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. The text is overlaid on the yellow area.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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 - U.S. forces captured the suspected bombers last week during security sweeps in Azamiyah, a Sunni stronghold in northern Baghdad.
 - One of the detained men, Haitham al-Shimari, is suspected in the planning and execution of the majority of car bombs which have killed hundreds of Iraqi citizens in Sadr City. The second in command of the Azamiyah-based cell, Haidar al-Jafar, was also arrested.



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

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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	~ 25,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~193,300**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~134,500***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~136,500**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~329,800****

* 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 21, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

Iraq to Rewrite de-Baathification Law:

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Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Stable Day After Bomb Attack:

- A suicide attacker came within feet of Deputy Prime Minister Salam Zubaie and exploded his vest during a Friday prayer service in the private mosque attached to Zubaie's home. The Sunni official was seriously wounded and nine people were killed. Zubaie is said to be out of danger and in stable condition after surgery in the U.S.-run hospital in the Green Zone.

New PRT Leaders Arrive in Iraq:

- Ten new Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) leaders arrived in Iraq over the past weekend. The arrival of this new group doubles the number of PRT's currently operating in Iraq and is part of the administration's overall push to begin rebuilding neighborhoods - primarily in Baghdad - in conjunction with the new security plan initiated roughly six weeks ago.



[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

Minister of Agriculture Ya'rub Nathim	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	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 Hoshiyar Zebari	Minister of Health Ali al-Shammari	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 Hashim al-Shibli	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 Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister 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 Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	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



