Iraq Weekly Status Report May 9, 2007

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Highlights



1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Mark Fox, an MNF-I spokesman, said May 2 that although the security situation in Iraq continues to be challenging, there are signs of progress being made in Operation Fardh al-Qanun including: a significant reduction in sectarian murders, increases in the number of weapon stockpiles seized, and increases in actionable tips provided by local citizens. Despite these signs, however, security can ultimately only be achieved by building a loyal, capable, and professional Iraqi Security Force in and around Baghdad. Operation Fardh al-Qanun is intended to improve security in the Baghdad area, providing the time and conditions for the Iraqi government to make progress in economic and political development.

2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

The Taji Regional Training Center, Iraqi Signal School, and Taji Engineer School are now officially run by Iraqi forces, following transition of authority ceremonies at each location May 1.

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

The al-Anbar Provincial Council convened in Ramadi for the first time after nearly a year of meeting in Baghdad, due to the security situation in Ramadi. Provincial Governor Mamoun Sami Rashid al-Awani met with representatives from across al-Anbar to discuss the resolution of major issues in the province, including economic development, improved infrastructure and continued improvements in security.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

Completed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division (USACE GRD) electrical generation projects have provided an additional 1,420MW of potential generation capacity to Iraq's national grid.

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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

At the May 3 International Compact for Iraq meeting held in Sharm al-Shaykh, Egypt, the EU Presidency announced that the EU's financial support for Iraq is anticipated to reach 1.8 billion euros (including grants, debt relief and loans).

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

The main administrative body for Iraq's courts, the Supreme Judicial Council, has asked the Iraqi Parliament to revoke immunity for a prominent Sunni lawmaker, possibly clearing the way for his arrest on charges of provoking sectarian violence. If the request is granted, Adnan al-Dulaimi will be the second Iraqi lawmaker to have immunity from prosecution lifted. The first, Mish'an al-Juburi, was a former member of Parliament who was indicted last year on charges of embezzling millions of dollars.

7. International Support for Iraq

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon co-launched the International Compact with Iraq with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in Sharm al-Shaykh, Egypt May 3. The Compact is a five-year national plan that includes benchmarks and mutual commitments from both Iraq and the international community, all with the aim of helping Iraq on the path towards peace, sound governance and economic reconstruction.

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

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Operation Fardh al-Qanun:

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 - Despite these signs, however, security can ultimately only be achieved by building a loyal, capable, and professional Iraqi Security Force in and around Baghdad.
 - Operation Fardh al-Qanun is intended to improve security in the Baghdad area, providing the time and conditions for the Iraqi government to make progress in economic and political development.
- Fox also said that securing Baghdad is the main effort, and Coalition Forces continue to establish joint security stations and combat outposts in the city and surrounding belts. Currently, there are 57 joint security stations and outposts in Baghdad.
- Four out of the five US Army "surge" brigades are now in Iraq, along with two additional U.S. Marine Corps battalions. The remainder of the "surge" combat forces is scheduled to be operating in their areas by mid-June.



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

Iraqi Military Takes Charge of Training:

• The Taji Regional Training Center, Iraqi Signal School, and Taji Engineer School are now officially run by Iraqi forces, following transition of authority ceremonies at each location May 1.

Iraqi Air Force Receives Helicopters:

• The Iraqi Air Force received five additional Huey II helicopters May 2. This delivery brings the number of Huey IIs to ten of the scheduled sixteen that will make up the Iraqi Air Force 2nd Squadron's helicopter fleet. In addition to the Huey IIs, the Iraqi Air Force also flies the C-130 transport, Mi-17 helicopters, Cessna Caravans, SAMA Ch2000s, Seabird Aviation Seekers, and Hawker-Beechcraft King Air 350s.



[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
TOTAL	~194,200**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~141,000***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~143,000**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~337,200****

* 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 May 9, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)

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

Committee to Submit Draft Constitutional Reforms:

 Members of the Constitutional Review Committee established to reform Iraq's constitution said May 8 that they hoped to submit recommendations to parliament next week, a major step towards meeting a political benchmark Washington has set for Baghdad.

Iraqi Leaders Meet Over Threats to Quit Government:

 Iraq's Sunni Arab Vice President, Tariq al-Hashimi, met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki to ease tensions over threats that the entire Sunni bloc could pull out of the government. Hashimi had claimed that he would pull the Iraqi Accord's 44 Parliamentarians out of the Maliki "national unity" government if Shia militias are not disarmed and revisions to the constitution do not begin by May 15.

