

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

Iraqi National Police, supported by Multi-National Division-Baghdad soldiers, expanded security operations as part of Operation Together Forward into the southern Baghdad neighborhoods of Bay'aa and Risala September 10. The operation continues to show progress towards reducing the number of kidnappings, murders and sectarian violence in the focus areas of Baghdad.

2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

During the month of August, the Iraqi Police Service graduated 5,326 police recruits from basic training courses, 1,110 police officers from advanced specialty courses and 2,595 police students from the three-week Transition Integration Program.

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

The Council of Representatives (CoR) remains sharply divided over the issue of federalism. The main Sunni bloc in parliament, the Iraqi Accordance Front (Tawafuq), boycotted the September 10 legislative session to protest draft legislation. SCIRI introduced a bill that favored it's own interests and met opposition from Sadrists, the Islamic Shia Fadhilla party, cross-sectarian Iraqiyya party, and Sunni parties. The CoR has delayed further debate until September 14.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

Construction began last week to finish three Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) in Irbil and one PHC in Mosul using local contractors. These US-funded projects totaling \$2.15 million are expected to be completed in April 2007 and will have the capability to offer primary medical and dental care to a population area of 35,000.



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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki said that his country had signed a contract to buy two million liters per day of oil from Iran, adding that the Iraqi government guaranteed the protection of oil pipes in Iraq.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

Iraq has executed 27 terrorists convicted by Iraqi courts of killings and rapes in several provinces. In a brief statement September 7, the government’s media office said the executions occurred in Baghdad September 6, though no further details were provided. A senior justice official said all 27 were Iraqis and two had been convicted of terrorism-related charges. The other 25, including one woman, were convicted of murder and kidnappings.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

The UAE hosted a preparatory meeting for the International Compact with Iraq September 10. The Compact, jointly chaired by Iraq and the UN, seeks to bring together the world community and multilateral organizations to help Iraq build a secure, unified, federal and democratic nation.

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

On September 7, the Prime Minister’s media advisor ordered Arabic satellite network Al-Arabiya to shut down its Baghdad operations for one month.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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Operation Together Forward Phase II Continues into New Neighborhoods:

- Iraqi National Police, supported by Multi-National Division-Baghdad (MND-B) soldiers, expanded security operations as part of Operation Together Forward into the southern Baghdad neighborhoods of Bay'aa and Risala of the al-Bay'aa beladiyah September 10.
- As of September 8, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and MND-B have cleared approximately 49,000 buildings, 50 mosques and 40 muhallas; detained more than 80 terrorist suspects; seized more than 1,100 weapons; registered more than 400 weapons and found 29 weapons caches. They have also replaced more than 1,000 doors, 35 windows and 1,350 locks damaged during clearing operations; and have removed more than 87,700 cubic meters of trash from the streets of Baghdad.

Situation in Anbar Province:

- In response to recent media reports about negative assessments concerning Anbar province, Major General Zilmer, I MEF (Fwd) and Multi-National Division-West Commander, acknowledged the difficulty of making political and economic progress in Anbar. However, he stated that the recent assessment and media reporting did not capture the full complexity of the situation there, including the fact that the primary mission of training ISF to defeat the insurgency is progressing steadily.



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

Iraqi Police Graduate 1,110 from Advanced Training Courses:

- The Iraqi Police Service graduated 1,110 police officers from advanced specialty courses held in Baghdad and Irbil during the month of August.
 - The courses included: Basic and Advanced Criminal Investigations, Interview and Interrogations, Violent Crime Investigation, Critical Incident Management, Basic Drug Investigations, Internal Affairs Investigations, Inspector General Investigations, Intelligence Analyst, Basic and Advanced Instructor Development, Dignitary Protective Services and Supervisor and Management courses.

Iraqi Police Graduate 5,326 from Basic Training Course:

- The Iraqi Police graduated 5,326 police recruits from the ten-week basic training courses held in Baghdad, Basrah, Hammam al-Alil, Irbil, Kut, Mosul, Sulaymaniyah and Jordan during the month of August.
- 2,595 police students also completed the three-week Transition Integration Program for those with previous police experience.
- To date, more than 84,000 Iraqi Police have completed the eight or ten-week basic training courses and an additional 43,000 have completed the Transition Integration Program.



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

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ISF Provides Security for Millions of Iraqis During 12th Imam Celebration:

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) successfully provided security for more than four million Shiite pilgrims September 8-9 during the celebration of the birth of the Shabani, or 12th Imam, in Karbala province.
- ISF independently set up and operated checkpoints throughout the Babil, Karbala and Najaf provinces, ensuring the safe passage of the pilgrims moving to Karbala for the celebration. ISF thwarted several terrorist attacks, seized several large weapons caches and detained multiple terrorist suspects, enabling millions of Iraqis to celebrate and practice their religious beliefs and demonstrating the ISF's increasing capabilities.



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

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~118,300***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~25,200
TOTAL	~167,900**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~128,200***
AIR FORCE	~800
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~130,100**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~298,000****

- * 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 September 13, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

Council of Representatives (CoR) Divided Over Federalism Debate:

- The main Sunni bloc in parliament, the Iraqi Accordance Front (Tawafuq), boycotted the September 10 legislative session to protest draft federal regions legislation. The CoR also abruptly adjourned September 7 after several Shia lawmakers tried to force debate on federalism, which Sunnis fear could lead to the breakup of the country. When Shia lawmakers urged discussion and a vote concerning the topic, Sunni parliament speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani cut them off, saying that he had not received a copy of the draft legislation. The CoR has delayed further debate until September 14.
- Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr steadfastly objects to the federalism plan, despite a meeting September 10 in Najaf between Sadr and his intermittent rival Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the prominent Shia political party that is leading the push for federalism. The dispute between two of the most influential Shia politicians in Iraq highlights the divisions between various parties in the country's fragile ruling coalition.
- Sunnis, concentrated in Iraq's resource-poor central and western provinces, are opposed to the draft legislation. Sunni leaders want a constitutional review before parliament passes any new laws that could be overturned by constitutional amendments and a census to determine the exact demographic makeup of Iraq's 18 provinces. Under the constitution, provincial administrations will be given a high level of autonomy.



