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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Highlights

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2. **Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance**
   British forces handed over security of the southern Iraq province of Maysan April 18. With the handover of Maysan, the third of the four provinces that Britain took charge of after the 2003 invasion, three of the four provinces in the British area are now under Provincial Iraqi control.

3. **Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government**
   After the April 12 bombing of the CoR cafeteria, Iraq’s parliament met in an extraordinary session April 13, the Muslim day of prayer, and declared it would not bow to terrorism. Parliamentarians and other top Iraqi officials attended.

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   The U.S. Army-funded construction of the ED-603 Samarra power distribution laydown yard in Salah al-Din province has been completed, providing convenient, safe, storage and control of electrical equipment that will be used on projects in the city of Samarra.
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   Media reports said that Saudi Arabia has agreed to forgive 80% of the more than $15 billion that Iraq owes the kingdom. Iraqi Foreign Minister Bayan Jabr, who was in Washington for World Bank meetings, said in an interview that Russia was holding out on debt forgiveness until talks begin on concessions that Russian oil and gas companies had under Saddam Hussein.

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1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Attack Inside Green Zone Kills Iraqi Lawmaker:

- A suicide bomber blew himself up at the Iraqi Parliament inside Baghdad’s Green Zone April 12, killing Mohammed Awadh, a member of the National Dialogue Front. In an Internet statement posted April 13, Al-Qaida in Iraq affiliated the “Islamic State of Iraq” claimed responsibility for the attack.
- During a rare session of Iraq’s parliament on a Friday, April 13, the Muslim day of prayer, lawmakers expressed outrage and resolve concerning the attack. Parliamentarians and other Iraqi government officials joined in the session.

General Caldwell Says Protests Are Symbols of Political Freedom:
- Speaking in Baghdad April 11, Multi-National Forces-Iraq spokesman Major General William Caldwell said that recent organized protests in Iraq serve as symbols of new political freedom which were previously suppressed by Saddam Hussein.
- Caldwell also said that recent progress has been aided by Operation Fardh al-Qanun and that increased contact between Iraqi Security Forces and citizens builds confidence in the rule of law, as well as demonstrating to Iraqis that militias and outlaws are not the solution for long-term security.

Defense Secretary In Middle East to Garner Support for Iraq:
- Defense Secretary Robert Gates is in the Middle East in an effort to urge leaders to back Iraq’s government and to put aside their doubts concerning Prime Minister Maliki’s ability to end sectarian violence. Gates arrived in Amman April 16 to hold talks with King Abdullah II.

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Total Trained & Equipped ISF: ~333,100****

* 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 April 18, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)
[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government -
Developments

Iraqi Parliament Meets Following Suicide Bombing:
• After the April 12 bombing of the CoR cafeteria, Iraq’s parliament met in an extraordinary session April 13, the Muslim day of prayer, and declared it would not bow to terrorism. Parliamentarians and other top Iraqi officials attended.

Sadr Ministers Quit Iraq Government:
• Cabinet ministers loyal to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr announced they were resigning April 16 to protest Prime Minister Maliki’s refusal to set a timetable for an American withdrawal. Prime Minister Maliki welcomed the announcement, saying that he would soon name independent technocrat ministers to replace the six ministers loyal to Sadr who quit. Senior Shi’ite lawmaker Haider al-Ibadi said earlier that Maliki would present the candidates for the posts, which include the health and transport ministries, to parliament by next week.

Draft Oil Law to be Presented to CoR Soon:
• The Iraqi Oil Ministry spokesman said April 18 that Iraq’s draft oil law is to be sent to parliament “within the coming few days if everything goes well.” “The draft is with the State Shura Council now to be put in a legal form after being written in technical language,” Assem Jihad told The Associated Press in a phone interview.
[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**: Salam al-Zawba’i

### Ministry of Agriculture
- Ya’rub Nathim*

### Ministry of Communications
- Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi

### Ministry of Culture
- As’ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi

### Ministry of Defense
- Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim

### Ministry of Displacement & Migration
- Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan

### Ministry of Electricity
- Karim Wahid

### Ministry of Education
- Khudayyir al-Khuza’i

### Ministry of Environment
- Narmin ‘Uthman (F)

### Ministry of Finance
- Bayan Jabr

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Hoshyar Zebari

### Ministry of Health
- Ali al-Shammari*

### Ministry of Housing & Construction
- Bayan Daza’i (F)

### Ministry of Human Rights
- Wijdan Mikha’il (F)

### Ministry of Industry & Minerals
- Fawzi al-Hariri

### Ministry of Interior
- Jawad al-Bulani

### Ministry of Justice
- Safa al SAfi (acting)

### Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs
- Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi

### Ministry of Oil
- Husayn al-Shahristani

### Ministry of Planning
- Ali Baban

### Ministry of Trade
- Abd al-Falah al-Sudani

### Ministry of Science & Technology
- Ra’id Fahmi Jahid

### Ministry of Municipalities & Public Works
- Riyad Ghurayyib

### Ministry of Water Resources
- ‘Abd al-Latif Rashid

### Ministry 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 Governors Affairs
- Sa’d Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi*

### Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities
- Liwa Sumaysim8

### Minister of State for Women’s Affairs
- Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)

### Minister of State for CoR Affairs
- Safa al-Safi

* Possible resignation announced but not confirmed
(F) = Female
### Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

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As of April 17, 2007
During the week of April 12-18 electricity availability averaged 4.7 hours per day in Baghdad and 11.0 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 1% above the same period in 2006.
[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – *Electricity and Health*

**Electricity:**

- The U.S. Army-funded 11kv electrical overhead feeder lines from the al-Madinaa to Sadeyah substation in Diyala province have been completed, providing direct and reliable power to the homes of 8,000 local residents.

- The U.S. Army-funded ED-603 Samarra power distribution lay-down yard in Salah al-Din province has been completed, providing convenient and safe storage and control of electrical equipment that will be used on projects in the city of Samarra.

**Health:**

- The U.S. Army-funded PHC-A NA05 punch list work in al-Nahrawan, Ninewa province has been completed, providing a healthcare facility that will include a pharmacy, exam rooms, dental care, and other emergency services for its local residents.
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:
• Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending April 16 closed with the following prices:
  – Basrah Light at $61.768/ barrel
  – WTI Cushing at $62.578/ barrel
  – Dated Brent at $67.975/barrel
  – Oman/Dubai at $63.88/barrel

Employment Update:

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<td><strong>75,842</strong></td>
<td><strong>14.65%</strong></td>
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CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

Data as of April 17
[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, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. There are early signs that this effort may have begun to bear fruit, with prices falling 6.8% between January and February.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: June 6, 2006 – April 16, 2007
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 - April 11, 2007

Trading High = $73.98 (January 24)
Trading Low = $64.66 (August 30)
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Economic Events

Deputy Secretary Authorizes 607 Agreements:

• The Department of Defense (DoD) received authorization to enter into “607 agreements” with the Government of Iraq (GOI). DoD is authorized to furnish commodities and services to be reimbursed with Iraqi funds for the benefit of GOI ministries, as provided by the authority of the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act, Section 607.

Progress for Iraqi Debt Reduction in Run-up to Compact Signing:

• Saudi Arabia has agreed to forgive 80% (in line with the Paris Club) of the more than $15 billion that Iraq owes the kingdom. Iraqi Foreign Minister Bayan Jabr said during an interview that Russia was holding out on debt forgiveness until talks begin on concessions that Russian oil and gas companies had under Saddam Hussein. Jabr said China agreed to cancel $4 billion in debt and Egypt to cancel $250 million. Talks continue over nearly $10 billion owed in total to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar.

Karbala Government Vague About Allocation of 2007 Budget:

• The Supervising Committee on Regional Projects officially announced how the Karbala Provincial Government will allocate its 2007 reconstruction budget. The government will distribute its 90 billion Dinar budget over 150 projects. The Committee did not specify the nature or scope of these projects, however.
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Economic Events

Shell Signs Contract with Kurdistan:

- A spokesman for Shell stated that, after 35 years, the company is ready to return to Iraq. The Anglo-Dutch company is close to making a partnership with Turkey’s TPAO to build a gas line and reestablish gas output in northern Kurdistan.

- Shell’s spokesman also stated that the pipeline will lay from the Turkish port of Ceyhan to an oil field in Kirkuk, and that the company is committed to building a domestic energy infrastructure to strengthen Iraq’s domestic power generation.

