

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

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2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

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

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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 23 individuals October 27-November 1 for various crimes including possession of illegal weapons, possessing fake civil affairs and fake military identifications, using or taking advantage of someone else's identification, heading, leading, joining armed groups and illegal border crossing.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

British Prime Minister Tony Blair called on Iran and Syria to join efforts to reduce violence in Iraq and emphasized the need for a broad Middle East strategy. This would include making clear to Damascus and Tehran that they can help in the region if they renounce terrorism and, in the case of Iran, its nuclear ambitions.

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

Gunmen shot and killed Muhammad Mahmoud al-Ban, an al-Sharqiya TV cameraman November 13 in Mosul.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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Air Strike Kills Three Terrorists Linked to Baghdad VBIED Network:

- A Coalition Forces (CF) air strike in Yusifiyah killed three terrorists who were linked to a local vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) facilitation network November 13. CF tracked the terrorists' movement on the outskirts of Yusifiyah and engaged and destroyed the vehicle with precision fire. The operation's results are anticipated to significantly disrupt VBIED production in the Baghdad region.

CF Target Al-Qaida Terrorists:

- Acting upon numerous credible intelligence sources November 8, CF near Muqdadiya killed ten al-Qaida terrorists responsible for bringing Foreign Fighters (FF) into the Muqdadiya area. At the objective site, CF also located and rescued an Iraqi policeman who had been taken hostage six days prior.
- In a separate action, CF detained ten suspected terrorists in an early morning raid in Baghdad November 12. Credible intelligence indicates the suspected terrorists have ties to key leaders of al-Qaida in Iraq's network and are associated with the housing, movement and enabling of FF in Iraq, including the organization of suicide operations within Baghdad.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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ISF Capture Insurgents:

- Iraqi Special Forces, with Coalition advisors, conducted a raid November 12 in Arab A' Jabur, capturing four members of an insurgent cell believed to be responsible for murders, kidnappings and bomb attacks against Iraqi civilians and Iraqi Security Forces (ISF).
- In another raid in Haswah November 13, Iraqi police, with Coalition advisors, captured six wanted insurgents who were allegedly responsible for Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) attacks, extortion, murder, kidnapping and car theft in the Haswah and Baghdad areas.
- Additionally, 8th Iraqi Army (IA) Division forces, with Coalition advisers, conducted a raid November 11 near Suwayrah and captured the suspected leader of an insurgent cell responsible for a coordinated attack that destroyed an IA headquarters in Suwayrah and for a car bomb attack in Suwayrah that killed at least nine and injured more than 50 Iraqi civilians.



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

IP Sign-Up 400 New Recruits in Ramadi:

- Over 400 men joined the Iraqi Police (IP) during a recent three-day recruiting drive in Ramadi, forming the largest IP class to date from the Ramadi area.

Suicide Bombers Kill 35 Police Recruits in Baghdad:

- Two suicide bombers attacked an Iraqi National Police base in west Baghdad's Qadissiyah neighborhood November 12, killing 35 potential recruits and wounding another 60.

Military Academy Instructors Complete Training:

- Military instructors from two of the three Iraqi military academies graduated from the trainer course at the Iraqi Military Academy – Zakho (IMAZ) November 9. The students, 16 from IMAZ and eight from the Iraqi Military Academy - al-Rustamayah, spent five weeks improving the skills they will use to instruct and train new Iraqi Army officers.
- The concept of the course was based on instruction from the British Brecon Academy where two other classes of Iraqi academy instructors have already attended training.



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

MoD Communications Network Adds New Technicians:

- Eight students graduated from a three-week specialized communication training class on the Defense Private Network (DPN), a new communication network used by the Ministry of Defense (MoD) November 9. The class was the first of four on the system and featured two weeks of classroom study and one week of hands-on training.
- Comprised of 18 self-sustained switching centers, the DPN is a new nationwide network system of wireless voice and data transmission switching stations that provides private communications to more than 200,000 uniformed and civilian MoD employees, allowing for quick and responsive information flow from commanders in the field to the MoD.
- The network currently supports 4,300 users and 28,000 calls per day, using only 15-20% of its potential capacity.



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

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Iraq Announces Plans to Increase the Size of the Iraqi Military:

- The Government of Iraq (GoI) announced October 31 an initiative to increase the Iraqi military by approximately 18,700 troops. This initiative, which will reportedly be financed solely by the GoI, will provide the Iraqi Army with three additional division command headquarters, five additional brigade command headquarters, 20 additional battalions and one additional special operations battalion.
- This new initiative is in addition to a previously announced plan from the Prime Minister to add an additional 12,000 troops to the existing force structure, allowing the 112 existing combat brigades to each be staffed to 110% of their current authorized levels to offset temporary absences created by attrition and leaves.

