is working to control violence everywhere, traveled to the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Ramadi on March 13 to meet with tribal leaders and the provincial governor.

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### 5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved the third and fourth reviews of Iraq's Stand-By Arrangement (SBA). The Board commended the GOI's commitment to maintaining policies agreed to in the SBA, but expressed concern over the security situation's impact on, inter alia, GOI responsiveness and under-execution of the investment budget.

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

The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 18 security detainees from February 25 to March 1, for various crimes including joining an armed group to unsettle the stability and security of Iraq, possession of illegal weapons, personal identification violations and an illegal border crossing violation.

### 7. International Support for Iraq

On March 11 the Government of Iraq hosted a Neighbors conference in Baghdad attended by 69 delegates representing 13 countries such as, the United States, Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, and Turkey, and Representatives of the Arab League, the Islamic Conference, the United Nations as well as the four other permanent members of the UN Security Council the United Kingdom, Russia, China, and France.

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

In a March 6 press conference President Bush outlined the importance of international cooperation on Iraq.



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

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### MNF-I Commander Says Security Plan Can Work But Will Take Time:

- Multi-National Force-Iraq Commander General David H. Petraeus said March 8 that the new security strategy that puts Iraqi and Coalition forces inside Baghdad neighborhoods to safeguard residents against insurgent and sectarian violence can work, but will take time to be fully implemented.
- General Petraeus noted that population security is an important component of counter-insurgency operational doctrine, but that the current operation “will take months, not days or weeks, to fully implement,” and that it “will have to be sustained to achieve its desired effect.”
- General Petraeus also stated that Iraqi and Coalition forces will not just clear neighborhoods, but they will also hold them to facilitate the ‘build’ phase of the operation and help Baghdad’s residents realize aspirations beyond survival. As part of this plan the Iraqi government has budgeted billions of dollars for infrastructure improvements and capital investment.
- Iraqi and Coalition forces working together have established about 40 joint Iraqi-U.S. security posts across Baghdad as part of the three-week-old Fardh Al-Qanoon, or Operation Enforcing the Law. In the first few weeks of the operation, sectarian killings have been lower in Baghdad compared to the previous month, and small numbers of residents are returning to homes they abandoned to escape the violence.



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

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### Iraqi Forces Control Much of Northern Iraq:

- Three of the four Iraqi army divisions in the north are now under the control of the Iraqi Ground Forces Command, and U.S. troops are turning over more counterinsurgency operations to those units, according to Major General Benjamin Mixon, the top US commander in Multi-National Division–North (MND-N). The final division should fall under Iraqi command and control by this summer.
- Iraqi units in the region are manned at about 85 percent but have significant equipment shortages. To help train these forces, MND-N has added nearly 400 U.S. soldiers to their military transition teams and added 33 police transition teams. However, greater efforts are needed to improve the border security forces and the strategic infrastructure battalions that secure critical oil refining and delivery infrastructure.
- There is encouraging progress in the northern provinces of Nineveh, Kirkuk and Salahuddin, but sectarian violence still plagues Diyala, causing MND-N to move more forces into the province and increase offensive operations to unbalance insurgents and prevent them from reinforcing Baghdad. In the past two months, coalition forces have seen a 30 percent increase in offensive actions and attacks in Diyala and have killed more than 175 enemy forces there.



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### More Than 60 Recruits Join the Iraqi Police in Anbar:

- In the town of Barwanah, an area where virtually no Iraqi Police existed before, more than 60 recruits volunteered to join the Iraqi Police last week. The recruits were encouraged by local tribal shaykhs and constituted the largest number of IP volunteers ever recruited from the town of about 20,000 citizens in Anbar Province.

### Iraqi Air Force Receives Huey II Helicopters:

- The Kingdom of Jordan recently donated sixteen helicopters to the Iraqi government. The aircraft are all receiving Huey II upgrades, which include all new engines, wiring, avionics, and other special features. The Iraqi Air Force received the initial delivery of five aircraft and is scheduled to receive the additional eleven by July.



[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	~ 25,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~193,300**</b>

**Ministry of Defense Forces**

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~134,400***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~136,400**</b>

**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**

**~329,700\*\*\*\***

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





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

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#### Iraqi Prime Minister Visits Ramadi:

- Iraq's Shiite prime minister, hoping to show those outside the capital that the government is working to control violence everywhere, traveled to the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Ramadi on March 13 to meet with tribal leaders and the provincial governor.

#### Sunni and Shia Leaders Form National-Salvation Front:

- Former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi is leading a new push to create a “National Salvation Front,” which his supporters say would be able to secure the backing of Iraqi insurgents, reunite the country and end the sectarian conflict that has prevailed for more than a year.