- The Kurdish Minister of Oil announced that by the end of 2007, the ministry aims to give ten exploration and production licenses for the district. A senior exploration executive for Shell stated that company members have met with Iraqi officials to talk about the development of Iraq’s gas and oil industries.
• Weekly Average (April 9 – April 15) of 2.13 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

- 2006 Revenue Estimate: $31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: $7.9 Billion (Year to Date)
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

- Diesel: 12.9 ML supply of 22.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.3 supply of 10.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 12.1 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,373 tons supply of 5,000 tons target

Note: This is a daily average for the week of April 9 – April 16
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

Security Plan Brings Increased Number of Detainees:

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

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**South Korea signs MOU with Iraq on Oil Field Development:**

- Oil ministers from Iraq and Korea signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that could help South Korean companies secure a bigger stake in oil and gas fields in Iraq.
- Iraq currently supplies 15.4 million barrels of crude per year to South Korea, which is less than 2% of South Korea’s total crude imports.

**UN Holds Conference to Confront Iraqi Refugee Crisis:**

- The UN refugee agency convened a two-day conference April 17 involving more than 60 nations focused on the deepening humanitarian crisis of the nearly 4 million Iraqis who have been displaced due to the continued violence in that country.
[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations**

Data as of April 16, 2007

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

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**TOTAL ~ 13,196 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

Prime Minister Maliki Welcomes Withdrawal of Sadr’s Political Wing:

- In a statement from Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki’s office, the Prime Minister welcomed the decision of Muqtada al-Sadr to withdraw his ministers from the government, saying it freed up seats at the cabinet table for technocratic ministers.
- Muqtada al-Sadr’s political bloc formally declared its withdrawal from Iraq’s government during a news conference in Baghdad April 16. Sadr was angered last week when protests failed to persuade Prime Minister Maliki to set a date for the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq.
- The statement from the Prime Minister’s office also said “that the issue of the withdrawal of multinational forces depends on the readiness of our armed forces to take charge of security in all provinces.”

Journalist Killed in Mosul:

- The Iraqi Association for the Defense of Journalists’ Rights said April 12 that an Iraqi radio journalist and her husband were killed and their corpses burnt in Mosul. On April 11, gunmen shot dead Iman Yussef Abdallah, who worked for the radio mouthpiece of the Mosul workers’ union, and her husband April 11.
[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Insurgent Group Makes Claims of Manufacturing Its Own Weapons:

- In an audio recording posted to the Internet April 17, the leader of the “Islamic State of Iraq,” Abu Omar al-Baghdadi said that Iraq had become a “university of terrorism” - producing highly qualified warriors since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. Baghdadi said that his forces were successfully confronting U.S. forces in Iraq and had begun producing a guided missile called al-Quds 1 or Jerusalem 1.

- According to Baghdadi, the rockets “have moved into the phase of military production with an advanced degree of range and accuracy.” Baghdadi did not elaborate further on the nature of the weapon, and the claim that the group is making its own rockets is virtually impossible to verify.
Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

• This brief draws from multiple sources. References are cited on the following pages.

• Please forward all questions and/or comments to:
  NEA-I-IPOG-DL@state.gov
Notes and Source Citations (1 of 3)

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Slide 6:
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- www.cnn.com

Slide 9:
- NEA Political Section, NEA-I-POL-DL@state.gov

Slide 10:
- IRMO Weekly Report, April 17, 2007

Slide 11:
- POC Bob Means, Department of State (202) 647-9815
- The chart shows average daily power production in megawatt hours (MWh). 120,000 MWh goal equates to 20 hours at 6000 MW average supplied load or 24 hours at 5000 MW average supply load. To date, national electricity supply for 2007 is only one percent below 2006. Because demand is increasing, however, the relative decline in national hours of power is much larger: an average of 8.9 hours for January 1-March 14, 2007, compared with an average of 10.5 hours for the same period in 2006.
Notes and Source Citations (2 of 3)

Slide 12:

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- USACE Daily Report – 12 April 07

**Health:**
- USACE Daily Report – 17 April 07

Slide 13:
- Oil Prices are sourced from Bloomberg

**Employment Update:**
- Information regarding the Employment Update was sourced from the IRMO Weekly Report – April 17, 2007.
- CERP has not reported figures for some time. Until they report accurate data, the number will remain at 0.
- PCO will be reporting on a bi-weekly basis.

Slide 14:
- Information regarding the NID auction was gathered from the Central Bank of Iraq’s website: http://www.cbiraq.org

Slide 15:
- Iraqi Bond Prices are sourced from Bloomberg

Slide 16:
- April 13 OI
- Baghdad OI April 15

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