IP Graduate 4,462 from Basic Training Courses in October:

- The IP Service graduated 4,462 police recruits from the ten-week basic training courses during October 2006. Additionally, 2,122 police students completed the three-week Transition Integration Program (TIP) for police officers with prior experience.
- To date, more than 87,000 IP have completed the eight or ten week basic training courses and nearly 50,000 police have completed the three-week TIP.



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

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~28,800
TOTAL	~188,200**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~132,400***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~134,400**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~322,600****

- * 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 November 15, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

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Maliki Calls for “Comprehensive” Cabinet Reshuffle:

- Prime Minister Maliki told parliamentarians November 12 in a closed session that he was planning a “comprehensive” reshuffle of ministers in his national unity government, and scolded lawmakers for failing to show their loyalty to a united Iraq.
- The move is aimed at addressing the six-month-old government's failure to curb widespread corruption, reduce sectarian violence and improve public services. Speaking to a closed session of Parliament, Maliki did not disclose which ministers he planned to replace, but legislators close to the Prime Minister said he intends to maintain the political distribution of the current cabinet seats.
- Prime Ministerial Press Adviser Yassin Majid said that the reshuffle could include between seven and nine ministers, but did not give specific names.
- Iraqi parliamentarians have been forecasting a reshuffle for months, but this is the clearest indication from the government so far that a change in the government is imminent.



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

Iraq Accord Front Threatens Political Withdrawal:

- The main Sunni voting bloc in the Council of Representatives, the Iraqi Accord Front, threatened November 8 to withdraw from the political process and start carrying weapons if their demands are not met. The French Press Agency published a report that the Accord Front’s spokesman, Salim Abd Allah al-Jabouri, said that the Accord Front presented the political parties with a letter concerning their demands, which included dissolving militias and allowing only governmental forces to carry weapons.

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

Mass Abduction at Baghdad Research Institute:

- Dozens of employees of a government research institute in Baghdad were abducted November 14 by unknown gunmen in police uniforms claiming to be on an official anti-corruption mission with the Commission for Public Integrity (CPI) and that they had lists of wanted individuals. The head of the parliamentary education committee, Alaa Makki, said the abductees had been both Shia and Sunni and included the institute's deputy general directors, employees and visitors. Iraq's higher education minister ordered universities closed and asked the interior and defense ministries to protect universities and the ministry's departments.
- Iraq's interior minister ordered the arrest and interrogation of several high-ranking police officers over their handling of security. The police brigade commander in charge of the area, the police chief of Karrada - where the kidnappings took place - and a number of police officers are reportedly facing disciplinary action, though they are not suspects in the actual kidnappings.
- The BBC reports Prime Minister Maliki has called for the immediate arrests of those behind the kidnappings, saying that "what happened was not terrorism, rather it was due to dispute and conflict between militias from one side or another." Since the abduction, authorities have reported that 40 captives have been released. Reports differ over the number still held captive.



[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	\$4,986.68	\$4,986.68	\$0.00	\$4,984.21	\$4,984.21	\$0.00	\$4,664.07	\$4,666.84	\$2.77
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,239.51	\$4,236.07	\$4,236.97	\$0.89	\$4,095.27	\$4,095.27	\$0.00	\$2,785.95	\$2,805.01	\$19.06
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,721.94	\$1,723.05	\$1.11	\$1,604.61	\$1,618.24	\$13.64	\$1,193.48	\$1,198.19	\$4.70
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,304.15	\$1,304.06	\$1,304.05	-\$0.01	\$1,297.66	\$1,297.66	-\$0.01	\$938.69	\$939.06	\$0.37
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$0.00	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$0.00	\$857.12	\$857.12	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.50	\$401.21	\$401.21	\$0.00	\$401.21	\$401.21	\$0.00	\$329.14	\$329.15	\$0.01
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$333.60	\$332.38	\$332.45	\$0.07	\$326.48	\$326.50	\$0.02	\$201.61	\$201.97	\$0.37
Health Care	\$818.90	\$818.90	\$815.39	\$817.19	\$1.80	\$801.31	\$801.31	\$0.00	\$549.37	\$549.53	\$0.16
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$464.12	\$464.12	\$464.11	-\$0.01	\$458.24	\$458.24	\$0.00	\$325.27	\$325.36	\$0.09
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,107.35	\$2,128.46	\$21.12	\$2,056.75	\$2,056.58	-\$0.17	\$1,348.14	\$1,350.37	\$2.23
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$0.00	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$0.00	\$733.83	\$740.85	\$7.02
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$138.01	\$138.01	\$0.00
Total	\$18,448.95	\$18,448.95	\$18,397.44	\$18,422.42	\$24.98	\$18,053.99	\$18,067.46	\$13.47	\$14,064.68	\$14,101.45	\$36.78
IRRF II Construction			\$10,593.22	\$10,596.05	\$2.84	\$10,249.77	\$10,262.85	\$13.08	\$7,590.62	\$7,615.39	\$24.77
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,802.37	\$6,824.52	\$22.15	\$6,802.37	\$6,802.77	\$0.40	\$5,616.94	\$5,628.94	\$12.00
IRRF II Democracy			\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$0.00	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$0.00	\$857.12	\$857.12	\$0.00
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	\$20,870.74	\$20,895.72	\$24.98	\$20,286.29	\$20,299.76	\$13.47	\$16,203.68	\$16,240.45	\$36.78