# [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	—	\$4,723.45	\$4,726.87	\$3.42	↑
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,172.88	\$4,173.01	\$0.14	↑	\$4,034.04	\$4,034.17	\$0.14	↑	\$3,122.68	\$3,122.71	\$0.03	↑
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,672.76	\$1,672.76	\$0.00	—	\$1,582.78	\$1,582.78	\$0.00	—	\$1,369.28	\$1,369.28	\$0.00	—
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,303.87	\$1,303.90	\$0.03	↑	\$1,297.66	\$1,297.69	\$0.03	↑	\$1,025.06	\$1,029.34	\$4.28	↑
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$998.59	\$999.23	\$0.63	↑	\$998.51	\$999.15	\$0.63	↑	\$896.25	\$913.89	\$17.64	↑
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.15	\$401.26	\$0.11	↑	\$401.15	\$401.26	\$0.11	↑	\$357.23	\$357.79	\$0.56	↑
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$331.90	\$331.94	\$0.04	↑	\$324.54	\$324.58	\$0.04	↑	\$214.45	\$214.45	\$0.00	—
Health Care	\$818.90	\$814.48	\$814.52	\$0.03	↑	\$800.24	\$800.27	\$0.03	↑	\$635.62	\$635.94	\$0.32	↑
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$456.67	\$456.67	\$0.00	—	\$450.87	\$450.87	\$0.00	—	\$344.93	\$344.93	\$0.00	—
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,112.63	\$2,112.68	\$0.06	↑	\$2,042.78	\$2,042.83	\$0.06	↑	\$1,503.52	\$1,503.52	\$0.00	—
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.13	\$809.25	(\$3.87)	↓	\$813.13	\$809.25	(\$3.87)	↓	\$773.80	\$783.32	\$9.52	↑
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$212.45	\$210.59	(\$1.86)	↓	\$212.45	\$210.59	(\$1.86)	↓	\$185.67	\$185.02	(\$0.65)	↓
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,448.95</b>	<b>\$18,279.17</b>	<b>\$18,274.47</b>	<b>(\$4.70)</b>	↓	<b>\$17,944.34</b>	<b>\$17,939.65</b>	<b>(\$4.70)</b>	↓	<b>\$15,151.94</b>	<b>\$15,187.06</b>	<b>\$35.13</b>	↑
IRRF II Construction		\$10,503.63	\$10,503.82	\$0.19	↑	\$10,190.62	\$10,190.82	\$0.19	↑	\$8,245.59	\$8,245.62	\$0.03	↑
IRRF II Non-Construction		\$6,776.95	\$6,771.43	(\$5.52)	↓	\$6,755.21	\$6,749.68	(\$5.52)	↓	\$6,010.11	\$6,027.56	\$17.45	↑
IRRF II Democracy		\$998.59	\$999.23	\$0.63	↑	\$998.51	\$999.15	\$0.63	↑	\$896.25	\$913.89	\$17.64	↑
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	—
<b>Grand Total IRRF I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$20,922.25</b>	<b>\$20,752.47</b>	<b>\$20,747.77</b>	<b>(\$4.70)</b>	↓	<b>\$20,176.64</b>	<b>\$20,171.95</b>	<b>(\$4.70)</b>	↓	<b>\$17,290.94</b>	<b>\$17,326.06</b>	<b>\$35.13</b>	↑

