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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6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 65 people from September 15 - October 4 for various crimes.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

The Preparatory Group for the International Compact with Iraq (ICI) held its second meeting at UNAMI's office in Baghdad and was co-chaired by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih and the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Iraq Ashraf Qazi.

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

Gunmen raided the Baghdad headquarters of a new Sunni Arab satellite television station October 12, killing the board chairman and ten others – making it the second attack on an Iraqi station in Baghdad in as many weeks.



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Weapons, Munitions Caches Yield More Than 11,300 Pieces in Anbar:

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MND-B Soldiers Discover More Than 78 Weapons Caches:

- As of October 13, Multi-National Division-Baghdad (MND-B) soldiers discovered and seized over 78 weapons caches over seven days in the area of Yusifiyah (about 20 miles southwest of Baghdad) as part of Operation Commando Hunter, intended to deny terrorists sanctuary in the area.
- The caches included blocks of dynamite; 120mm, 82mm, and 60mm mortar rounds; small arms ammunition; rocket-propelled grenades and launchers; an improvised rocket launcher; 20mm anti-aircraft rounds; 105mm artillery rounds; a sniper rifle; four 82mm mortar tubes; a 14.5mm receiver barrel; 17 rigged and ready to use IEDs; and various bomb-making materials.



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Sectarian Violence in Balad:

- From October 13-17, more than 60 Iraqis were killed as a result of sectarian violence in Balad. The violence began when 19 Shia were kidnapped and killed October 13 east of Balad. The following day, more than 38 Sunnis were killed in retaliation, escalating the situation. Coalition and ISF responded and have seen a marked decrease in violence in the area since October 17.

Increased Attacks in Baghdad during Ramadan:

- As has historically been the case, Ramadan has been a period of increased violence in Baghdad. Total attacks in the city are up approximately 15%. Historical trends show that attacks will generally increase by 20% during Ramadan and will likely continue to increase until the end of Ramadan.

Coalition and ISF Operations Against Death Squads:

- ISF and Coalition forces apprehended nine death squad cell leaders and 60 cell members in operations conducted between October 2-11 targeting death squad activities.



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Amaliya Ma'an Ila Al-Amam Assessment

Operation Together Forward – Baghdad Security Plan

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BELADIYAHS	Average Attacks by Beladiyah Comparison			
	14 Mar – 13 Jun	14 Jun – 6 Aug	7 Aug – 23 Sep	24 Sep - 10 Oct
Mansour	7.0	6.1	7.3	10.7
Bayaa	2.3	2.8	3.5	6.0
Kadhamiyah	1.1	1.1	1.8	3.2
Thawra	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.2
New Baghdad	1.7	1.4	2.1	1.5
Karrada	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.3
Rusafa	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.9
Doura	3.8	5.6	5.6	6.5
Karkh	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.9
Adhamiyah	3.1	4.1	4.7	3.9
Totals	22.3	25.3	28.1	36.1

Scales of Justice
Daily Avg.

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Daily Avg.

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(Ramadan)



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Operations Against Death Squads in Baghdad – 2 -- 11 Oct

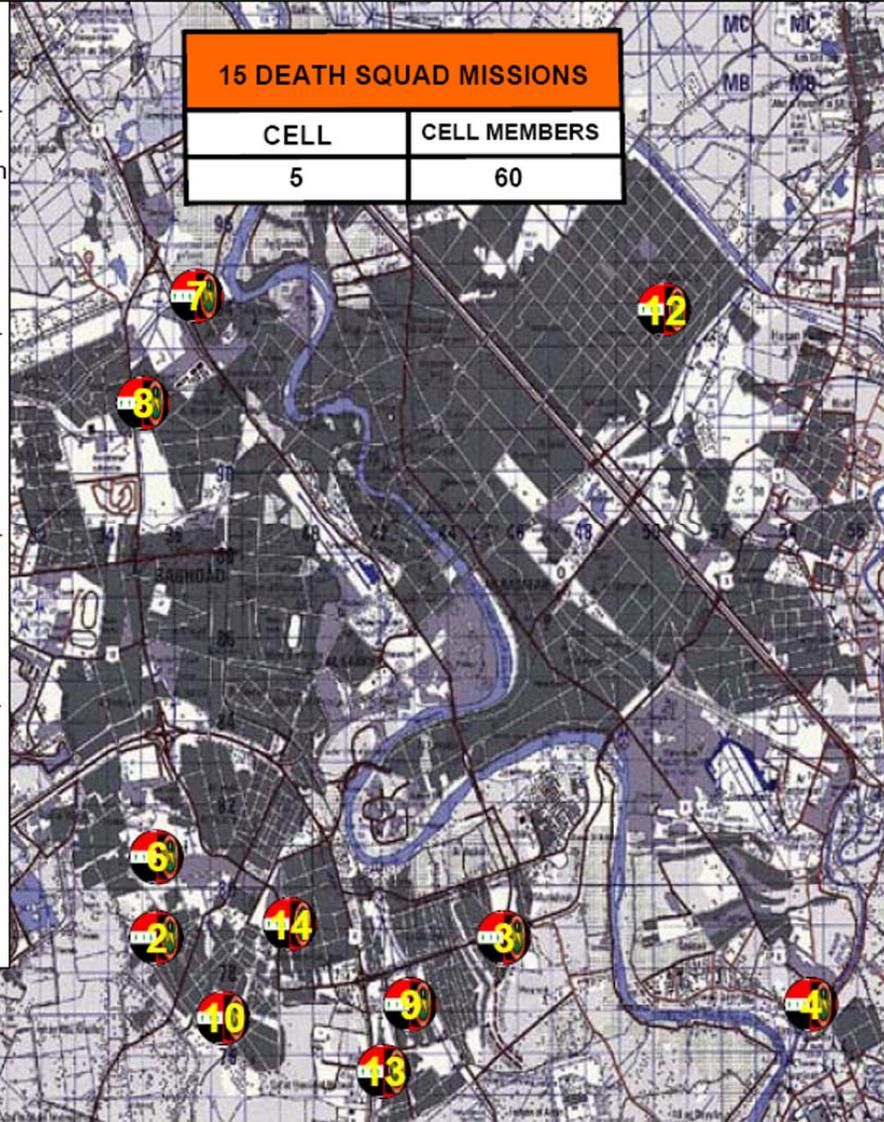
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- 1** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a cordon & search near Abu Ghraib, 02 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **1 x Detainee**
- 2** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Bayaa, 03 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **NSTR**
- 3** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a cordon & knock operation near Doura, 03 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Member. **NSTR**
- 4** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a Mosque raid near Zafaraniyah, 04 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **1 x Cell Leader & 27 x Detainees**
- 5** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Taji, 06 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **4 x Detainees**
- 6** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Bayaa, 06 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **5 x Detainees**
- 7** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Kadamiyah, 07 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **5 x Detainees**
- 8** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted an arrest operation near Kadamiyah, 07 OCT 06, **4 x Detainees**
- 9** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a cordon & knock near Doura, 07 OCT 06, to reduce intimidations. **1 x Detainee**
- 10** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Bayaa, 08 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **3 x Detainees**
- 11** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Yusufiyah, 08 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **1 x Cell leader & 1 Detainee**
- 12** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Sadr City, 09 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **7 x Detainees**
- 13** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Doura, 09 OCT 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **NSTR**
- 14** MND BAGHDAD: IPs conducted an arrest of Death Squad members neay Bayaa, 10 Oct 06. **2 x Detainees**
- 15** MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Aby Ghraib, 11 Oct 06, to capture Death Squad members. **3 x Cell Leaders**

