

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 title text is overlaid on the yellow area.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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

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### 2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

The governor of Iraq's southern Dhi Qar province officially took over governmental and security responsibility for the province from British and Italian forces in a ceremony September 21, marking the second of Iraq's 18 provinces transferred to Iraqi control.

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

Iraq's political parties reached a deal September 24 under which the Council of Representative (CoR) established a Constitutional Review Committee to review the constitution, and SCIRI introduced a draft bill on creating federal regions.

### 4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

The al-Karrar Company completed the Chipat al-Midaina Water Compact Unit project in the city of Chipat, al-Midaina, Basrah province September 4. The \$499,000 Iraq Reconstruction and Relief Fund project involved the design and construction of a new 50 m<sup>3</sup>/hr compact water treatment plant with a 50 m<sup>3</sup>/hr Reverse Osmosis (RO) Unit. The new RO Water Compact Unit will provide drinking water to more than 15,000 residents in al-Midaina.



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### 5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Deputy Minister of Housing Istbraq al-Shuk said that the Ministry of Housing plans to implement 548 housing projects estimated at \$1.3 billion. With the exception of Kurdistan, the projects will be implemented throughout Iraq.

### 6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

Saddam Hussein's trial for crimes committed during the Anfal campaign was adjourned until early next month after a contentious session September 26, which was marked by shouting matches and the ejection of the former leader from the courtroom for disrupting the court.

### 7. Increase International Support for Iraq

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani accused Iraq's neighbors of interfering with Iraqi domestic affairs, stating that "Iraq can make trouble for Turkey, Iran and Syria if they do not stop interfering in our country's internal affairs." He added that Iraq would make trouble for the countries in question by supporting the "opposition of other countries, will try to make trouble for them as they are doing for us." In response, Turkish Foreign Ministry officials criticized Talabani for his statements in an interview aired on US National Public Radio September 26, calling Talabani's comments "grave."

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

In an audio message posted on the Internet September 24, the Islamic Army in Iraq insurgency group praised al-Jazeera television, saying that the Arab satellite station served the fight against the Americans.



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

### British Forces Kill Wanted al-Qaeda Terrorist:

- British forces shot and killed leading al-Qaeda terrorist Omar al-Farouq September 25 during a raid on his house in Basrah. Farouq escaped from a US military prison in Bagram, Afghanistan in July 2005. Prior to his initial capture in Indonesia in 2002, he was an al-Qaeda operational planner and considered to be the al-Qaeda point-man for Southeast Asia.

### Iraqi Army Captures Members of AQI in Samarra:

- A specially trained Iraqi Army (IA) unit captured two al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) members wanted for IED, sniper and other attacks against IA, Iraqi police, and Coalition Forces (CF) during an afternoon raid in Samarra September 22.
  - The Iraqi unit, with CF advisers, conducted an air-assault to the vicinity of the target location, cordoned off the area and entered the target structure, detaining the two AQI members in addition to 13 other suspects; the Iraqi unit also located a large cache of mortar ammunition and weapons.



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

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### Operation Together Forward Phase II Continues in Baghdad:

- As of September 25, Iraqi Security Forces and Multi-National Division-Baghdad soldiers have cleared approximately 95,000 buildings, 80 mosques and 65 muhallas; detained more than 125 terrorist suspects; seized more than 1,600 weapons; registered more than 750 weapons and found 37 weapons caches in support of Operation Together Forward. The combined forces have also removed more than 186,159 cubic meters of trash from the streets of Baghdad.



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

### Iraq Takes Charge of Dhi Qar Province:.

- The governor of Iraq's southern Dhi Qar province officially took over governmental and security responsibility for the province from British and Italian forces in a ceremony September 21.
- The handover marks the second of Iraq's 18 provinces returned to local control and places full security responsibility with the Provincial Governor and his local police force, which numbers approximately 10,000. The governor also coordinates with national police and Iraqi army forces, whose 10th Division, 3rd Brigade has two battalions in the region.
- Dhi Qar, with 1.8 million residents, has three times the population of Muthanna (the first province transferred). It includes the city of An Nasiriyah and a stretch of the highway from Basrah to Baghdad, along with a network of oil pipelines running from Basrah to the Nasiriyah refinery.
- The transfer of provinces is conditionally based upon: 1) an assessment of the insurgent threat, 2) Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) ability to take on the security task, 3) the capacity of provincial bodies to cope with the changed security environment, and 4) the posture and available support from Coalition Forces, which remain based nearby and retain the capability to re-intervene in support of the ISF if requested by the Iraqi government.



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

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### Ministry of Interior Initial Training and Equipping:

- 179,000 of a planned total of 188,000 (95%) of Ministry of Interior forces have been trained and 82% equipped.
  - Iraqi Police – 128,000 of 135,000 (95%) trained and 83% equipped
  - National Police – 24,000 of 24,000 (100%) trained and 92% equipped
  - Border Enforcement – 27,000 of 28,000 (96%) trained and 65% equipped
  - 187 International Police Trainers are providing training and oversight responsibility to police academies



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

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**Ministry of Interior Forces**

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~120,190***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~27,510
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~172,100**</b>

**Ministry of Defense Forces**

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~128,230***
AIR FORCE	~740
NAVY	~1,130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~130,100**</b>

**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**

**~302,200\*\*\*\***

- \* 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 September 18, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

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#### Council of Representatives Breaks Deadlock:

- Iraq's political parties reached a deal September 24 under which the Council of Representatives (CoR) established a Constitutional Review Committee to review the constitution. Under the compromise, the Iraqi parliament formed a 27-member committee September 25 to review the constitution and to then introduce the Shia measure on creating federal regions. The federalism law would not take effect for at least 18 months after its enactment. The measure is backed by Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI). Lawmakers from several other parties – including the Iraqi Accordance Front, secular parties and the bloc of radical Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr – said they would vote against it. However, SCIRI lawmakers are confident the measure will pass by October 22, the constitutionally-mandated date for establishing a mechanism to create federal regions.
- The Sunnis are lobbying to have a member of their sect named chairman of the constitutional review committee, which they hope will propose major revisions to the constitution. A chairman has not yet been selected. All but three members of the 27-member constitution drafting committee were named; they include 12 members of the ruling Shia religious bloc, five Kurds, and four members of the main Sunni bloc. The constitution, approved by voters last fall, was supported only reluctantly by some Sunnis on the condition that several issues, including federalism, would be reexamined.



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

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#### Ramadan Begins:

- The holy month of Ramadan has begun. Iraq has seen increased violence during the holy month of Ramadan previously. The timing of Ramadan varies in different countries depending on visual observations of the new moon and astronomical calculations; as such, Sunnis in Iraq and elsewhere across the Muslim world began Ramadan September 23. The office of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, one of the highest Shia religious authorities in Iraq, announced that Ramadan would begin September 25 for the country's Shia.

#### Sadr Supporters Arrested in Crackdown on Sectarian Violence:

- A top aide and three supporters of Shiite radical leader Muqtada al-Sadr were arrested by US and Iraqi forces in Najaf as part of a nationwide crackdown on sectarian violence. Salah al-Obeidi, a close colleague of Sadr, was picked up from his home in Najaf along with cleric Bassim al-Ghuraifi. Sadr has 30 members of Parliament among the 128 in the Shia alliance that leads the government. The military confirmed September 20 that it had detained a number of fighters from Sadr's Mahdi Army militia on suspicion of involvement in sectarian killings of Sunni Arabs over the past month. Sunni Arab politicians have repeatedly accused the militia of revenge attacks against members of the minority community.



# [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

<b>Minister of Agriculture</b> Ya'rub Nathim	<b>Minister of Communications</b> Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	<b>Minister of Culture</b> As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	<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> Ali al-Shammari	<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> Hashim al-Shibli	<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> Karim Mahdi Salih
<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> Adil al-Asadi	<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> Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	<b>Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities</b> Liwa Sumaysim	<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

(Millions of USD)

