

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 Insurgents

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2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) have shown continued improvements since the beginning of Operation Fardh al-Qanun (FAQ) in mid-February. The establishment of the Baghdad Operations Command in March and the subordinate Karkh and Rusafa area commands was especially significant, giving the Iraqis increased command and control of their own forces, enabling them to establish a planning process, and helping them take the lead in the command and control of division-level operations.

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

The parliamentary bloc loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr ended its boycott of the Iraqi legislature July 17, after walking out of parliament more than a month ago following the bombing Askira Shrine, which Sadr blamed in part on the failure of Iraqi security forces protecting it. The lawmakers claim they are ending the boycott of parliament sessions after officials accepted their demands for rebuilding the shrine. Iraq's main Sunni parliamentary bloc, the National Concord Front, has ended its boycott of the assembly in a move that could help the passage of key laws aimed at promoting national unity.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

Completion of the U.S.-funded Tamoz Primary Health Center will enhance the quality of life for residents of Mosul City. The center will be able to administer health and dental care to over 35,000 patients annually.



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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Iraqi statistics show that the inflation rate for June was 6.1% overall, bringing year-to-date inflation to 8.5% and year-on-year inflation to 46.1%. The increase was largely driven by a 22.1% rise in fuel prices. Core inflation (which excludes fuel and transport prices), however, appears to be edging gradually downward.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

Iraqi police forces conducted an intelligence driven operation in Samarra July 9 and detained an individual allegedly responsible for running a mortar and sniper network in Samarra.

7. International Support for Iraq

U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon warned on Monday against an "abrupt withdrawal" by U.S. forces from Iraq and said the international community must not abandon the Iraqi people. However, UNSG Ban, who met President Bush on a visit to Washington July 17, said it was not his place to inject himself into the debate raging in Congress in recent weeks over withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq.

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

An Iraqi journalist for The New York Times was killed July 13 while on his way to work, less than an hour after he called the bureau to say a checkpoint had blocked his normal route, the newspaper said.



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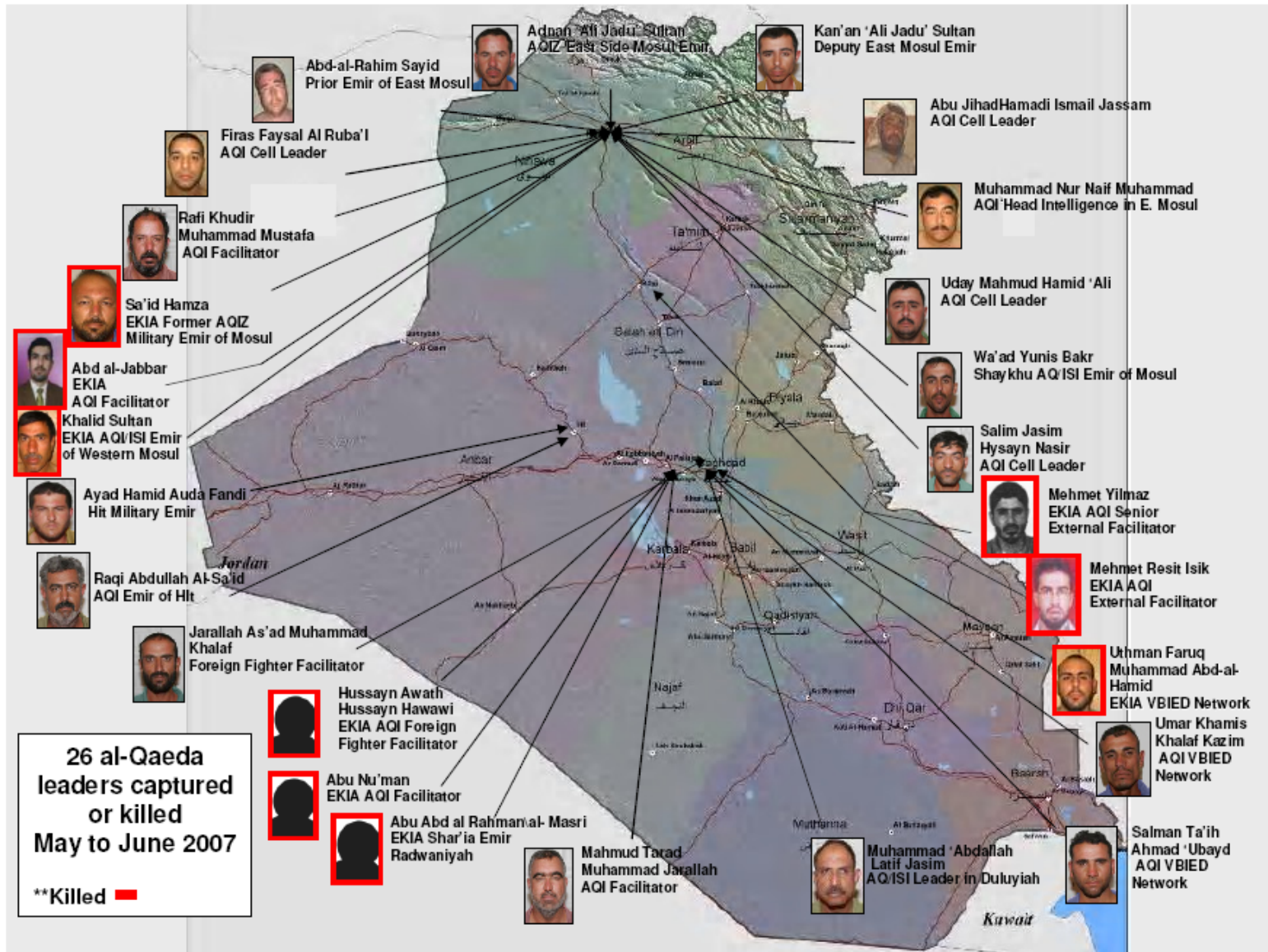
Coalition Efforts Against AQI:

- Multi-National Forces-Iraq (MNF-I) spokesman Brigadier General Kevin Bergner reported June 11 that al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) and its affiliates are the main near-term threat in Iraq and are the greatest source of spectacular attacks, fueling sectarian violence in the country.
- Over the past two months, Coalition efforts against AQI leadership have begun to disrupt AQI's networks and safe havens and are targeting AQI sanctuaries in Baghdad's neighborhoods and areas around the city. From a geographical perspective, Coalition Forces (CF) are conducting operations throughout Iraq, but have been particularly effective against al-Qaida leadership in Mosul and Baghdad.
- CF have killed or captured 26 high-level AQI leaders and hundreds of other AQI members during May and June. Of these 26, 11 were emirs who were city or local al-Qaida leaders; seven were facilitators who smuggled foreigners, weapons and money into Iraq; five were cell leaders who commanded terrorist units that worked for the emirs; and three were vehicle-borne improvised explosive device network leaders.
- Coalition operations are also impacting AQI's infrastructure. Last month, MNF-I uncovered a major al-Qaida media production center near Samarra called the al-Furqan Media Productions by AQI. It produced CDs, DVDs, posters, pamphlets, and web-related propaganda products and contained documents clearly identifying AQI's intent to use media as a weapon. The building contained 65 hard drives, 18 thumb drives, over 500 CDs, and 12 stand-alone computers .



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Most Senior Iraqi Member of the AQI Network Captured:

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Operation Fardh al-Qanun Update:

- Brigadier General John Campbell, the deputy commanding general for Multi-National Division-Baghdad (MND-B) and the 1st Cavalry Division reported that since the beginning of 2007, the numbers of kidnappings and murders in Baghdad have declined nearly 50% and attacks against the civilian population have declined by nearly 30%. Campbell said the decline in the violence against civilians is due to the surge of forces, allowing MND-B to leave behind troops to secure neighborhoods after clearing out insurgents.



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

ISF Participation in FAQ:

- Five months into Operation Fardh al-Qanun (FAQ), Brigadier General John Campbell, the deputy commanding general for Multi-National Division-Baghdad (MND-B) and the 1st Cavalry Division, said Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) have shown continued improvements since the operation began in mid-February.
 - The establishment of the Baghdad Operations Command in March and the subordinate Karkh and Rusafa area commands was especially significant, giving the Iraqis increased command and control of their own forces, enabling them to establish a planning process, and helping them take the lead in the command and control of division-level operations.
 - The ISF have conducted nearly 400 separate company-level or higher operations with MND-B since FAQ began in mid-February, uncovering more than 740 weapons caches in those operations.

Iraqi Soldiers Participate in Advanced Infantry Course:

- Soldiers from 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army (IA) Division participated in the advanced infantry course, dubbed the “Commando Course,” at the IA compound in Mahmudiyah. The course, planned and designed by non-commissioned officers of 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 10th Mountain Division was developed to give the IA soldiers advanced infantry training skills. The class began July 8 and the soldiers are scheduled to graduate August 7.



[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	~ 26,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~194,200*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~156,900***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~158,900**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~353,100****

- * 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



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

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Sadr and Sunni Parliamentary Blocs End Boycotts:

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Oil Industry Workers Protest Draft Hydrocarbon Law:

- About 300 oil industry workers gathered in Iraq's main oil port of Basrah to protest a draft hydrocarbon law that they said would allow foreigners to pillage the country's wealth. U.S. officials see the passing of the draft hydrocarbon law, aimed at equitably distributing Iraq's oil proceeds, as a crucial benchmark of the country's political process and a key component of national reconciliation.

CoR Extends its Present Term:

- Iraq's Council of Representatives (CoR) voted to extend its present term through July 31, and for working sessions to last six days a week from July 16 through July 31. The CoR still plans to recess for the month of August.



[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

* Vacant

Minister of Agriculture *	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture *	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 Hoshyar Zebari	Minister of Health *	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 Safa al Safi (acting)	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 *
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Wijdan Mikha'il (acting)	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 *	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities *	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



Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,004.79	\$4,978.21	\$4,972.88	(\$5.33)	\$4,975.17	\$4,971.12	(\$4.05)	\$4,801.30	\$4,805.58	\$4.28
Electricity Sector	\$4,216.87	\$4,171.34	\$4,170.60	(\$0.73)	\$4,046.08	\$4,047.99	\$1.92	\$3,322.53	\$3,397.90	\$75.37
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,623.09	\$1,610.26	(\$12.83)	\$1,572.42	\$1,560.08	(\$12.34)	\$1,456.14	\$1,462.54	\$6.39
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,302.73	\$1,304.29	\$1.55	\$1,296.71	\$1,297.34	\$0.64	\$1,091.94	\$1,099.49	\$7.55
Democracy	\$998.35	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$997.26	\$997.26	\$0.00	\$961.62	\$961.72	\$0.10
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$409.84	\$399.94	\$399.94	\$0.00	\$399.76	\$399.76	\$0.00	\$369.57	\$370.60	\$1.03
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$327.81	\$321.58	(\$6.24)	\$320.75	\$320.33	(\$0.42)	\$227.06	\$229.33	\$2.26
Health Care	\$815.55	\$770.76	\$770.67	(\$0.09)	\$758.77	\$761.11	\$2.34	\$670.64	\$681.42	\$10.78
Transportation and Communications	\$456.72	\$455.45	\$452.70	(\$2.75)	\$447.17	\$447.03	(\$0.15)	\$354.40	\$357.65	\$3.25
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,115.79	\$2,006.40	\$1,989.44	(\$16.96)	\$1,962.86	\$1,943.42	(\$19.44)	\$1,615.15	\$1,645.71	\$30.56
Private Sector Development	\$809.26	\$809.12	\$809.12	\$0.00	\$807.85	\$807.85	\$0.00	\$765.43	\$765.50	\$0.06
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$211.05	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$187.92	\$188.65	\$0.73
Total	\$18,400.66	\$18,053.11	\$18,009.73	(\$43.38)	\$17,794.74	\$17,763.24	(\$31.50)	\$15,823.71	\$15,966.08	\$142.37
IRRF II Construction	-	\$10,341.38	\$10,308.64	(\$32.75)	\$10,089.75	\$10,073.11	(\$16.64)	\$8,657.33	\$8,773.13	\$115.80
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	\$6,713.42	\$6,702.79	(\$10.63)	\$6,707.72	\$6,692.86	(\$14.86)	\$6,204.76	\$6,231.24	\$26.47
IRRF II Democracy	-	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$997.26	\$997.26	\$0.00	\$961.62	\$961.72	\$0.10
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	\$20,873.96	\$20,526.41	\$20,483.03	(\$43.38)	\$20,027.04	\$19,995.54	(\$31.50)	\$17,962.71	\$18,105.08	\$142.37