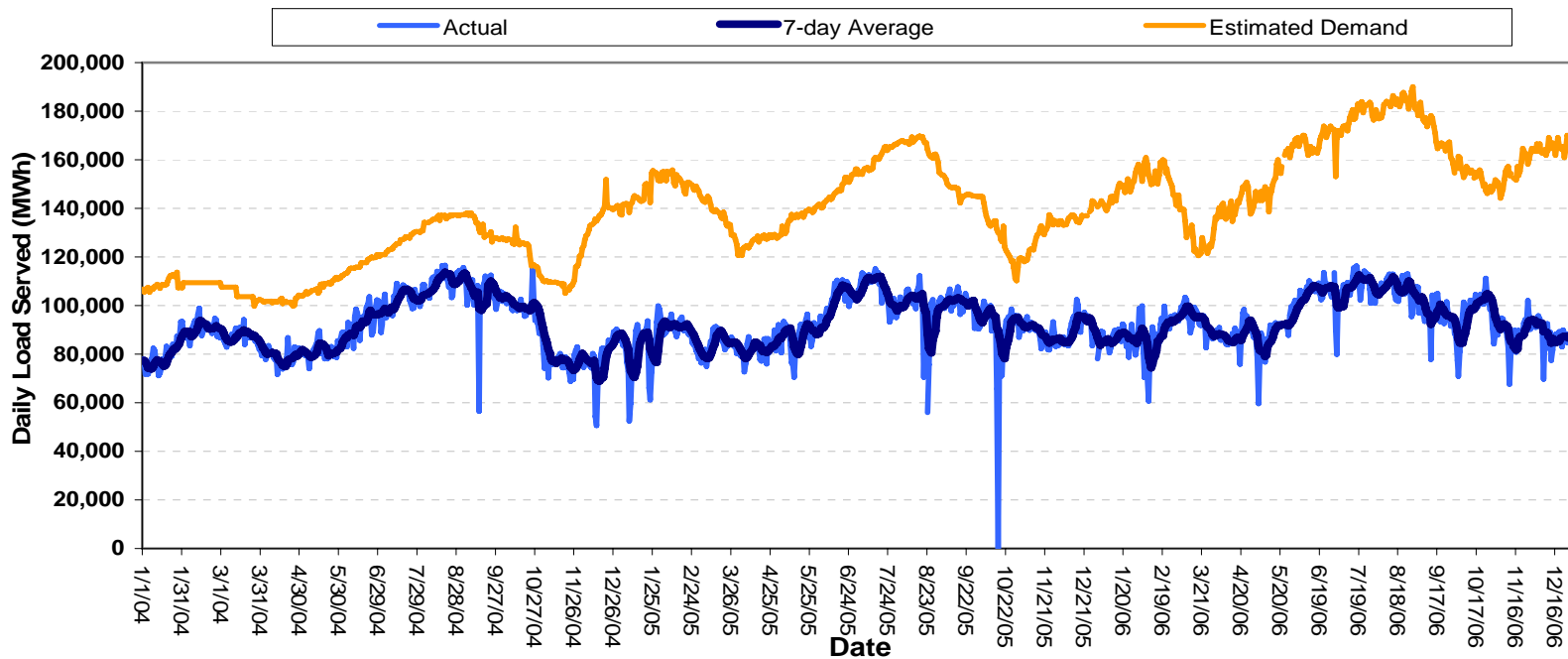
As of March 13, 2007



# [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 March 8-14 electricity availability averaged 5.6 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.0 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 12% below the same period in 2006.



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

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### Health:

- The completed US-Army funded power project (installation of concrete pads and a 1MW diesel generator) at the EG/Women's-Children's Hospital in Ramadi, Al Anbar Province now provides sufficient power on site to operate the hospital at 100% capacity.

### Water:

- The completed installation of the US Army-funded PW-090 Water Compact Unit in Ad Duluyah, Salah ad Din Province now provides fresh, potable water to 12,000 local residents.
- The US Army-funded repair & installation of PW-99 wells in seven villages of Erbil Province is complete and now provides fresh, quality drinking water to about 3,500 residents.

**[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 March 9 closed with the following prices:
  - Dated Brent at \$61.13/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$57.93/barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,240	22,540	1.35%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	20,014	20,219	1.02%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) <sup>2</sup>	4,305	4,305	0.00%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	12,441	12,592	1.21%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,481	6,481	0.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>65,481</b>	<b>66,137</b>	<b>1.00%</b>