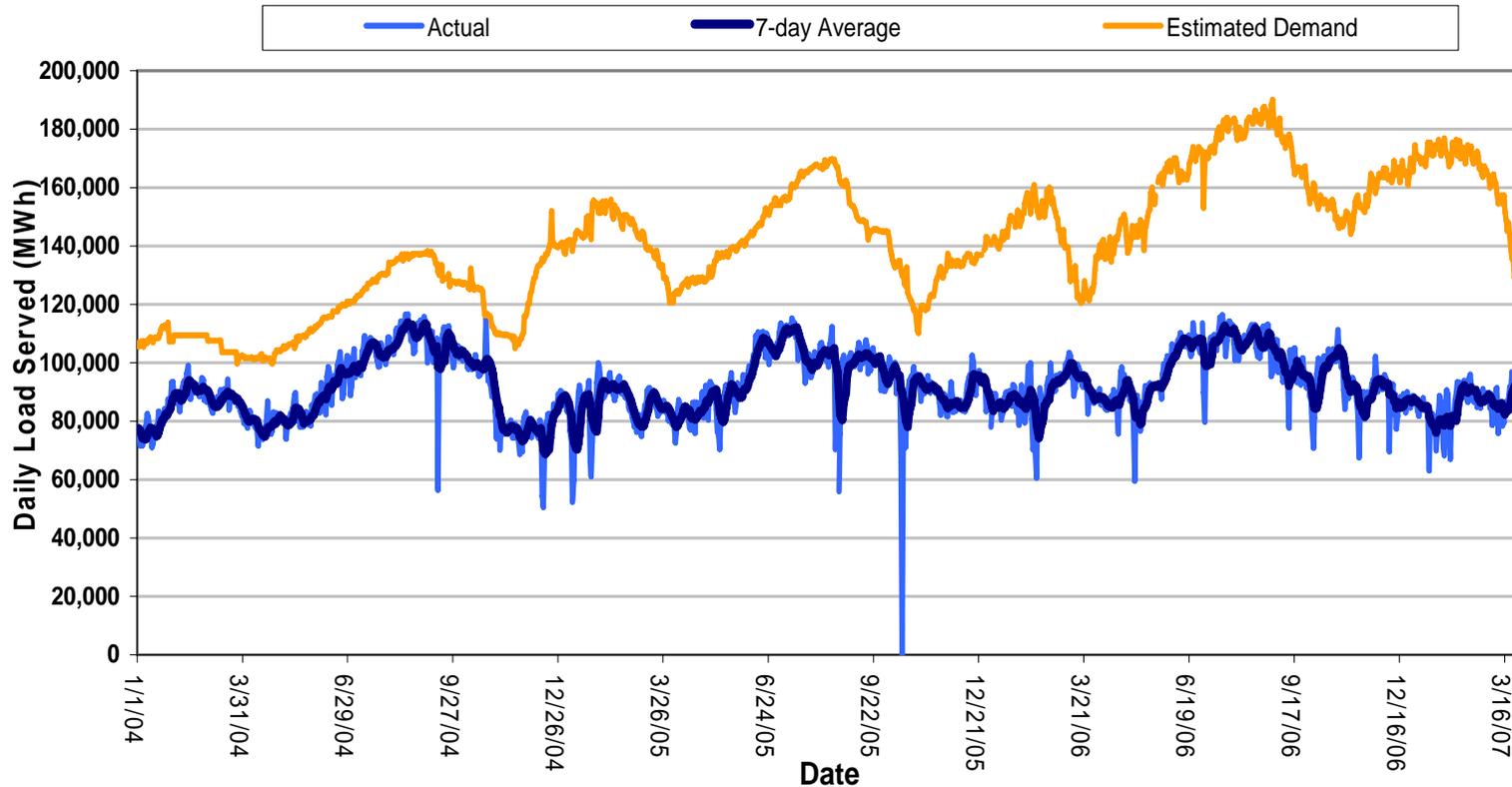
Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,988.67	\$4,988.67	\$0.00	\$4,986.20	\$4,986.20	\$0.00	\$4,726.87	\$4,728.97	\$2.10
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,173.01	\$4,173.01	\$0.00	\$4,034.17	\$4,034.17	\$0.00	\$3,122.74	\$3,122.74	\$0.00
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	\$1,303.90	\$1,303.90	\$0.00	\$1,297.69	\$1,297.69	\$0.00	\$1,030.36	\$1,030.47	\$0.11
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$998.23	\$998.23	\$0.00	\$919.69	\$920.32	\$0.63
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$356.19	\$356.23	\$0.03
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$331.94	\$331.94	\$0.00	\$324.58	\$324.58	\$0.00	\$214.46	\$214.46	\$0.00
Health Care	\$818.90	\$814.52	\$814.52	\$0.00	\$800.27	\$800.27	\$0.00	\$638.98	\$639.35	\$0.37
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	\$2,112.68	\$2,112.68	\$0.00	\$2,042.83	\$2,042.83	\$0.00	\$1,503.54	\$1,503.54	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$780.06	\$780.06	\$0.00
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$210.49	\$210.48	(\$0.01)	\$210.49	\$210.48	(\$0.01)	\$186.08	\$186.07	(\$0.01)
Total	\$18,448.95	\$18,273.46	\$18,273.45	(\$0.01)	\$17,938.63	\$17,938.62	(\$0.01)	\$15,193.19	\$15,196.42	\$3.23
IRRF II Construction		\$10,503.82	\$10,503.82	\$0.00	\$10,190.82	\$10,190.82	\$0.00	\$8,245.66	\$8,246.12	\$0.46
IRRF II Non-Construction		\$6,771.32	\$6,771.31	(\$0.01)	\$6,749.58	\$6,749.57	(\$0.01)	\$6,027.84	\$6,029.98	\$2.14
IRRF II Democracy		\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$998.23	\$998.23	\$0.00	\$919.69	\$920.32	\$0.63
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	\$20,922.25	\$20,746.76	\$20,746.75	(\$0.01)	\$20,170.93	\$20,170.92	(\$0.01)	\$17,332.19	\$17,335.42	\$3.23

As of March 27, 2007

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



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of March 22-28 electricity availability averaged 6.1 hours per day in Baghdad and 12.6 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 1% below the same period in 2006.



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

Electricity:

- The U.S. Army-funded rehabilitation of the 400kV Sadr City local distribution network in Thawra, Baghdad province has been completed, providing both residential and business distribution of electricity to eight sectors of Sadr City and servicing approximately 120,000 people.

Health:

- The U.S. Army-funded construction of the al-Nahrawan public health clinic project in Diyala province has been completed, providing a major health care facility that will provide quality medical services for potentially more than 100 patients per day.

Water:

- The U.S. Army-funded construction of the Dibis water-pipeline project in Kirkuk province has been completed, providing an increased supply of potable water to the residents of Kirkuk.



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

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending March 16 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$56.036/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at 58.77/barrel
 - Dated Brent at 61.316/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at 57.442 /barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,540	22,347	-0.86%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	21,519	25,960	20.64%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) ²	4,305	4,015	-6.74%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	9,764	10,937	12.01%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,481	6,484	0.05%
GRAND TOTAL	64,609	69,743	7.95%

