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 Security Forces, with Coalition Forces in support, detained a high-value target and killed 30 terrorists during an operation in Diwaniyah October 8. The combined force successfully defeated a coordinated militia attack and captured the targeted individual, who was wanted for involvement in the execution of Iraqi soldiers in late August.

2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

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4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

Construction was completed on the Washash Electrical Substation in the Kadhamiyah district of Baghdad province. The \$20.3 million US Army-funded project constructed and rehabilitated the transmission lines and substations across the district. The 132kV substation will benefit more than 500,000 Iraqis.



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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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ISF and Coalition Detain High-Value Target, Kill 30 Terrorists in Diwaniyah:

- Iraqi Security Forces, with Coalition Forces (CF) in support, conducted an operation in Diwaniyah October 8 to capture a high-value individual who was involved in the execution of Iraqi soldiers in August. During the operation, militia members attacked the patrol and severely damaged an M1A2 Abrams Tank, but inflicted no Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), Coalition, or civilian casualties.
- The combined ISF and Coalition operation defeated the militia attack, killed approximately 30 militia members and captured the targeted individual in question.

Terrorist Linked to AQI Leader Detained:

- CF detained a former driver and personal assistant of Abu Ayyub al-Masri along with 31 others during a series of 11 raids targeting al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) activities in the Baghdad area September 28.
- This is the second close associate of Abu Ayyub al-Masri captured in September, also believed to have been one of his personal drivers. Intelligence indicates he participated in the 2005 bombings of the Sheraton and al-Hamra hotels in Baghdad which killed 16 people and injured 65 others.

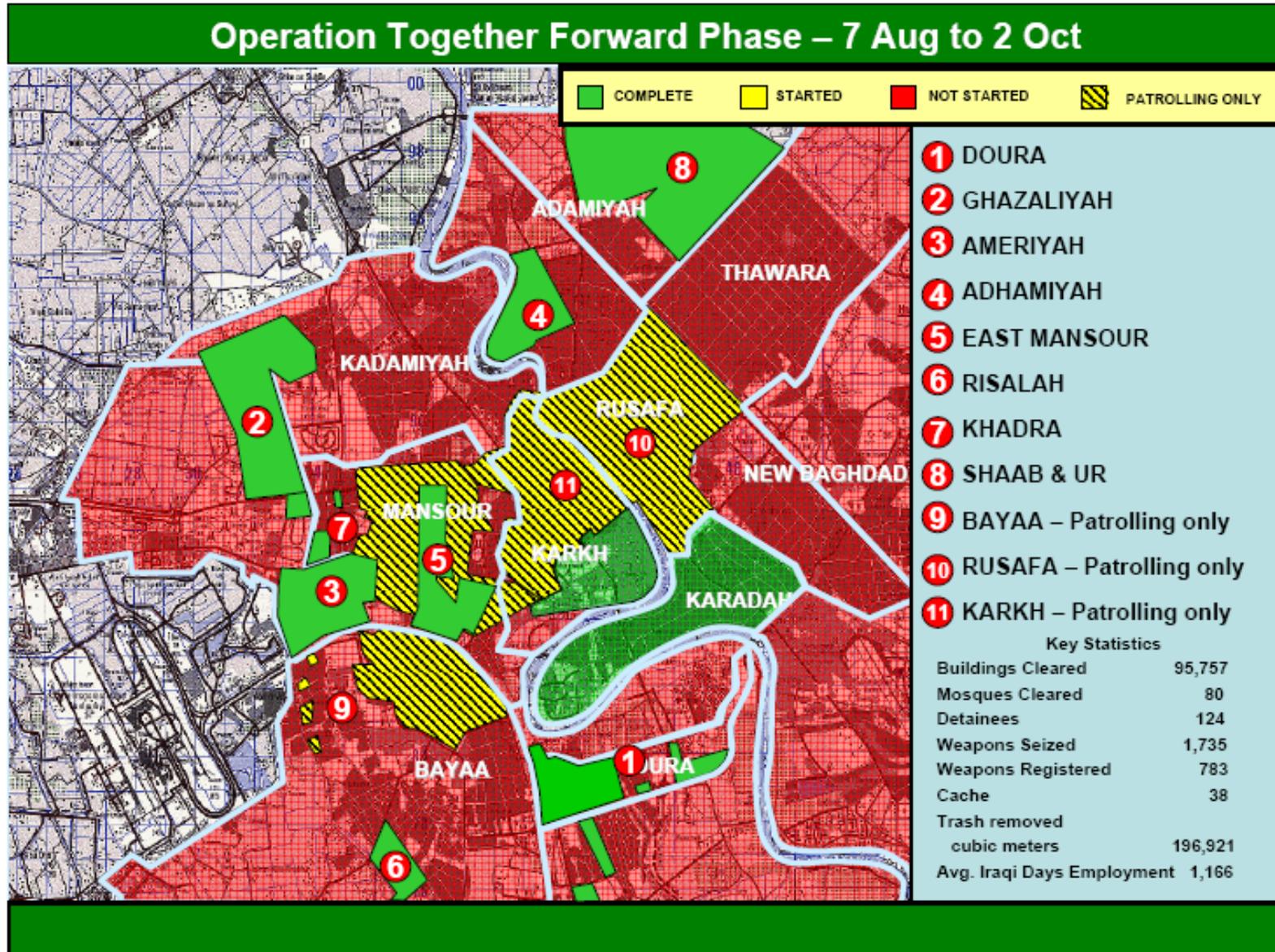
Coalition and ISF Efforts Against AQI:

- Iraqi and Coalition forces killed over 110 terrorists and detained over 520 in 164 operations during the month of September. Of that total, 50 foreign fighters were killed and 16 captured.



