A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries and the Persian Gulf are shown in light beige and light blue respectively.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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## Highlights

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

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A handful of Sunni mosques were attacked or burned in Baghdad June 14, and two major Sunni mosques were burnt down in Basrah. Imposing immediate curfew and increased troop levels kept Iraq in relative calm a day after suspected al-Qaida bombers toppled the towering minarets of the Samarra mosque. Additionally, the U.S. military said Iraqi forces had arrested the Emergency Service Unit commander and 12 policemen responsible for security at the shrine at the time of the explosions.

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

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- Overall, however, the 2007 Samarra attack has not yet ignited the same waves of sectarian violence seen in the wake of the 2006 Samarra bombing.

### Coalition and Iraqi Special Operations Forces Capture Two Key Individuals:

- Coalition and Iraqi special operations forces detained two wanted individuals June 15. The first al-Hilfi was the head of the secret cells of the extremist elements associated within the Jaysh al-Mahdi and was reportedly involved in kidnappings and operations against Coalition Forces (CF). The second was Abu Tiba who was a member of the Ajur al-Dulaimi gang that is believed to be associated with the recent kidnapping of the British citizens at the Ministry of Finance in Baghdad.

### Joint Forces Kill Key AQI Leader:

- Iraqi Army and CF killed terrorist leader Kamal Jalil Bakr 'Uthman, also known as Sa'id Hamza, during a search operation in western Mosul June 12. Kamal was known to be the al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) military emir of Mosul, and intelligence indicates he planned, coordinated, and facilitated suicide bombings in the Mosul area.



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

### Quarterly Report Describes ISF Development:

- The Department of Defense's June 2007 report to Congress, "Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq," reports trained and equipped Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) increased by 18,000 since the last quarterly report in March.
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## [2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

### Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 26,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~194,200**</b>

### Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~156,900***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~158,900**</b>

### 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

#### Reprisals After Second Attack on Samarra Mosque:

- Some Sunni mosques were attacked or burned June 14, but most notably, two major Sunni mosques were totally destroyed in Basrah. A Government ordered curfew was imposed, and increased troop levels kept Iraq in relative calm a day after suspected al-Qaida bombers toppled the towering minarets of the Samarra mosque. Additionally, the U.S. military said Iraqi forces had arrested the Emergency Service Unit commander and 12 policemen responsible for security at the shrine at the time of the explosions.
- Prime Minister Maliki fired the Basrah police chief June 18 over his forces' failure to stop reprisal attacks this weekend on Sunni mosques. At least two major mosques were attacked in the Basrah area over the weekend in retaliation for June 13 attack of the Samarra shrine.

#### Iraqi Sunni Leader Dies of Heart Attack:

- Iraq's top Sunni Arab religious leader, Shaykh Jamal al-Din Abd al-Karim al-Dabban, died June 17 at the age of 68. Dabban suffered a heart attack in his hometown of Tikrit.



### [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

\* Vacant

<b>Minister of Agriculture</b> *	<b>Minister of Communications</b> Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	<b>Minister of Culture</b> *	<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> *	<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> Safa al Safi (acting)	<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> *
<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> *	<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> *	<b>Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities</b> *	<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