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

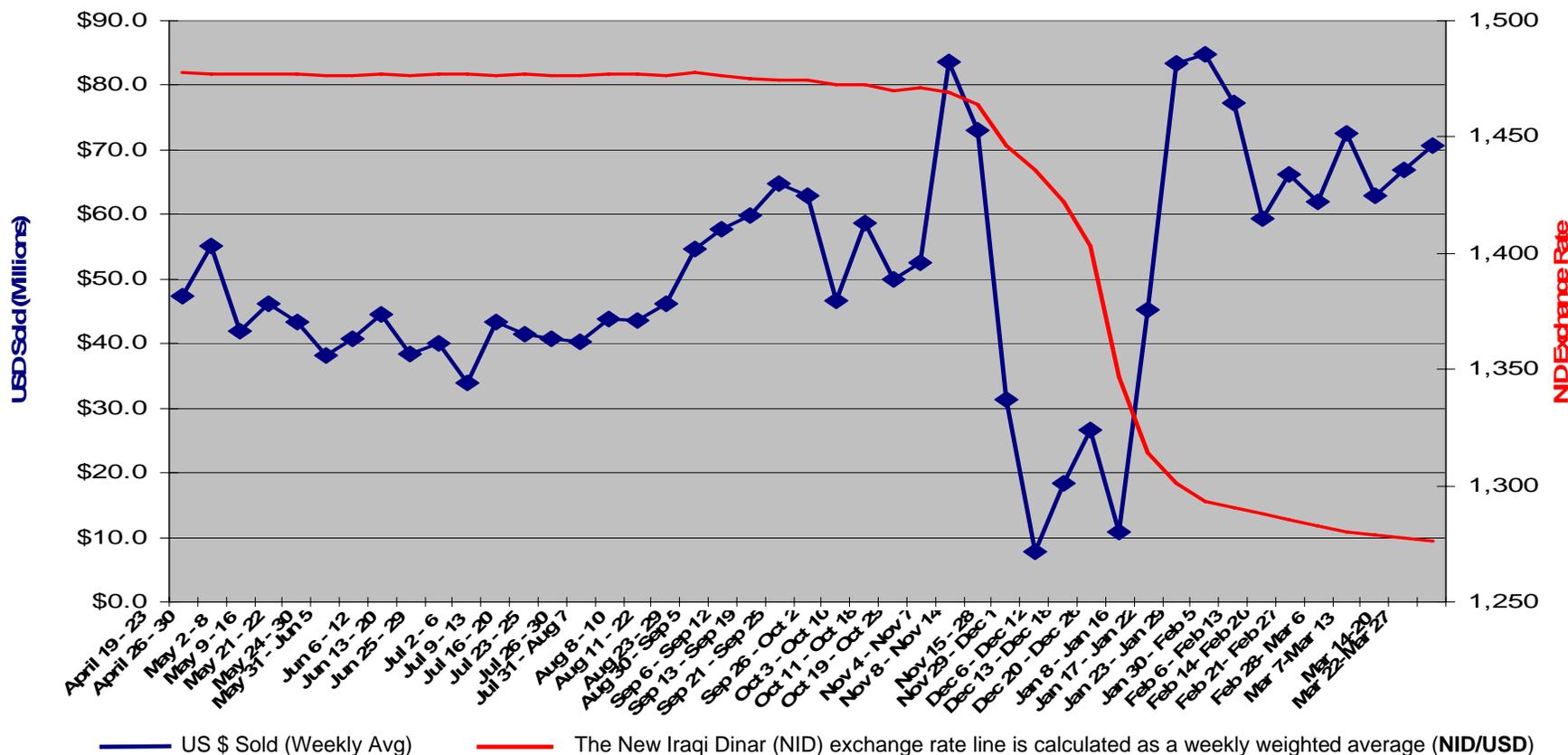


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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, 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: April 19, 2006 – March 27, 2007**