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

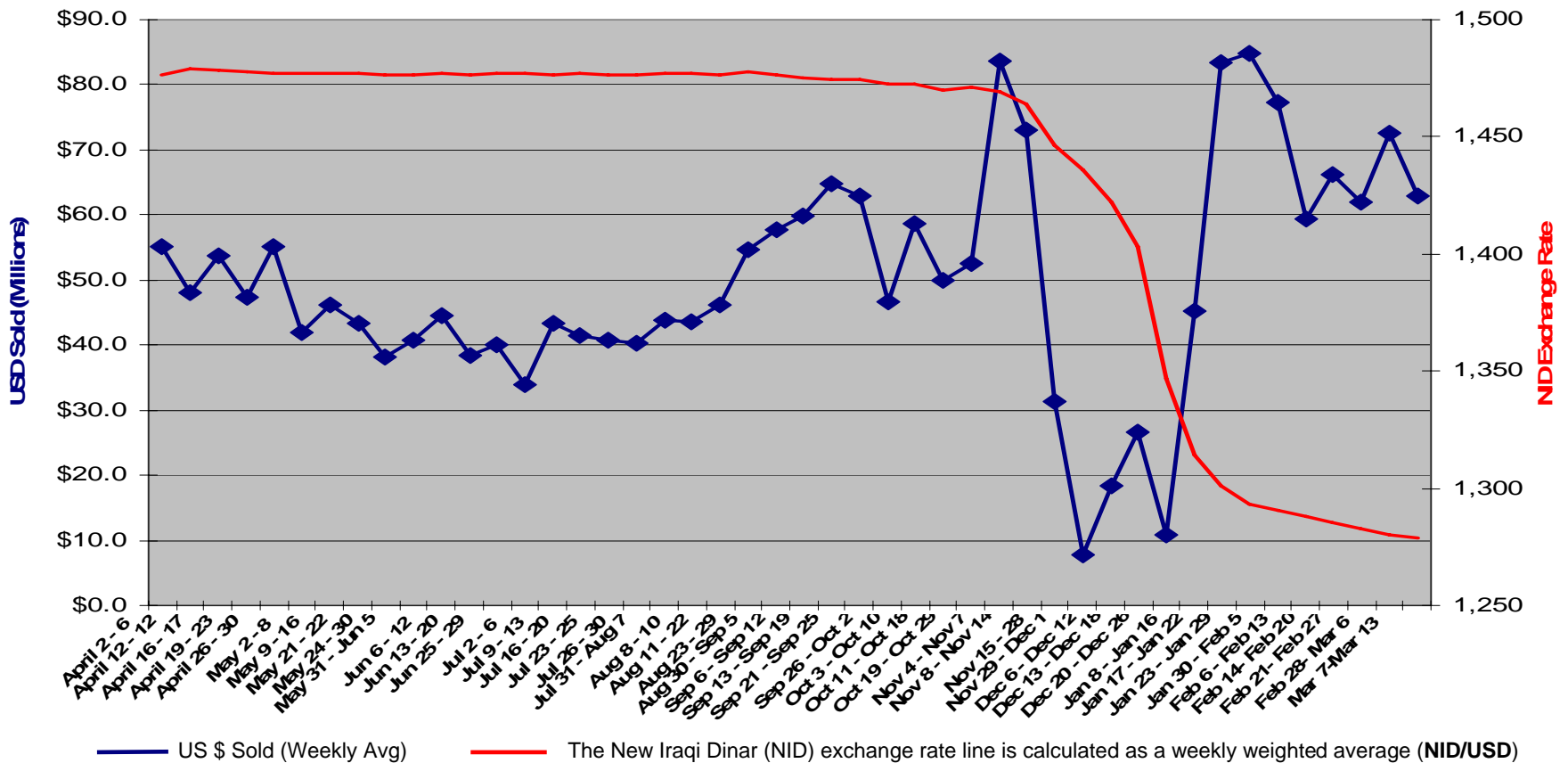


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

### 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 – March 13, 2007**



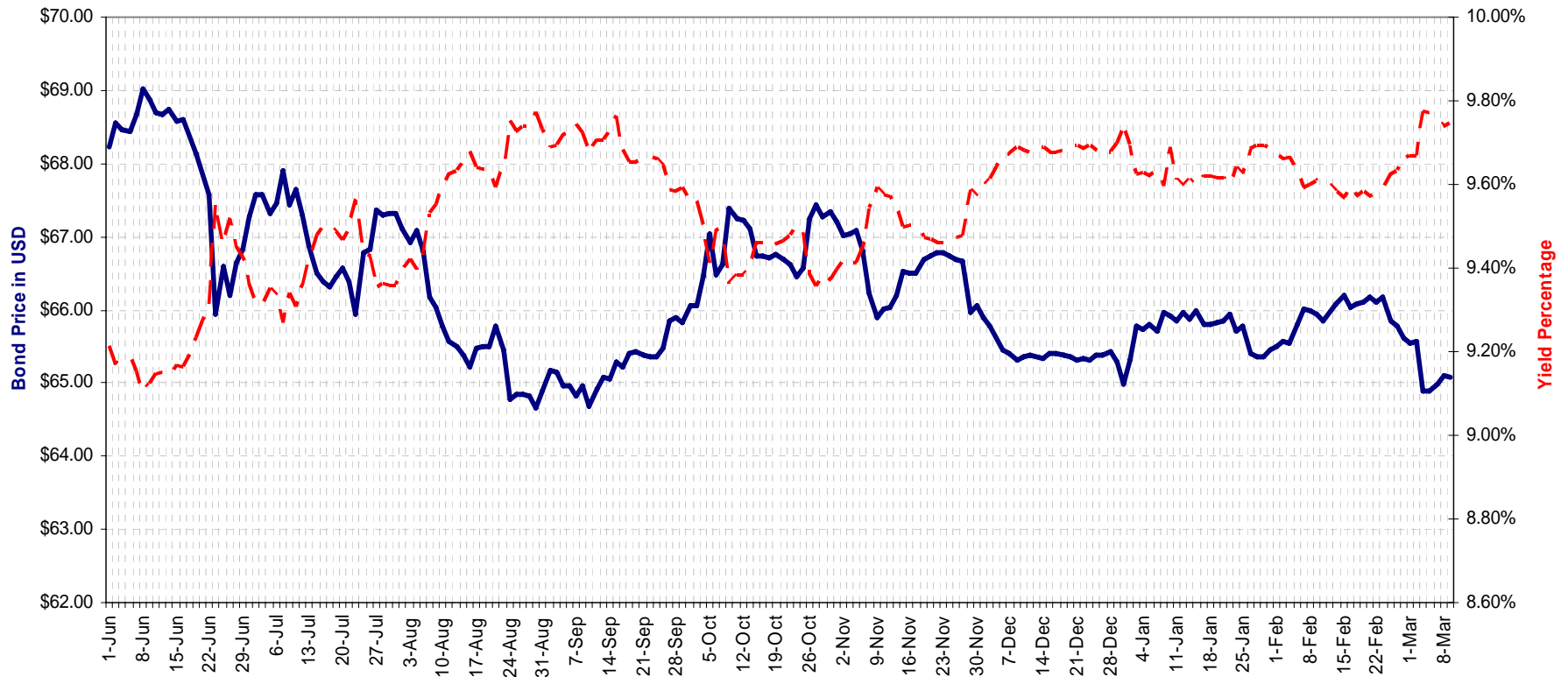


# [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 - March 9, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)





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

### USAID Tatweer Project to assist Ministry of Oil in Project Management:

- On February 28 Lewis Tatem, Director for USAID-Iraq Capacity Development; Ambassador Joseph Ghougassian, Tatweer Chief of Party; and Faisal Nasr, Tatweer Public Management Advisor to the Ministry of Oil, met with the Iraqi Minister of Oil, Dr. Husayn al-Shahrastani, to discuss USAID's capacity development Program, Tatweer. Dr. Shahrastani responded positively to the Tatweer Program, expressing the Ministry's need for assistance with systems improvements and organizational reform. He welcomed the idea of USAID providing assistance in the form of a Project Management Unit and expressed the need for USAID to also work with the some of the operating companies.