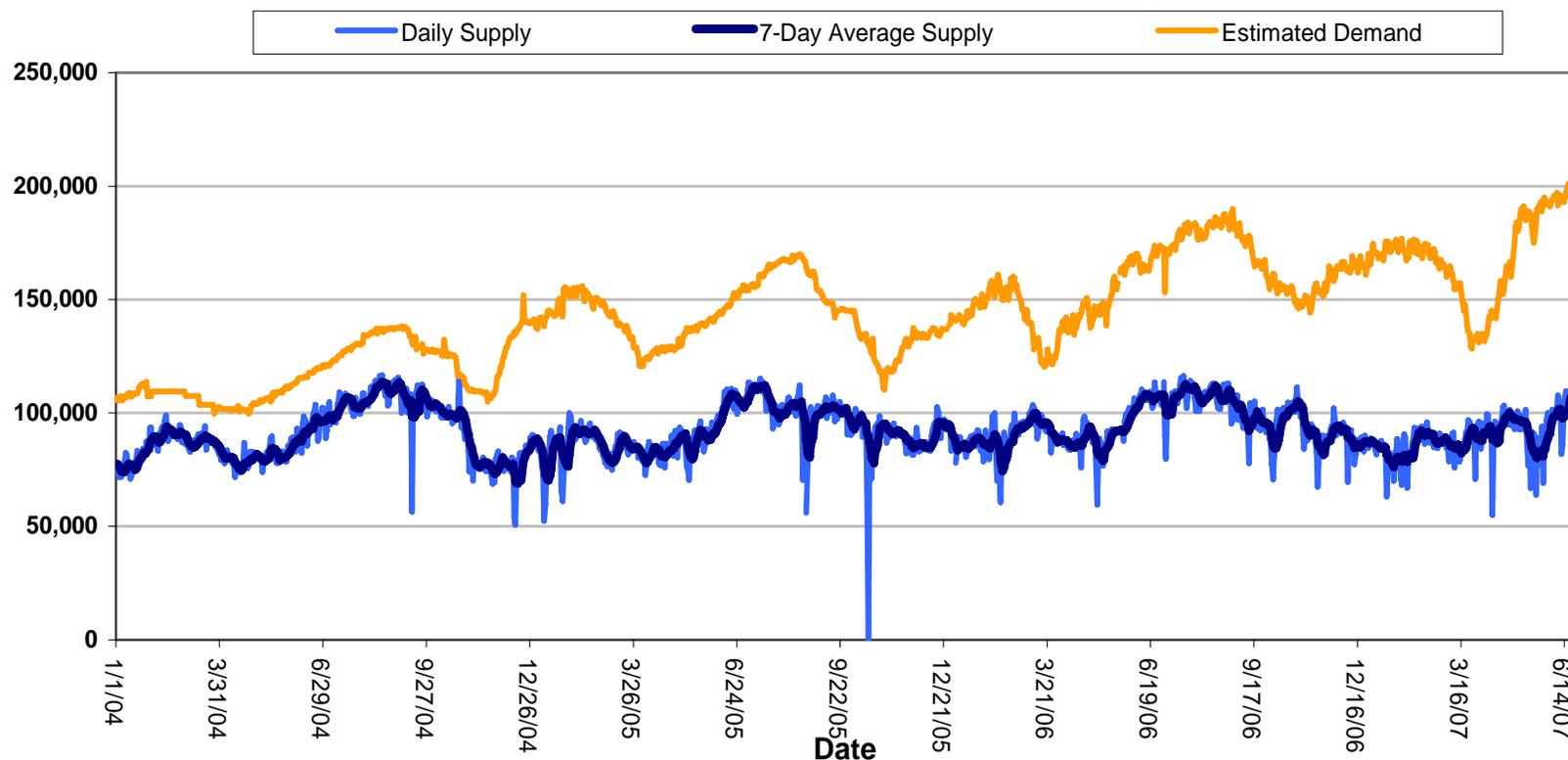
Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,004.79	\$4,978.21	\$4,978.21	\$0.00	\$4,975.17	\$4,975.17	\$0.00	\$4,797.45	\$4,797.45	\$0.00
Electricity Sector	\$4,216.87	\$4,171.28	\$4,171.28	\$0.00	\$4,046.30	\$4,046.30	\$0.00	\$3,322.85	\$3,322.85	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,623.09	\$1,623.09	\$0.00	\$1,572.42	\$1,572.42	\$0.00	\$1,456.14	\$1,456.14	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,302.73	\$1,302.73	\$0.00	\$1,296.75	\$1,296.75	\$0.00	\$1,092.52	\$1,092.52	\$0.00
Democracy	\$998.35	\$997.98	\$997.98	\$0.00	\$997.91	\$997.91	\$0.00	\$932.51	\$934.51	\$2.01
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.06	\$399.91	\$399.91	\$0.00	\$399.90	\$399.90	\$0.00	\$368.06	\$369.56	\$1.50
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$327.80	\$327.80	\$0.00	\$320.73	\$320.73	\$0.00	\$227.06	\$227.06	\$0.00
Health Care	\$816.22	\$770.75	\$770.75	\$0.00	\$758.81	\$758.81	\$0.00	\$668.79	\$668.79	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$456.72	\$455.45	\$455.45	\$0.00	\$447.17	\$447.17	\$0.00	\$354.39	\$354.39	\$0.00
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,115.79	\$2,006.53	\$2,006.53	\$0.00	\$1,963.12	\$1,963.12	\$0.00	\$1,614.27	\$1,614.27	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$809.26	\$808.91	\$808.91	\$0.00	\$808.91	\$808.91	\$0.00	\$789.19	\$789.24	\$0.05
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$211.05	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$188.13	\$188.19	\$0.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,401.56</b>	<b>\$18,053.11</b>	<b>\$18,053.11</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17,797.66</b>	<b>\$17,797.66</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$15,811.36</b>	<b>\$15,814.98</b>	<b>\$3.62</b>
IRRF II Construction	-	\$10,341.46	\$10,341.46	\$0.00	\$10,090.24	\$10,090.24	\$0.00	\$8,656.77	\$8,656.77	\$0.00
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	\$6,713.68	\$6,713.68	\$0.00	\$6,709.52	\$6,709.52	\$0.00	\$6,222.09	\$6,223.70	\$1.61
IRRF II Democracy	-	\$997.98	\$997.98	\$0.00	\$997.91	\$997.91	\$0.00	\$932.51	\$934.51	\$2.01
<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>\$20,874.86</b>	<b>\$20,526.41</b>	<b>\$20,526.41</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20,029.96</b>	<b>\$20,029.96</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17,950.36</b>	<b>\$17,953.98</b>	<b>\$3.62</b>

As of June 19, 2007

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



### Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- For the week of June 13-19, national electricity supply was unchanged from the same period in 2006.