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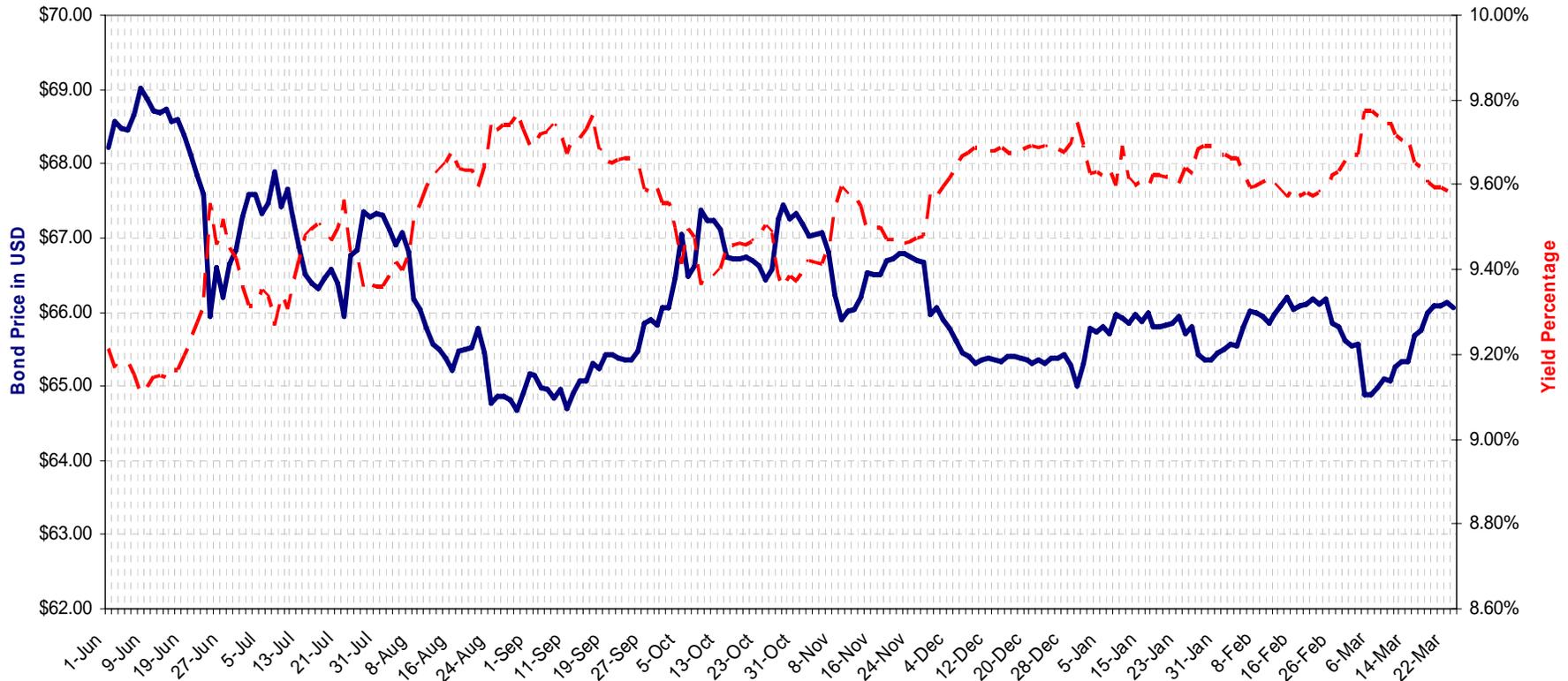


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 1, 2006 - March 23, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)

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

Provincial Development Strategy Workshop Hosted by USAID:

- USAID's Local Governance Program held the al-Anbar Provincial Strategy Development Workshop March 17-20. The workshop brought together all of al-Anbar's Provincial Council members and the Governor, as well as specialists and representatives of academia and civil society in Irbil to begin strategic planning for the province's long-term economic development.
- The Provincial Council Chairman, Governor, and participants visited the Kurdistan Parliament. It was agreed that Provincial officials would be sent on study tours to Iraqi Kurdistan to learn about management systems within their service departments.

Commerce Under Secretary Lavin Delivers Briefing at USIP:

- Under Secretary Frank Lavin briefed members of the public and private sector on current Department of Commerce initiatives in northern Iraq. Having recently returned from a trip to Irbil, Lavin described the Northern and Southern Gateway Initiatives already underway and stressed the relatively calm security environment in northern Iraq, citing encouraging indicators of Kurdistan's economic progress. Kurdistan could serve as a model for the rest of the country, he said. He emphasized the linkage between a strong economy and a strong society. For the short term, Lavin discussed three major goals for the Iraq government for 2007: (1) overall investment legislation; (2) hydrocarbon legislation; and (3) the completion of at least one marquee transaction/investment.