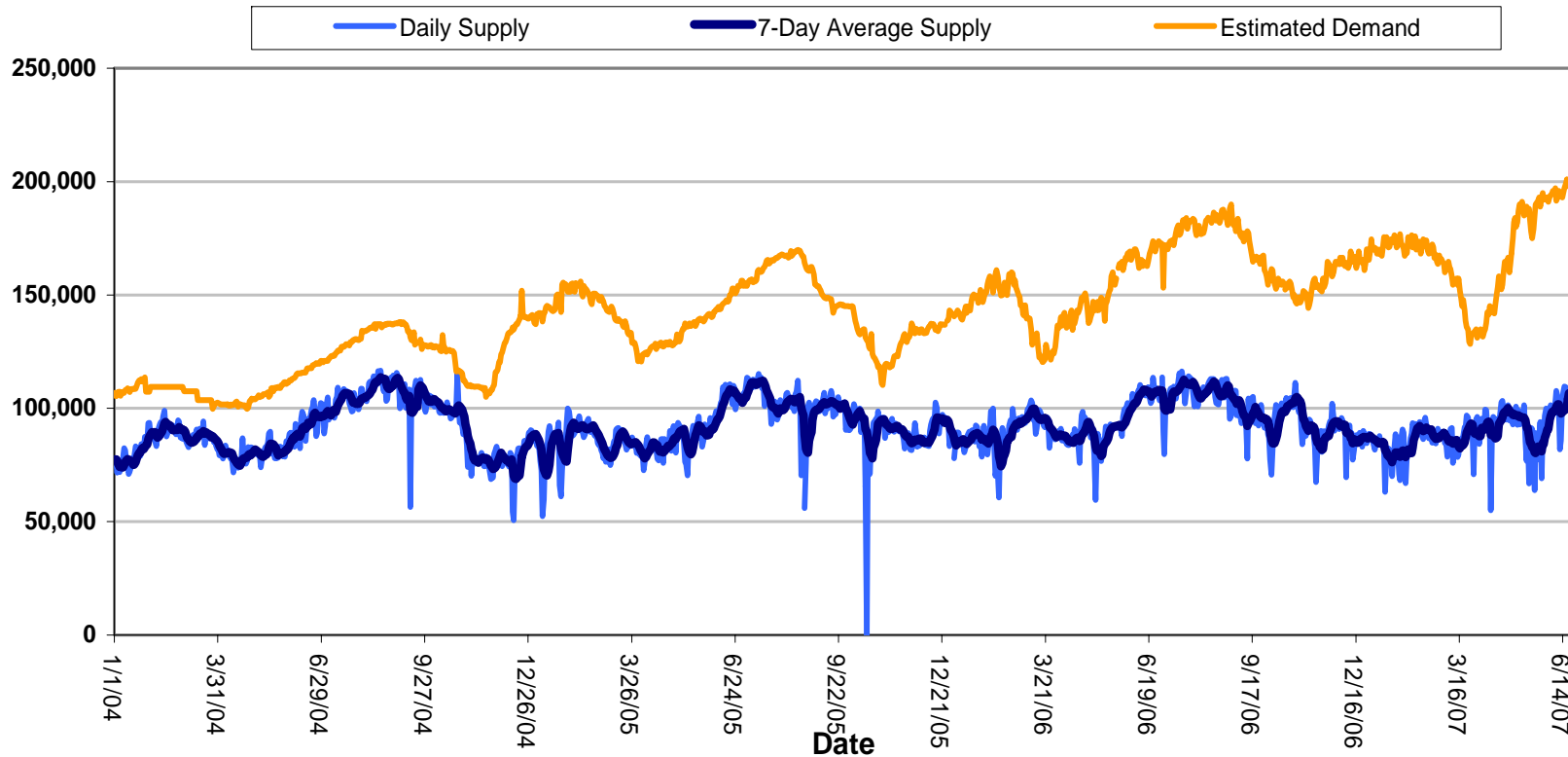
As of July 17, 2007



[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



- For the week of July 11-17, national electricity supply was 4 percent below the same period in 2006.



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

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Electricity:

- Electrical service has been made available to over 12,000 Salah al-Din province residents with the completion of the U.S.-funded Bayji feeder project.
- Completion of the U.S.-funded Shawrek electric project in Dahuk will provide reliable electrical service for a school, a mosque and 26 households.

Health:

- Completion of the U.S.-funded Tamoza Primary Health Center will enhance the quality of life for residents of Mosul City. The center will be able to administer health and dental care to over 35,000 patients annually.