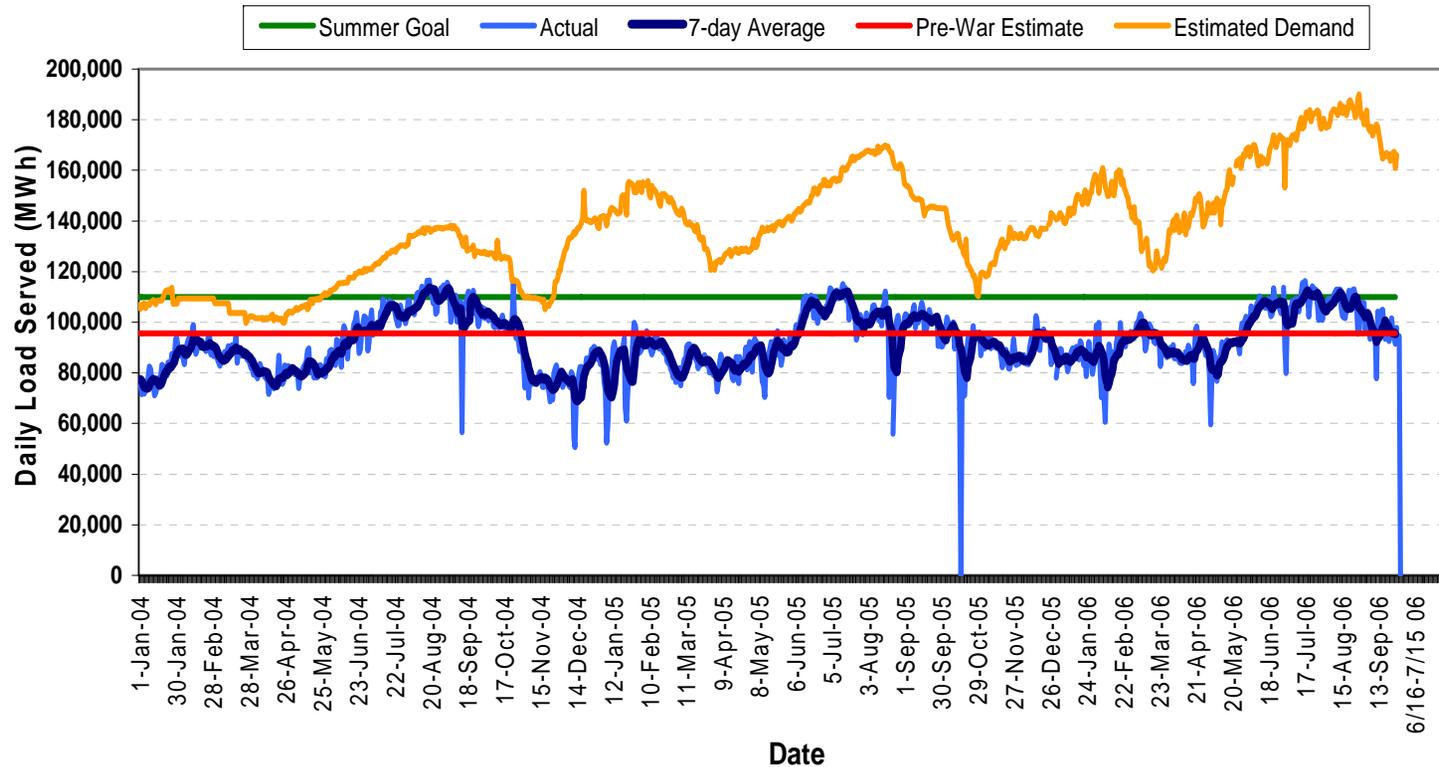
Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$5,002.59	\$4,978.05	\$4,983.49	\$5.44	\$4,940.92	\$4,942.56	\$1.63	\$4,621.49	\$4,654.74	\$33.25
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,239.51	\$4,171.75	\$4,162.23	-\$9.52	\$4,122.17	\$4,140.04	\$17.88	\$2,596.96	\$2,623.47	\$26.51
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,687.46	\$1,677.23	-\$10.23	\$1,684.63	\$1,676.75	-\$7.89	\$1,131.22	\$1,140.33	\$9.11
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,304.15	\$1,266.42	\$1,277.77	\$11.35	\$1,206.71	\$1,259.82	\$53.11	\$930.07	\$915.10	-\$14.97
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$999.72	\$999.76	\$0.04	\$998.35	\$998.35	\$0.00	\$846.64	\$846.64	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.50	\$399.71	\$399.71	\$0.00	\$382.42	\$383.76	\$1.35	\$308.98	\$308.98	\$0.00
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$333.60	\$329.01	\$328.08	-\$0.93	\$328.44	\$327.53	-\$0.91	\$194.52	\$195.12	\$0.60
Health Care	\$818.90	\$818.90	\$781.97	\$781.53	-\$0.44	\$779.18	\$777.43	-\$1.75	\$528.53	\$533.48	\$4.96
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$464.12	\$446.97	\$461.84	\$14.87	\$423.43	\$430.33	\$6.90	\$313.90	\$315.19	\$1.29
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,088.12	\$2,111.12	\$23.00	\$2,054.08	\$2,092.39	\$38.31	\$1,282.37	\$1,290.49	\$8.12
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$795.14	\$796.27	\$1.14	\$791.12	\$791.12	\$0.00	\$719.25	\$719.25	\$0.00
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$151.76	\$203.36	\$51.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,448.95</b>	<b>\$18,448.95</b>	<b>\$18,156.75</b>	<b>\$18,191.46</b>	<b>\$34.71</b>	<b>\$17,923.88</b>	<b>\$18,032.51</b>	<b>\$108.63</b>	<b>\$13,625.68</b>	<b>\$13,746.14</b>	<b>\$120.47</b>
IRRF II Construction			\$10,423.91	\$10,442.95	\$19.04	\$10,286.66	\$10,377.00	\$90.34	\$7,292.44	\$7,326.40	\$33.96
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,733.12	\$6,748.75	\$15.63	\$6,638.87	\$6,657.16	\$18.29	\$5,538.20	\$5,573.11	\$34.90
IRRF II Democracy			\$999.72	\$999.76	\$0.04	\$998.35	\$998.35	\$0.00	\$846.64	\$846.64	\$0.00
<b>IRRF I Total</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</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>\$20,922.25</b>	<b>\$20,922.25</b>	<b>\$20,630.05</b>	<b>\$20,664.76</b>	<b>\$34.71</b>	<b>\$20,156.18</b>	<b>\$20,264.81</b>	<b>\$108.63</b>	<b>\$15,764.68</b>	<b>\$15,885.14</b>	<b>\$120.47</b>

As of September 26, 2006



# [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 September 20-26, electricity availability averaged 4.7 hours per day in Baghdad and 11.3 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 6% below the same period in 2005.



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

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### Education:

- The Arabian Moons Company completed a Primary School in Babil, Yousifiya, Baghdad province September 11. The \$45,800 Commander’s Emergency Relief Fund project primarily renovated the building’s plumbing and electrical systems and will benefit more than 11,500 residents.

### Water:

- The al-Karrar Company completed the Chipat al-Midaina Water Compact Unit project in the city of Chipat, al-Midaina, Basrah province September 4. The \$499,000 Iraq Reconstruction and Relief Fund project involved the design and construction of a new 50 m<sup>3</sup>/hr compact water treatment plant with a 50 m<sup>3</sup>/hr Reverse Osmosis (RO) Unit. The new RO Water Compact Unit will provide drinking water to more than 15,000 residents in al-Midaina.



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

### General:

- On September 15, the Society of American Military Engineers sponsored an Iraqi Capacity Development Workshop in Reston, Virginia on “lessons learned” in the oil, electricity and water sectors. Participants included industry representatives from nine prime contractors. A follow-on workshop is planned for October 30 in Baghdad with participation sought from the USG, contractors and Iraqi ministries.
- Clothes were provided to 600 needy Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) families living in the Diyala governorate. Families unable to obtain appropriate clothes for warmer climates were assisted by USAID implementing partners and local nongovernmental organizations. This activity builds upon prior assistance given to IDP families such as the supply of livelihood assets packages. Such provisions grant each needy IDP family basic items such as blankets, mattresses, pillows and kitchen equipment.