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

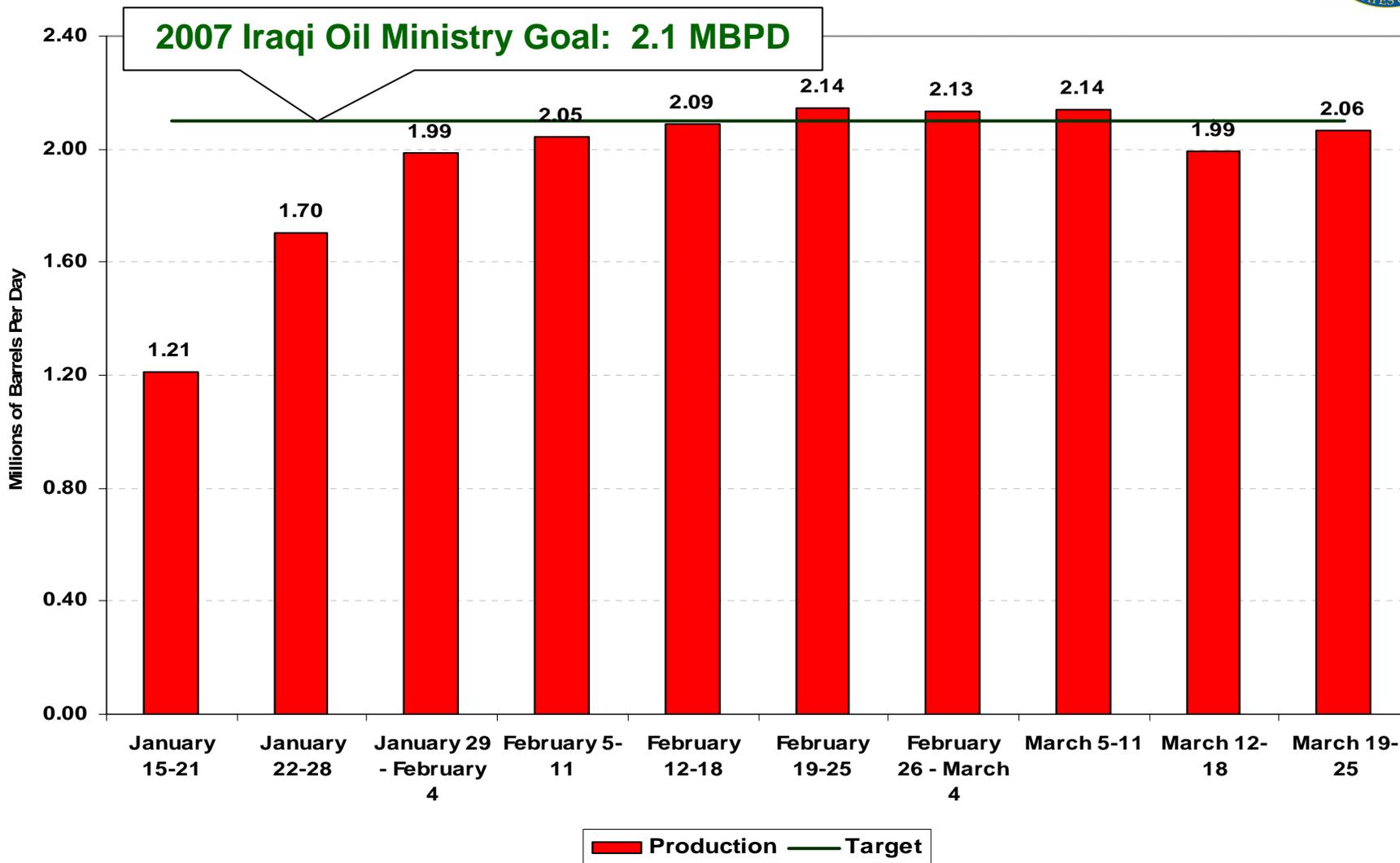
Grant to Assist Small and Medium-Size Iraqi Businesses:

- At the second General Assembly meeting of the shareholders of the Iraqi Company for Bank Guarantees (ICBG), a grant agreement in the amount of \$5 million was signed by the Chairman of the ICBG and the Director of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Iraq Economic Growth and Agriculture office. Through this agreement, the ICBG will receive support to supplement its guarantee fund.
- The ICBG was established with technical assistance from the USAID Izdihar project and support from the Central Bank of Iraq in recognition of the important role such a financing concept could play in developing the local lending market.