Baghdad Province (Not Shown on Map)

NOTE: 1, 5, 11, 15 - Operations outside of Baghdad City

15 DEATH SQUAD MISSIONS	
CELL	CELL MEMBERS
5	60





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Iraqi Security Forces conduct Sadr City Raid -- 09 Oct

ISF & Coalition Forces Advisors conducted a raid in Northeast Baghdad October 9th to capture an IED maker and key member of an illegal armed group with links to Death Squad activities.

RESULTS:

- Primary Target and 2 other persons of interest detained
- 1 hostile killed

SIGNIFICANCE:

- The primary individual detained is in charge of a unit that coordinates construction and employment of IEDs that primarily target security forces.
- The capture of this individual will severely disrupt his illegal armed group's ability to construct complex IEDs.





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

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Iraqi Army Battalion Assumes Area Responsibility:

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IP Graduate in Anbar Province:

- More than 600 Iraqi Police (IP) recruits are scheduled to graduate this week and several hundred more are due to begin training in al-Anbar Province.
 - In February, there were 14 active police stations in three of nine districts throughout Anbar manned by fewer than 3,800 policemen. There are now 33 stations operating in eight districts with more than 8,000 trained police officials.
 - The goal of Multi-National Forces-West recruiting is to have identified, trained and equipped 11,330 police by early 2007.

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



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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~128,000***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~28,400
TOTAL	~180,800**

Ministry of Defense Forces

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

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~312,400****

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



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

Ministry of Interior Removes Top Police Commanders:

- Commanders of three special police forces at the center of Sunni complaints of Shia death squads have been moved to administrative jobs under a government plan to improve the Ministry of Interior (Mol) and reduce the influence of militias on Iraq's security forces. During the previous week, the Mol said it had fired 3,000 employees accused of corruption or rights abuses and that it intended to change top commanders as part of a restructuring plan designed to bolster its ability to combat violence. It said a total of 600 from the 3,000 personnel fired will face prosecution. Brigadier General Abdel Karim Khalaf told reporters at a press conference that 1,228 officers have been sacked for breaking the law while nearly 2,000 more have been dismissed for dereliction of duty.

National Reconciliation Conference Postponed:

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

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MSC Claims Establishment of “Islamic State of Iraq”:

- Following the October 11 passage of the regions formation law (a controversial law which defines the mechanisms for provinces to merge into larger federal regions following an 18-month moratorium), a jihadist website posted a statement October 15 by the Mujahedeen Shura Council (MSC) announcing the establishment of the “Islamic State of Iraq or Dawalat al-Iraq al-Islamiyah,” that they claim would include Baghdad, Anbar, Diyala, Kirkuk, Salah ah Din, Ninewa and parts of Babil and Wasit. The video urged all Iraqi Sunnis to pledge allegiance to Shaykh Abu-Umar Al-Baghdadi, the supposed leader of the MSC.