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

Prime Minister Maliki Discusses Potential Cabinet Reshuffle:

- Just three months after finalizing Iraq's Cabinet, Prime Minister Maliki and the United Iraqi Alliance (Shia) are discussing changes at several top ministries, including a move to replace the head of the troubled Interior Ministry. “The ministries included by the reshuffle have not been finalized yet,” Maliki said during a recent interview on an Arab satellite television channel. “We don't want to break into the issue before creating an agreement between the ministers' political slates.” But several US and Iraqi officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said discussions have focused on whether to replace Interior Minister Jawad Bulani.
- Despite questions in Iraqi circles concerning Bulani's performance, US officials have praised his recent actions against police officers found to have criminal records and his efforts to block infiltration of his forces by Shia militias, which have been accused of carrying out torture, kidnappings and assassinations.



[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

(Millions of USD)

Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$5,002.59	\$4,967.70	\$4,971.28	\$3.58	\$4,938.49	\$4,938.86	\$0.37	\$4,615.24	\$4,619.07	\$3.82
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,239.51	\$4,143.35	\$4,175.36	\$32.01	\$4,029.24	\$4,117.14	\$87.91	\$2,560.38	\$2,574.55	\$14.17
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,703.71	\$1,701.25	-\$2.46	\$1,700.29	\$1,696.46	-\$3.84	\$1,112.79	\$1,117.08	\$4.30
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,304.15	\$1,285.46	\$1,237.28	-\$48.19	\$1,266.31	\$1,222.19	-\$44.12	\$904.92	\$910.27	\$5.35
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$999.44	\$1,000.11	\$0.68	\$998.07	\$998.74	\$0.68	\$802.45	\$845.70	\$43.25
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.50	\$391.32	\$392.54	\$1.21	\$380.36	\$380.44	\$0.08	\$303.45	\$304.26	\$0.81
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$333.60	\$332.60	\$329.67	-\$2.92	\$331.65	\$328.15	-\$3.50	\$191.85	\$194.36	\$2.51
Health Care	\$818.90	\$818.90	\$779.81	\$778.61	-\$1.20	\$775.73	\$774.85	-\$0.89	\$520.17	\$527.03	\$6.87
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$464.12	\$447.70	\$448.56	\$0.86	\$422.56	\$422.96	\$0.40	\$309.00	\$311.44	\$2.44
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,063.14	\$2,072.90	\$9.75	\$2,020.84	\$2,022.97	\$2.13	\$1,259.81	\$1,273.60	\$13.79
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$795.14	\$795.14	\$0.00	\$791.12	\$791.12	\$0.00	\$702.94	\$708.58	\$5.63
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$151.76	\$151.76	\$0.00
Total	\$18,448.95	\$18,448.95	\$18,121.80	\$18,115.13	-\$6.68	\$17,867.09	\$17,906.30	\$39.21	\$13,434.75	\$13,537.69	\$102.95
IRRF II Construction			\$10,392.09	\$10,382.63	-\$9.46	\$10,228.41	\$10,262.82	\$34.40	\$7,188.98	\$7,229.47	\$40.49
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,730.28	\$6,732.38	\$2.10	\$6,640.61	\$6,644.74	\$4.13	\$5,443.32	\$5,425.24	-\$18.08
IRRF II Democracy			\$999.44	\$1,000.11	\$0.68	\$998.07	\$998.74	\$0.68	\$802.45	\$845.70	\$43.25
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$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	\$20,922.25	\$20,595.10	\$20,588.43	-\$6.68	\$20,099.39	\$20,138.60	\$39.21	\$15,573.75	\$15,676.69	\$102.95