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



### Sanitation:

- Approximately 20,000 people in Baghdad, Karkh, Baghdad province, will receive improved sewage and wastewater disposal service from the completed U.S.-funded repair of the Um al-Delal sewage lift station.

### Water:

- Over 1,600 area residents in al-Rutba, al-Anbar province will receive clean potable water from the completed U.S.-funded WP/PW RW (10) Haweoa project.



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

### Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending June 15 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$65.168/ barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$66.646/ barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$70.442/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$65.036/barrel

### Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	21,555	20,129	-7%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	49,174	56,462	15%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	4,534	4,265	-6%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	9,338	11,984	28%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	8,986	8,986	0%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>93,587</b>	<b>101,826</b>	<b>9%</b>

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

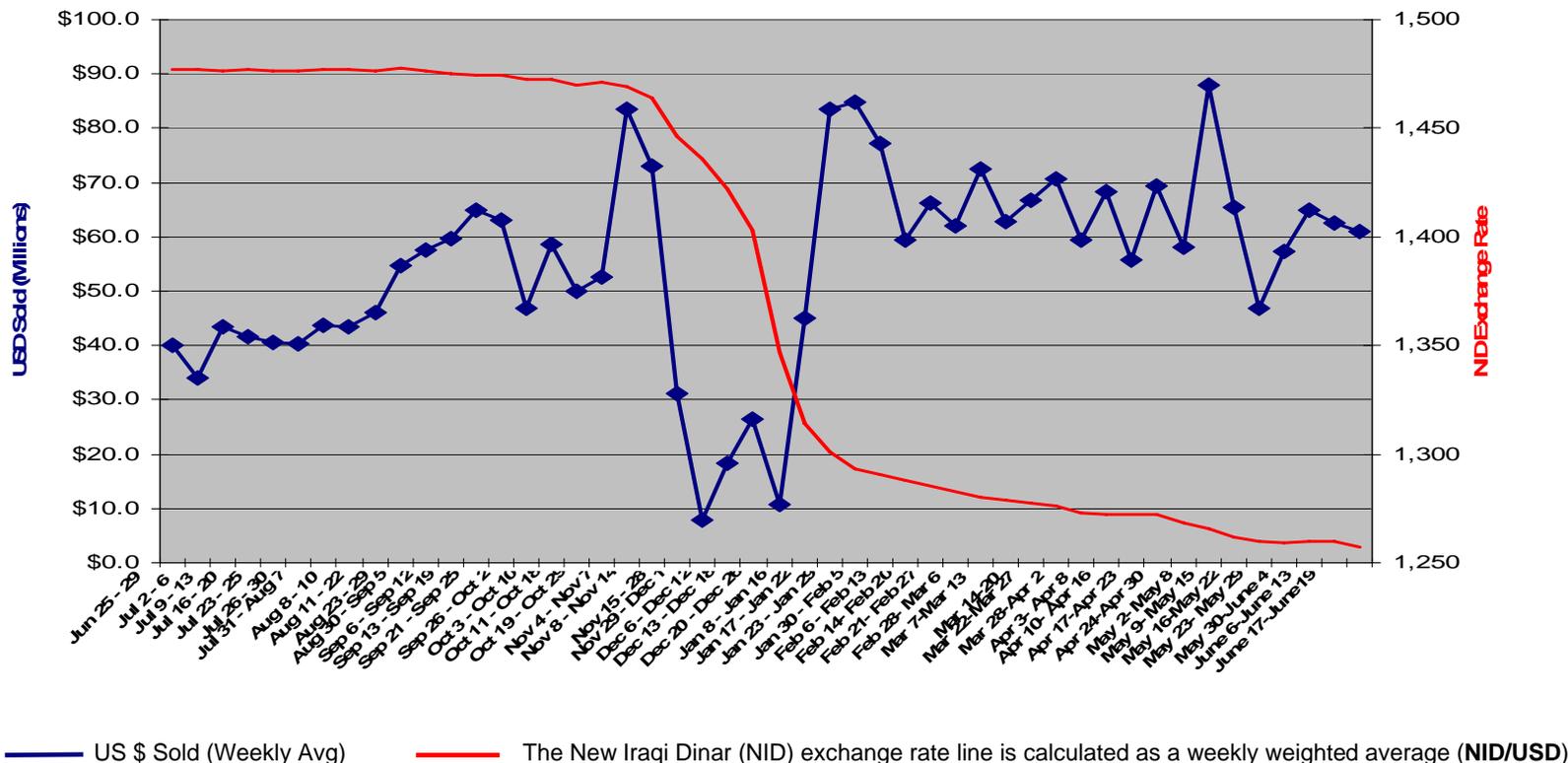


# [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

## 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 of Iraq (CBI) 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, as year-to-date inflation as of May 31 is 2.3%, which projects a pace well below the IMF annual target of 30%. However, this decline in the rate of inflation may be temporary, as the CBI has slowed its appreciation of the currency and the rate of inflation (particularly for energy prices) typically picks up in the second half of the year. It must also be noted that overall inflation and food prices typically decline in May (with the exception of May 2006), and that the May 2007 declines (-0.5%) were not as large as those recorded in previous years.