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

### IMF Executive Board Approves Third and Fourth Reviews of Iraq's (SBA) with concerns, and Six Month Extension:

- On March 13, IMF Board Directors commended the GOI's commitment to maintaining policies agreed to in the Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) despite the adverse security environment, particularly the benchmark fuel price hikes and reserves growth (\$18 billion). The Board expressed unease, however, over the security situation's impact on, inter alia, GOI responsiveness to IMF procedures, under-execution of the investment budget, and inflation, which is complicated by the lack of effective monetary tools and increased dollarization.

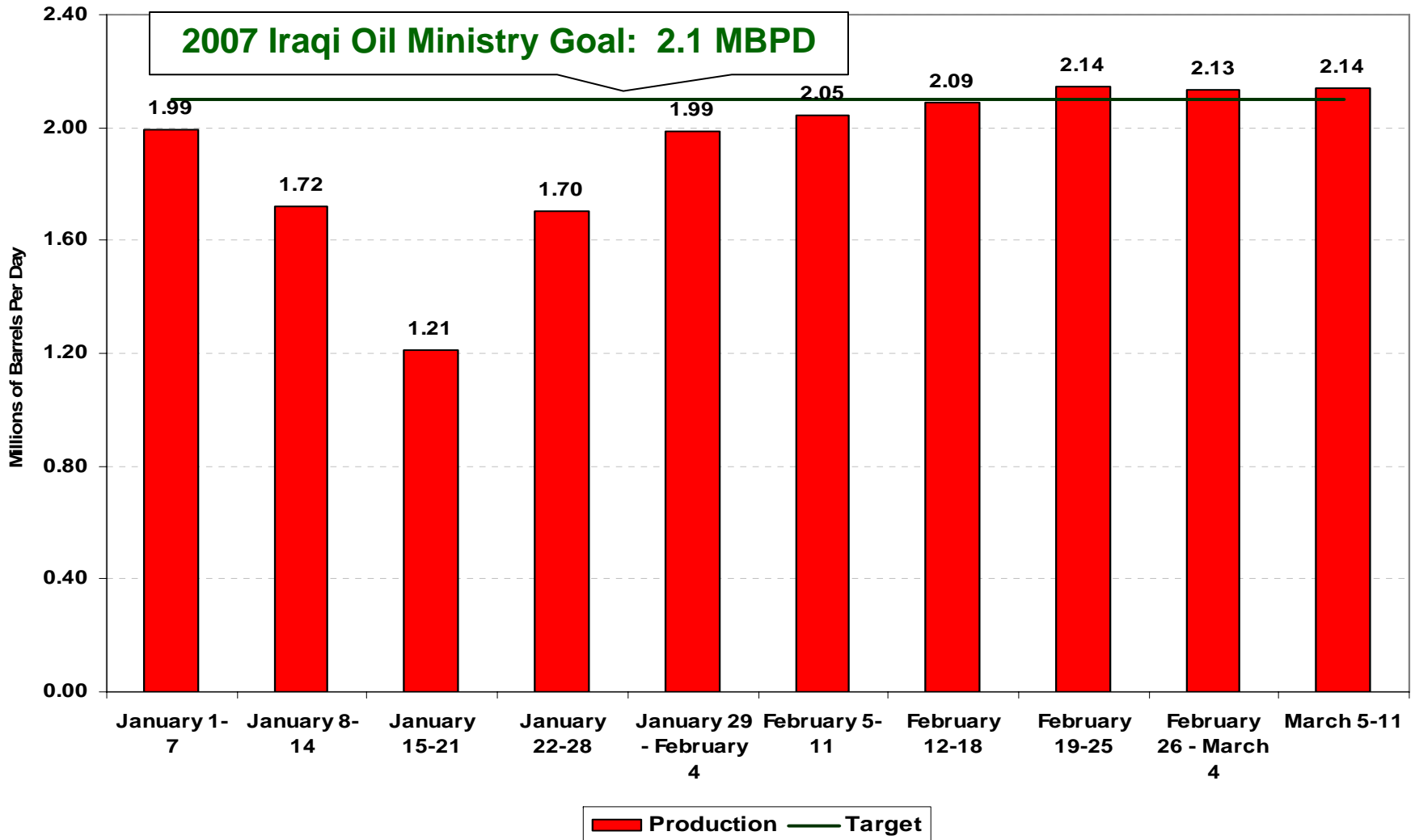
### New Unemployment Figures from COSIT:

- The GOI's Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology (COSIT) annual unemployment survey (carried out each November) revealed that about 18% of Iraqis are unemployed and about 38% are underemployed. These numbers apply only to that part of Iraq outside the Iraqi Kurdistan region, as COSIT does not collect unemployment data in that region.