[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	\$4,978.05	\$4,989.36	\$11.31	\$4,940.92	\$4,989.36	\$48.43	\$4,621.49	\$4,658.12	\$36.63
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,239.51	\$4,171.75	\$4,096.61	-\$75.14	\$4,122.17	\$4,096.61	-\$25.56	\$2,596.96	\$2,665.74	\$68.78
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,687.46	\$1,604.61	-\$82.85	\$1,684.63	\$1,604.61	-\$80.03	\$1,131.22	\$1,140.33	\$9.11
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,304.15	\$1,266.42	\$1,297.67	\$31.25	\$1,206.71	\$1,297.67	\$90.96	\$930.07	\$916.69	-\$13.38
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$999.72	\$1,001.53	\$1.81	\$998.35	\$1,001.53	\$3.18	\$846.64	\$851.83	\$5.19
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.50	\$399.71	\$401.15	\$1.45	\$382.42	\$401.15	\$18.74	\$308.98	\$318.57	\$9.59
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$333.60	\$329.01	\$326.47	-\$2.54	\$328.44	\$326.47	-\$1.98	\$194.52	\$195.12	\$0.61
Health Care	\$818.90	\$818.90	\$781.97	\$801.30	\$19.33	\$779.18	\$801.30	\$22.12	\$528.53	\$533.72	\$5.19
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$464.12	\$446.97	\$458.24	\$11.27	\$423.43	\$458.24	\$34.81	\$313.90	\$315.32	\$1.41
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,088.12	\$2,056.79	-\$31.33	\$2,054.08	\$2,056.79	\$2.71	\$1,282.37	\$1,296.35	\$13.98
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$795.14	\$813.62	\$18.49	\$791.12	\$813.62	\$22.51	\$719.25	\$728.73	\$9.49
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$151.76	\$129.62	-\$22.14
Total	\$18,448.95	\$18,448.95	\$18,156.75	\$18,059.77	-\$96.98	\$17,923.88	\$18,059.77	\$135.89	\$13,625.68	\$13,750.13	\$124.46
IRRF II Construction			\$10,423.91	\$10,250.85	-\$173.06	\$10,286.66	\$10,250.85	-\$35.81	\$7,292.44	\$7,359.19	\$66.75
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,733.12	\$6,807.40	\$74.28	\$6,638.87	\$6,807.40	\$168.53	\$5,538.20	\$5,539.11	\$0.91
IRRF II Democracy			\$999.72	\$1,001.53	\$1.81	\$998.35	\$1,001.53	\$3.18	\$846.64	\$851.83	\$5.19
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	\$20,630.05	\$20,533.07	-\$96.98	\$20,156.18	\$20,292.07	\$135.89	\$15,764.68	\$15,889.13	\$124.46

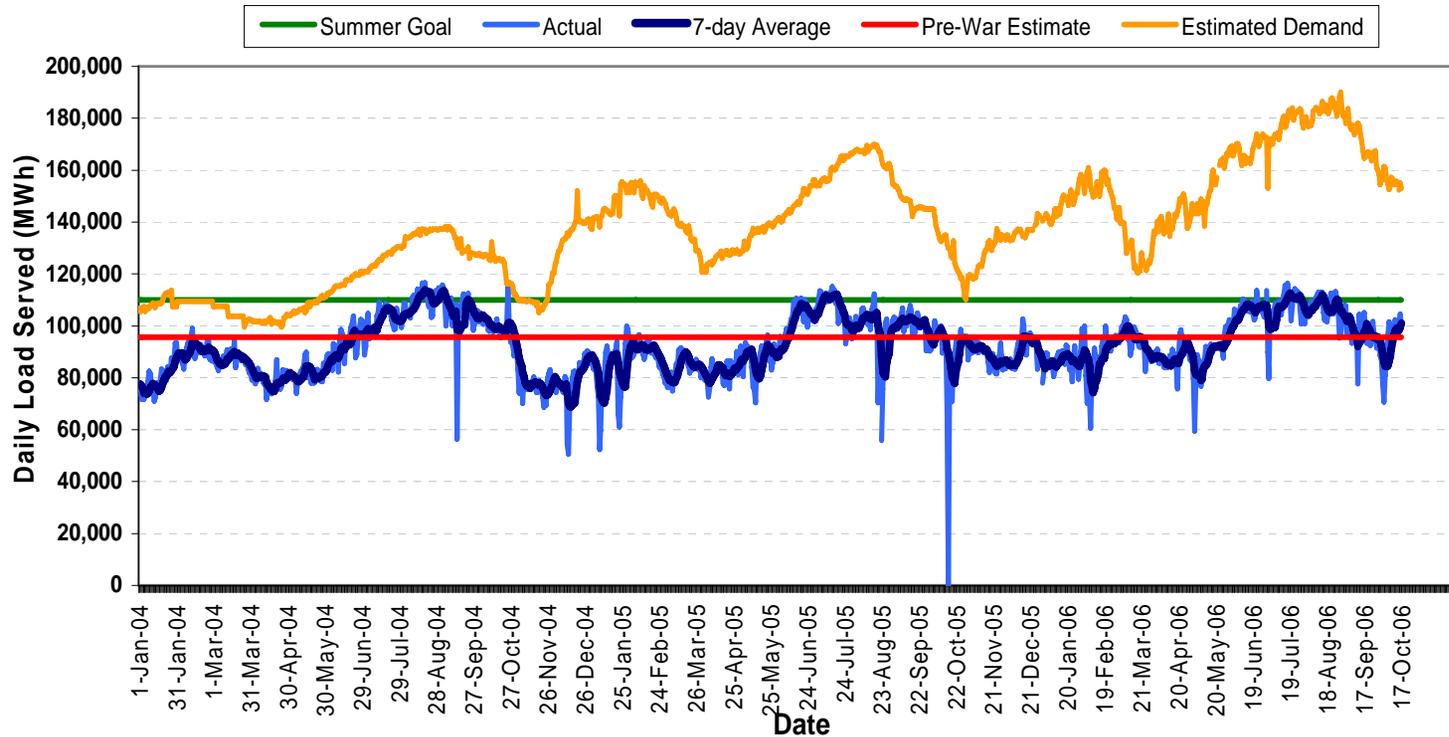
As of October 17, 2006



[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 11-17, electricity availability averaged 6.2 hours per day in Baghdad and 12.7 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 16% above the same period in 2005.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services –**Education, Ports and Health Care**

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Education:

- The Arabian Moons Company completed the al-Sanabol Primary School Re-Award, \$52,400 Commander’s Emergency Relief Funds (CERP) project in Mahmoudiyah, Rashid, Baghdad province October 10. The project renovated the interior and exterior walls, windows and doors and upgraded the HVAC, mechanical and electrical systems of the school.