**Central Bank of Iraq  
USD Currency Auction: June 25, 2006 – June 19, 2007**



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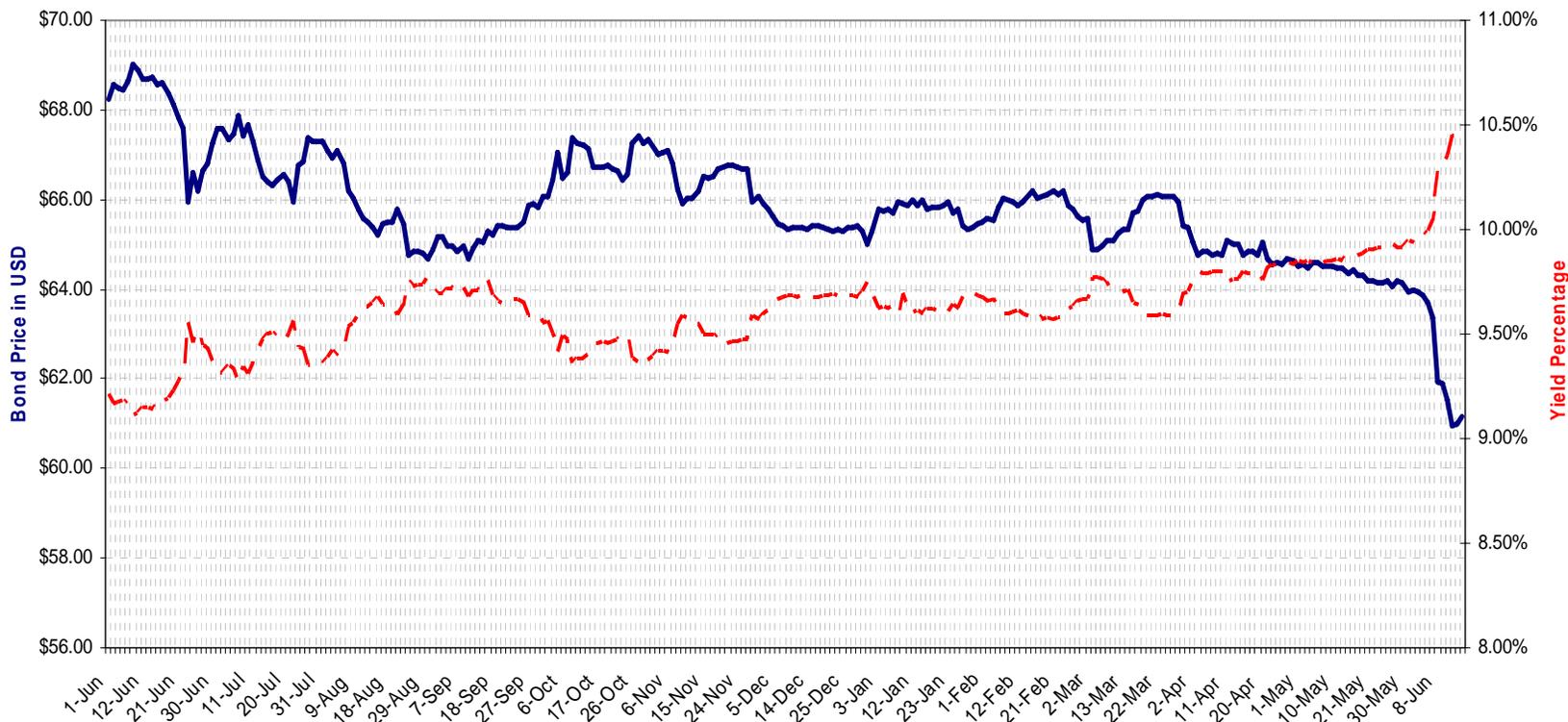


# [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 4, 2006 - June 15, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

### Basrah Senior Bankers Meet to Discuss Challenges:

- Fifteen Basrah senior bankers representing government and private banks met to discuss constraints on the development of the banking sector, and proposed new institutions to assist the business community, especially small and medium projects (SMEs). The banks also discussed the possible establishment of a formal association, and ways to utilize available funding for increasing use of the banking system, rather than the current cash-based methods.