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

			F	President				4TES OF		
	Deputy Pre			lal Talabani		Deputy President				
	Tariq al-Ha	Tariq al-Hashimi				'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi		* Possible resignation announced but not		
			Prir	me Minister				confirmed		
	Deputy Prime	e Minister	Minister Nuri al-Maliki		De	eputy Prime Ministe	(F) = Female			
	Barham	Salih				Salam al-Zawba'i				
Minister of Agriculture	Minister of Communications	Minister of Culture Minister of Defense		Minister of Displacement & Migration		Minister of Electricity				
Ya'rub Nathim*	Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Muhammad A	As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al- Hashimi				ahman	Karim Wahid		
Minister of Education	Minister of Environment	Minister of	Minister of Finance		of Finance Minister of Foreign Affairs			Minister of Health		Minister of Higher Education
Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Bayan	Bayan Jabr		Hoshyar Zebari Ali al-Sham		ari*	Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili		
Minister of Human Rights	Minister of Industry & Minerals		Minister of Interior		of Justice	Minister of Housing & Construction		Minister of Labor & Social Affairs		
Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Fawzi al-Hariri	Jawad a	Jawad al-Bulani		fi (acting)	Bayan Daza'l (F)		Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi		
Minister of Oil	Minister of Planning	Minister of	Minister of Trade		Minister of Trade		Science & blogy	Minister of Muni & Public We		Minister of Transportation
Husayn al- Shahristani	Ali Baban		Abd al-Falah al- Sudani		Da'id Eabmi Jab		ni Jahid	Riyad Ghurayyib		Karim Mahdi Salih*
Minister of Water Resources	Minister of You Sports	n & Minister of S Civil Soc				er of State for Dialogue Affairs		er of State for National Security Affairs		
'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Jasim Muhammad	Ja'far			Akram al-Hakim		Shirwan al-Waili			
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs	Minister of State Governorates Af Sa'd Tahir Abd K	fairs Tou	irs Tourism and A		Won	Women's Affairs		ister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi		
Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	al-Hashimi*		Liwa Suma	aysım [^]	Mahmud (F)		UNCLASSIFIED			

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[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2



	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
Sector	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,979.56	\$4,979.56	\$0.00	\$4,977.68	\$4,977.68	\$0.00	\$4,785.89	\$4,785.89	\$0.00
Electricity Sector	\$4,216.87	\$4,172.79	\$4,172.79	\$0.00	\$3,991.21	\$3,991.21	\$0.00	\$3,248.05	\$3,248.05	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,654.18	\$1,654.18	\$0.00	\$1,578.87	\$1,578.87	\$0.00	\$1,424.35	\$1,424.35	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,302.76	\$1,302.76	\$0.00	\$1,296.96	\$1,296.96	\$0.00	\$1,053.75	\$1,055.60	\$1.85
Democracy	\$999.26	\$997.98	\$997.98	\$0.00	\$997.91	\$997.91	\$0.00	\$934.62	\$934.62	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.06	\$400.13	\$400.13	\$0.00	\$400.12	\$400.12	\$0.00	\$360.87	\$360.88	\$0.01
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$329.26	\$329.26	\$0.00	\$322.19	\$322.19	\$0.00	\$220.94	\$220.94	\$0.00
Health Care	\$815.78	\$773.59	\$773.59	\$0.00	\$760.12	\$760.12	\$0.00	\$661.79	\$661.79	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$456.72	\$453.02	\$453.02	\$0.00	\$447.26	\$447.26	\$0.00	\$352.69	\$352.69	\$0.00
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,115.79	\$2,015.22	\$2,015.22	\$0.00	\$1,971.66	\$1,971.66	\$0.00	\$1,574.98	\$1,574.98	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$791.66	\$786.05	(\$5.61)
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$210.48	\$188.10	(\$22.38)
Total	\$18,406.48	\$18,098.22	\$18,098.22	\$0.00	\$17,763.72	\$17,763.72	\$0.00	\$15,620.06	\$15,593.93	(\$26.13)
IRRF II Construction	-	\$10,358.01	\$10,358.01	\$0.00	\$10,045.08	\$10,045.08	\$0.00	\$8,499.92	\$8,499.92	\$0.00
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	\$6,742.23	\$6,742.23	\$0.00	\$6,720.73	\$6,720.73	\$0.00	\$6,185.53	\$6,159.40	(\$26.13)
IRRF II Democracy	-	\$997.98	\$997.98	\$0.00	\$997.91	\$997.91	\$0.00	\$934.62	\$934.62	\$0.00
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	\$20,879.78	\$20,571.52	\$20,571.52	\$0.00	\$19,996.02	\$19,996.02	\$0.00	\$17,759.06	\$17,732.93	(\$26.13)