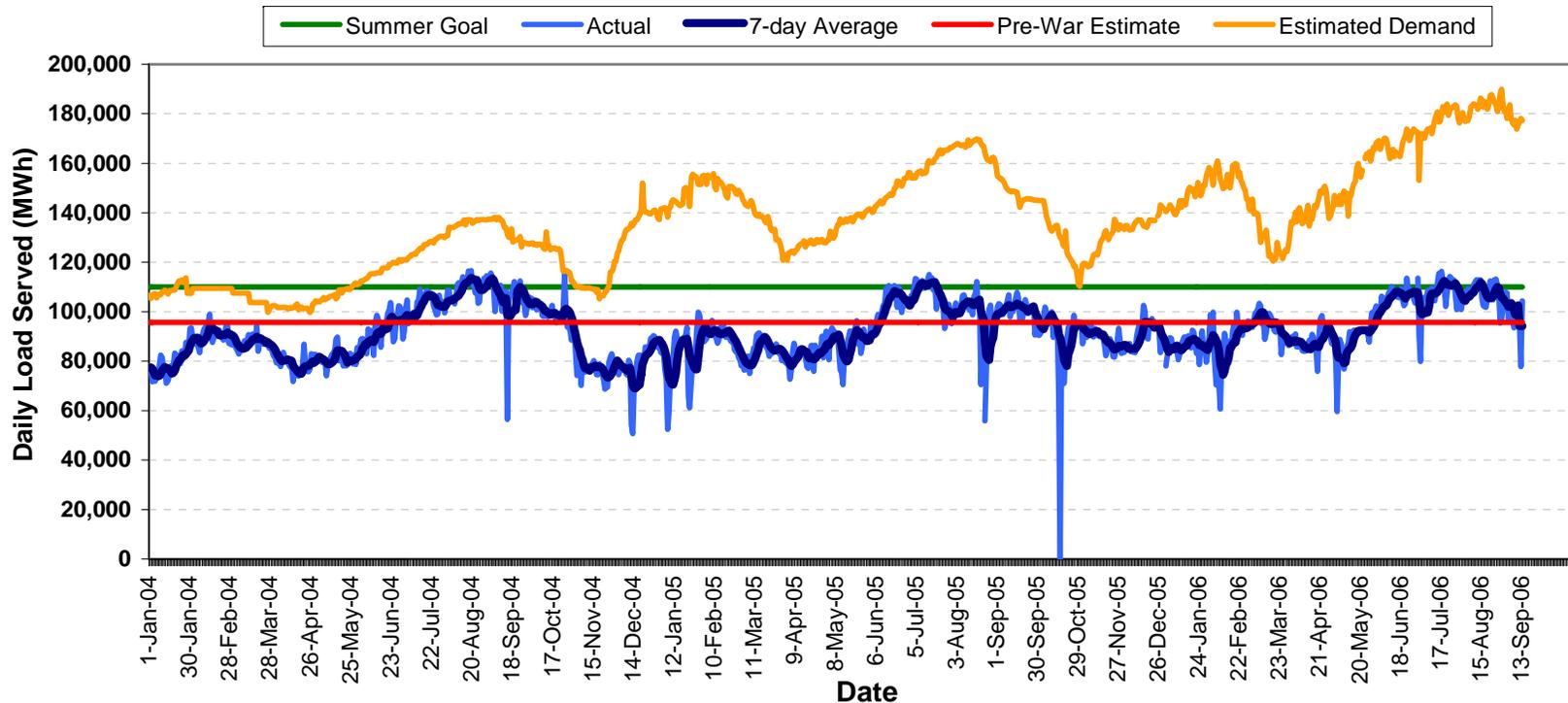
As of September 12, 2006



[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



- During the week of September 6-12, electricity availability averaged 5.9 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.4 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 8% below the same period in 2005.



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

Health Care:

- Construction began last week to finish three Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) in Irbil and one PHC in Mosul using local contractors. These US-funded projects totaling \$2.15 million are expected to be completed in April 2007 and will have the capability to offer primary medical and dental care to a population area of 35,000.

Water/Sanitation:

- The US-funded Water Sector Sustainment Program (WSSP) has increased the productivity of the Najaf water treatment plant to 100% of its operational capacity for the last three months. The WSSP provides capacity development and Operations & Maintenance support to help the Iraqi water ministries sustain plants that were constructed or rehabilitated using Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund monies.



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

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Electricity:

- Construction began on the Khelani 11kV underground electrical feeder project in Rusafa, Baghdad Province September 6. The \$734,000 US Army-funded project will construct ten new 11kV underground distributors from the Khelani 33/11kV substation and has an estimated completion date of December 26. The completion of this project will increase the reliability of electricity distribution to 30,000 Iraqi residents.

Infrastructure:

- Construction was completed September 1 on the Baghdad International Airport’s Visual Air Navigation Facility and terminal rehabilitation. The \$6.6 million US Army-funded navigation facility project renovated and upgraded the airfield’s infrastructure (windsocks, airfield lighting, precision approach control indicators and markings) which will provide enhanced visual approaches for aircraft.
- The \$7.1 million US Army-funded terminal rehabilitation project was completed August 29. The project included the repair and replacement of equipment to bring the facility up to international standards in order to meet International Civil Aviation Organization requirements. The airport has the capacity to handle 7.5 million passengers a year.



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

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending September 1 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$58.88/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$66.05/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$67.42/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$63.73/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	21,000	21,104	0.50%
USAID	69,506	68,186	-1.90%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	659	687	4.25%
MILCON (Military Construction)	135	96	-28.89%
CERP*	7,234	7,234	0.00%
MNSTC-I	7,108	7,401	4.12%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	11,253	11,254	0.01%
GRAND TOTAL	116,895	115,962	-0.80%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