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

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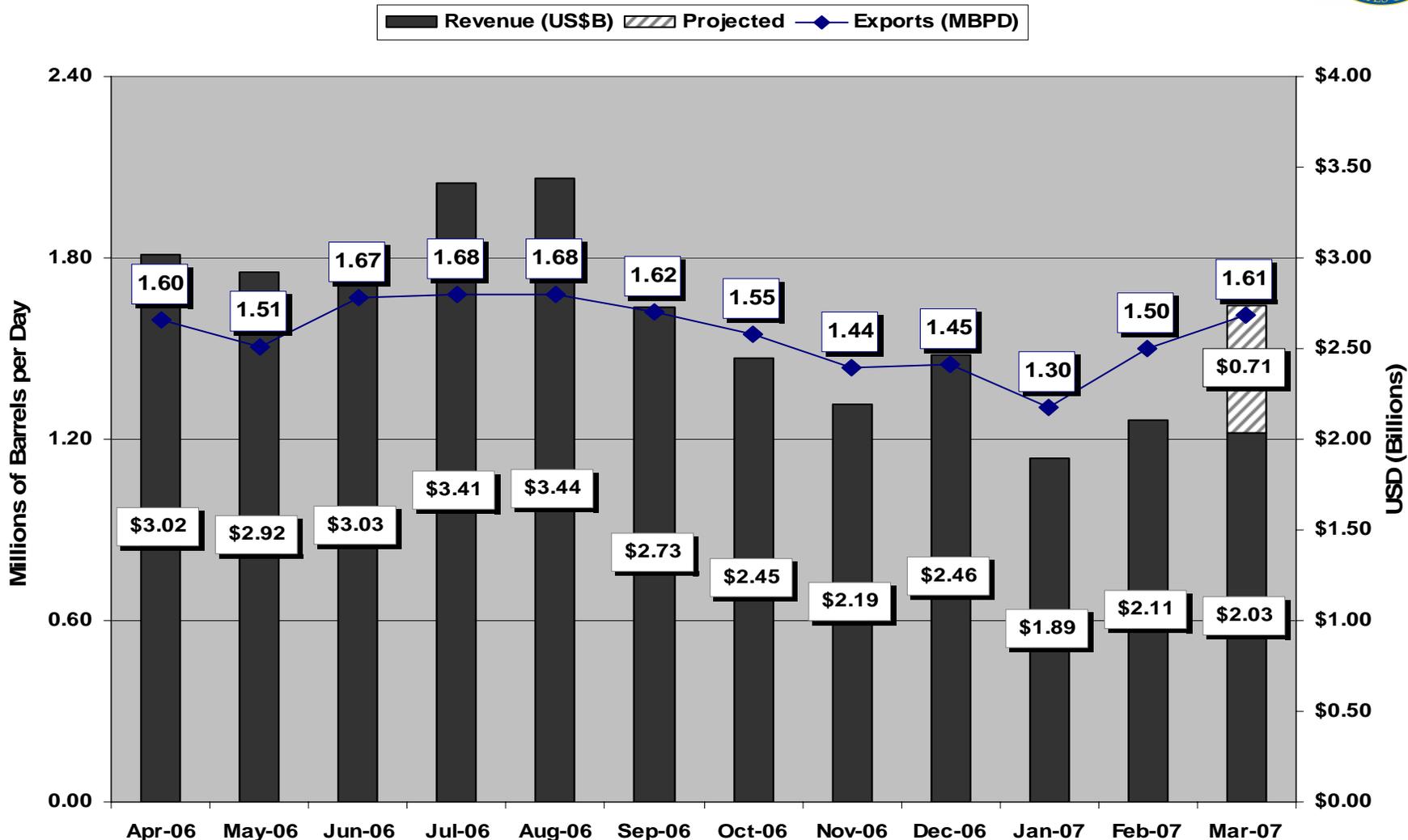