Ports:

- Construction was completed on the Umm Qasr security fence project at the port in Basrah province October 5. The \$4.1 million U.S. Army-funded project installed approximately eight kilometers of security fencing around the North and South port facilities. The project also included an interior perimeter access road, observation posts, perimeter lighting, two controlled points of entry and back-up power capability.

Health Care:

- Officials from the Ministry of Health, local council members and soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, opened the Tarmiya Medical Clinic’s new surgical and pregnancy wing in Camp Taji. The \$400,000 US Army-funded project includes operating rooms, labor and delivery facilities and recovery rooms.

[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 13 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$51.52/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$58.75/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$58.50/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$55.98/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)	21,885	21,885	0.00%
USAID	76,560	68,371	-10.70%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	687	687	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	159	151	-5.03%
CERP*	7,234	7,234	0.00%
MNSTC-I	9,820	11,521	17.32%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	11,342	11,342	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	127,687	121,191	-5.09%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

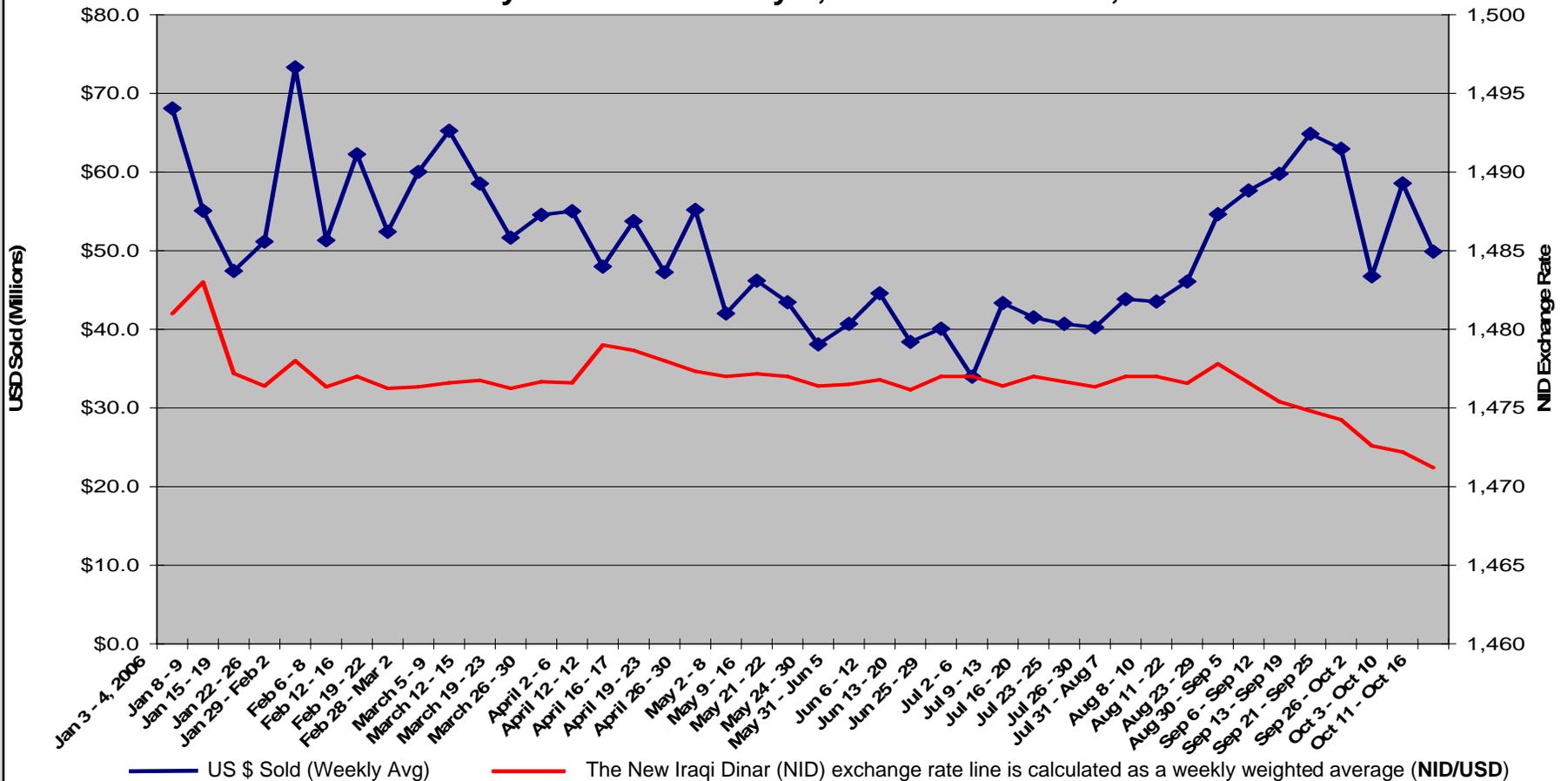


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 CBI has begun slowly appreciating the dinar in response to rampant inflation over the past year.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – October 16, 2006