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

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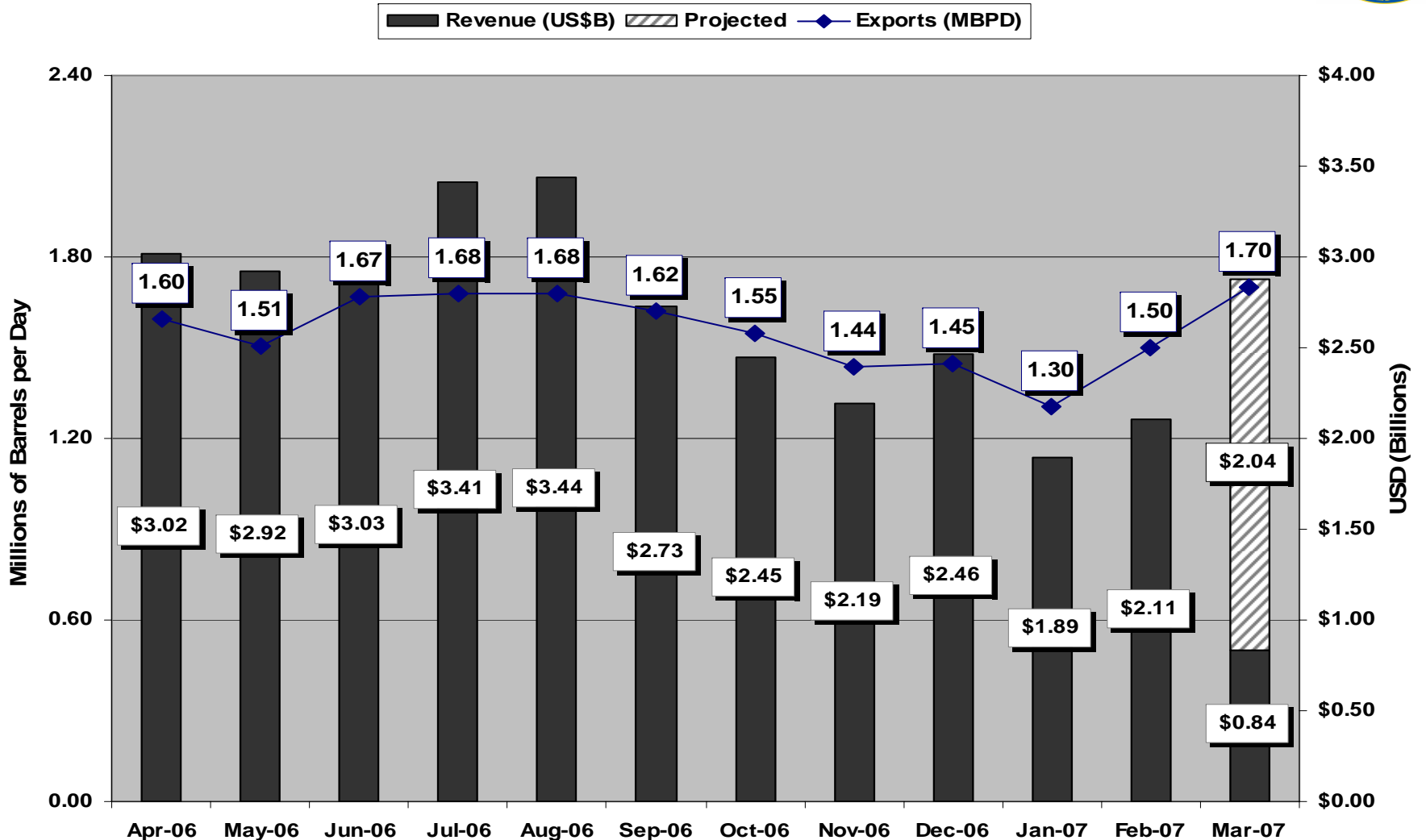