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

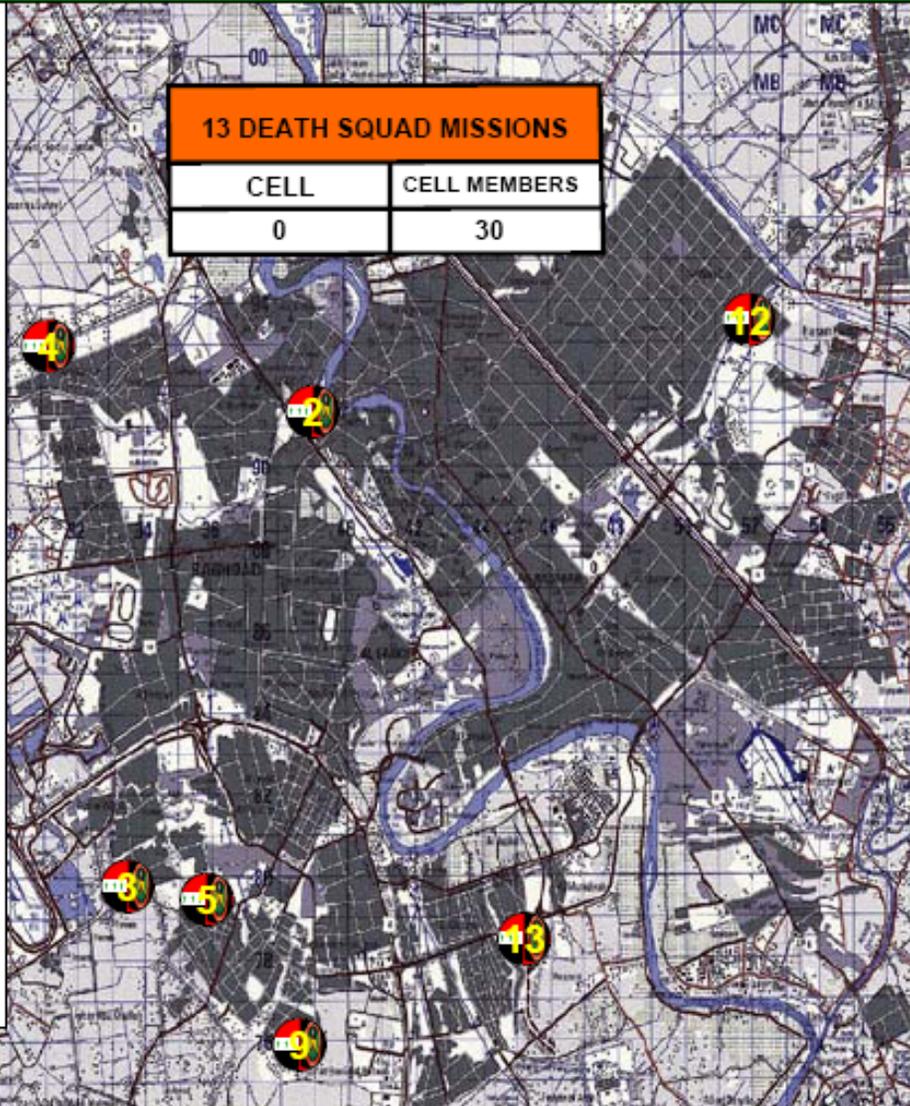
Operations Against Death Squads – 26 Sept - 1 Oct

OPERATIONS

- 1** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Tarmiya, 26 SEP 06, to Capture Death Squad Members. **2 x Detainees**
- 2** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a Kidnapping Release near Kadamiyah, 26 SEP 06, to free hostages. **6 x Detainees, Freed 1 LTC IP and Son**
- 3** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted raid near Bayaa, 26 SEP 06, to disrupt EJK Activities. **2 x Detainees**
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- 6** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a cordon & search near Salman, 27 SEP 06, to disrupt death squad activities. **5 x Detainees**
- 7** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Habbaniyah, 28 SEP 06, to capture death squad members. **2 X Detainees**
- 8** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid North of Taji, 29 SEP 06, to capture death squad members. **3 x Detainees**
- 9** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a cordon & search near Bayaa, 29 SEP 06, to disrupt death squad activity. **NSTR**
- 10** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Tarmiya, 01 OCT 06, to capture death squad members. **1 x Detainees**
- 11** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a cordon & search near Salaman Pak, 30 SEP 06, to capture death squad members. **3 x Detainees**
- 12** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Sadr City, 01 OCT 06, to capture death squad members. **1 x Detainees**
- 13** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a cordon & knock operation near Doura, 01 OCT 06, to degrade/disrupt death squads. **NSTR**

Baghdad Province (Not Shown on Map)

NOTE: 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 - Operations outside of Baghdad City



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

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8th Brigade, 2nd National Police - Recalled for Retraining:

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- The decision to pull an Iraqi Police brigade off the streets for intensive retraining is part of an Iraqi government reform plan and will improve the professionalism and confidence within the national police.

4th IA Division Conducts Operation in Kirkuk:

- The 4th Iraqi Army (IA) Division planned, coordinated and executed an Iraqi-controlled, division-level operation over the weekend of October 6-8 in Kirkuk in response to a recent spike of vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attacks just prior to and during Ramadan.
- The operation was the first division-level plan executed under control of the Iraqi Ground Forces Command Headquarters.



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

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Iraqi Security Forces Taking the Lead:

- During the previous week, one battalion and three brigades of the Iraqi Army (IA) assumed the lead in their respective areas of operation.
- As of October 4, there are six IA division headquarters, 30 brigades and 89 battalions in the lead for their respective areas of operation. Also, of the 110 bases Coalition Forces have occupied since 2003, 52 have now been transferred to Iraqi control.

National Police Assessment Program Begins Phase Two:

- Phase two of the National Police Assessment Program (Quick Look) began October 2 with the 4th Brigade of the 1st National Police Division. Phase two focuses on leader and police transformational training as units are pulled off the line and undergo a three-week training program focused on leader development, civil policing skills and key small-unit collective tasks.
- Earlier this summer, Multi-National Forces-Iraq began phase one of Quick Look, which was designed to assess each battalion's capabilities and readiness with regards to their equipment status, personnel accountability, weapons accountability, battalion facilities, overall unit discipline and current combat capabilities.