### Unused Funds Identified:

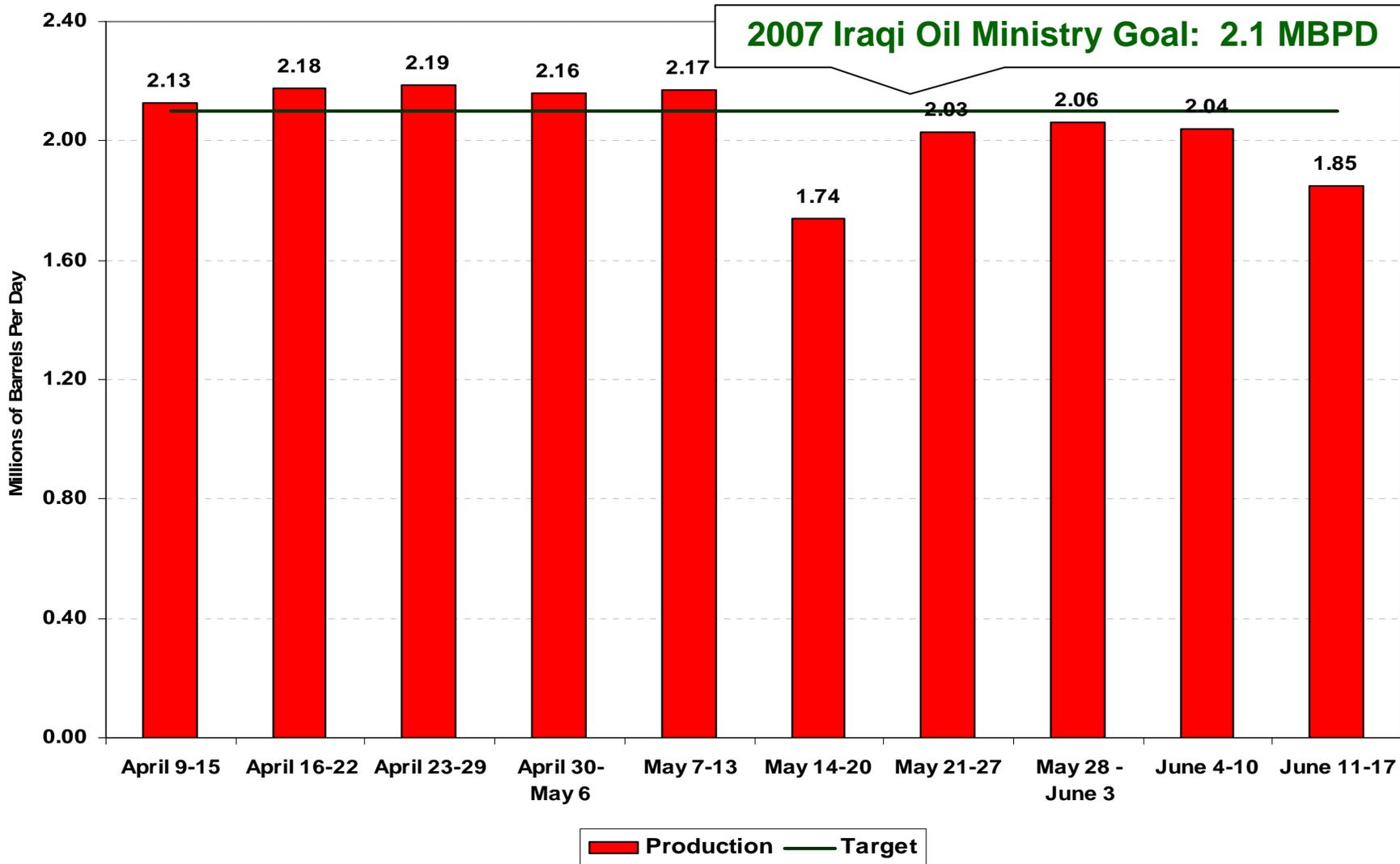
- Anbar Provincial Director Generals and the Governor have identified 87.6 billion Iraqi Dinars (\$70 million) in Rapid Reconstruction Funds that were not used in FY 2006. The Governor has obtained permission from the Ministry of Finance to roll those funds over to FY 2007, while the Governor's staff is working on a project list to utilize these funds.

### Economic Activity in Diyala Province Slows Due to Security:

- Military operations and curfew have slowed much of the economic activity in and around the Diyala river valley. Many shops have closed temporarily and transportation between the cities and villages of the region has been impeded due to the security situation. The monthly money shipment from Baghdad has not been completed for June, causing an acute liquidity crisis. Government salaries and pensions are also going unpaid.