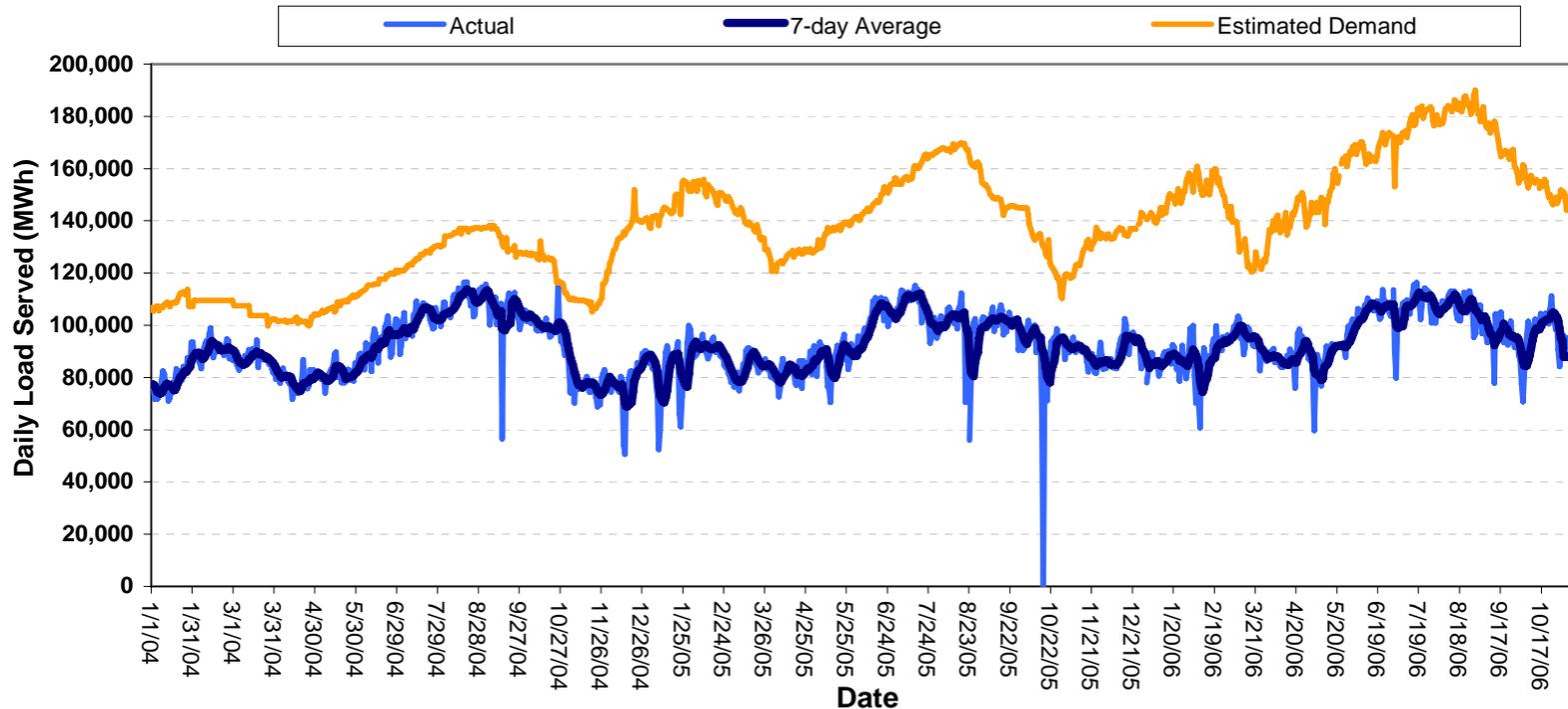
As of November 14, 2006



[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 November 8-14, electricity availability averaged 6.5 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.5 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was three per cent below the same period in 2005.