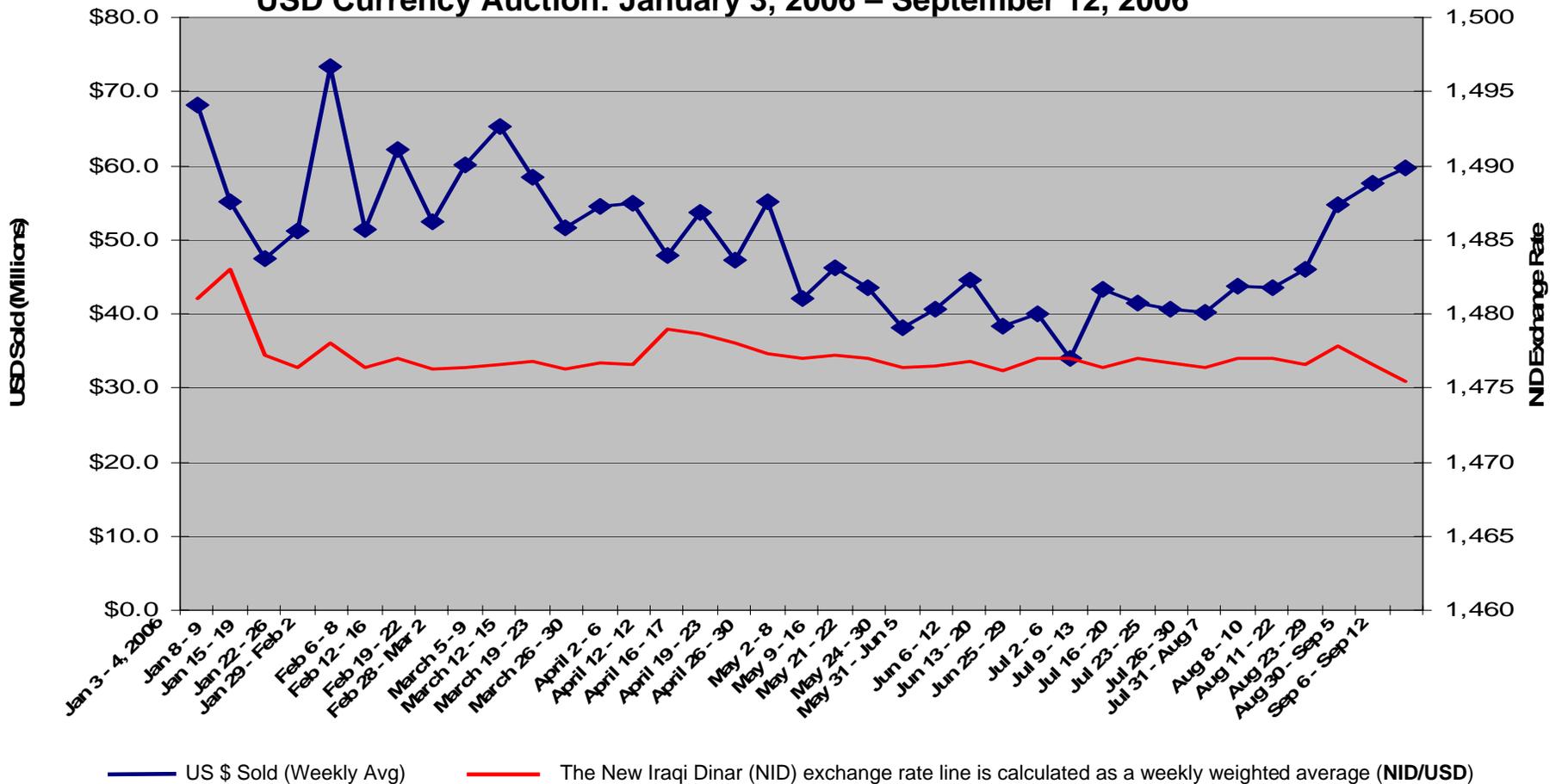


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since January 3. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,475 dinars per USD September 12.

Central Bank of Iraq
 USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – September 12, 2006



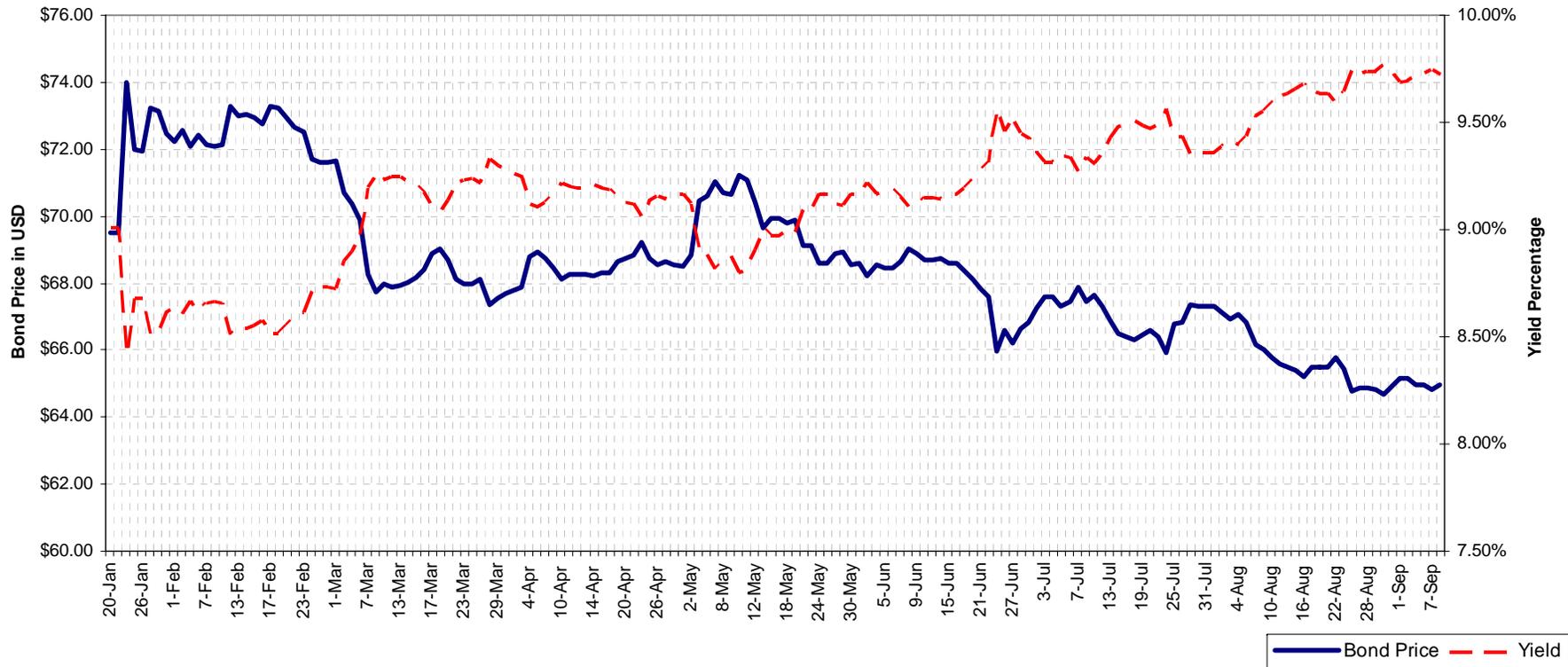


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at 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 9.73 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - September 8, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

France Reactivates Commercial Relations with Iraq:

- In a meeting with the French Ambassador in Baghdad, the Iraqi Minister of Trade said that Iraq insists on making a new start on economic and commercial relations and on joining France in rebuilding the infrastructure of Iraq. The Ambassador said that France will offer training courses to 50 Iraqi employees in Information Technology and developed programs in the fields of economics and commerce.