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

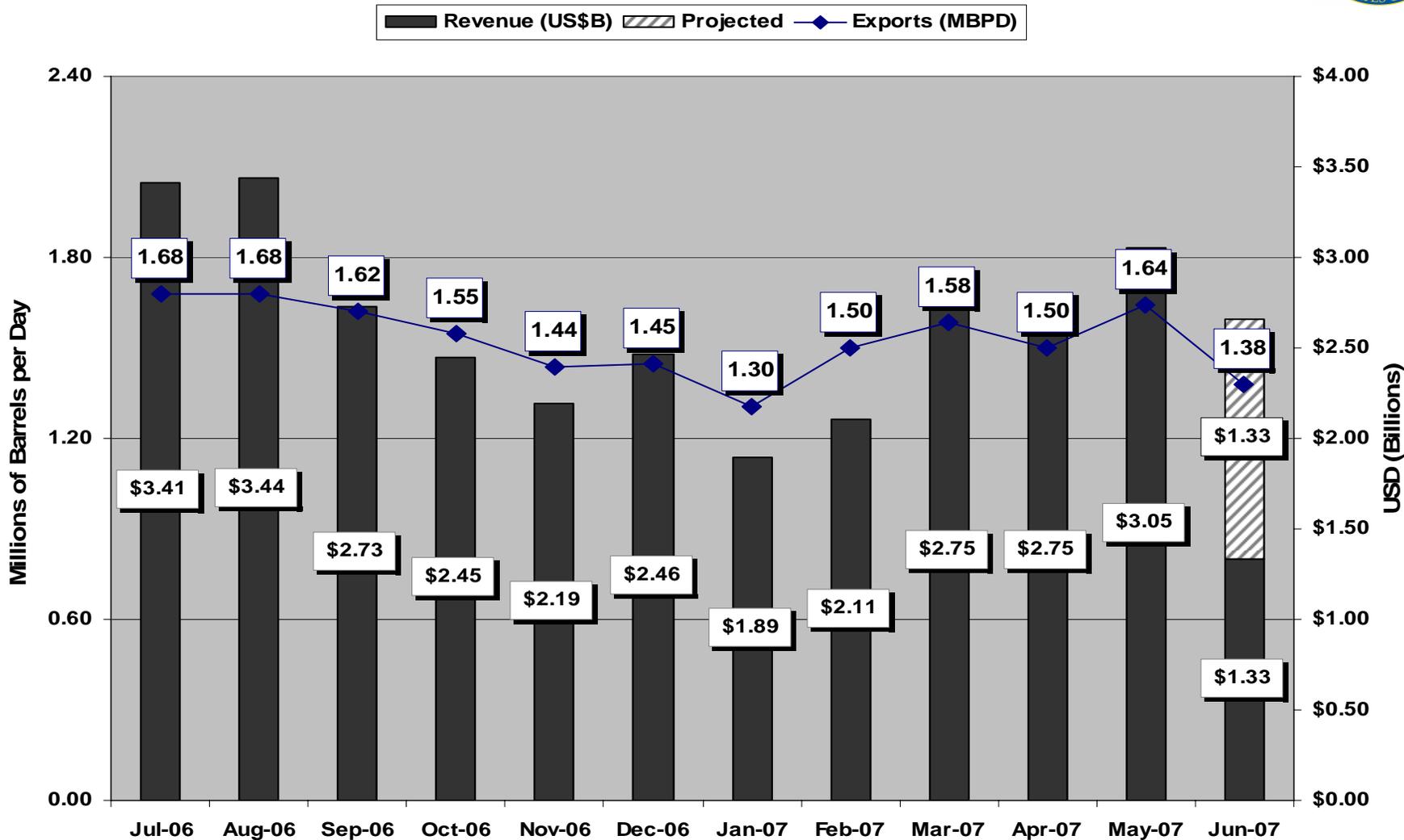


- Weekly Average (June 11 – 17) of 1.85 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