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

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Essential Services:

- The Zafraniyah paving, storm drains and curbs project was completed in Baghdad province October 29. The \$8.1 million Commander’s Emergency Relief Fund project improves the quality of roadways in Zafraniyah and helps to protect the sewer, water, telephone and electrical lines.

Health Care:

- Construction on Phase III of the Najaf Teaching Hospital is 88% complete and is estimated for completion December 31. The \$9.95 million Iraq Reconstruction and Relief Fund project is a design-build, firm fixed price contract awarded to the Al-Shafiy Group, a local Iraqi company, to renovate and repair the hospital. This refurbished hospital will serve as the primary medical teaching facility in Najaf City.



[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 November 10 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$51.70/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$57.61/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$59.91/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$57.14/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)	21,393	21,393	0.00%
USAID	62,684	60,705	-3.16%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	687	687	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	98	98	0.00%
CERP*	7,234	7,234	0.00%
MNSTC-I	7,724	10,639	37.74%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	6,435	6,435	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	106,255	107,191	0.88%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.



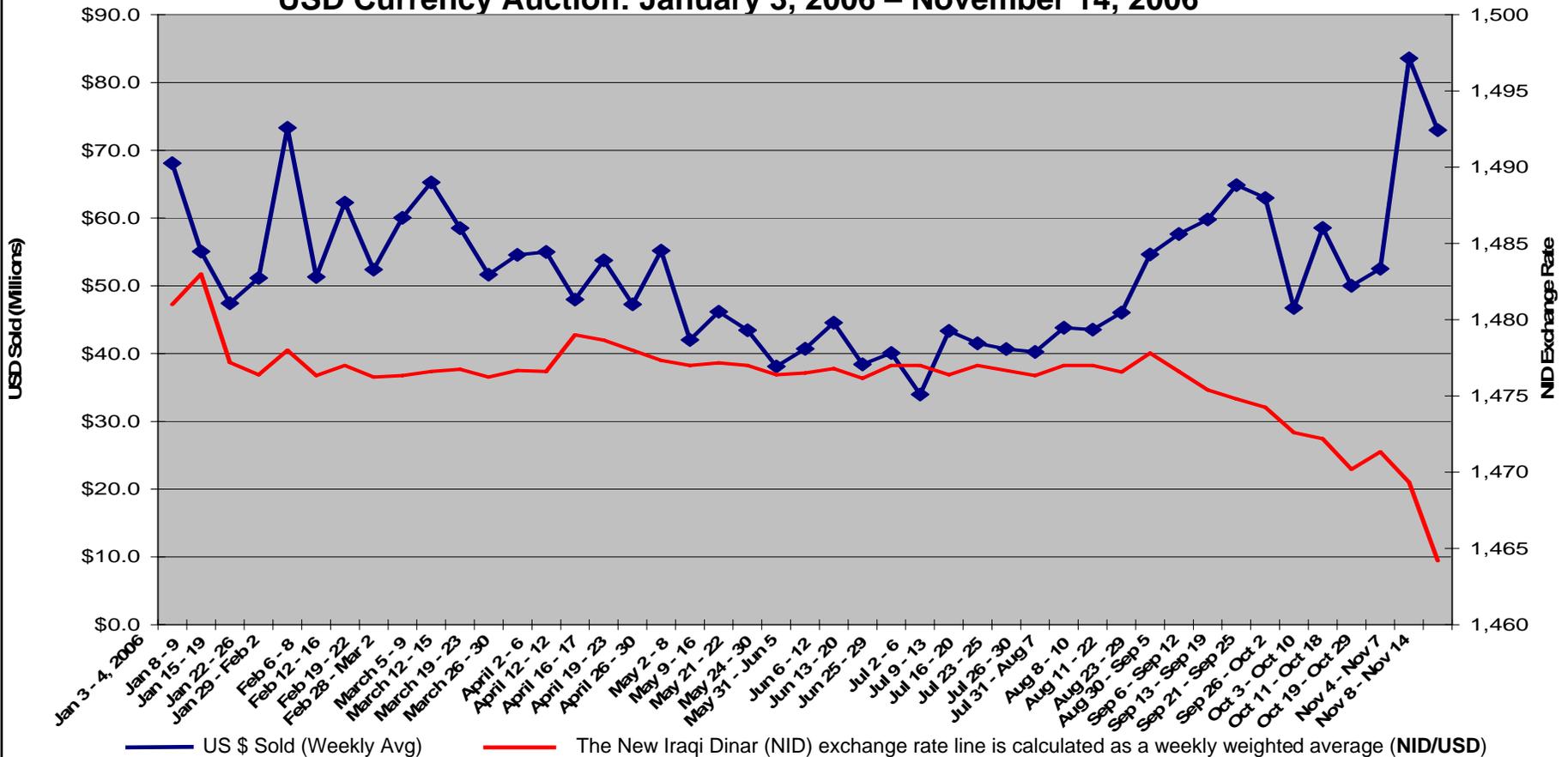
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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. Since September, the Central Bank has begun slowly appreciating the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, to tackle rampant inflation over the past year. This important and welcome appreciation accounts for the downturn in the dinar exchange rate, as shown in the figure below.