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## [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 22 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$53.13/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$61.41/barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$60.52/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$57.68/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
<b>PCO</b> (Project and Contracting Office)	21,104	21,389	1.35%
<b>USAID</b>	68,671	68,461	-0.31%
<b>AIRP</b> (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	687	687	0.00%
<b>MILCON</b> (Military Construction)	96	159	65.63%
<b>CERP*</b>	7,234	7,234	0.00%
<b>MNSTC-I</b>	8,904	8,386	-5.82%
<b>IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION</b>	11,254	11,254	0.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>117,950</b>	<b>117,570</b>	<b>-0.32%</b>

\* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

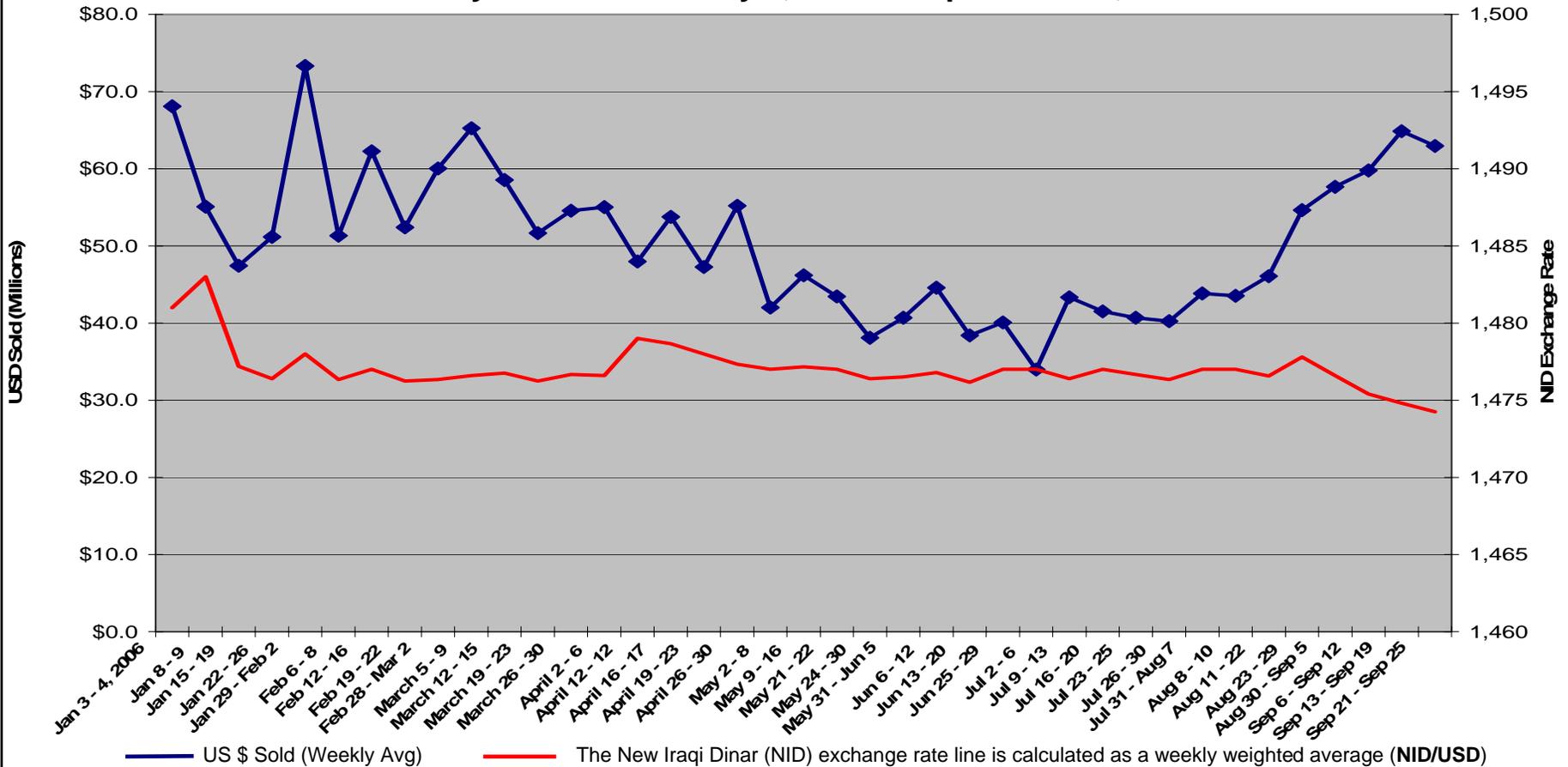


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since January 3. The dinar modestly appreciated against the dollar this week, ending at 1,474 dinars per USD September 25.