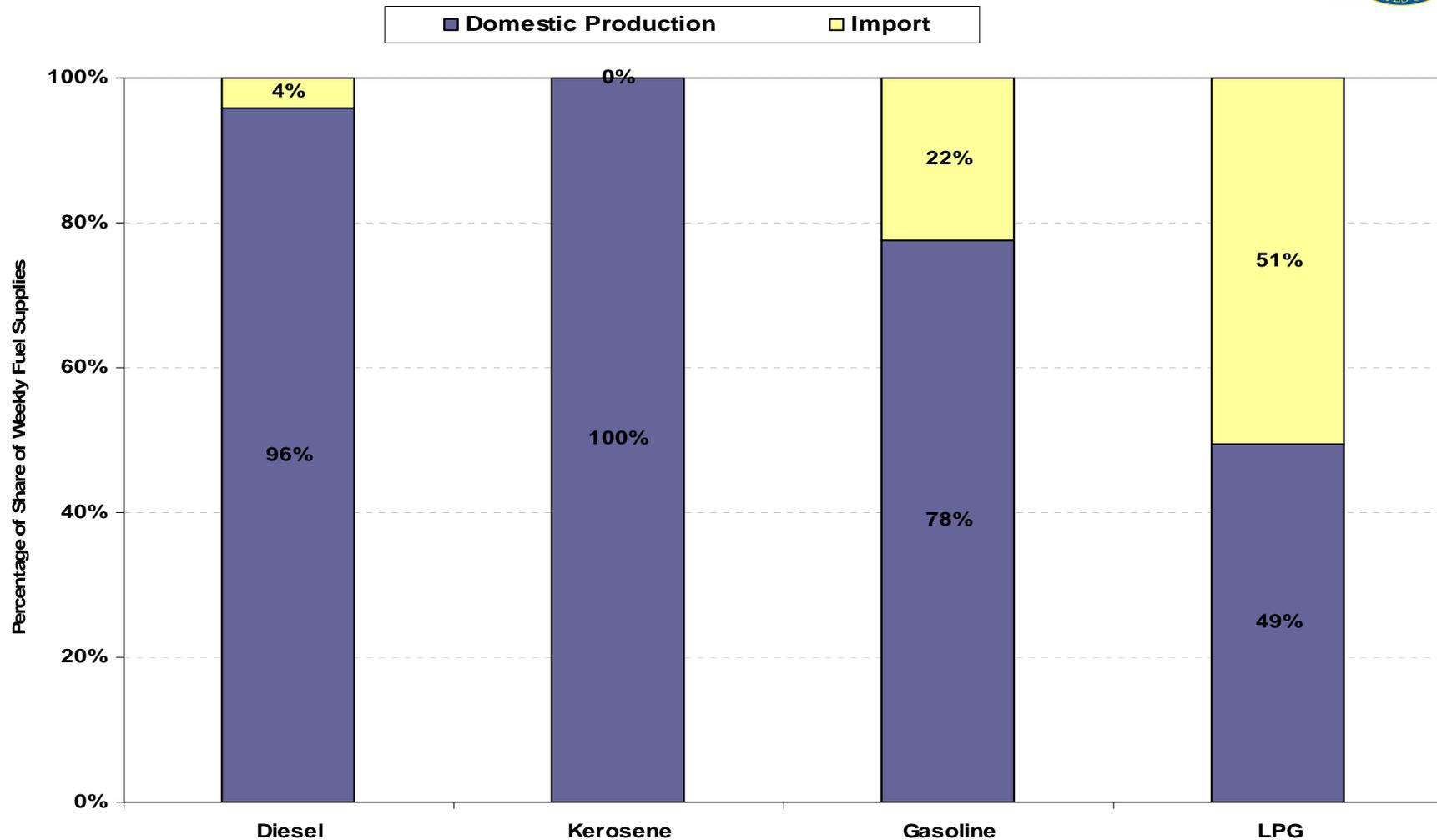
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- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$13.9 Billion (Year to Date)