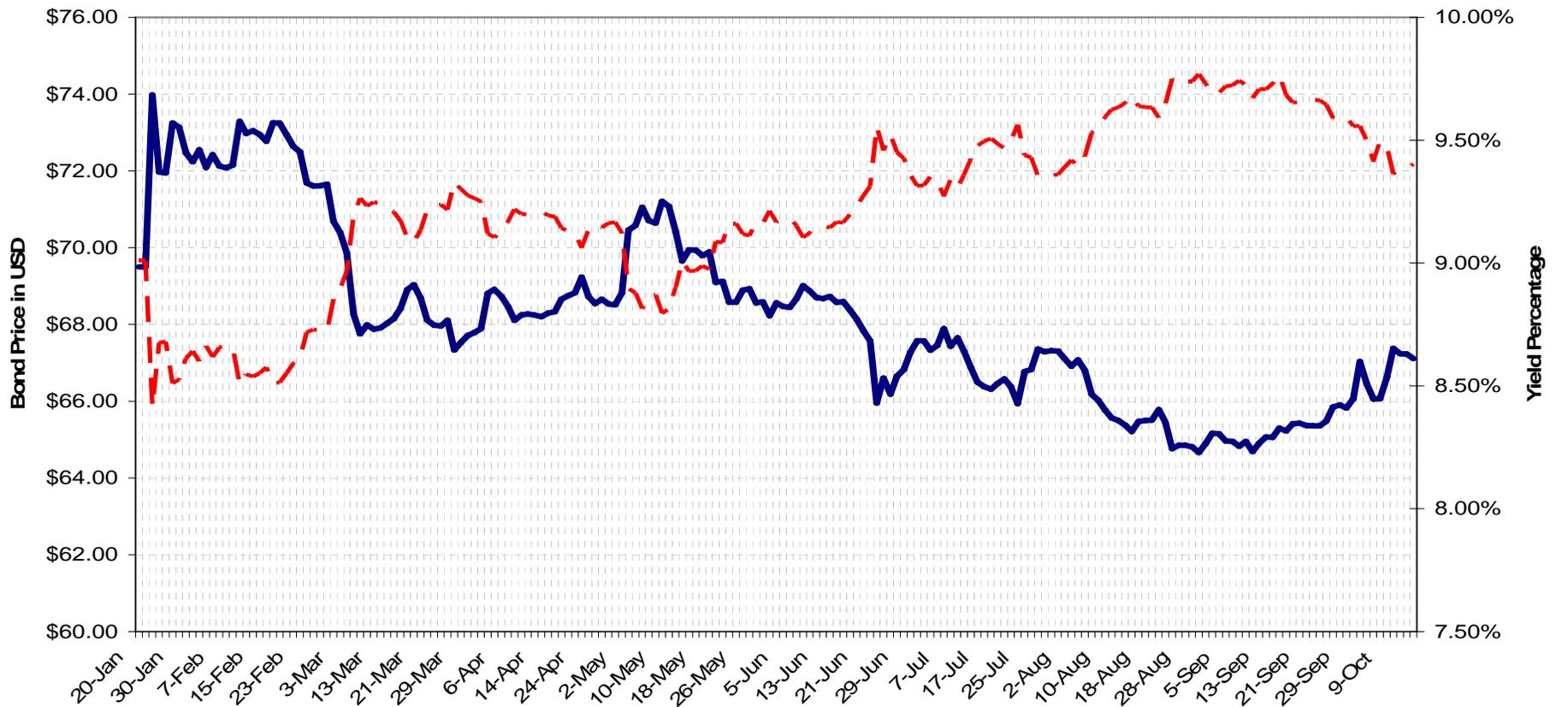


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales January 20, 2006 - October 13, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)

— Bond Price — Yield

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

Inflation:

- Iraq's price levels declined in September by 12.8%, driven down by a 41% fall in fuel/electricity and a 33% fall in transportation prices. Year-on-year inflation is 51.6% and year-to-date inflation is 33.1%. Though this is somewhat encouraging, Iraq remains the country with the second highest rate of inflation in the world. The fall in fuel and transportation prices disguised some significant increases in other sectors, including clothing, household goods and miscellaneous goods and services.

Turkey Fuel Imports:

- Turkish and Iraqi delegations resolved a three-year old issue October 4 when they agreed on a payment scheme for disputed arrears for fuel imports totaling around \$200 million.