**Central Bank of Iraq  
USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – September 25, 2006**



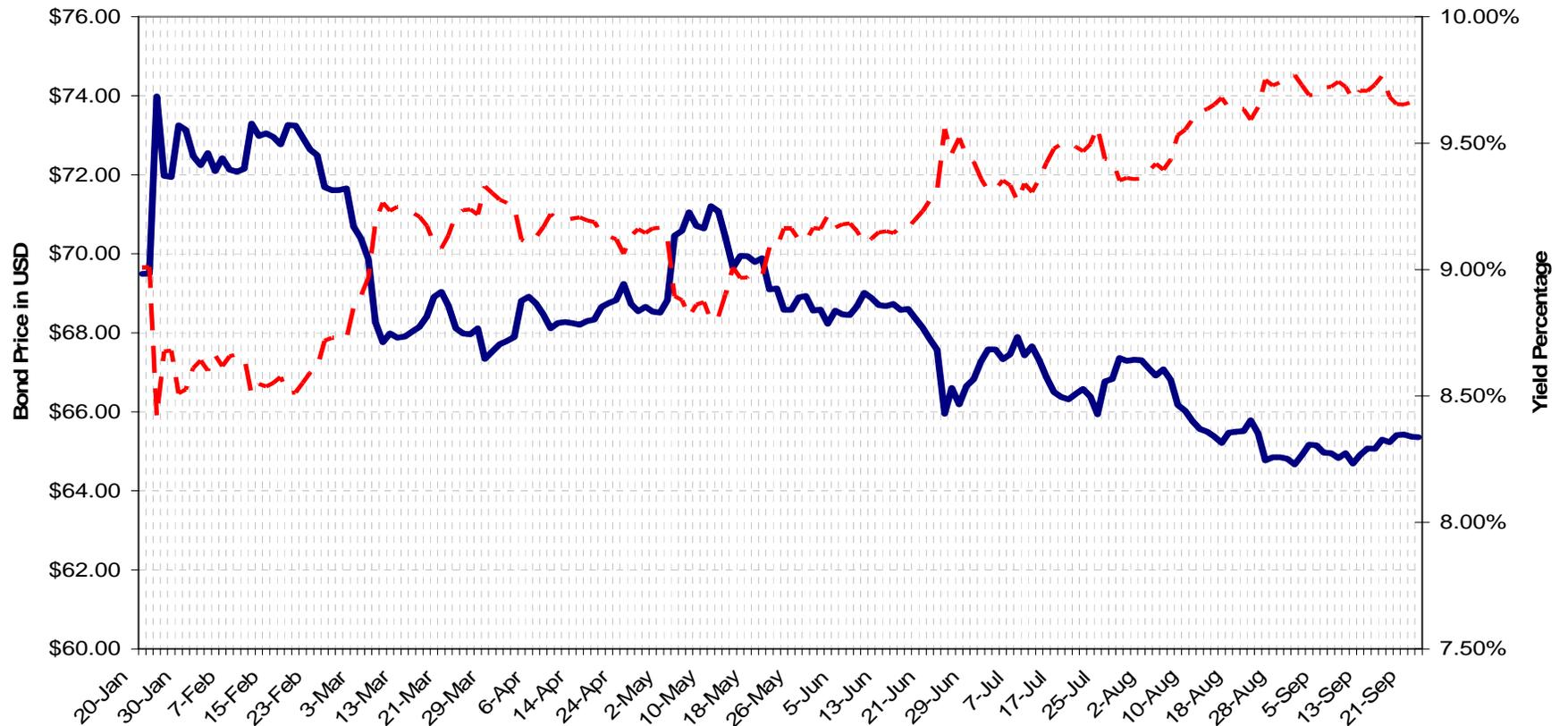


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 9.66 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

**Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales**  
January 20, 2006 - September 22, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)

— Bond Price — Yield



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

### Salary Increase Planned for Iraqi Teachers:

- Iraqi Education Minister Khudayyir al-Khuza'i announced that the Council of Ministers agreed to increase salaries for teachers 20 - 50% so that minimum salaries would become 200,000 Iraqi dinars.

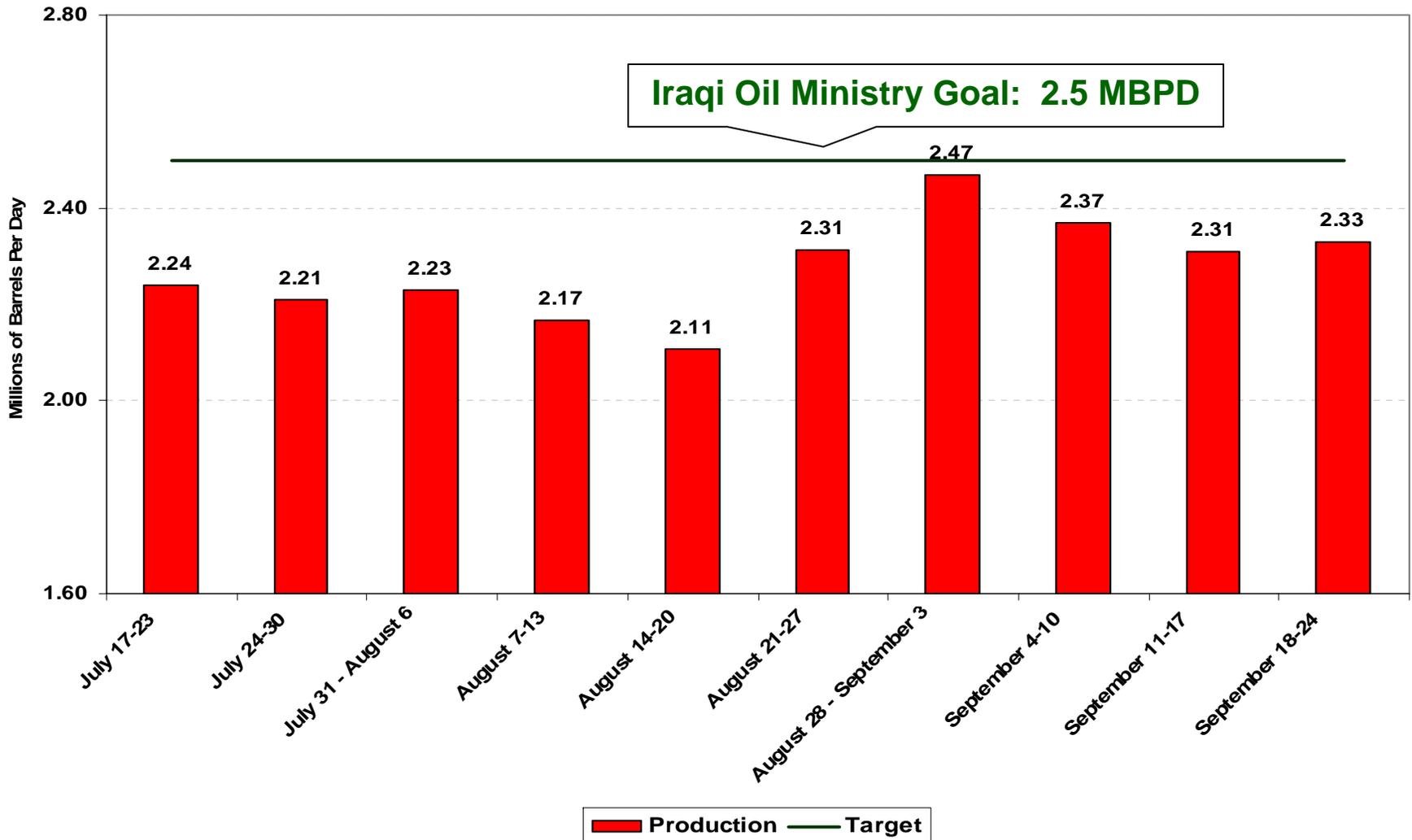
### Housing Project Announcement:

- Deputy Minister of Housing Istbraq al-Shuk said that the Ministry of Housing plans to implement 548 housing projects estimated at \$1.3 billion. With the exception of Kurdistan, the projects will be implemented throughout Iraq.



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

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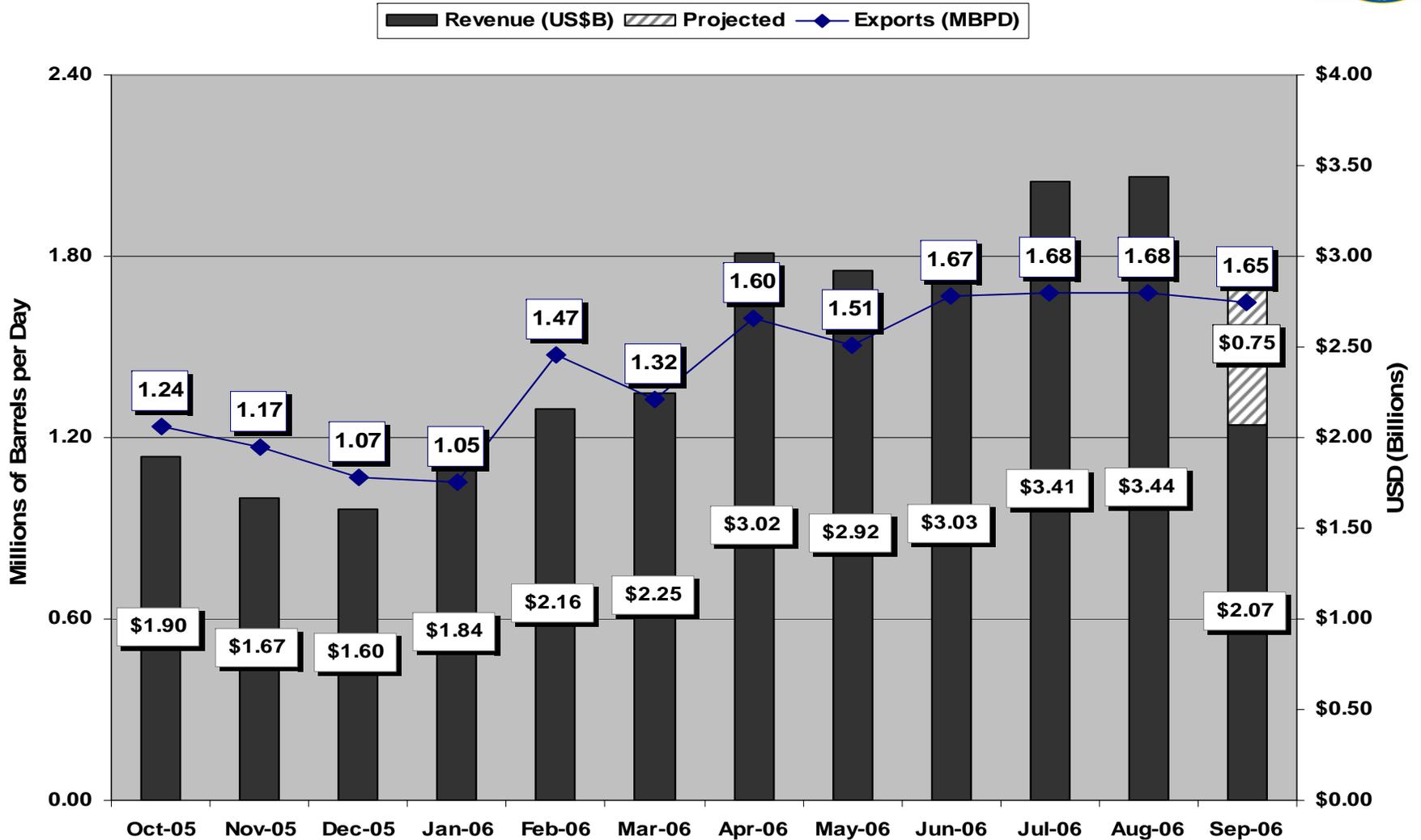