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



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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~123,500***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~28,300
TOTAL	~176,200**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~129,700***
AIR FORCE	~800
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~131,600**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~307,800****

- * 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 October 11, 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 Approves Regions Law:

- The Council of Representatives approved the federal regions law October 11, which will allow Iraq’s provinces to hold referendums to merge themselves into larger federal regions. The law has proved extremely controversial, with some leaders fearing that it could lead to the break-up of Iraq, though lawmakers have agreed that no province can begin the merging process for another 18 months.
- Once the 18 months have passed, provinces seeking to merge with neighboring provinces can trigger a referendum at the request of a third of the legislators in the provincial council or a tenth of their electorate. If approved by a majority of voters in each province concerned, the mergers will create regions with the ability to nullify central government law. This, in turn, is expected to confirm the de facto self-rule already enjoyed by the Kurdish north and could lead to a new Shia region in the oil-rich south.
- The law is opposed by the Sunni community, however, who fear that their group, which once dominated the Iraqi government, will be left only with a rump territory in the barren west and center of the country. Sadrists, Fadhila, and Iraqiyya also oppose the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq-proposed formation of a nine-province super-region in the south.

Vice President Hashimi’s Brother Killed in Baghdad:

- Gunmen in police uniforms killed the brother of Iraqi Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi in Baghdad. General Amer al-Hashimi worked as a military adviser in the Iraqi presidency. Earlier this year, another brother of Hashimi and his sister were also murdered.



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

CoR Addresses Corruption:

- The Council of Representatives (CoR) has voted to lift the immunity of one of its members so that he can be prosecuted on corruption charges. During the debate on lifting his parliamentary immunity, the head of the Commission for Public Integrity said that Mishaan al-Jaburi, a Sunni tribal leader and businessman, had been siphoning off the equivalent of about \$75 million a month. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.
- There is widespread concern regarding corruption but this will fuel perceptions that Islamist Shia politicians are targeting Sunnis and secular Shia. No senior Islamist Shia politicians have been ordered arrested, despite widespread popular opinion that a number are corrupt.

Prime Minister Maliki Attends Anbar Tribal Leaders Conference:

- Prime Minister Maliki attended the Anbar Tribal Leaders' Conference October 7 where he met with tribal sheiks, clerics and governmental officials from the province to discuss efforts to continue the national reconciliation process and combat violence. He promised to support the provincial government and fund reconstruction and basic services projects.



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

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Maliki's Four-Point Plan Advances:

- Iraqi political parties agreed October 7 on the make-up of the Central Committee for Peace and Security, which will include four representatives each from the Shia coalition that dominates parliament and the main Sunni coalition, along with one representative each from the Kurds and the Iraqiyya List (a mixed, secular party).
- Iraqi government officials announced October 10 that Iraqi political parties have agreed that every security checkpoint in Baghdad will have an equal number of Shia and Sunni troops in an effort to ensure the security forces do not allow sectarian attacks. The arrangement is the first made under Prime Minister Maliki's newly-introduced four-point security plan.



[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**



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**Status of the Iraq Reconstruction & Relief Fund
not available this week due to the start of fiscal year reconciliation.**

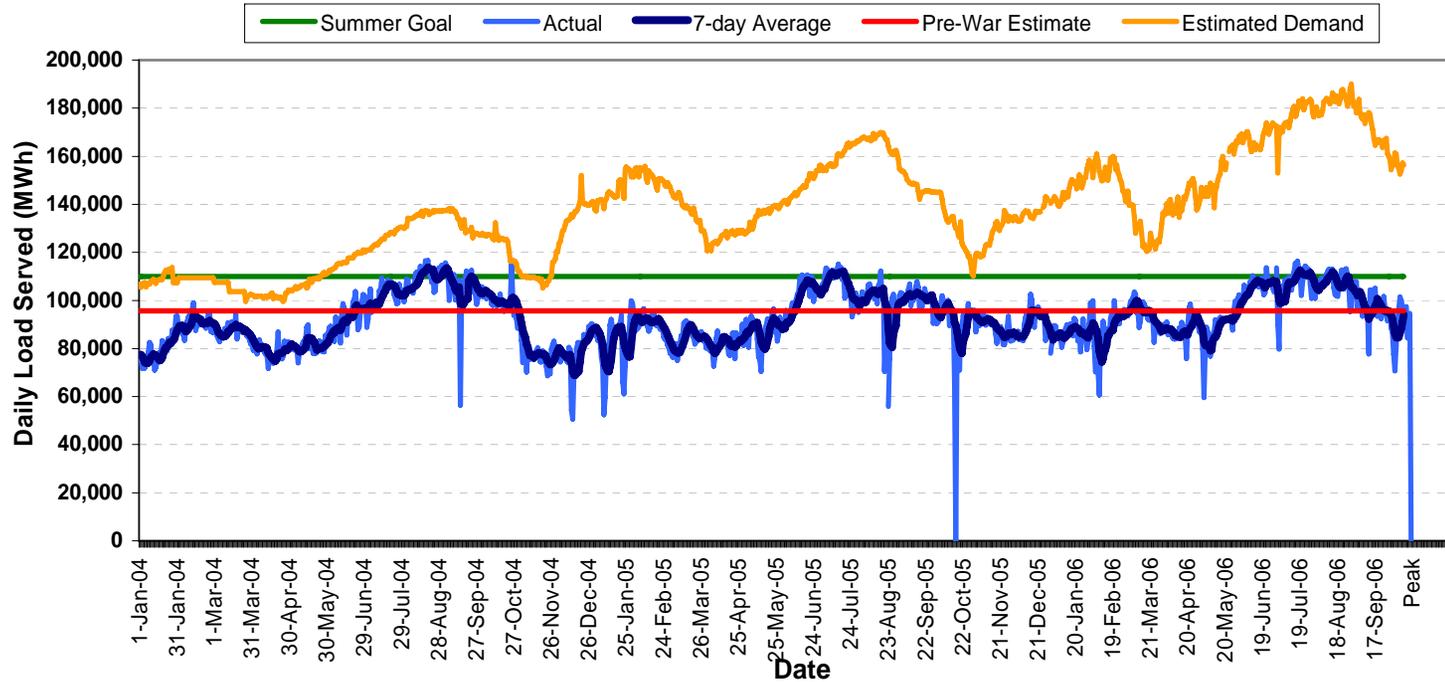
As of October 10, 2006



[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 October 4-10, electricity availability averaged 6.3 hours per day in Baghdad and 11.6 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 5% below the same period in 2005.