• Weekly Average (March 19 – March 25) of 2.06 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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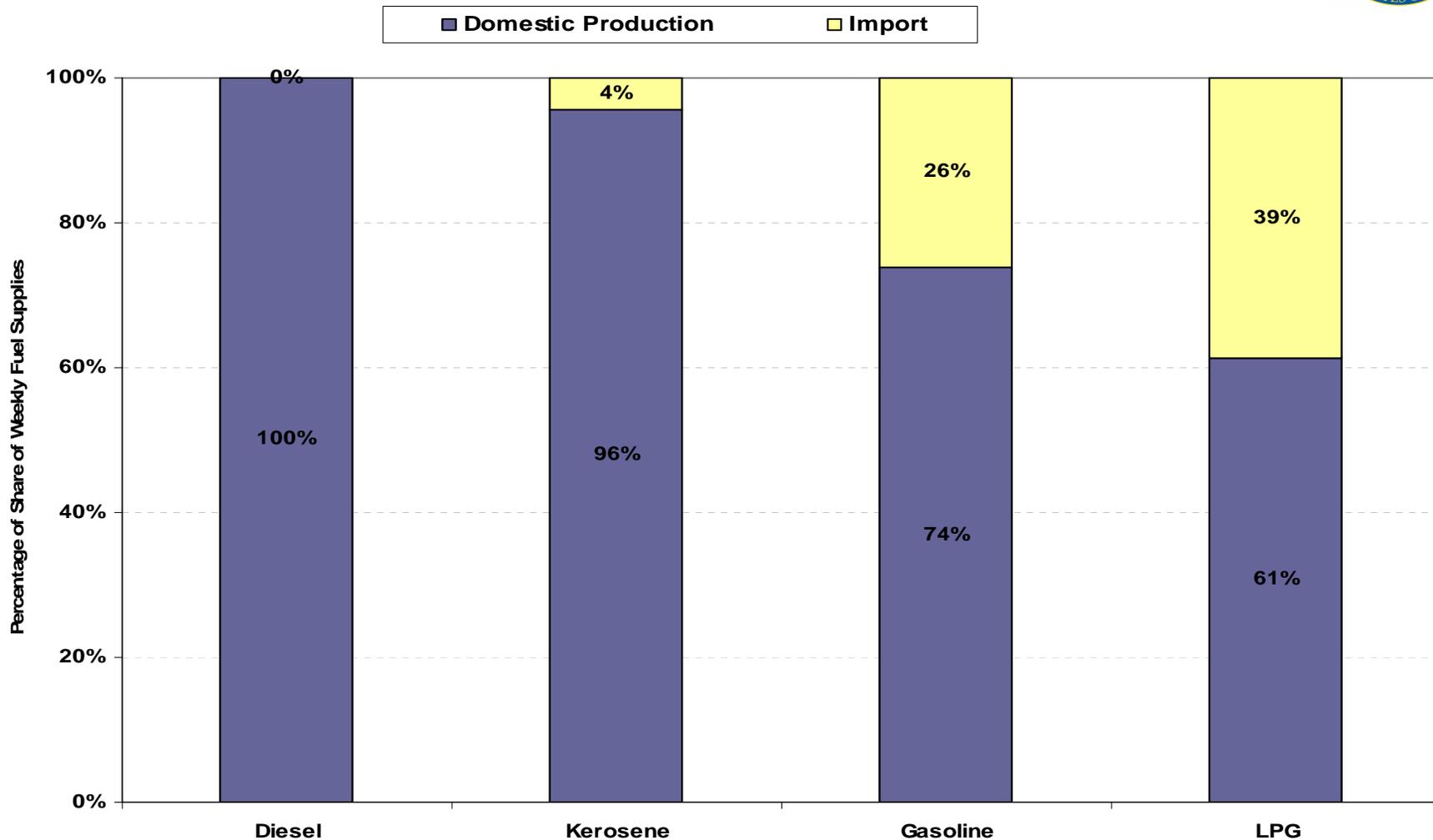


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$6.0 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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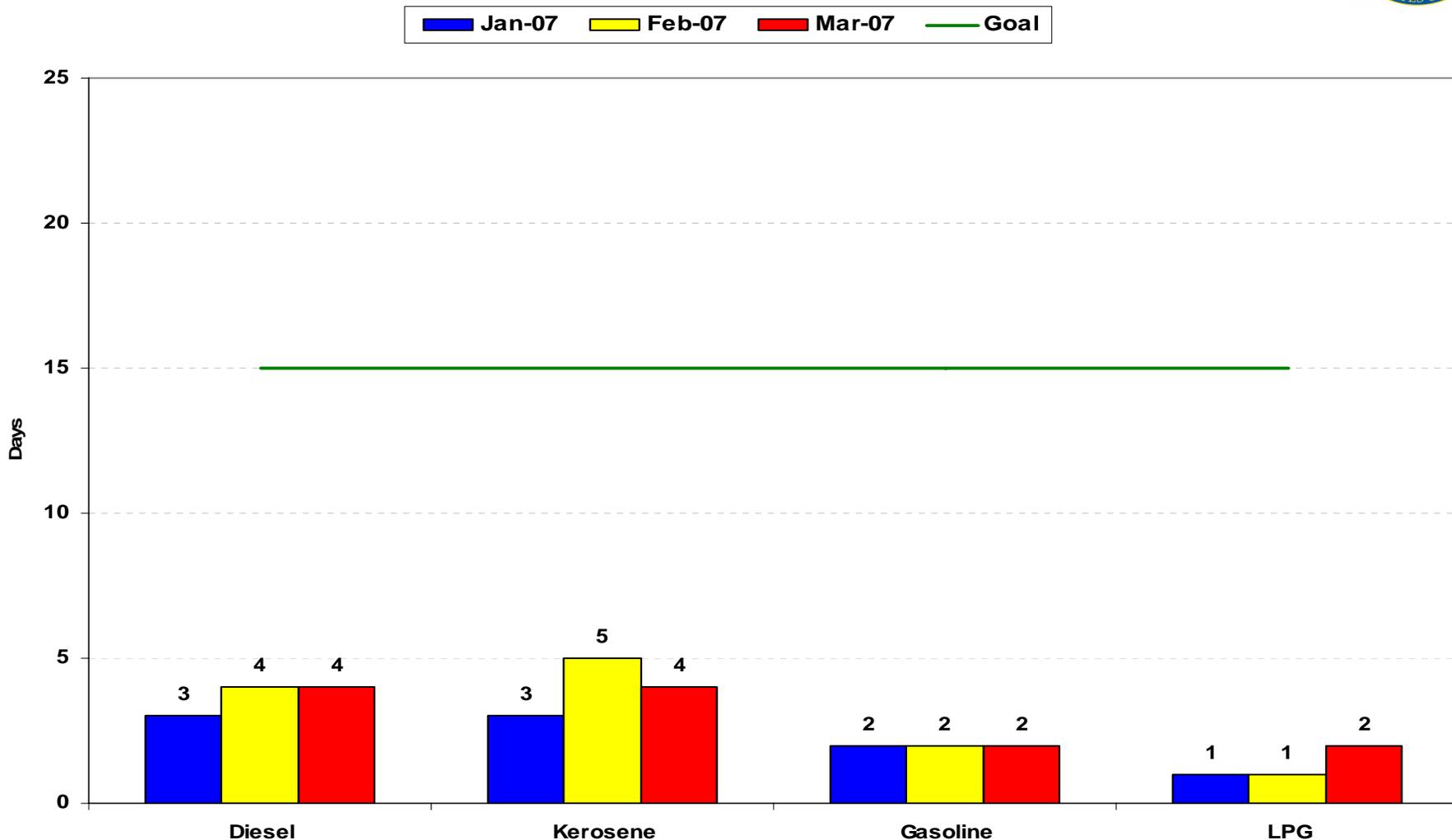