Central Bank of Iraq

USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – November 14, 2006



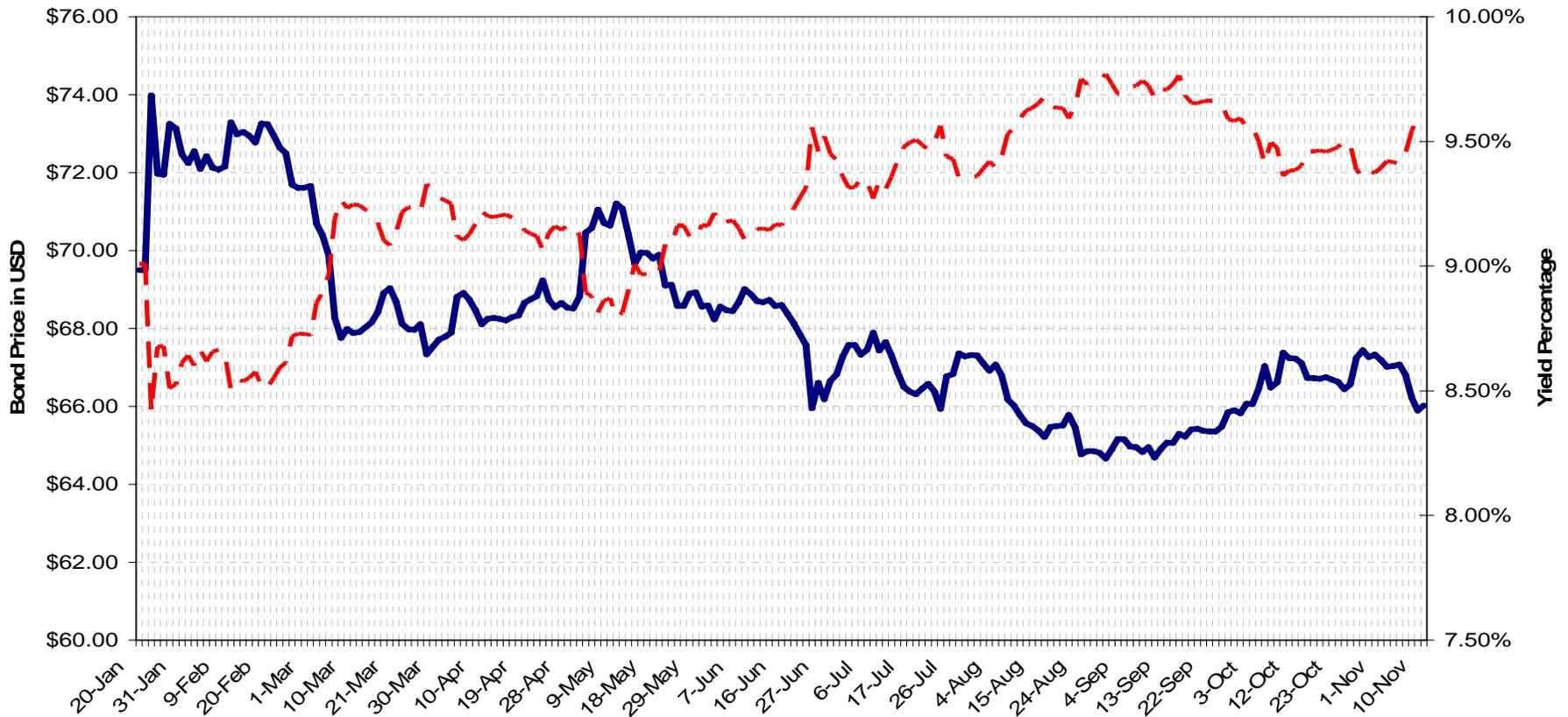


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - November 10, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)