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

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Gas:

- The Gas Compressor Station project in North Rumaila, Basrah province has been completed. The \$2.5 million US Army-funded project installed instrumentation and electrical hardware, and demolished older non-usable structures. The project will help increase the country’s liquid petroleum gas to meet the cooking and heating needs of the Iraqi people.

Health Care:

- The Al-Aziziya Primary Healthcare Center in Wassit province has been completed. The \$694,000 US Army-funded project constructed a two-story medical facility with medical and dental examination rooms, X-ray rooms, laboratory facilities and a pharmacy. The renovations provide a safe and modern preventative medical facility with the capability of seeing 35,000 patients annually.

Electricity:

- The Government of Iraq and the USG signed an agreement September 25 to construct 400 kV overhead lines from Tameen province to Baghdad province. The \$49 million project will vastly improve Iraq’s national grid and its stability. The goal of the project is to reduce the risk of blackouts, as well as improve redundancy and reliability. The project’s estimated completion date is October 2008.

[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 October 10 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$51.53/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$58.73/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$59.78/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$56.60/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)	21,389	21,885	2.32%
USAID	68,371	76,560	11.98%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	687	687	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	159	159	0.00%
CERP*	7,234	7,234	0.00%
MNSTC-I	7,598	9,820	29.24%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	11,254	11,342	0.78%
GRAND TOTAL	116,692	127,687	9.42%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

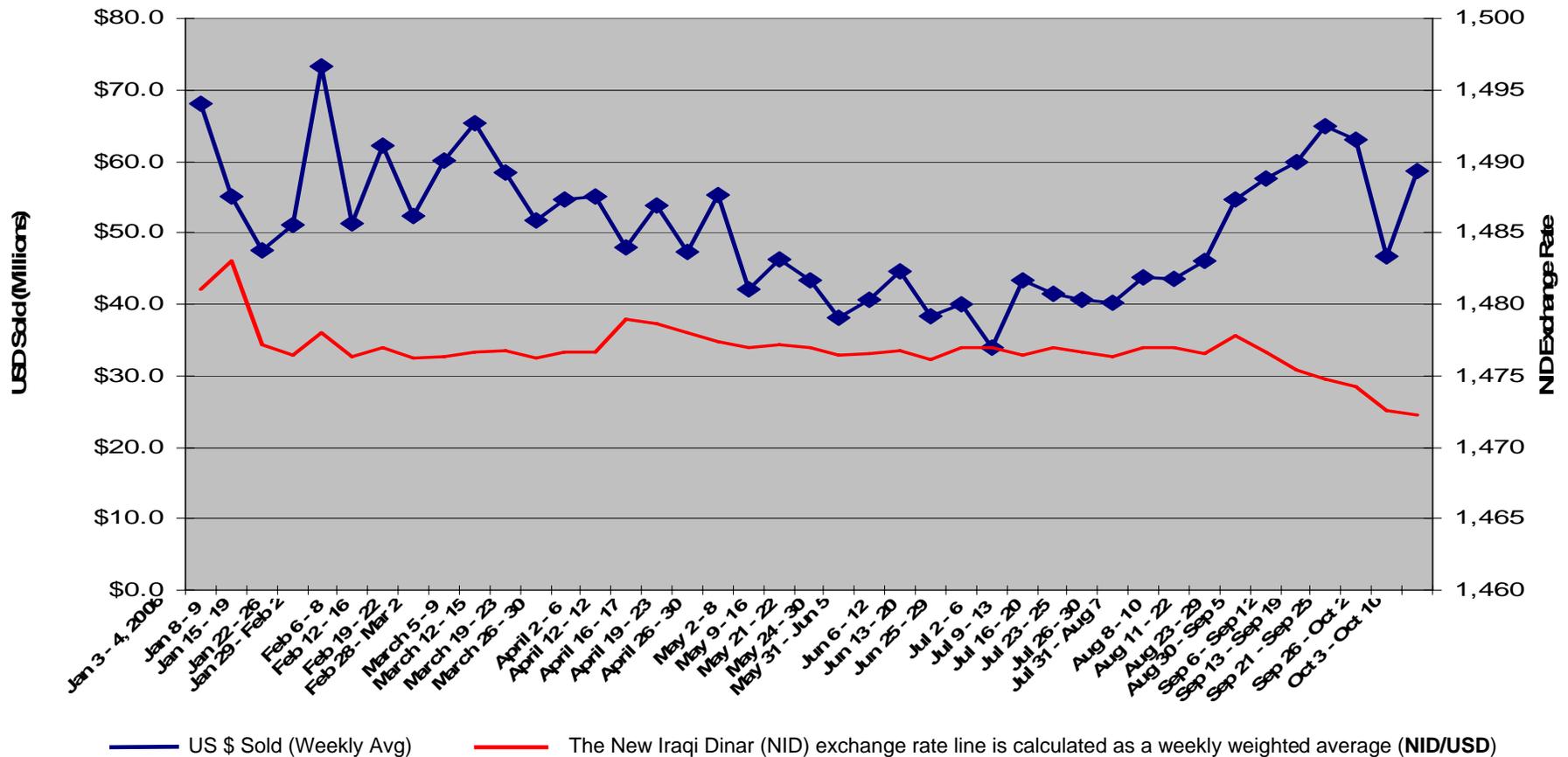


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 1,471 dinars per USD October 10.