[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 July 13 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$72.794/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$77.754/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$72.798/ barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$69.528/barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	19,909	14,480	-27%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	66,940	63,166	-6%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	4,320	4,320	0%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	10,731	11,153	4%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	8,855	8,855	0%
GRAND TOTAL	110,755	101,974	-8%

As of July 17, 2007

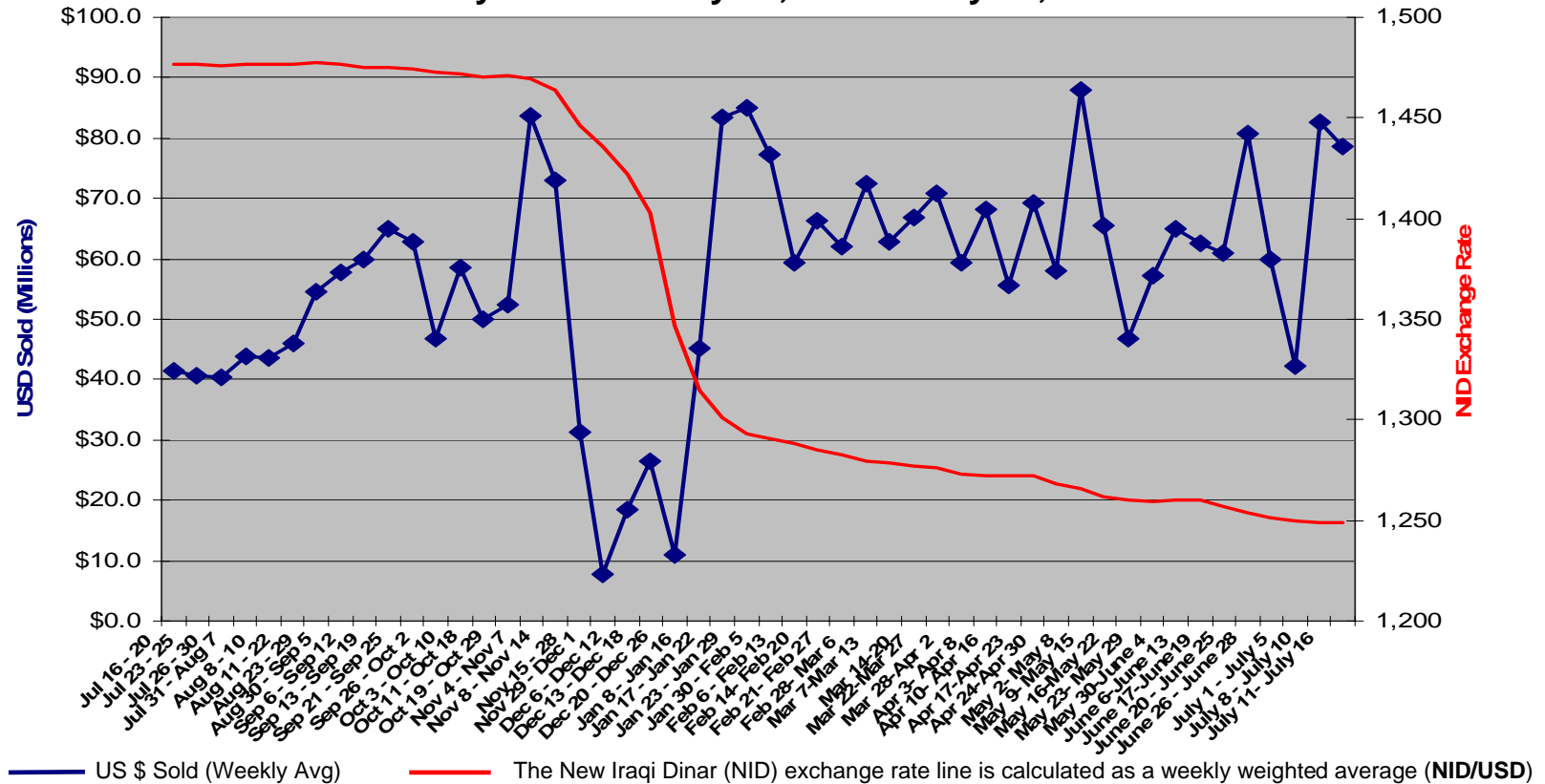


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 of Iraq (CBI) has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. Iraqi statistics show that the inflation rate for June was 6.1% overall, bringing year-to-date inflation to 8.5%, which projects a pace below the IMF annual target of 30%. The increase was largely driven by a 22.1% rise in fuel prices. Core inflation (which excludes fuel and transport prices), however, appears to be edging gradually downward, which is somewhat encouraging.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: July 16, 2006 – July 16, 2007