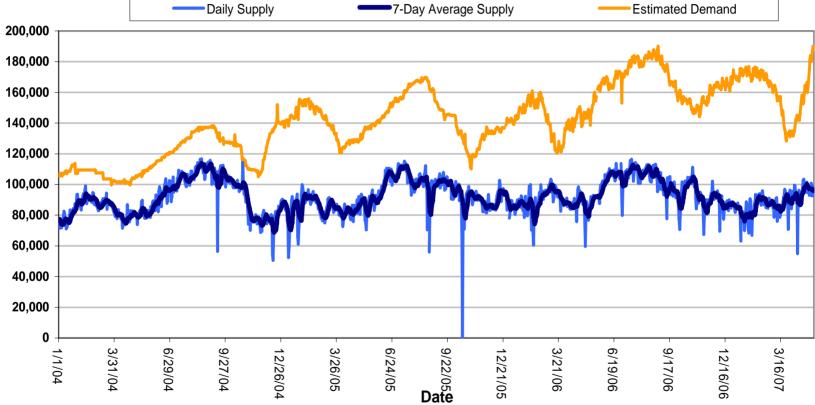
As of May 8, 2007

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







• For this period we have not received the data needed to report a measure of hours of power that is consistent with earlier periods.

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

Electricity:

- Completed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Gulf Region Division (GRD) electrical generation projects have provided an additional 1,420MW of potential generation capacity to Iraq's national grid. At the end of the program, GRD projects will have added 1,879 MW of potential generation capacity, which can serve an estimated 1.7 million homes. All USG agencies' projects will add or restore a total of 2,555MW at the end of the program.
- The Abu Jisraa to al-Wajihiya feeder lines in Diyala province have been completed, providing direct and more reliable power to the 5,000 local residents of Abu Jisraa.
- The construction of two 11kV electrical lines and installation of a 400kV transformer in Fathwat Arab, Diyala province has been completed, providing direct and more reliable power for 5,000 domestic, commercial and industrial consumers.

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

Water:

- Completed USACE GRD water treatment projects have added 463,000 m3 of daily water treatment capacity, which potentially benefits 2.5 million Iraqis. At the end of the program, an additional 1,136,000 m3 of water treatment capacity will benefit approximately 5.2 million Iraqis (all USG agencies' projects will benefit 8.4 million Iraqis).
- Al-Nawras United Company completed construction on the \$546,000 Talha reverse osmosis water unit, located in Basrah province. This new water treatment plant with a reverse osmosis unit will provide domestic water and drinking water to more than 40,000 residents of the Talha district.



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Data as of May 8

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[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 20 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$60.494/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$63.782/ barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	20,678	21,101	2.05%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	42,370	42,629	0.61%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) ²	4,448	4,566	2.65%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	10,559	10,559	0.00%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,484	6,484	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	84,539	85,339	0.95%