Central Bank of Iraq
 USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – October 10, 2006



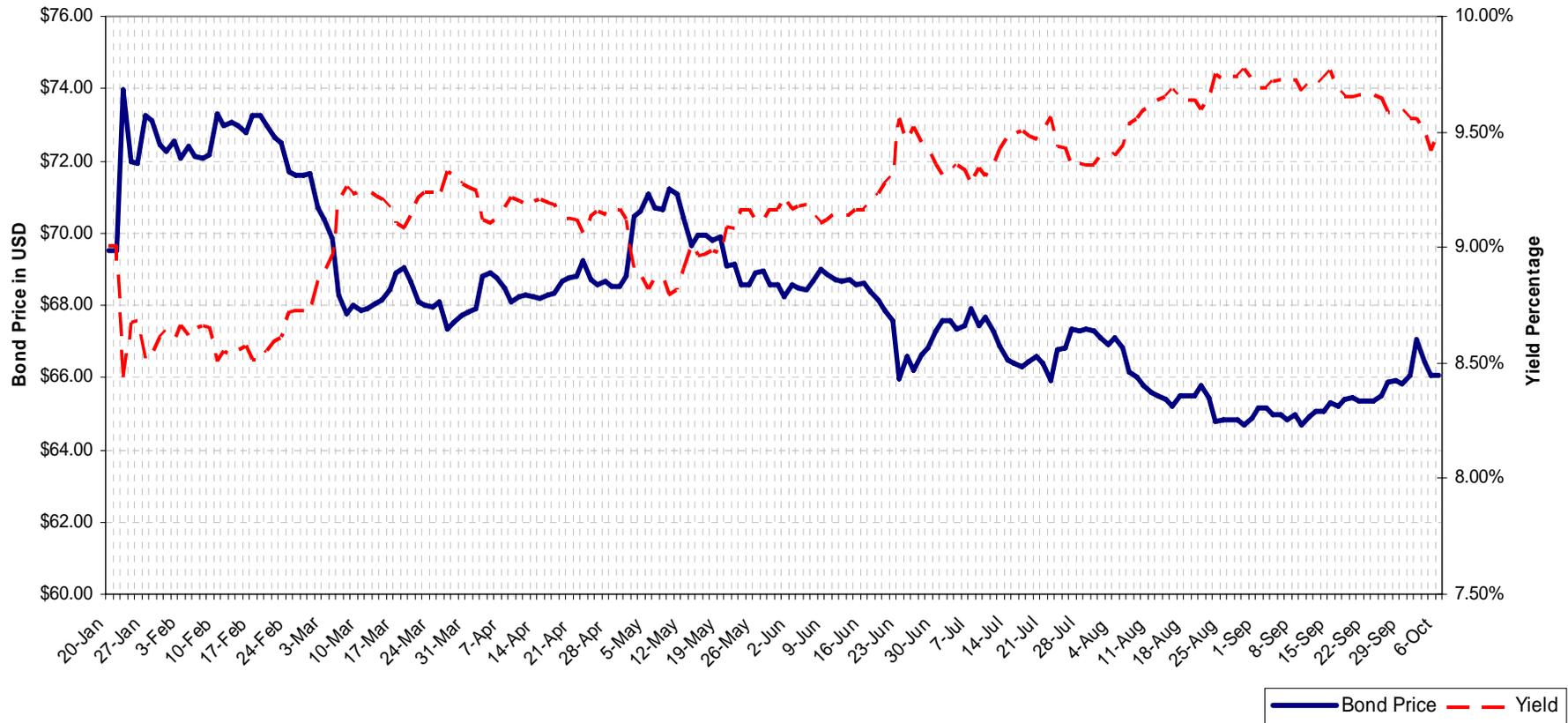


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - October 6, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

Oil:

- Parsons Iraq Joint Venture (PIJV) recently began a southern well workover project. The \$133 million Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) project has an estimated closure date of March 7, 2007 and thus far is 8% complete. The original scope was to workover 30 wells in the Rumaila oil fields, as well as complete and replace tubing in 30 wells in West Qurna oil field. In July, \$20 million in funding was added for an additional 20 wells in West Qurna. In September, another \$46 million was added to the project for additional well workovers. This project will increase crude oil production capacity in southern Iraq by over 300,000 barrels per day.

China CNPC Ready to Revive Iraq Oil Deal:

- The China National Petroleum Company (CNPC) stated that, if it is officially invited to do so, the CNPC is ready to return to Iraq to develop the Ahdab oilfield, reviving a negotiated deal signed while Iraq was under United Nations sanctions. An official who is familiar with the CNPC's overseas investments said it was welcome news that Iraq wanted to discuss with CNPC the possibility of reviving the defunct contract to develop the medium-sized oilfield.