Iraq Signs Kerosene Import Deal with Iran:

- Prime Minister Maliki said that his country signed a contract to buy two million liters per day of kerosene from Iran.

Iraqi Businessmen Participate in Economic Events in India:

- An official source in the Iraqi Businessmen Association (IBA) said that three delegations from the association will participate in three economic events in India during September, adding that one event organized by the Indian Commercial Organization will take place September 14 and another – New Delhi's fair for jewelry and watches – will take place September 12 and 16.



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

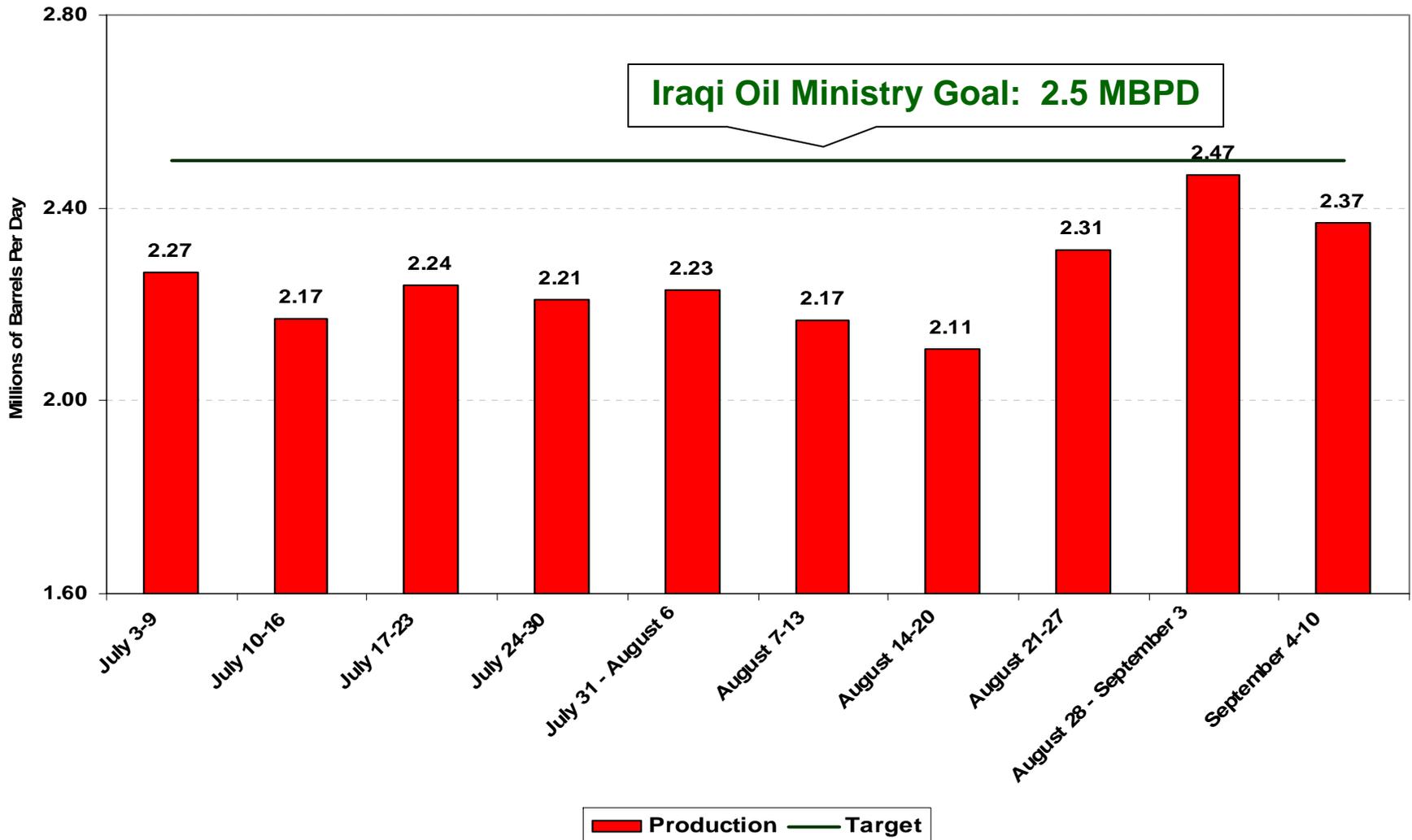
Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE):

- CIPE partner KEDO held an entrepreneurship training program in Baghdad from August 29-31 targeting Sulaymaniyah University students. The training was conducted by Dr. Yaseen Rasool of Saladdin University, Musa Tawfik of Sulaymaniyah University and Husam Barzinji of KEDO. The three-day training course was attended by 25 students and focused on work-plan development, the importance of a marketing plan, financial and project planning, project management and business ethics. The event was covered by Zagors satellite channel, Kurdistan Satellite channel, and Radio Nawa.