- Weekly Average (March 5 – March 11) of 2.14 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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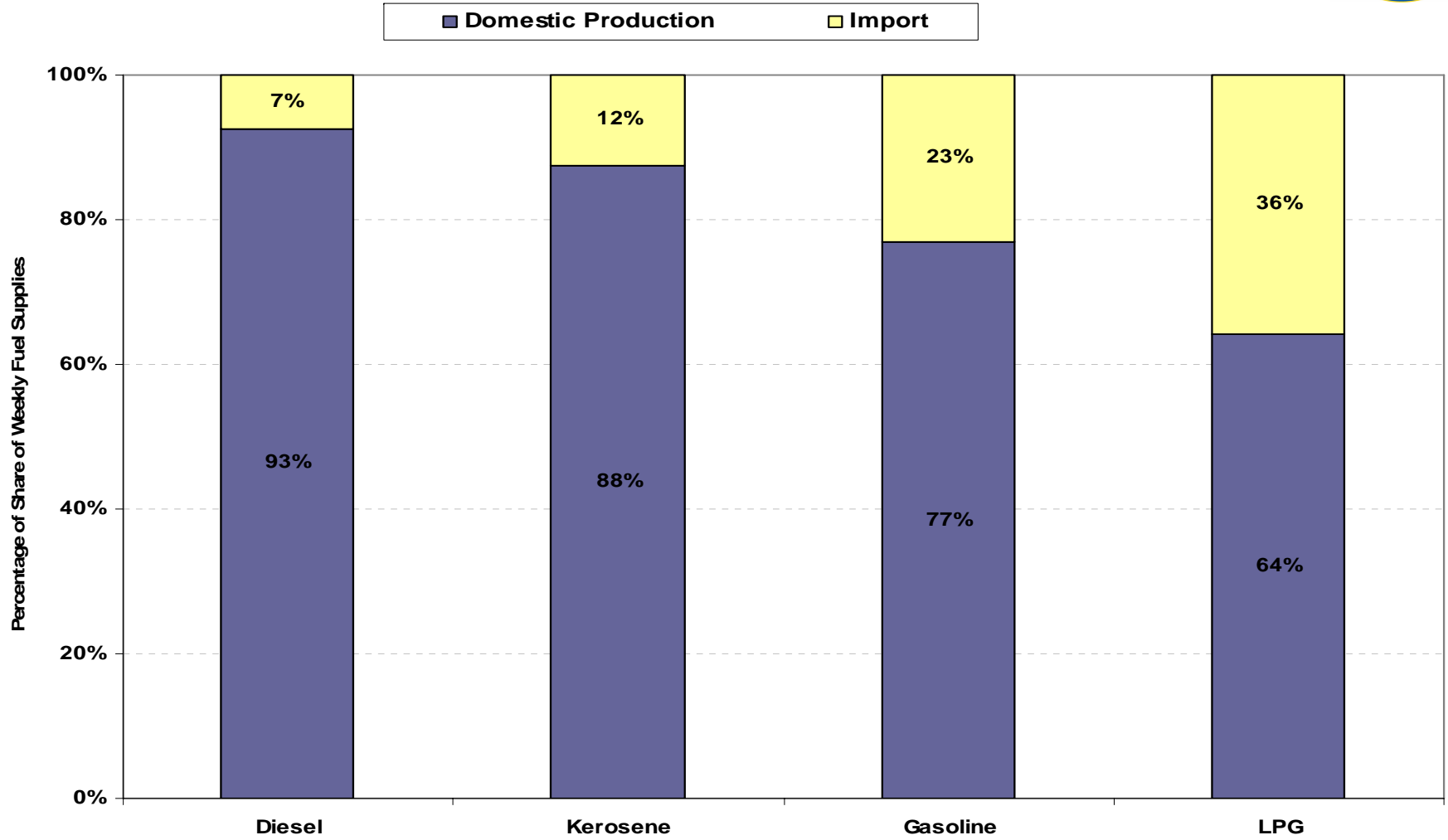