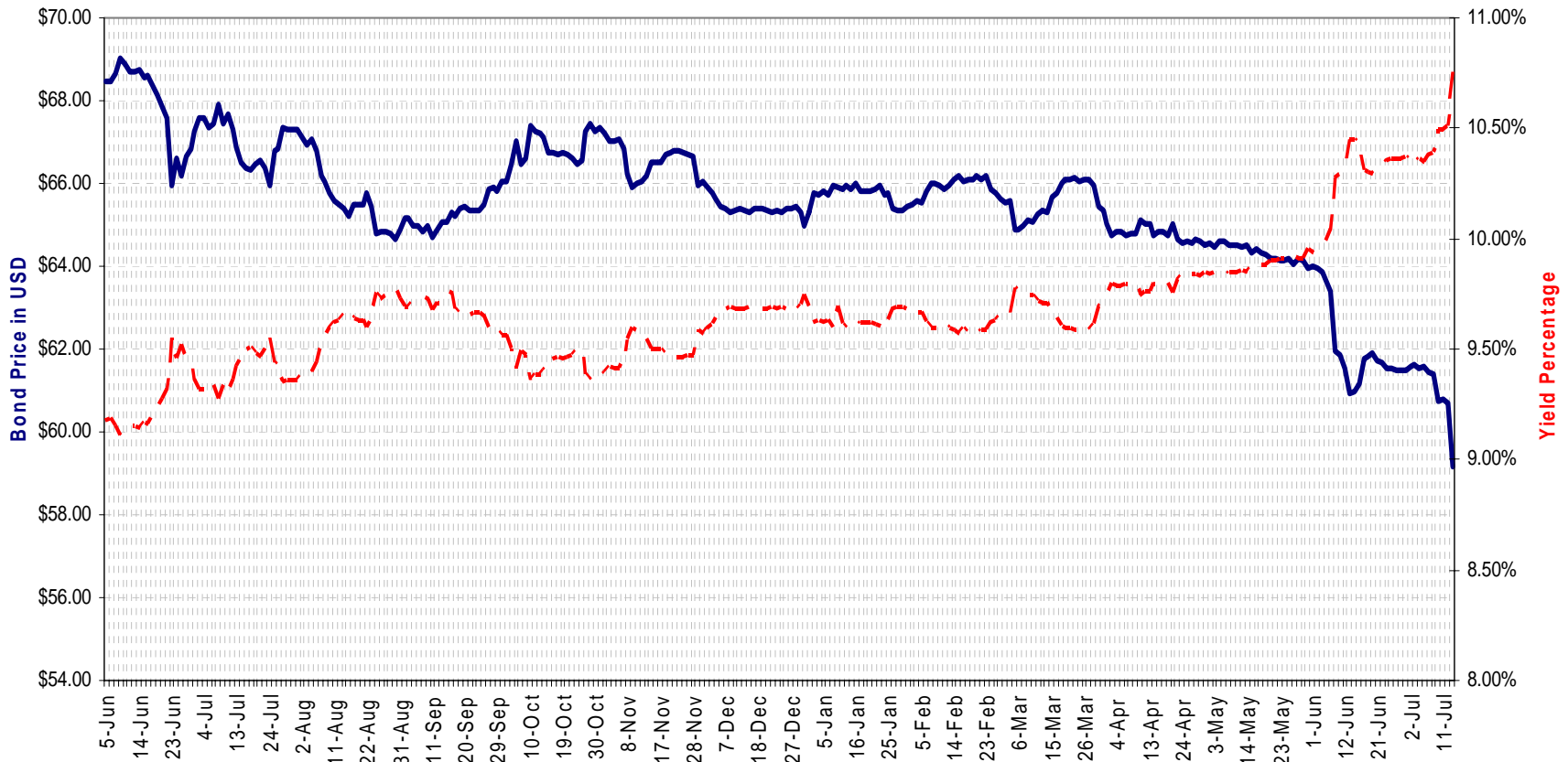


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
June 5, 2006 - July 13, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

Overall Inflation Up, Core Inflation Down in June:

- Iraqi statistics show that the inflation rate for June was 6.1% overall, bringing year-to-date inflation to 8.5%, which projects a pace below the IMF annual target of 30%. The increase was largely driven by a 22.1% rise in fuel prices. Core inflation (which excludes fuel and transport prices), however, appears to be edging gradually downward (from 21.1% through May to 19% through June), which is somewhat encouraging.

Iraqi Kurds Reject Latest Draft of Oil Law:

- Iraqi Kurdish leaders spoke out July 11 against the country's oil law, saying that they oppose the latest drafting of the bill. The top official in Iraqi Kurdistan rejected changes that were made to an earlier version the Kurds originally supported. Kurdistan's Natural Resource Minister, Ashti Hawrami, said that the amendments to the draft "reduce the powers of the (Kurdish) region and should not be approved."

USAID Approves New Izdihar Grant:

- USAID approved a new Izdihar grant of \$250,000 to provide capital to the al-Aman Microfinance Institute; al-Aman also received \$17,100 in CERP micro-grants program, which supported twelve loans. Al-Aman continues to fill a gap in the local financial scene, supplying credit to small businessmen who cannot obtain loans from local banks, who offer only collateral loans at high rates. Kirkuk province has obligated 32 billion Iraqi Dinars (ID), or 28%, of its 2007 budget on 128 projects. The Governor's Technical Review Committee has approved another 290 projects, which are on the Governor's desk awaiting signature.
- During his visit to Kirkuk province, Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih also stressed the importance of proper project execution and obligating Kirkuk's budget in a timely fashion.



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

Diyala Province Receives Additional Cash:

- Fifty billion ID has been injected into the Diyala provincial economy this week through banks in Baquba, which re-opened this week. Salaries and pensions were paid to government workers and pensioners, for some this was their first payment in months. Numerous contractors received payment for services rendered, some of whom had been waiting for over a year. The funds were distributed through four banks in Baquba, which had previously been restricted in operations due to the poor security situation.
- The governor requested an additional \$100 billion ID from the Ministry of Finance (MoF). The reappearance of cash in the provincial banks increases the purchasing power of the citizens of Diyala, and is tangible evidence of the effectiveness of the provincial government in the eyes of the people.