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

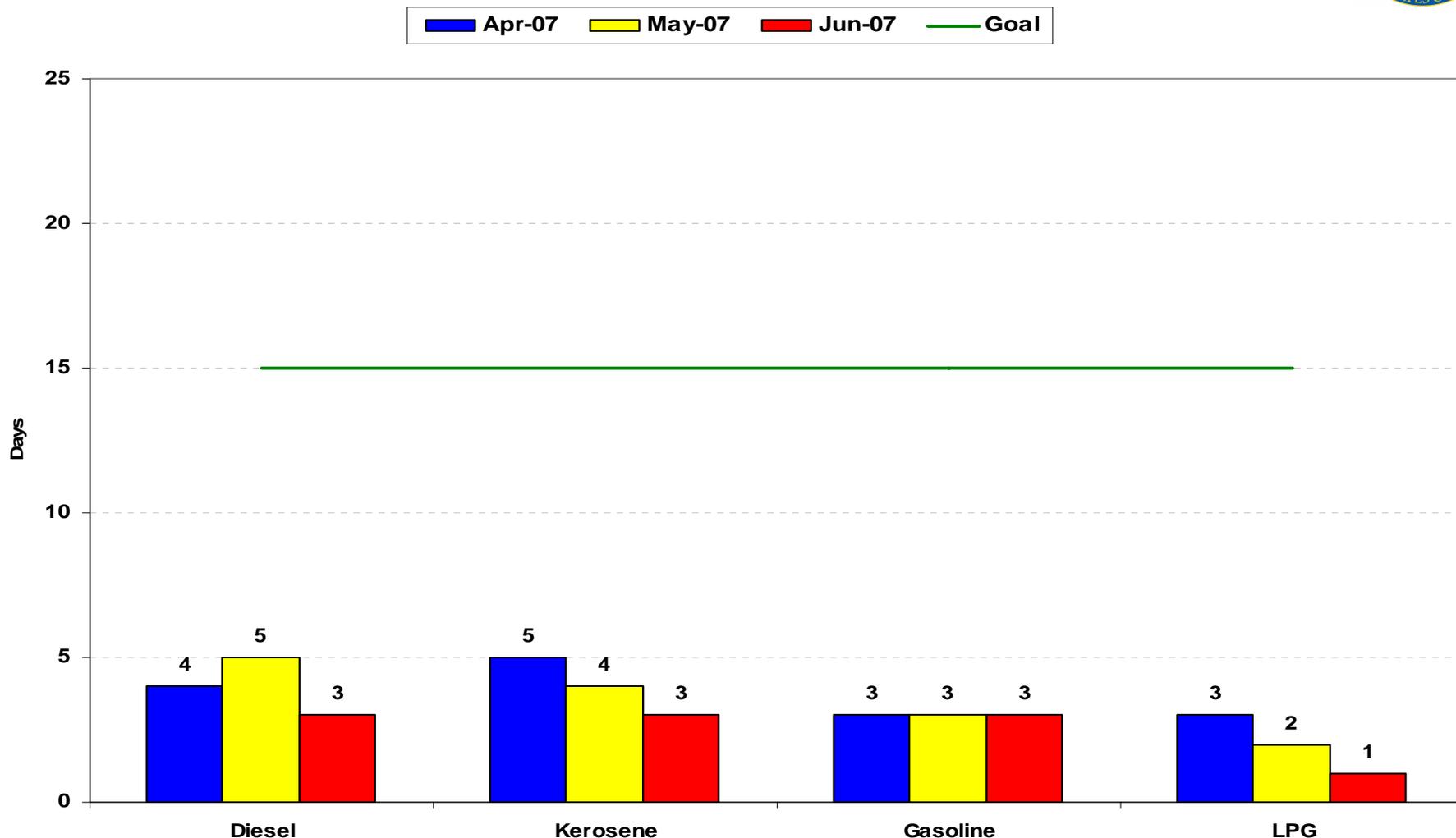


Note: This is a daily average for the week of June 11 – 17

- Diesel: 7.9 ML supply of 22.4 ML target
- Gasoline: 9.1 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 2.9 ML supply of 7.5 ML target
- LPG: 2,262 tons supply of 5,130 tons target



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- 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



### National Police Academy Continually Develops Security Forces:

- As part of the continual, standardized training of the Iraqi security forces, more than 2,000 national policemen from the 6th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi National Police Division, graduated from a four-week training course at the National Police Academy in An Numaniyah on June 8. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hunzeker, the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team commanding general, tasked with training, equipping and mentoring the Iraqi civilian police forces, talked to the national policemen about their role in Iraq's developing democracy. Hunzeker said, "You are the blue line between insurgency and peace. You'll be the champion of justice and an enforcer of the rule of law."



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

### UN Security Council Continues Iraq Mandate:

- The UN Security Council's routine mid-year review of the mandate of the U.S.-led multi-national force resulted in its continuation as requested by Iraq.

### PKK Commander Warns Turkey of "Military Disaster" if Troops Enter Iraq:

- Cemil Bayik, a senior commander of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), warned the Turkish government against sending its military forces into northern Iraq, saying that while his units were not seeking a fight, the Turkish army faced "a political and military disaster" if it crosses into Iraq as part of an offensive against the PKK.

### Georgian Parliament Approves Iraq Increase:

- Georgia's parliament has overwhelmingly approved President Mikheil Saakashvili's proposal to more than double the country's military contingent in Iraq to 2,000 soldiers.

### Syria and Jordan Enact Tougher Restrictions on Iraqi Refugees:

- New entry and residency conditions have been imposed in both Jordan and Syria, resulting in tens of thousands of refugees being stranded on Iraq's borders and families being divided according to their age and the type of passport they hold. Currently, at least 2.2 million Iraqis are sheltered in either of the two nations.

### Japan Extends Air Force Transportation Mission in Iraq:

- Japanese lawmakers approved a two-year extension of the country's air force transport mission in Iraq. The legislation cleared the upper house with support from members of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its coalition partner, the New Komei Party, upper house official Yuji Masaki said. The lower house - also dominated by the ruling coalition - approved the legislation last month.



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

Data as of June 8, 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 ~ 11,637 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**

### Friday Sermons Discuss Samarra Bombing:

- Several religious leaders in Iraq used their June 15 sermons to discuss the bombing of the Askariyah shrine in Samarra. A representative of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani in Karbala reportedly implicated lax security in the attacks and questioned whether political sensitivities had prevented proper disclosure of information available to the Iraqi government. He also argued that the more serious political problem will be the sectarian violence that can result from attacks on holy places.
- Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI) leader Nasser al-Din al-Qubanji said in his sermon that takfiris, Saddamists, and Ba'athists were behind the explosions, adding blame on the "infiltrated" Iraqi security forces for their lax protection of the site in the 16 months since the prior blast. Occupation forces also received blame in his sermon for condoning poor security generally and even putting terrorists back on the street after their detention by the Iraqi government.
- Salah al-Ubaidi, a Sadrist preacher at the Kufa mosque, is reported simply to have called for the shrine to be rebuilt rapidly by Sunni, Shia and all who love God, and said that silence about the first attack is what allowed and encouraged "God's enemies" to strike a second time.

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



### Iraq Journalist Found Dead in Baghdad:

- Iraqi police said that the body of an Iraqi newspaper editor kidnapped last week in eastern Baghdad was found June 17. Flayeh Wadi Mijdab, editor of the state-owned al-Sabah newspaper was ambushed by gunmen June 13 as he was heading to work.



## Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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