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

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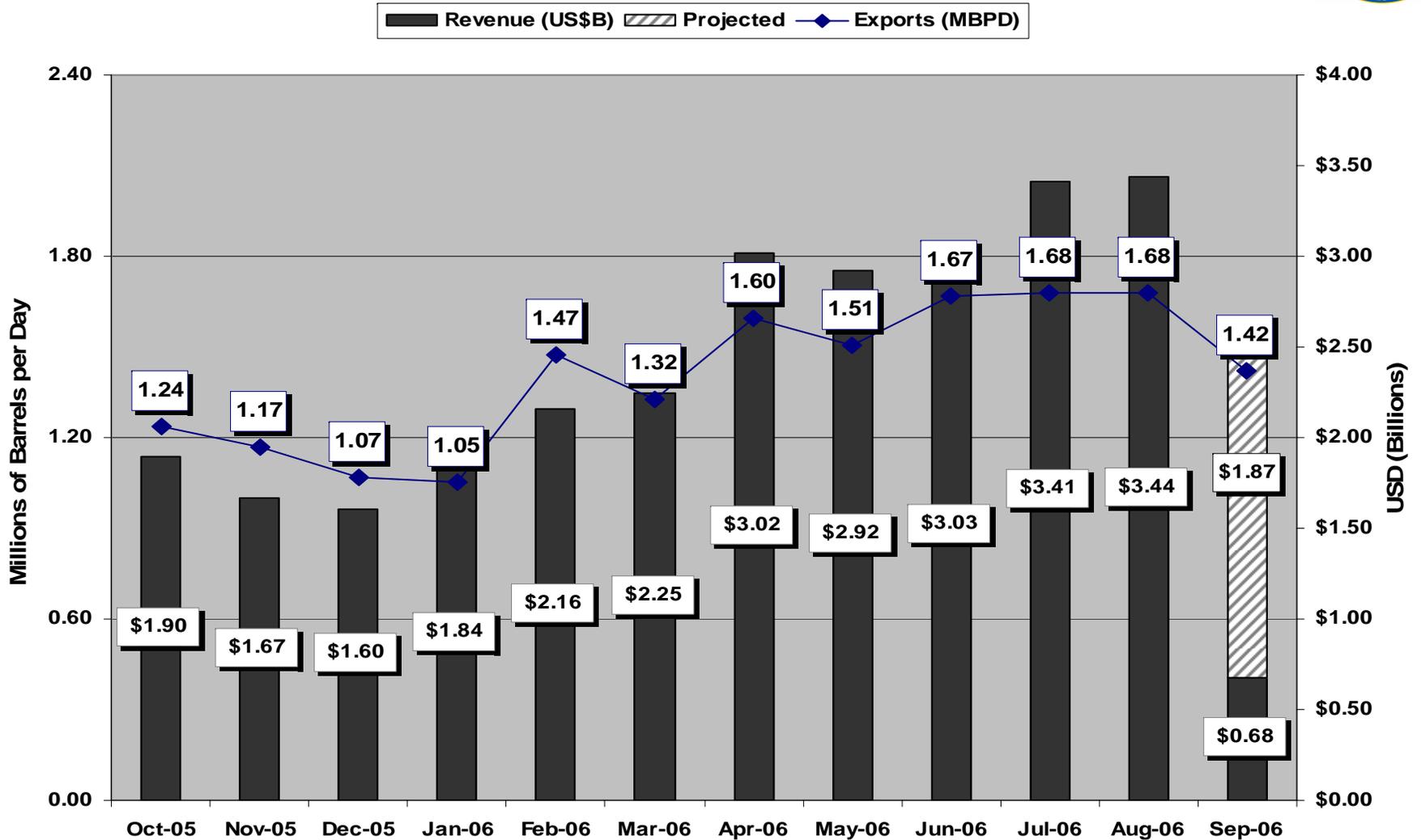