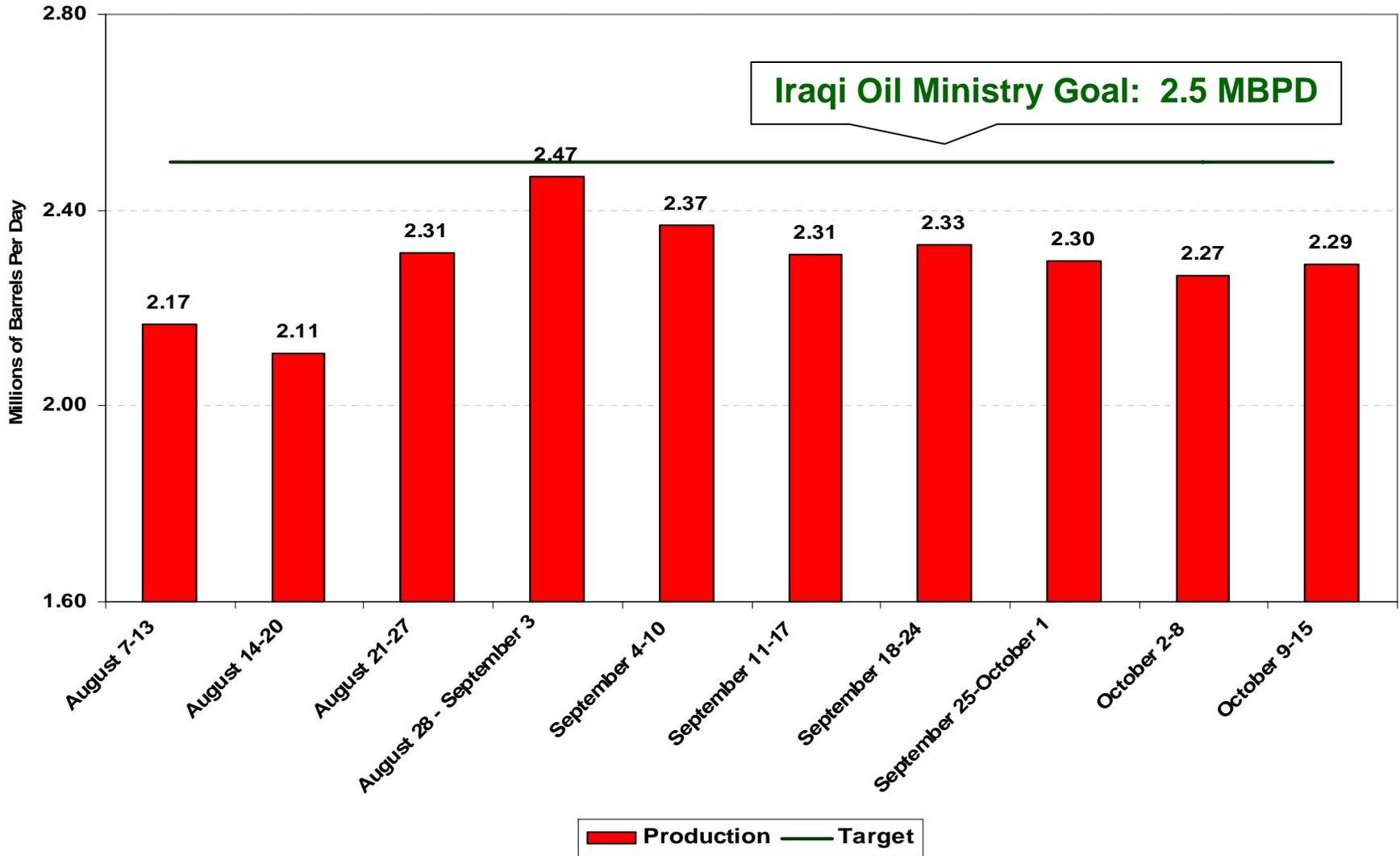
Investment Law:

- The Council of Representatives passed an Investment Law October 10 that will provide a legal and regulatory framework for foreign investment in Iraq. Work is now underway within Ministries on implementing regulations for the law.



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

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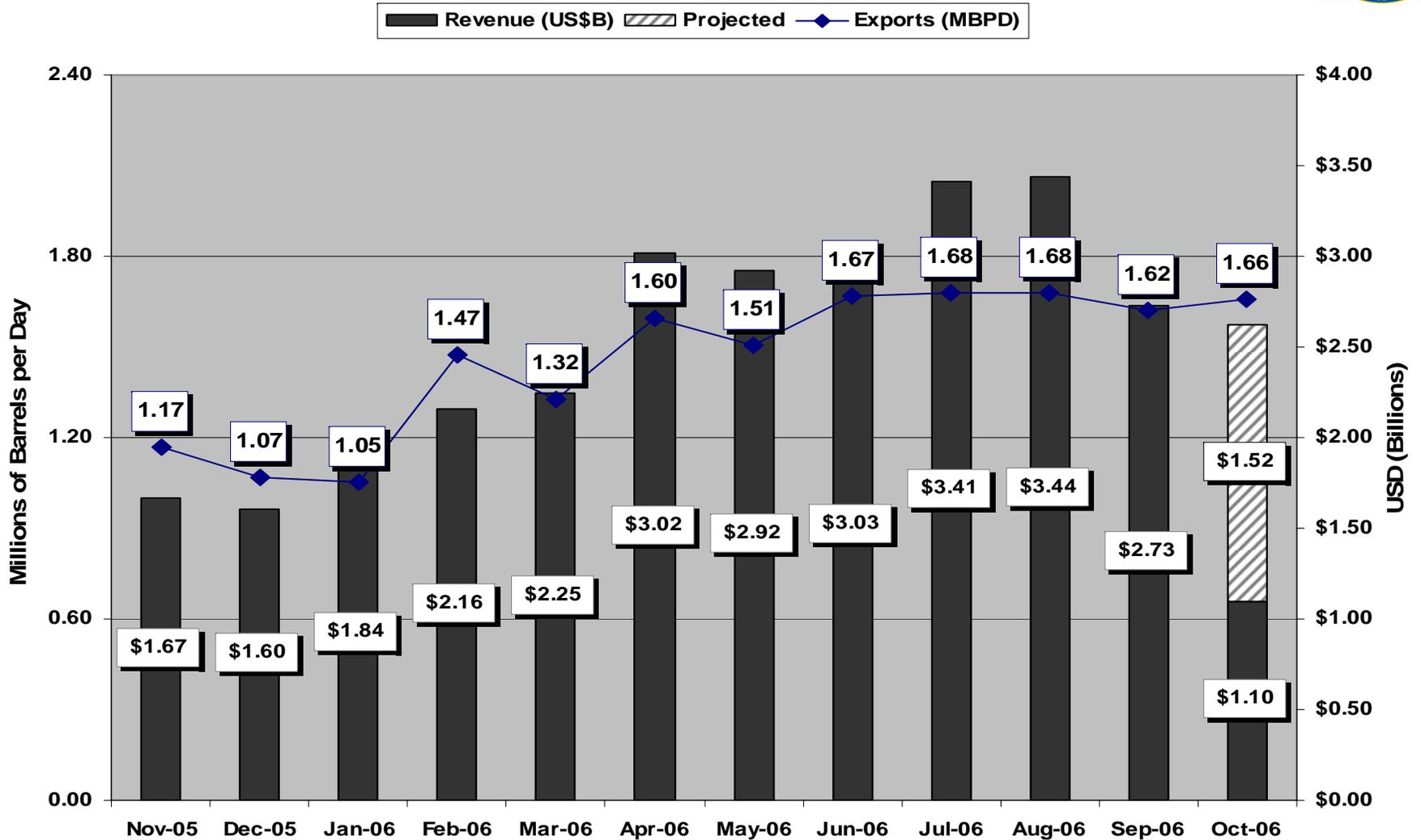