— Bond Price — Yield



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

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Private Banking Sector:

- Multinational bank HSBC recently opened branches in Erbil and Basrah. HSBC now has 400 Iraqi and seven expatriate staff working in a total of 14 branches throughout the country.

Employment of Iraqi Contractors:

- US government agencies engaged in reconstruction have continued to make greater use of local firms through direct contracting. As of fall 2006, over 50% of the contracted Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund projects have gone directly to Iraqi firms.

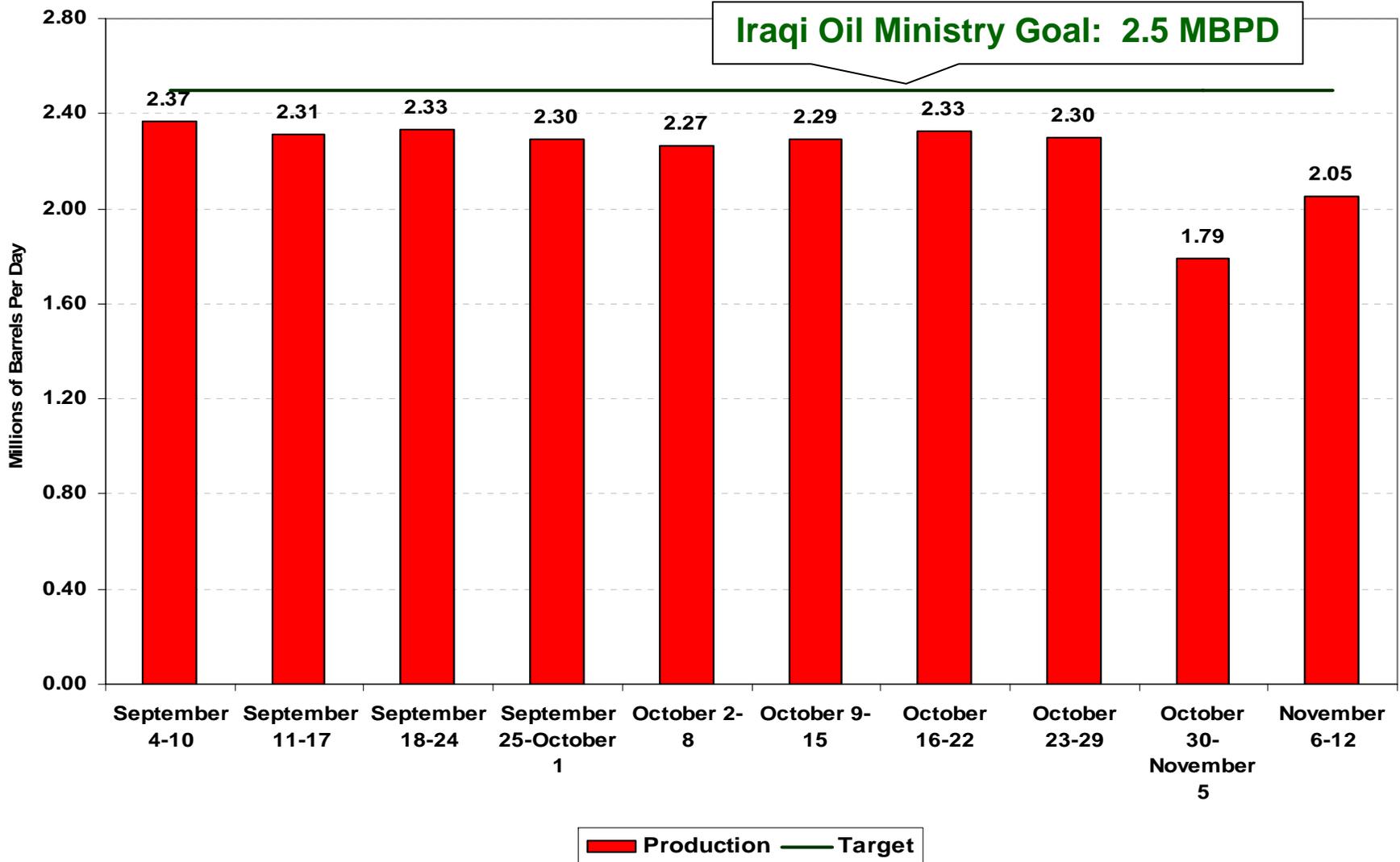
Agriculture Sector:

- The Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Program for Iraq (ARDI) is importing 173 seed cleaners to be distributed throughout the country. Normally, seeds available to the Iraqi farmers have extraneous material such as rocks, twigs, dirt and seeds of multiple types of crops. Test plots with cleaned seed have produced two-to-six times the yield of fields without the cleaned seed.
- ARDI conducted a workshop with Iraqi veterinary organizations. The course began with a discussion on the transition of Iraq's economy from central planning to market-orientation and an introduction to basic economic principles. The Veterinary Syndicate will be able to use these skills immediately as they develop and maintain private service providers.



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

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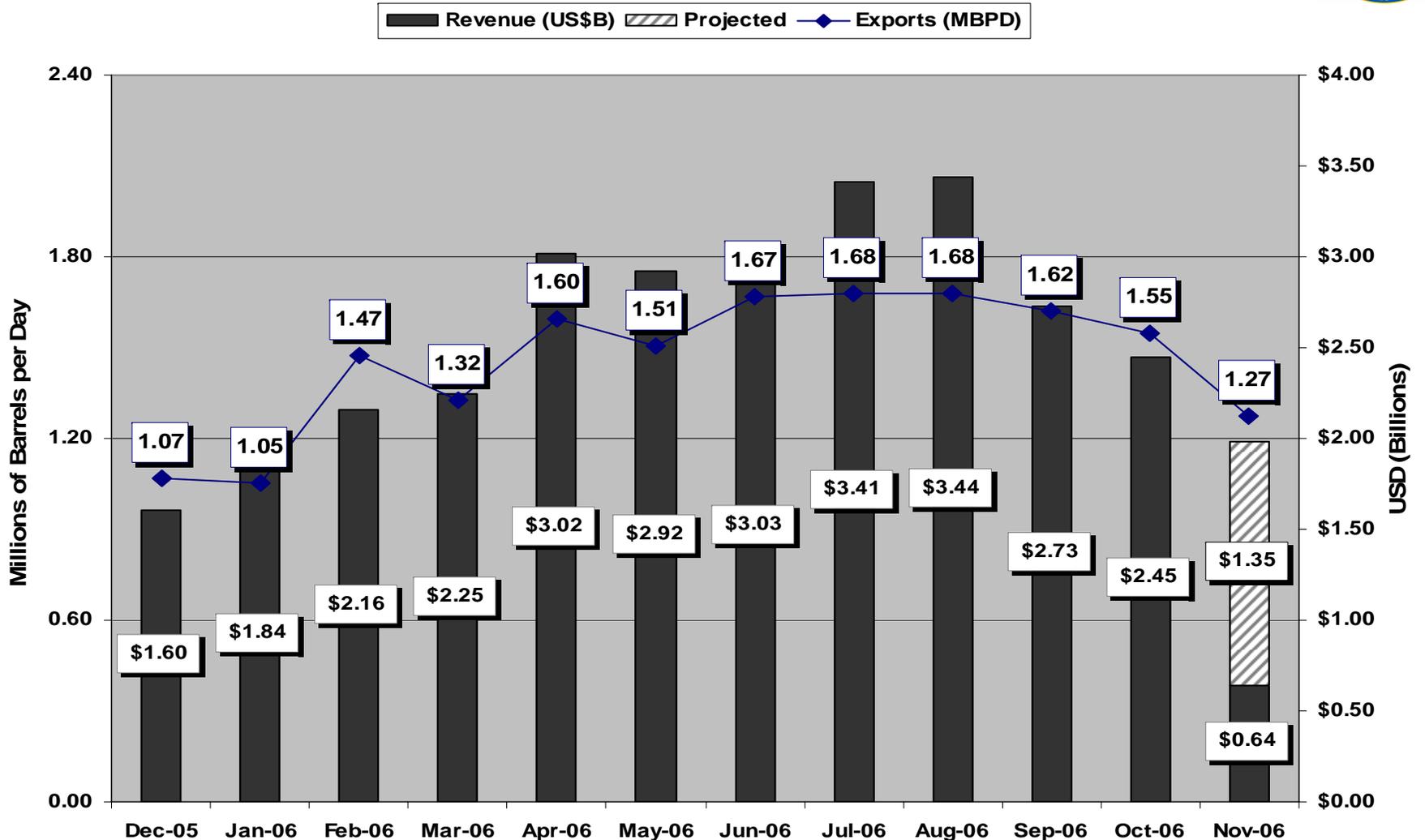