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$4.8 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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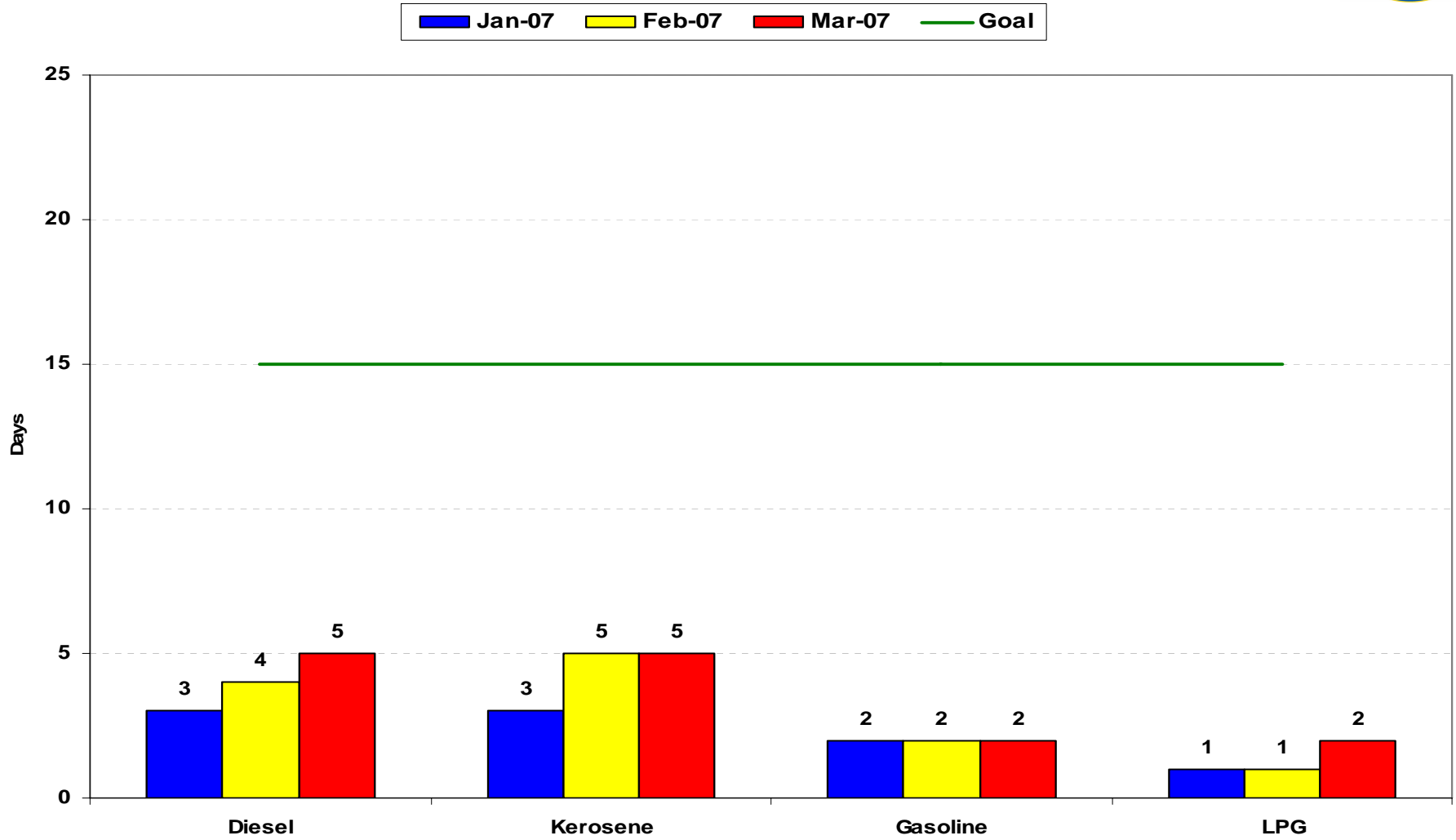
Note: This is a daily average for the week of March 5 – March 11

- Diesel: 6.7 ML supply of 22.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 3.9 ML supply of 10.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 8.2 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,371 tons supply of 5,000 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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### CCCI Convicts 18 Insurgents:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 18 security detainees from February 25 to March 1 for various crimes including joining an armed group to unsettle the stability and security of Iraq, possession of illegal weapons, personal identification violations and an illegal border crossing violation. The trial court sentenced two Iraqis to life imprisonment after finding them guilty of violation of Article 4/1 of Iraq’s Terrorist Law. The convicted Iraqis were captured during a Multi-National Forces targeted raid to capture known Al-Qaeda members November 11, 2006. According to the trial summary, the men were known members of a terrorist cell that conducted at least six improvised explosive attacks against Iraqi Forces. The documents said one of the convicted men admitted to planting two IEDs against Multi-National Forces with the other convicted man.
- Since its reorganization, under an amendment to CPA order 11, in April 2004, the Central Criminal Court has held 1,922 trials for Coalition-apprehended insurgents. The proceedings have resulted in the conviction of 1,658 individuals with sentences ranging from imprisonment to death.



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

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### Iraq Concludes Successful Neighbors Conference:

- The Iraq Neighbors conference was held in Baghdad March 11 and was attended by 69 delegates representing 13 countries, including the US, Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, Turkey, Representatives of the Arab League, the Islamic Conference, the UN, as well as the four other permanent members of the UN Security Council (the UK, Russia, China, and France).

### UN will Host International Compact with Iraq Event:

- UN Secretary General Ban Kim-Moon plans to host an “International Compact with Iraq Document closure ceremony” March 16 in New York City to allow the Iraqi government to brief UN member states on the progress on International Compact, to circulate the Compact documents and to encourage international support for the Iraqi government’s ambitious reform program set out in the Compact.

### Georgia Says it Will More Than Double its Iraq Force:

- President Mikhail Saakashvili said that Georgia plans to send more troops to Iraq this year. Georgia will increase its presence from its current force of 850 to more than 2,000.





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

Data as of March 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 ~ 14,035 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



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

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### President Bush Outlines the Importance of International Cooperation:

- In a March 6 press conference President Bush outlined the importance of international cooperation on Iraq. The President said that, “To succeed, Iraq's leaders also need the help of the international community. So the United States supports the Iraqi government as it pursues an international initiative to build diplomatic, economic, and security support for its young democracy. ... Diplomacy is going to play an important part of securing Iraq's future. Yet diplomacy will fail without a robust military strategy. The goal of the enemies in Iraq is power, and they're willing to kill themselves and innocent men, women, and children to achieve that goal. People like these can't be satisfied by negotiations or diplomatic concessions. Our strategy recognizes the hard truth. So we're going to continue to pursue our enemies in Iraq relentlessly, and at the same time, we'll work with moderate forces to achieve reconciliation between sectarian factions.”



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