- Weekly Average (October 9-15) of 2.29 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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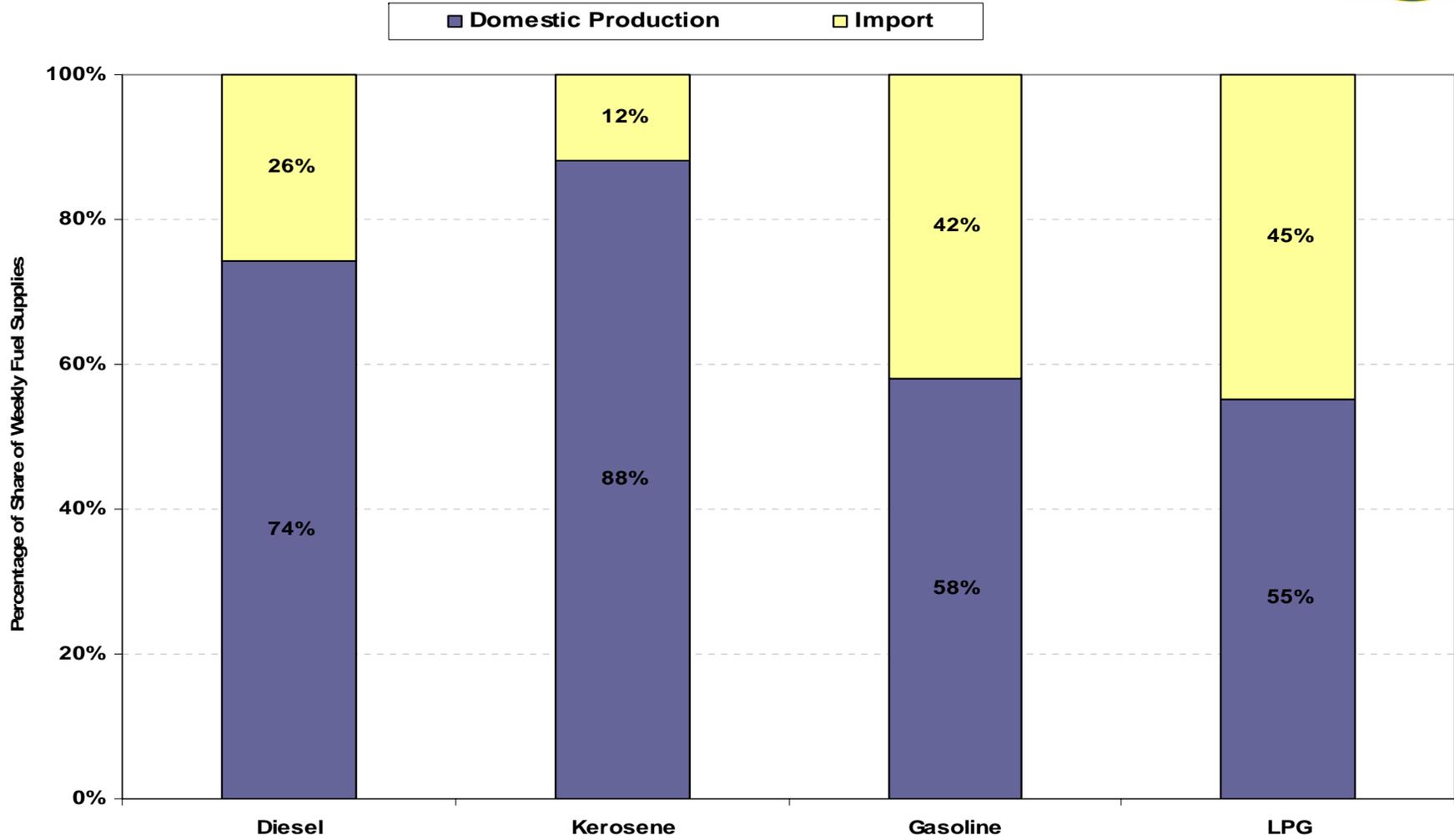