- Weekly Average (September 18 – 24) of 2.33 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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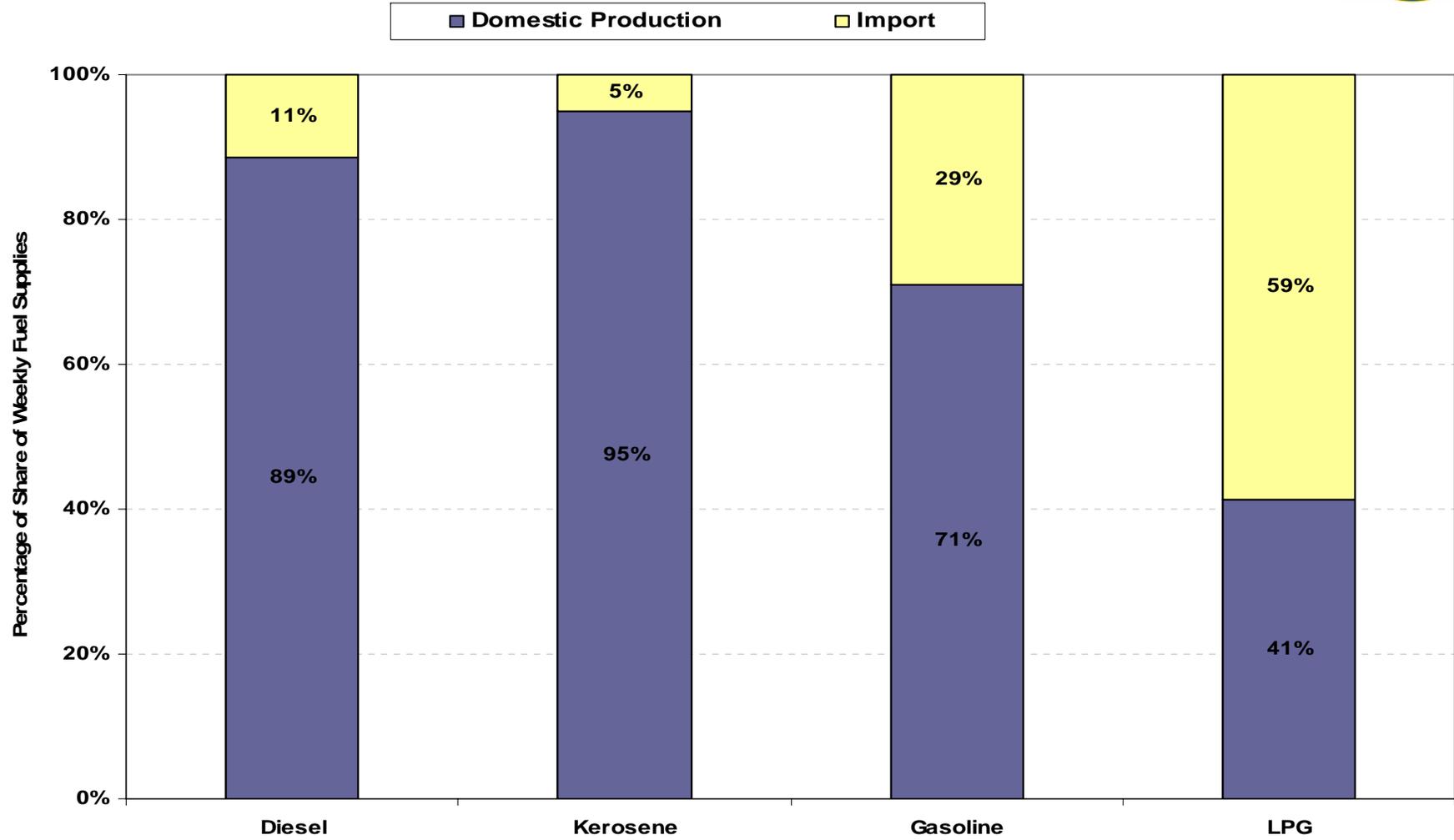


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$24.1 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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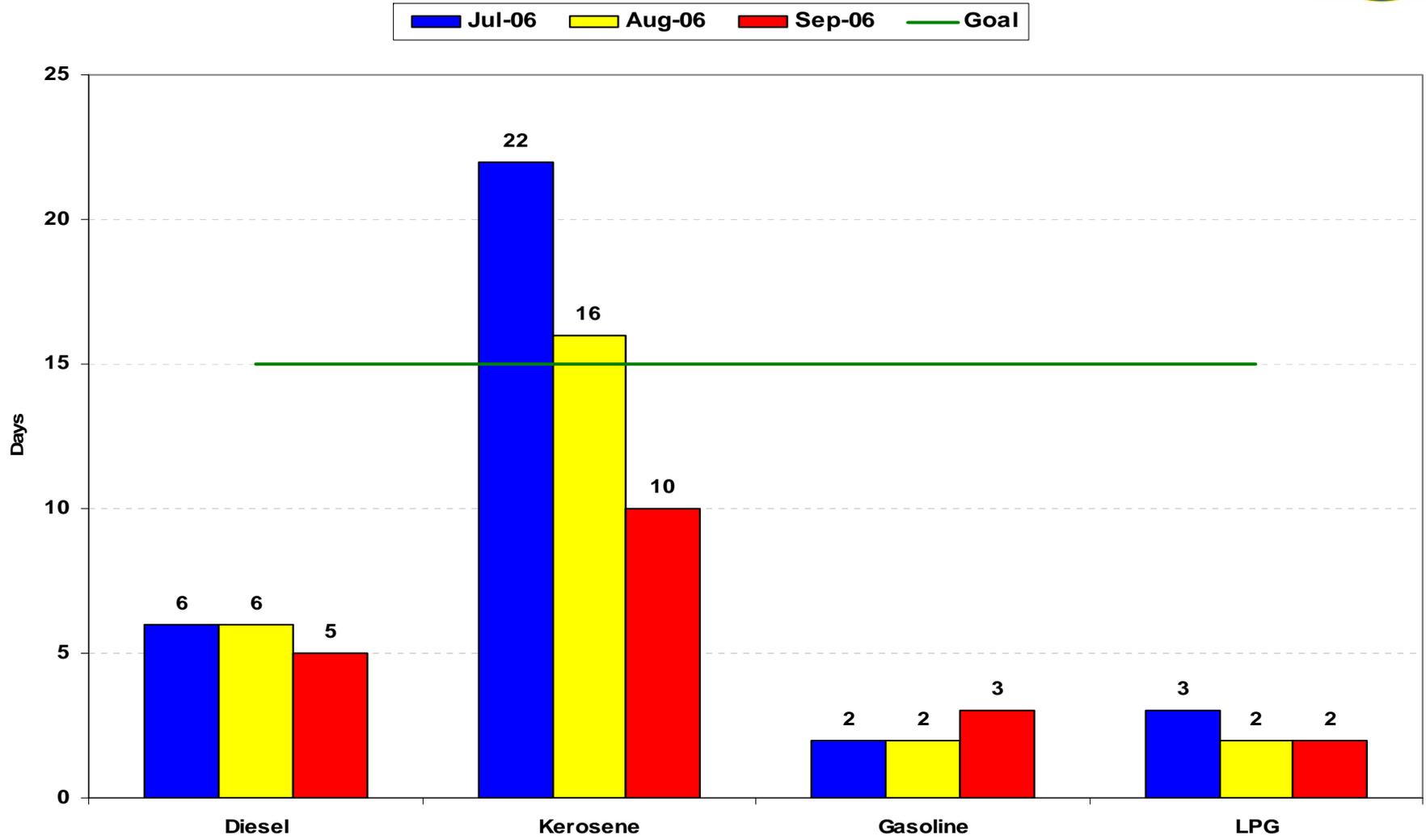
Note: This is a daily average for the week of September 18 – 24