Dated Brent at \$65.574/barrel

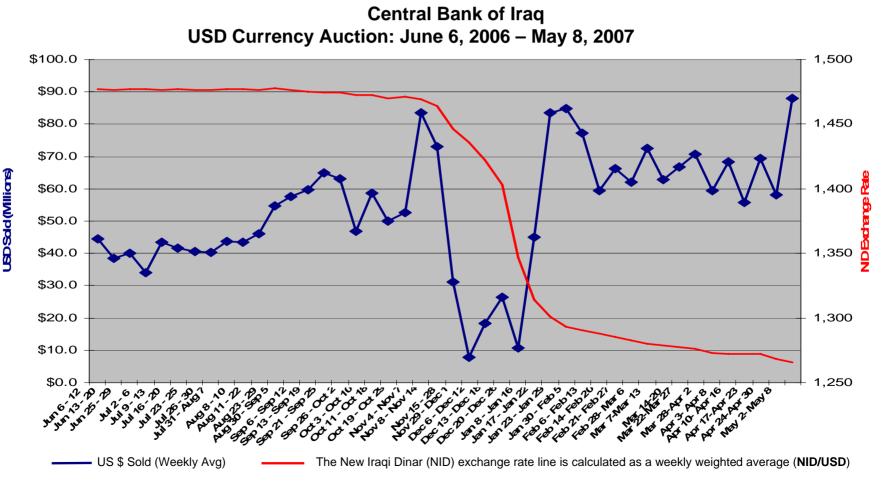
- Oman/Dubai at \$63.9125/barrel

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

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

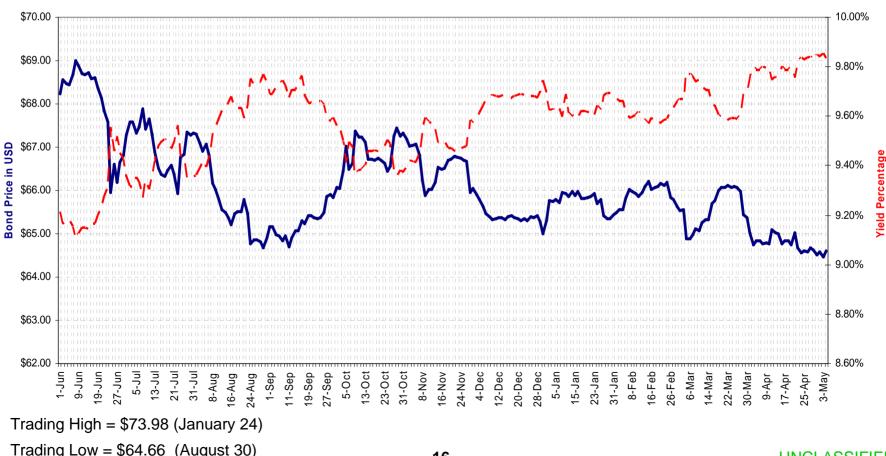
 The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. There are early signs that this effort may have begun to bear fruit, with prices falling 6.8% between January and February.



[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 - May 4, 2007

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

Declaration by the EU on the ICI:

• At the International Compact for Iraq (ICI) meeting held May 3 in Sharm al-Shaykh, Egypt, the EU Presidency reaffirmed its support for the GOI and commended it for the commitments it has made under the ICI for promoting reforms in the political, security, economic, and social fields. It announced that the EU's financial support for Iraq is anticipated to reach 1.8 billion euros (including grants, debt relief and loans). The EU Presidency reaffirmed its strong support for the UN's central role in Iraq and welcomed the opening of negotiations for a Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Iraq.

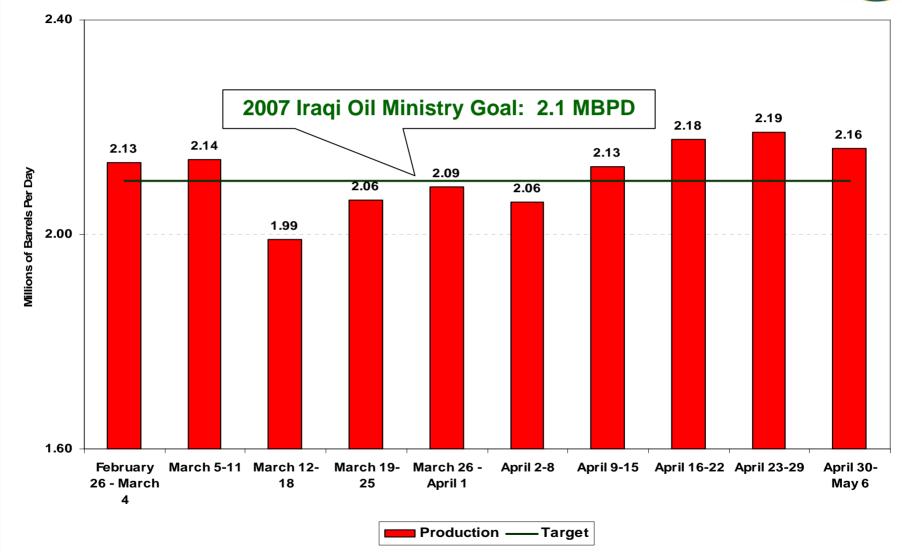
Congress Fails to Override Presidential Veto of FY07 Supplemental:

 In only the second veto of his presidency, President Bush vetoed House Resolution 1591, the Fiscal 2007 Emergency Iraq/Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations bill. By a vote of 233-203, the House failed to override the President's veto, and as a result, the Senate will not hold an override vote of its own.