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$25.9 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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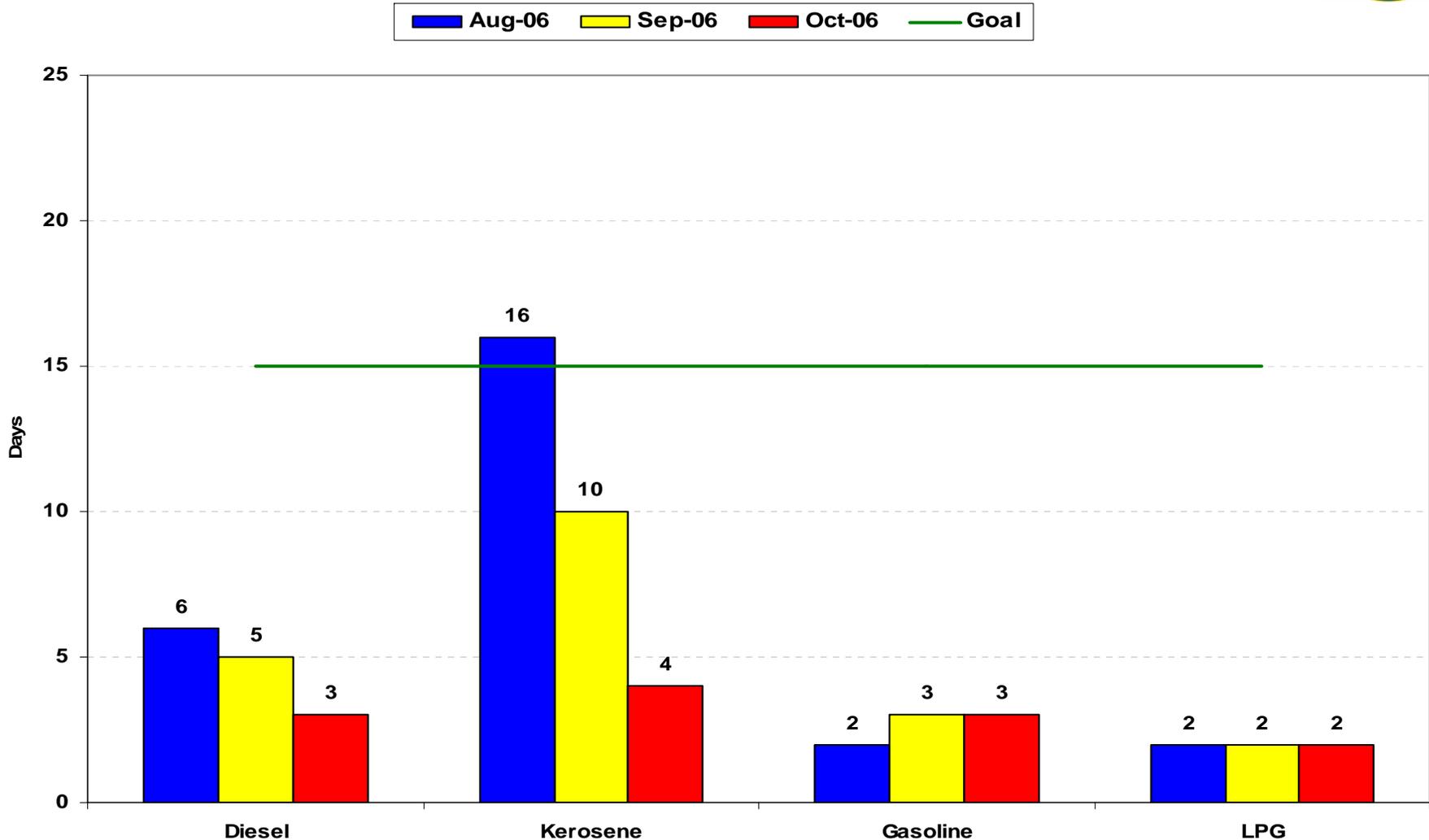
Note: This is a daily average for the week of October 9-15

- Diesel: 11.3 ML supply of 23.4 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.0 ML supply of 15.3 ML target
- Gasoline: 16.2 ML supply of 27.4 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

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CCCI Convicts 65 Insurgents:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 65 people September 15 - October 4 for various crimes including possession of illegal weapons; using or forging IDs and weapons permits; heading, leading, and joining armed groups; escaping from prison; attempted use of explosives; threatening another person with commission of felony against his person or property; and illegal border crossing.
- The trial court found one Iraqi man guilty of violating Article 4 of the Terrorist Law for joining armed groups to participate in terrorist activities and sentenced him to death. The defendant is a known member of al-Qaida.
- Since its establishment in April 2004, the CCCI has held 1,612 trials for Coalition-apprehended insurgents. The proceedings have resulted in 1,374 convictions with sentences ranging up to death.



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

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EU Extends Rule of Law Mission in Iraq:

- The European Union Council of Foreign Ministers extended the mandate of the EU Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq (EUJUST LEX) until December 31, 2007.
- EUJUST LEX, whose mandate was to expire on October 31, was designed to provide senior members of the judiciary, police, and corrections officials with training in management and criminal investigation. Training takes place in EU states as well as in Baghdad.

Saudi Arabia Against Regions Formation Law:

- The official Saudi Press Agency reported October 17 that the Saudi government was against the regions formation law – which would divide Iraq into federal regions – and said it instead supported Iraqi politicians who seek a united country.
- Saudi King Abdullah met with prominent Iraqi Sunni and Shiite clerics October 14 in Mecca, urging them to seek an end to sectarian violence in their country.

New Danish Ambassador Welcomed:

- Ambassador Khalilzad met Ambassador Bo Eric Weber, the new Danish Ambassador to Iraq during an office call at the US Embassy October 15.



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

Data as of October 18, 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 ~ 17,239 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

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

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Iraqi Media Targeted:

- Gunmen raided the Baghdad headquarters of new Sunni Arab satellite television station Shaabiya October 12, killing the board chairman and ten others – making it the second attack on an Iraqi station in Baghdad in as many weeks. The station was founded in July and plans to begin its broadcasting as scheduled following the end of Ramadan.
- Ambassador Khalilzad and General George Casey issued a joint statement following the raid condemning the attack and said that the “Iraqi media made great strides in the last three and half years” and have “evolved from a state-controlled body to hundreds of independent outlets providing the Iraqi people with a variety of news, opinion, and entertainment.”
- A day after the raid, Raed Qais al-Shammari – an Iraqi journalist working for the government-run al-Iraqiya channel – was killed in a drive-by shooting in southern Baghdad October 13.
- These attacks follow an October 1 car bombing on the al-Rafidain television station, which killed two pedestrians and wounded five station employees.
- In another attack, police said the body of Kurdish radio reporter Azad Mohammed Hussein was identified in the Baghdad morgue after his abduction a week ago.



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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