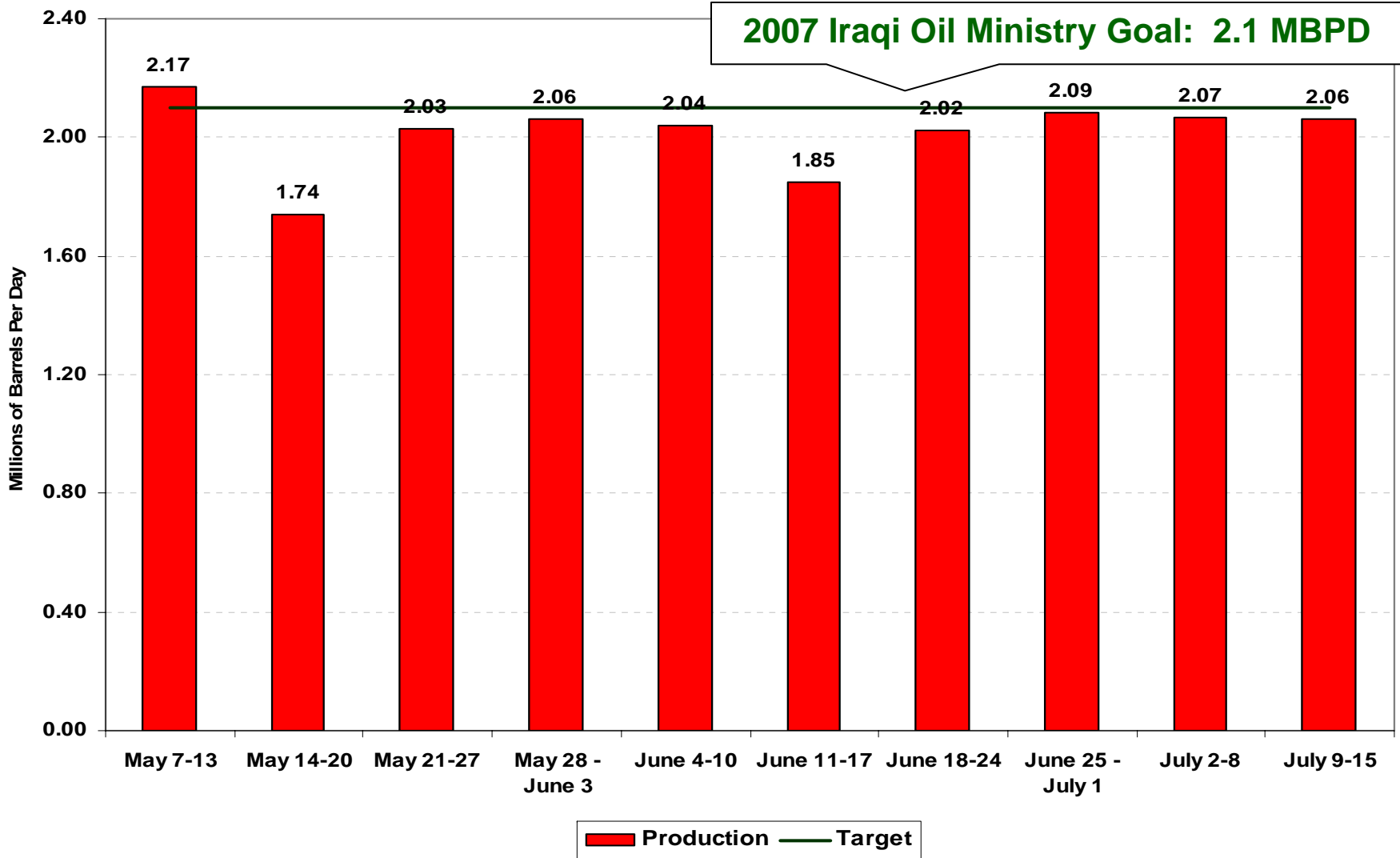
Strides Toward Good Governance in Salah al-Din Small but Significant:

- PRT Salah al-Din reports that officials in Salah al-Din province are making a conscious effort to keep the 2007 budget balanced and projects moving forward. Automation is now being used, making it easier for the Provincial Council to oversee the progress of projects. Also, the PRT's economic section has helped create an economic task force that connects local businessmen and government officials in an effort to push financial growth within the communities.



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

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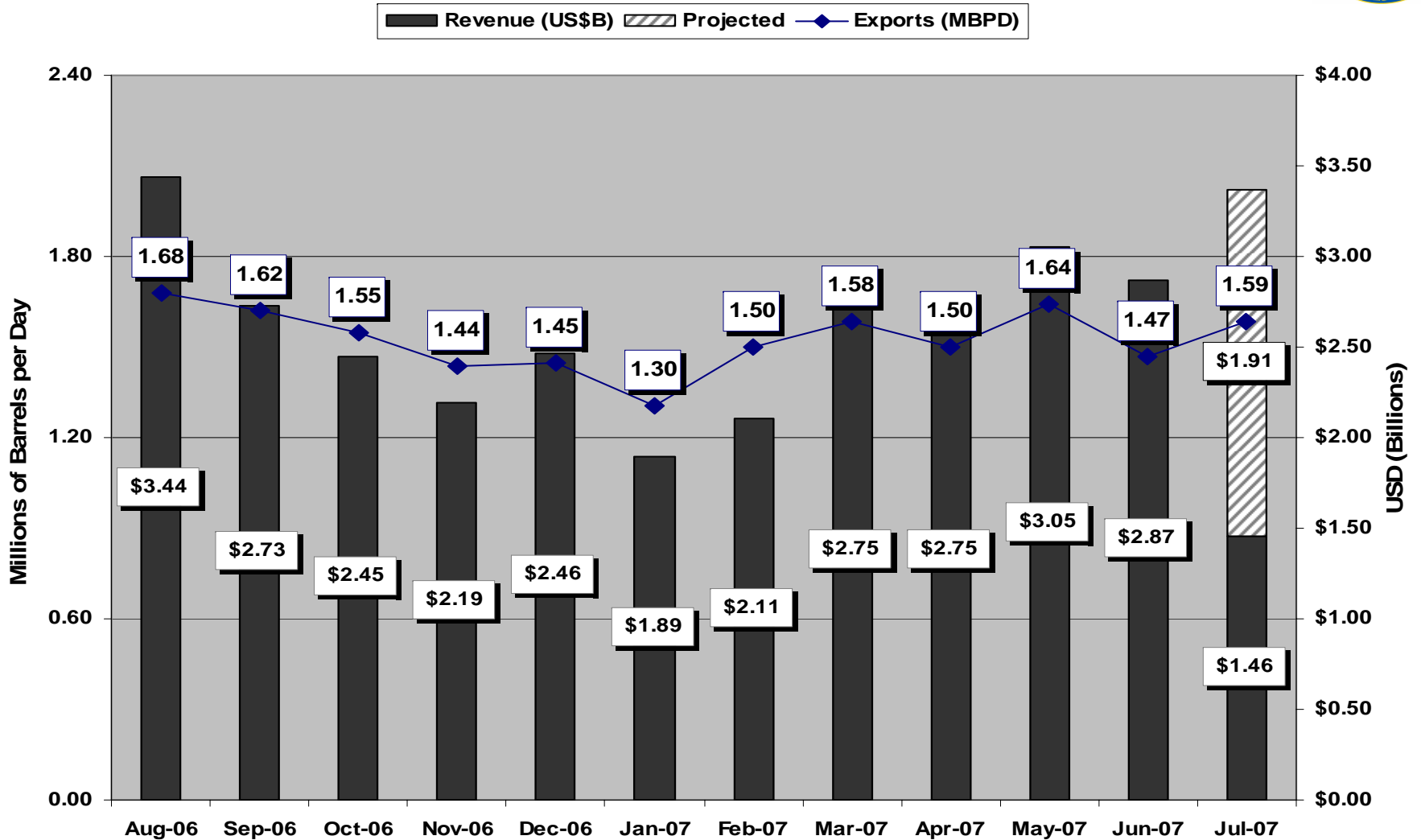