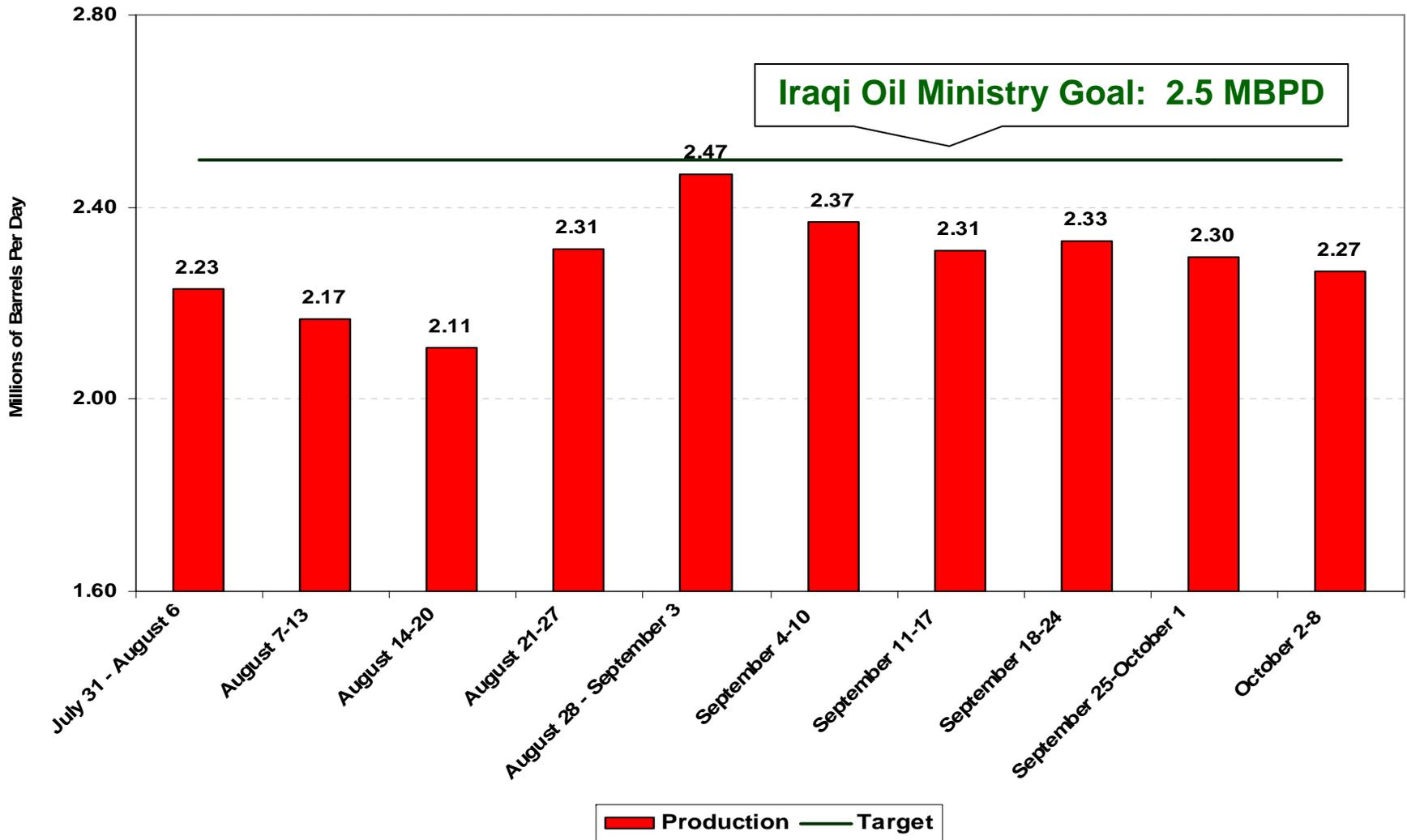
Impending Trade Agreement with EU:

- Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari announced at a press conference October 11 that Iraq would shortly sign a trade agreement with the European Union. The agreement would treat Iraq as a friendly country and give it priority in commercial exchanges.



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

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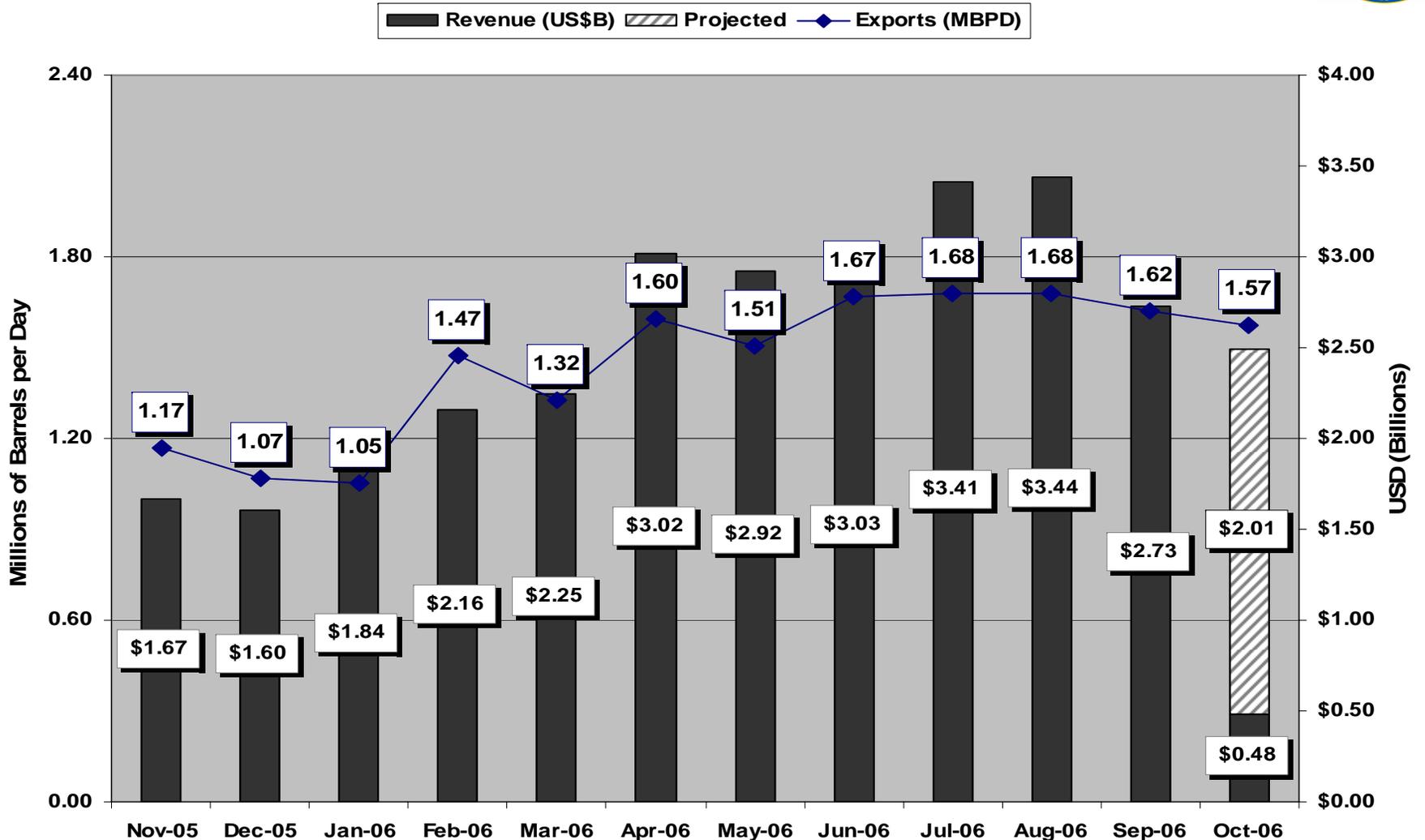