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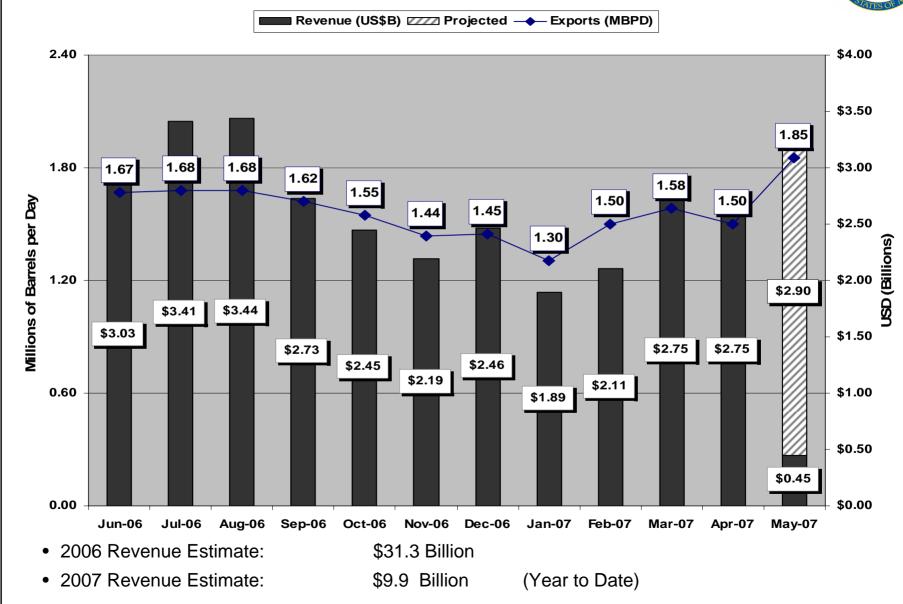
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



• Weekly Average (April 30 – May 6) of 2.16 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)

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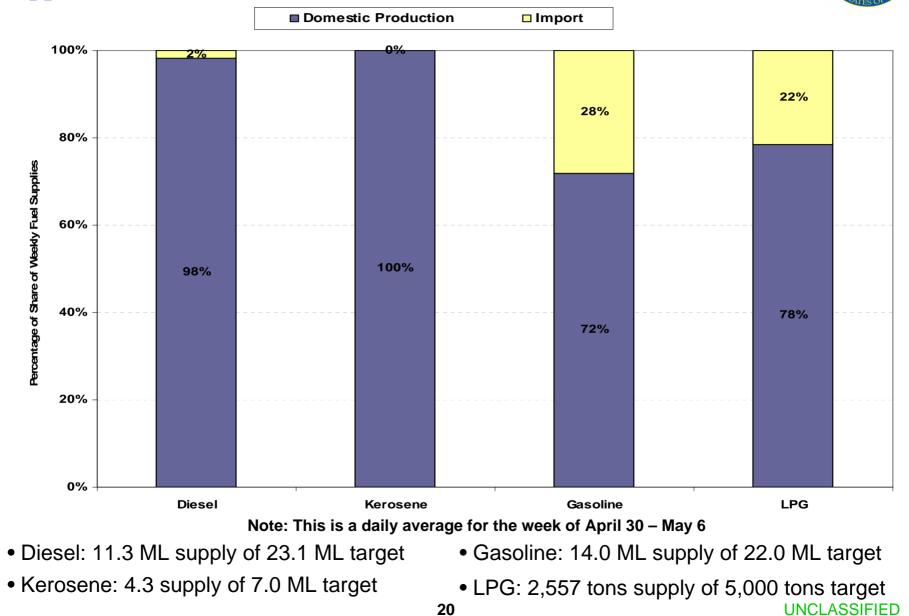
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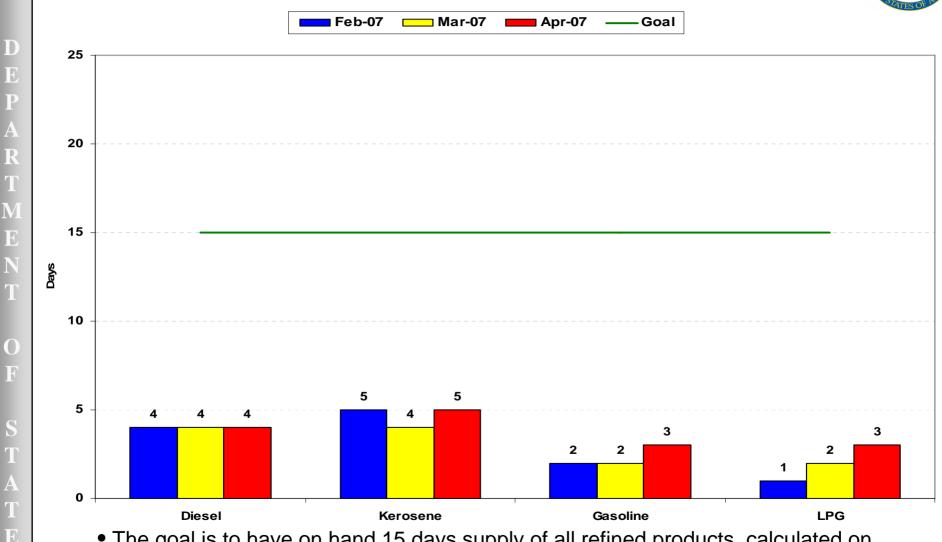
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product **Supplies**