- Diesel: 12.4 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 7.0 ML supply of 8.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 15.1 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 3,723 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

### Police Station South of Baghdad Attacked:

- One policeman was killed and five wounded after their station south of Baghdad came under heavy attack September 25, authorities said. Six cars drove up to the station in Musayyib and opened fire with machine-guns on the building, police Captain Salah al-Maamouri said. The men then started firing mortars on the building and were able to hit it with 12 shells before American troops arrived and the unidentified attackers fled, he added. There were no reports of any insurgent casualties.

### Hussein Removed From Court Twice:

- Saddam Hussein's trial for crimes committed during the Anfal campaign was adjourned until October 9 after a contentious session September 26, which was marked by shouting matches and the ejection of the former leader from the courtroom for disrupting the court.
- The outburst began when Hussein refused to remain silent after repeated requests to do so by the judge. After the shouting match, Chief Judge Mohammed Oreibi al-Khalifa ordered a one-hour recess and a curtain was abruptly closed on the journalists' gallery as microphones were cut off in the courtroom. The court resumed to hear testimony and was then adjourned.
- On September 25, Hussein was thrown out of the courtroom after he protested the court's appointment of lawyers, replacing his own. Hussein's defense team also boycotted proceedings September 25 after having accused the court of violating judicial procedures. Khalifa appointed replacement lawyers so the hearings could continue.



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

### Talabani Threatens to Support “Opposition”:

- Iraqi President Jalal Talabani accused Iraq’s neighbors of interfering with Iraqi domestic affairs and stated that, “Iraq can make trouble for Turkey, Iran and Syria if they do not stop interfering in our country's internal affairs.” He added that otherwise, Iraq would make trouble for the countries in question by supporting the “opposition of other countries, will try to make trouble for them as they are doing for us.” In response, Turkish Foreign Ministry officials criticized Talabani for the statements he made in an interview aired on US National Public Radio September 26, calling Talabani's comments “grave.”

### Consultative Meeting Held at UN for Iraq’s Neighbors:

- On September 21, Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari took part in the Consultative Meeting for the Foreign Ministers of Iraq's Neighboring Countries, held on the sidelines of the 61st Session of the UN General Assembly. The meeting was also attended by the Organization of Islamic Conference Secretary-General, the Arab League Secretary-General and the UN Secretary-General's Representative, who agreed to stress non-intervention in Iraq’s internal affairs and endorsed the national reconciliation plan as well as the International Compact with Iraq.



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

### Al-Jazeera Praised by Insurgency Group:

- In an audio message posted on the Internet September 24, the Islamic Army in Iraq insurgency group praised al-Jazeera television, saying that the Arab satellite station served the fight against the Americans. An unidentified voice on the message also said that the worst media coverage of the Iraq situation came from Iraqi government-run al-Iraqiya TV, which it said “played the ugliest role and carried out the worst work.”

### Prime Minister Maliki Calls for Unity during Ramadan:

- In a statement released September 24, Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki called on Iraqis to use the Islamic holy month of Ramadan to put aside their differences and end sectarian violence, saying that “we are all invited to make use of these days to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and avoid anything that could hurt the social fabric of the Iraqi people.”

### AQI Video Allegedly Shows Americans Burned:

- An al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI)-linked group, the Mujahedeen Shura Council, posted a video on the Internet September 23 allegedly showing the bodies of two American soldiers being dragged behind a truck, then set on fire in what the insurgent group claims is retaliation for the rape-slaying of a young Iraqi woman by US troops from the same unit. The video came hours after the posting of another AQI video in which the new leader of AQI, Abu Ayyub al-Masri, was purportedly shown executing a Turkish hostage.



## 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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