- Weekly Average (October 2-8) of 2.27 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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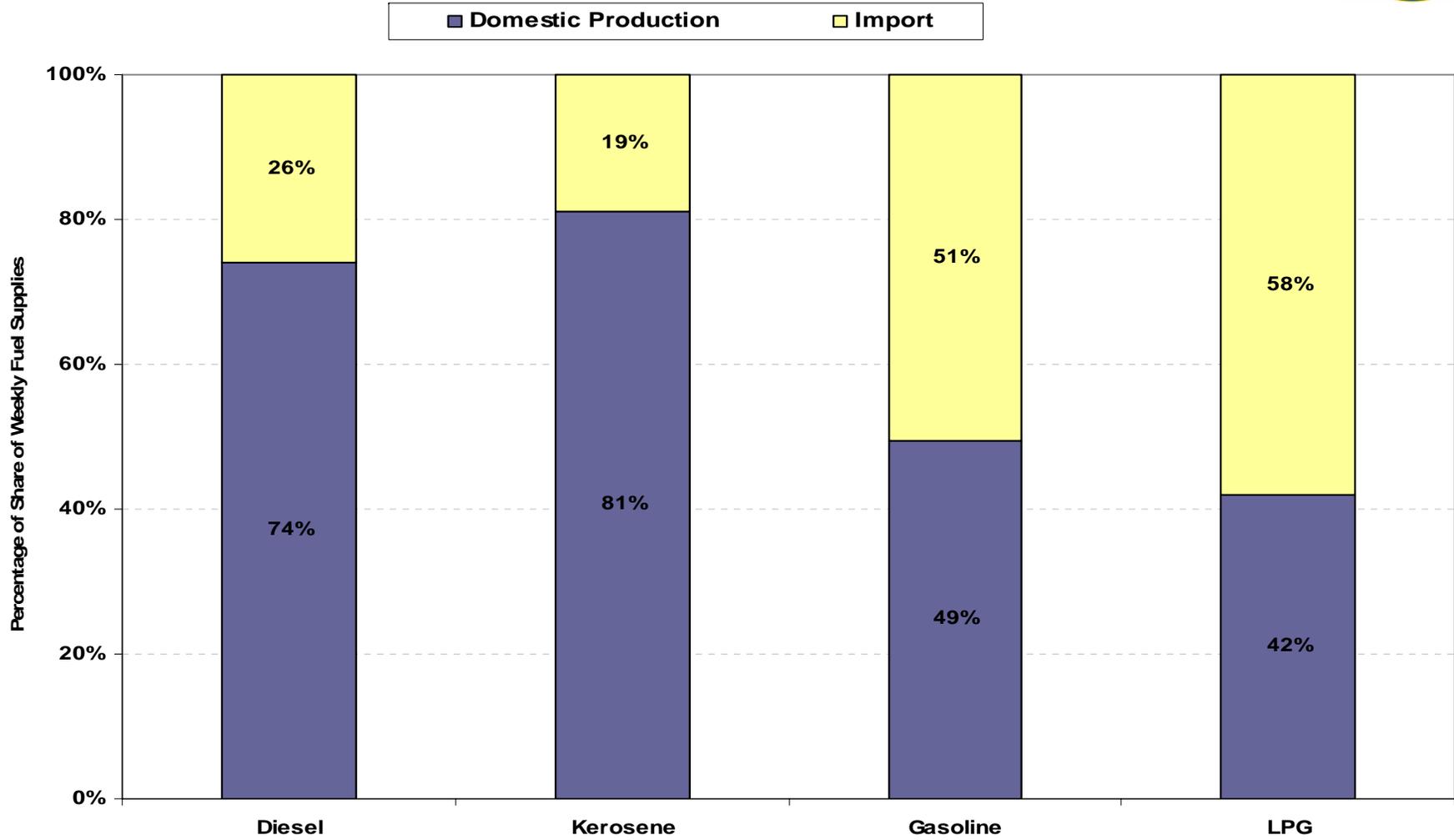


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$25.3 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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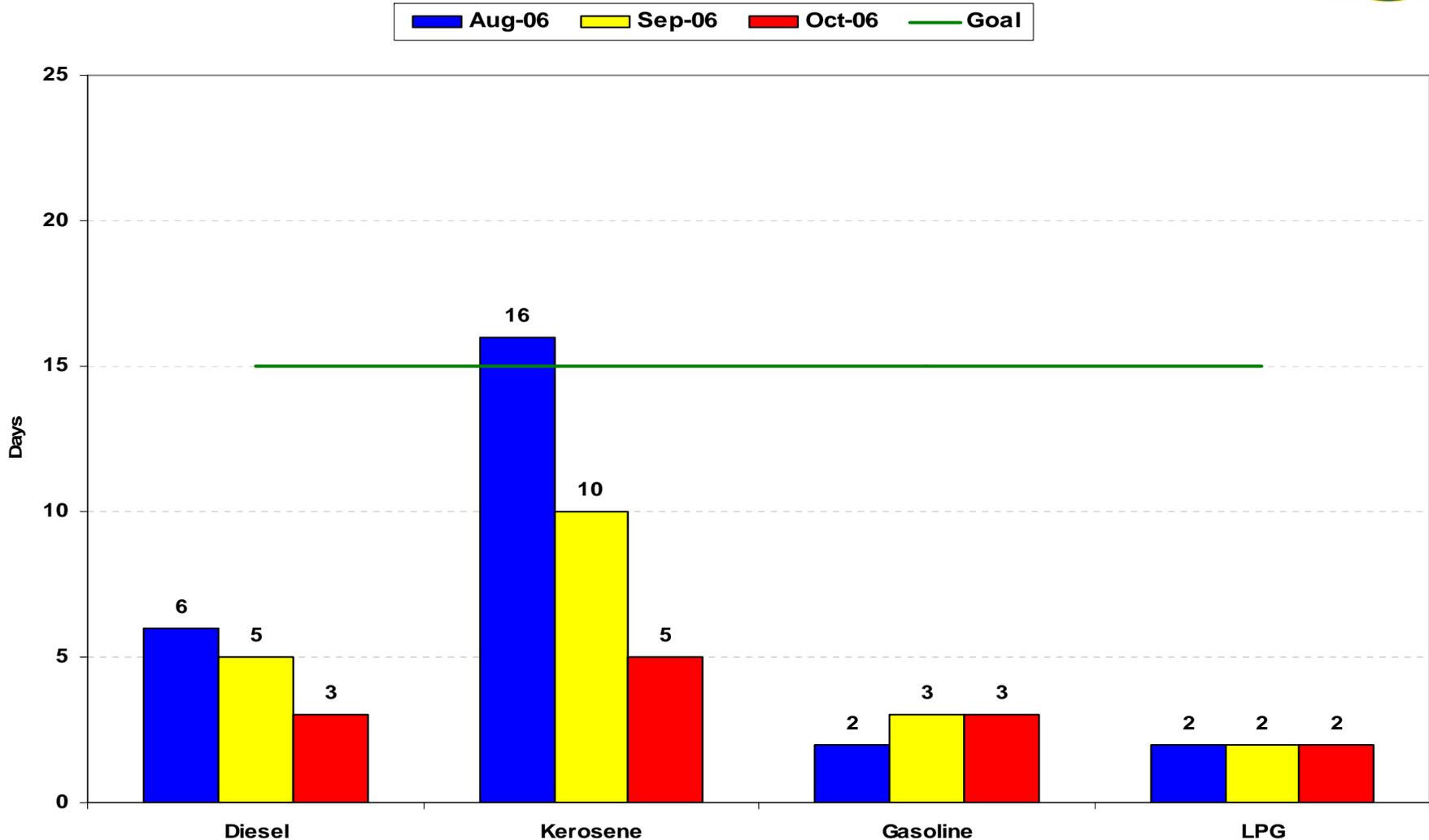
Note: This is a daily average for the week of October 2-8