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[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



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Iraqi Court Seeks to End Lawmaker's Immunity:

 The main administrative body for Iraq's courts, the Supreme Judicial Council, has asked the Iraqi Parliament to revoke immunity for a prominent Sunni lawmaker, possibly clearing the way for his arrest on charges of provoking sectarian violence. If the request is granted, Adnan al-Dulaimi will be the second Iraqi lawmaker to have immunity from prosecution lifted. The first, Mish'an al-Juburi, was a former member of Parliament who was indicted last year on charges of embezzling millions of dollars.

Defense Closing Statements for Ali Hassan al-Majid:

 The defense began closing statements in the trial of former regime officials accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity for their roles in the 1980's campaign code-named Operation Anfal. The five accused henchmen of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, including defendant Ali Hassan al-Majid or "Chemical Ali," are charged with using chemical weapons against Iraqi Kurds, killing 180,000 people. If convicted, the defendants could be sentenced to death by hanging.

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[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments



International Compact Conference and Expanded Neighbors Meeting Held in Sharm al-Shaykh, Egypt:

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon co-launched the International Compact with Iraq with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in Sharm al-Shaykh, Egypt May 3. The Compact is a five-year national plan that includes benchmarks and mutual commitments from both Iraq and the international community, all with the aim of helping Iraq on the path towards peace, sound governance and economic reconstruction. Several countries made announcements of financial support at the Compact meeting and other countries made positive statements or commitments on debt, loans, and assistance.
- Of 22 participants at the May 4 Expanded Neighbors Ministerial meeting, 18 were at the Foreign Minister level. Working Groups on border security, fuel and electricity, and refugees were launched at the meeting. The neighbors process is envisioned to help Iraq and its neighbors constructively deal with mutually important issues.

Iraq Ambassador to Japan Seeks Greater Humanitarian Assistance:

• Dr. Ghanim A. al-Jumaili, the Ambassador of Iraq to Japan recently met the Director General of the Japanese Foreign Ministry Department of Foreign Assistance. The meeting dealt with discussion of the need to expedite the Japanese humanitarian assistance program for Iraq.

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

Data as of May 2, 2007

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

Albania
Armenia
Australia
Azerbaijan
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Czech Republic

Denmark El Salvador Estonia Georgia Japan Kazakhstan Latvia

Lithuania	Slovakia
Macedonia	South Korea
Moldova	Ukraine
Mongolia	UK
Poland	
Romania	
Singapore	

TOTAL ~ 12,220 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

<u>34 Countries and NATO*</u> (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 **24**

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Radio Station Attacked:

- In the third attack against the radio station in five months, gunmen raided the offices of independent radio Dijlah, killing two employees and wounding five before bombing the building and knocking the station off of the air.
- The station was created in 2004 as Iraq's first independent talk radio station.

Shiites Protest Al-Jazeera:

In Basrah and Najaf May 4, supporters of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani protested what they considered insults by al-Jazeera television against the Shiite cleric, carrying banners denouncing both the channel and its host nation, Qatar. The protests were fueled when a presenter of a talk show airing on the station questioned Sistani's leadership credentials.

Russian Journalist Killed:

A Russian journalist was killed in Iraq May 6 after a U.S. convoy came under attack by a ground bomb in Divala. The journalist was accompanied by six American soldiers who were also killed by the roadside bomb.



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- Please forward all questions and/or comments to: NEA-I-IPOG-DL@state.gov



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- 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 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.



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- Oil Prices are sourced from Bloomberg

Employment Update:

- Information regarding the Employment Update was sourced from the IRMO Weekly Report May 8, 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.

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