- Weekly Average (September 4 – 10) of 2.47 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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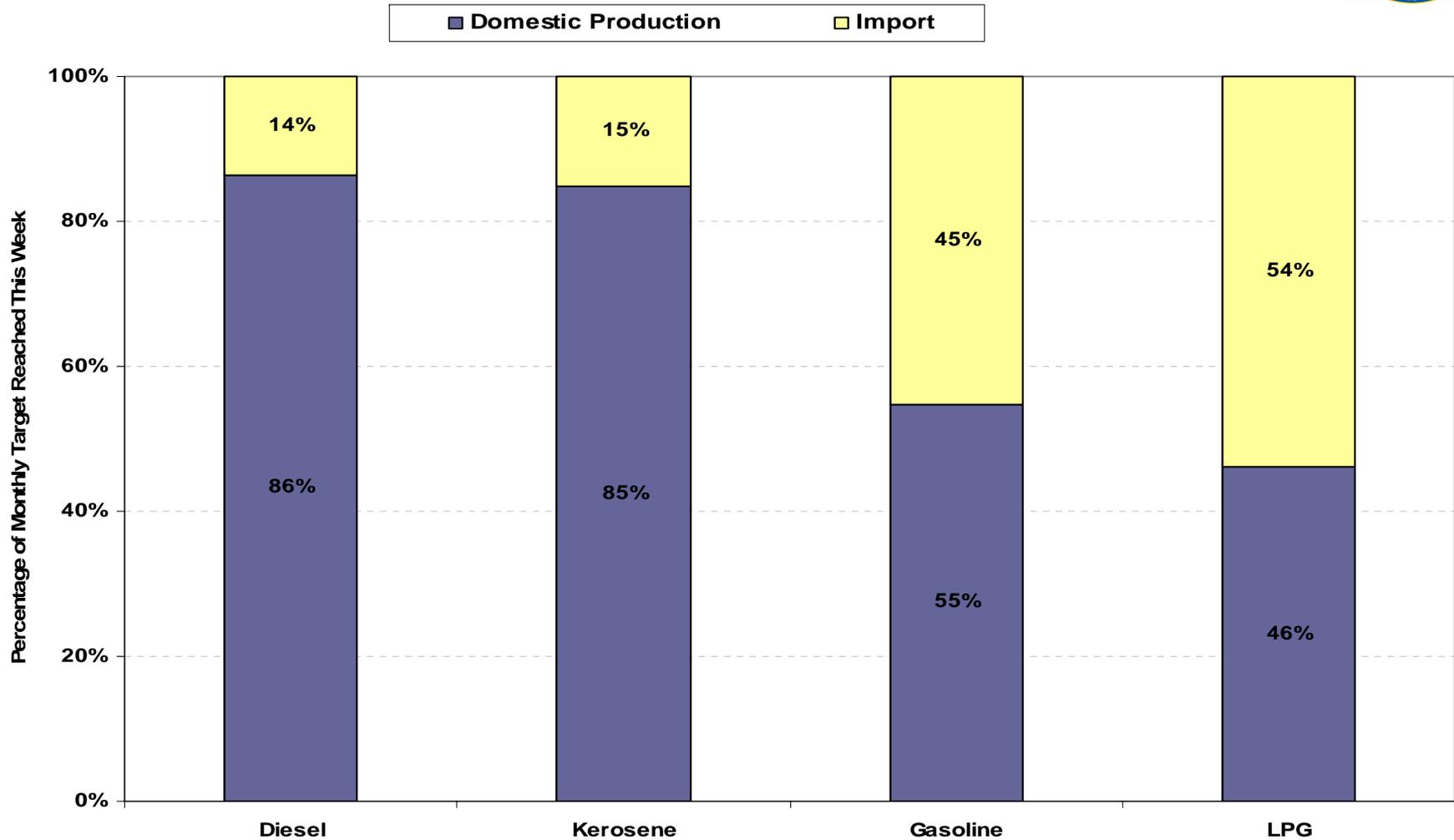


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$22.7 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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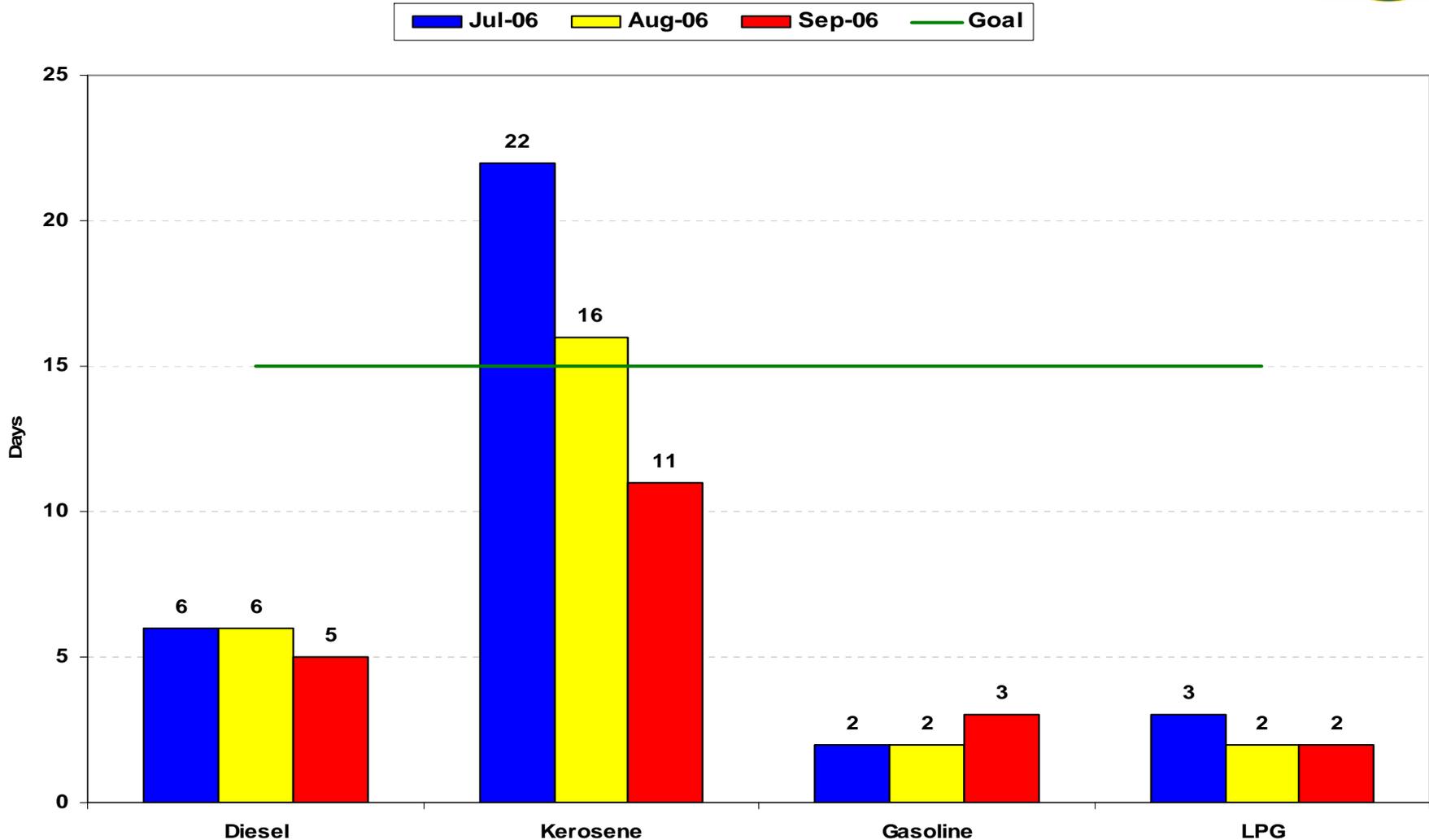
Note: This is a daily average for the week of September 4 – 10