- Diesel: 10.3 ML supply of 23.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.0 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 16.2 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,648 tons supply of 5,075 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

Former Female Prisoner Testifies in Hussein Genocide Trial:

- In the genocide trial of Saddam Hussein, a former female prisoner testified October 9 that prison guards under the former leader used to bury detainees alive. The 31-year-old witness recalled what she saw as a 13-year-old girl who was detained during Hussein’s offensive against the Kurds in the late 1980s.
- Hussein and his co-defendants are charged with genocide against Iraq's Kurdish population in a campaign named Operation Anfal, in which an estimated 180,000 people were killed. If convicted, the accused could be sentenced to death by hanging.

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

Saudi Arabian and Iraqi Delegations Meet to Discuss Debt-Relief:

- An Iraqi technical delegation visited Saudi Arabia October 8 to discuss bilateral debt relief. Saudi Deputy Minister Bazi'y characterized the meeting as technically oriented, attempting to reach agreement on a figure for Iraqi debt. He said the Iraqis "have more homework to do" coming up with documents, but added that Saudi Arabia is "ready to do something" regarding Iraqi debt. However, the technical teams must first reach agreement on a common figure before policymakers decide on any reduction.

Turkish Chief of Staff Dismisses PKK Cease-Fire:

- Turkish Chief of the General Staff General Yasar Buyukanit dismissed a recent ceasefire announcement from the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), stressing that the Turkish army is determined to continue "combating terrorism until there are no more terrorists." He added that "The only option for the PKK is to unconditionally lay down its arms and surrender to the mercy of Turkish justice."



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

Kuwait Receives \$11.2 Billion from Iraq as War Compensation:

- Kuwait has received \$11.2 billion in war compensation from Iraq for the 1990-1991 invasion and occupation. The United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) has approved \$41.3 billion in war compensation for Kuwait thus far. Kuwait has filed compensation claims worth \$178 billion to the UNCC, with the majority of the claims filed for damages to the oil sector.

Iraq Plans to Open 15 New Diplomatic Missions Before 2007:

- The Council of Ministers endorsed the proposal of the Foreign Ministry to open 15 new Iraqi diplomatic missions abroad before the end of 2006. The countries in which Iraq will open these missions are: Hungary, Norway, Denmark, Ukraine, Switzerland, Serbia, Slovakia, South Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Senegal, Kenya, Nigeria, Mauritania, and Argentina.

MNF-I Coalition Forces Hold Conference in Warsaw:

- Key Coalition members, Iraqi military, and government leaders, as well as USG officials attended a US Central Command-sponsored Coalition Conference in Warsaw October 3-5. Among the topics officials addressed were the Baghdad Security Plan, Iraq reconstruction, border security improvement, and Iraqi political, and security self-reliance.



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

Data as of October 2, 2006

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

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

TOTAL ~ 17,000 Forces

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

32 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*32 includes the 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey



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

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Iraqi Arrested for Spreading al-Qaida Messages via the Internet:

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- Prosecutors say the messages disseminated were from Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahri, as well as former AQI leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi; though it remained unclear whether the man was suspected of posting the messages on the Internet himself or of having circulated messages which were already online.



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

Secretary Rice Speaks with Iraqi Leaders:

- During her visit to Iraq, Secretary of State Rice met with Prime Minister Maliki October 5 and said that it is “an important time for the Iraqi people, but they are a strong people, they are a committed people and we know that they will overcome these challenges,” adding that the US “will be a committed friend for Iraq.”
- On October 6, Secretary Rice and the President of the Kurdish Regional Government, Massoud Barzani, addressed reporters and took questions. President Barzani said that Kurdistan and the Kurdish people, “have the right to self-determination. This is a natural right. But the parliament in Kurdistan has adopted within the framework of a federal democratic Iraq a federal system.” He also said that, concerning oil revenues, “we are with a fair distribution of the oil revenues all over Iraq.”
- Secretary Rice, taking a question concerning the rights of the Kurdish people said that they “will be better served by neighbors in the neighborhood who are friendly and who are respecting the integrity and independence of Iraq and will most certainly be better served if Baghdad and surrounding areas are stable and democratic as well.”



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 Tamim/Kirkuk; Ninewa/Mosul; Babil/Hillah; Baghdad; Anbar/Ramadi; Diyala/Baquba; Salah ad-Din; Basrah; and Dhi Qar. PRTs 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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