Note: This is a daily average for the week of March 19 – March 25

- Diesel: 9.5 ML supply of 22.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.4 ML supply of 10.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 13.0 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,911 tons supply of 5,000 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



CCCI Convicts 25, Sentences Six to Death:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 25 individuals March 11-17 for violations of the Iraqi Terrorist Law, Penal Code and Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) Orders enforced by the Iraqi judiciary.
- The trial court sentenced four individuals to death March 14 after being found guilty of violating the Iraqi Terrorist Law. The four individuals were apprehended January 4 by Multi-National Forces (MNF). MNF found an anti-tank mine near one of the convicted individual's vehicle, as well as a video camera and video tape in the vehicle's glove compartment showing the convicted individuals making improved explosive devices. Detailed instructions on how to use a sniper rifle and scope were also found.
- Since its establishment under an amendment to CPA Order 13, in April 2004, the Central Criminal Court has held 1,965 trials for suspected criminals apprehended by Coalition Forces. The Iraqi Court proceedings have resulted in the conviction of 1,706 individuals with sentences ranging from fines to imprisonment to death.



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

Iraqi Leaders Appeal to Neighbors to Increase Aid to Iraq:

- In a statement addressing leaders at a two-day Arab League summit that opened March 28 in Riyadh, Iraqi Parliament Speaker Mahmud al-Mashhadani appealed to Arab leaders to “shoulder their legitimate, ethical and national responsibilities toward Iraq and to never abandon its people.”
- Iraqi Sunni Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi issued a similar appeal asking for more support from fellow Arabs and saying it was imperative to keep Iraq from being abandoned to terrorists and foreign powers.

UNHCR Calls Iraqi Refugee Situation Unsustainable:

- The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) claims emergency camps to host Iraqis fleeing their country could be built if their numbers increase beyond the point where neighboring nations can cope and to avoid the closing of borders. UNHCR would set up camps in Jordan, Syria, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia, effectively separating the refugees from the local population and economy.



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

Data as of March 16, 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 ~ 13,205 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**



Independent Radio and Television Station Reopens:

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- Funding for the station comes from advertising revenue bought by the U.S. 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division in Diyala to send out Coalition messages. The Brigade invested \$36,000 to start the station and a Global Outreach Team from the U.S. Embassy was commissioned to help.

Al-Qaida Group Claims Attack on Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister:

- The al-Qaida-affiliated Islamic Emirate of Iraq Sunni insurgent group posted a statement March 24 claiming that it had carried out a twin bombing which wounded Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zubaie.
- The group said it would provide more details at a later time and warned of more strikes against “traitors” in the Iraqi government.



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