- Diesel: 15.3 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.1 ML supply of 8.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 20.8 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 3,719 tons supply of 4,460 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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Iraq Executes 27 for Murders, Rapes:

- Iraq has executed 27 "terrorists" convicted by Iraqi courts of killings and rapes in several provinces. In a brief statement September 7, the government's media office said the executions occurred in Baghdad September 6, though no further details were provided. A senior justice official said all 27 were Iraqis and two had been convicted of terrorism-related charges. The other 25, including one woman, were convicted of murder and kidnappings.
- The sentences were carried out by hanging, the official said, requesting that his name not be used because he was not authorized to speak to the media about the executions.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

Kurdish Villager Testifies Against Hussein:

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- On September 11, Saddam Hussein accused Kurdish witnesses of trying to create ethnic divisions by alleging chemical attacks and mass arrests in their villages during the Anfal crackdown, which the prosecution says claimed up to 180,000 lives.
- Hussein and six others are on trial for their roles in the 1987-88 campaign known as Operation Anfal, launched after a Kurdish revolt in northern Iraq during the final stages of the 1980-88 war with Iran. If convicted, the defendants could face death by hanging.
- Kurdish villager Ghafour Hassan Abdullah testified September 12 that he left behind his mother and two sisters as he fled a 1988 attack by Hussein’s forces. Years later, he found his relatives’ identity cards in a mass grave. Hussein listened silently but lost his temper when a lawyer described Iraqi Kurdish rebels as freedom fighters. The witness told the court that Iraqi planes gave cover to advancing ground troops, who shelled his village and other Kurdish communities in February 1988.
- Hussein, who insisted that the crackdown was directed against Kurdish guerrillas allied with Iran, said that “in any country in the world where there is rebellion, the authorities ask the army to defeat it.” The prosecution demanded that Hussein’s statement be considered a confession, a request noted by the presiding judge.



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

Annan will Convene a Meeting in New York September 18:

- Secretary-General Kofi Annan invited the Foreign Ministers of Iraq, the Gulf States, Security Council members and donor countries to meet for a "strategic frank dialogue" on plans for Iraq's future during his quarterly report to the council on Iraq September 11. The meeting will take place along with the General Assembly's 61st session whose General Debate begins September 19. He added that the safety and welfare of the Iraqi people should be at the front and center of all their collective efforts and stressed that the Iraqi leadership must work to disarm and reintegrate the militias.

UAE Hosts Preparatory Meeting for the International Compact with Iraq:

- The UAE hosted a preparatory meeting for the International Compact with Iraq September 11, an initiative to involve the international community in Iraq's recovery and reconstruction. The Compact, jointly chaired by Iraq and the United Nations (UN), seeks to bring together the world community and multilateral organizations to help Iraq build a secure, unified, federal, and democratic nation. Dr. Mohammad Khalfan Bin Kharbash, Minister of State for Finance and Industry, headed the UAE delegation to the meeting co-chaired by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Barham Salih, and UN Deputy Secretary Mark Malloch Brown.



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

Data as of September 1, 2006

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

Albania	Denmark	Latvia	Romania
Armenia	El Salvador	Lithuania	Singapore
Australia	Estonia	Macedonia	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Moldova	South Korea
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Italy	Mongolia	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Japan	Poland	UK
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Portugal	

TOTAL ~ 18,000 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 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey

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Al-Arabiya Must Shut Down its Baghdad Operations:

- On September 7, the Iraqi government ordered Arabic satellite network Al-Arabiya to shut down its Baghdad operations for one month. According to the Iraqi government, the decision came after July’s “final warning to Al-Arabiya in hopes they will change their way of presenting coverage” which it said “promoted sectarianism and violence.”
- Iraqi parliament speaker Mahmud al-Mashhadani said September 11 that the closure was due to the network’s coverage of Iraq’s draft law on regional autonomy. During a news conference, Mashhadani said that it is “an unjustified accusation against a community when Al-Arabiya says that a draft submitted by the Shiites would lead to secession or the division of Iraq.”
- In response, the US urged Iraq’s government September 8 to respect press freedoms, with State Department spokesman Seth McCormack saying “We would urge the Iraqi government as well as other governments to err on the side, whenever possible, of allowing for and promoting freedom of the press and freedom of expression.”



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President Bush Addresses the Nation:

- President Bush gave an address to the nation September 11 in which he discussed al-Qaida in Iraq – as well as other extremists – and their presence in the country, saying that “They have joined the remnants of Saddam's regime and other armed groups to foment sectarian violence and drive us out. Our enemies in Iraq are tough and they are committed – but so are Iraqi and coalition forces. We're adapting to stay ahead of the enemy, and we are carrying out a clear plan to ensure that a democratic Iraq succeeds.” He went on to say that the US will not leave Iraq “until this work is done.”

Iraqi VP Calls on Insurgents to Join Reconciliation Effort:

- During a meeting with community leaders September 9, Iraq’s Sunni Arab Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi called on insurgents to join Prime Minister Maliki’s reconciliation effort, saying that it was not too late to avoid escalating sectarian conflict “as the rules of the game have been changed and problems can’t be solved only by weapons.”



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

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PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from US and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.

PRT Operations Status:

- PRTs have been established in Ninawa, Babil, Tamim, Baghdad, and Anbar provinces. The teams are comprised of representatives from the US Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners.

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