- Weekly Average (July 9-15) of 2.06 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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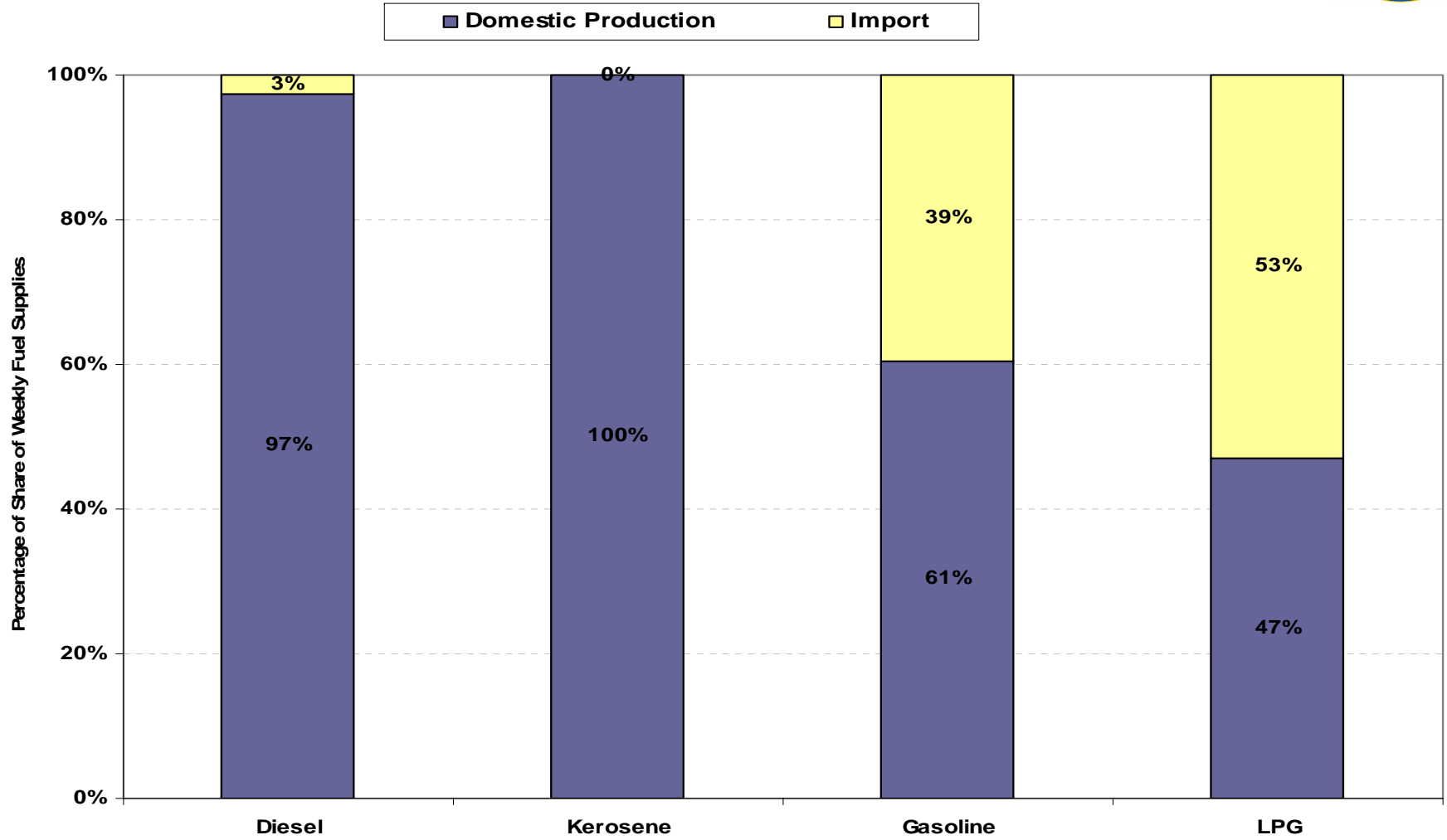


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$16.9 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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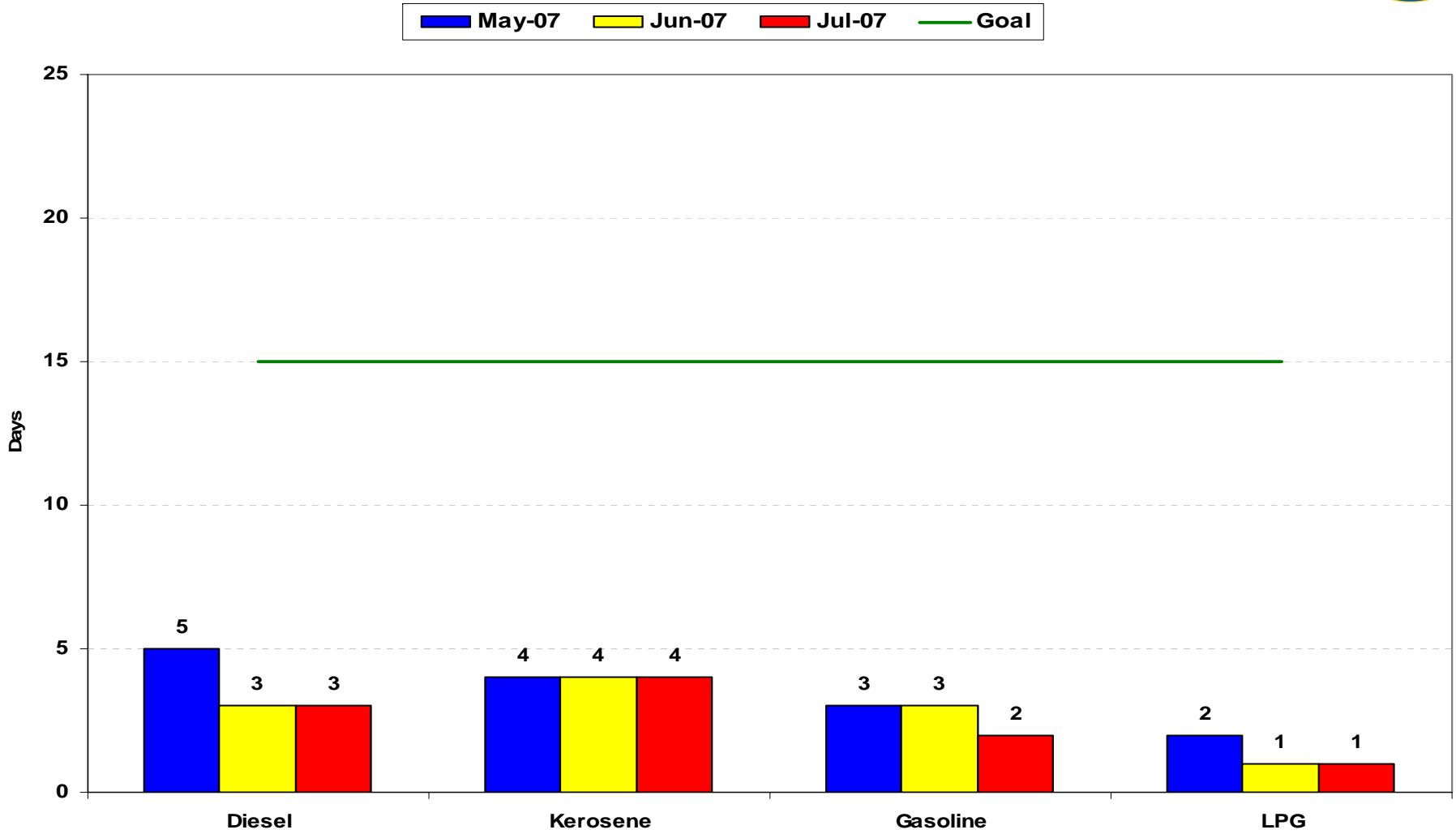
Note: This is a daily average for the week of July 9-15

- Diesel: 11.5 ML supply of 22.4 ML target
- Kerosene: 2.6 ML supply of 7.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 9.6 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,467 tons supply of 5,130 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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IP Detain Alleged Mortar, Sniper Cell Leader in Samarra:

- Iraqi Police (IP) forces conducted an intelligence driven operation in Samarra July 9 and detained an individual allegedly responsible for running a mortar and sniper network in Samarra. With Coalition Forces (CF) along as advisors, Iraqi forces seized a large amount of ammunition, four sniper rifles, parts for sniper rifles, various mortar rounds, material for making improvised explosive devices, two black masks, and documents.
- The capture and detainment of this individual will reduce the amount of sniper systems in Samarra and the number of sniper and mortar attacks on Iraqi and CF.

U.S. Soldiers Battle Sectarian Biased Policemen:

- U.S. soldiers killed six Iraqi policemen and seven gunmen July 13 during a battle that began when the troops captured a police lieutenant accused of directing a Shiite militia group. The pre-dawn raid in eastern Baghdad came a day after another clash in the same area that left at least 11 Iraqis dead. In both cases, U.S. forces were targeting Shiite militias in an attempt to curb their influence. Militiamen have infiltrated police units, and many members of the country's Sunni minority do not trust the police.



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

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British Prime Minister Acknowledges Failures in Iraq:

- Britain’s new Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, acknowledged that there were failures in planning for post-invasion Iraq. He stated July 16 that Britain would shift its forces in Iraq away from combat while investing more in Iraq’s economy. Brown has yet to set a timetable for the withdrawal of the 5,500 British troops stationed mainly in the city of Basrah.

UN Secretary General Warns Against “Abrupt Withdrawal” of U.S. Forces:

- U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon warned on Monday against an "abrupt withdrawal" by U.S. forces from Iraq and said the international community must not abandon the Iraqi people., UNSG Ban, who met President Bush on a visit to Washington July 17, said it was not his place to inject himself into the debate raging in Congress in recent weeks over withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq.

Iraqi National Security Adviser Discusses Foreign Militants in Iraq:

- Iraqi national security adviser Mowaffak al-Ruba'i says that nearly half of the foreign militants targeting U.S. and Iraqi security forces and civilians are from Saudi Arabia. Ruba'i recently visited Saudi Arabia to hold talks with officials there about curbing the flow of militants into Iraq.



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

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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 ~ 11,451 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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Journalist Killed:

- An Iraqi journalist for The New York Times was killed July 13 while on his way to work, less than an hour after he called the bureau to say a checkpoint had blocked his normal route, the newspaper said. According to the newspaper, Khalid W. Hassan was the second Times employee to be killed in Iraq. Gunmen killed Hassan in the southwest Baghdad district of Sadiyah .

Prime Minister Maliki Confident in Iraq Security Forces:

- Iraq’s prime minister was misunderstood when he said the Americans could leave “any time they want” an aide said July 15. Prime Minister Maliki told reporters July 14 that the Iraqi army and police were capable of maintaining security when American troops leave. Maliki’s adviser, Yassin Majid, told The Associated Press that the prime minister meant that efforts to bolster Iraq’s security forces would continue side-by-side. Majid urged the U.S. to continue building up Iraqi forces.



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