- Weekly Average (November 6 – 12) of 2.05 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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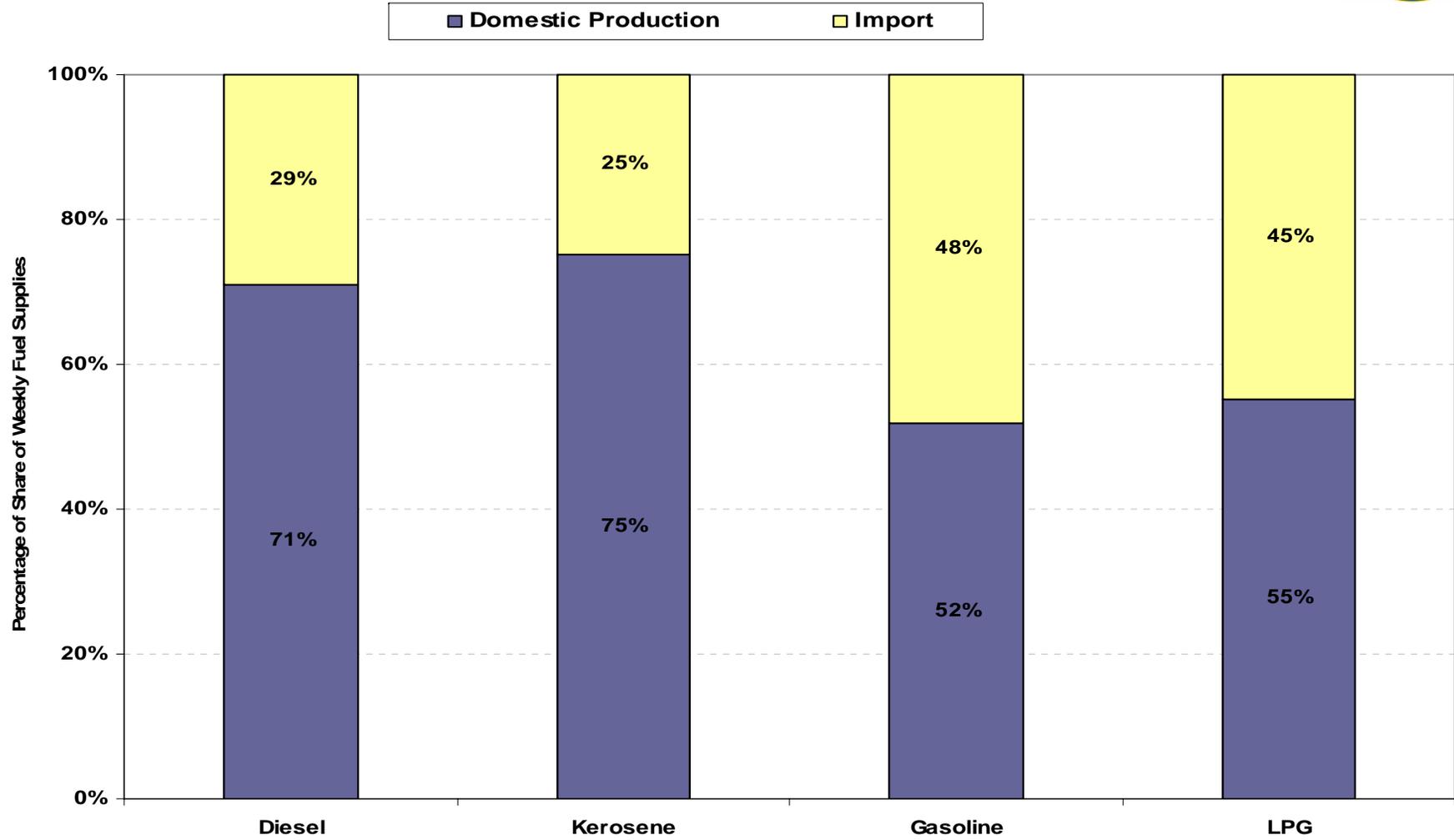


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$27.9 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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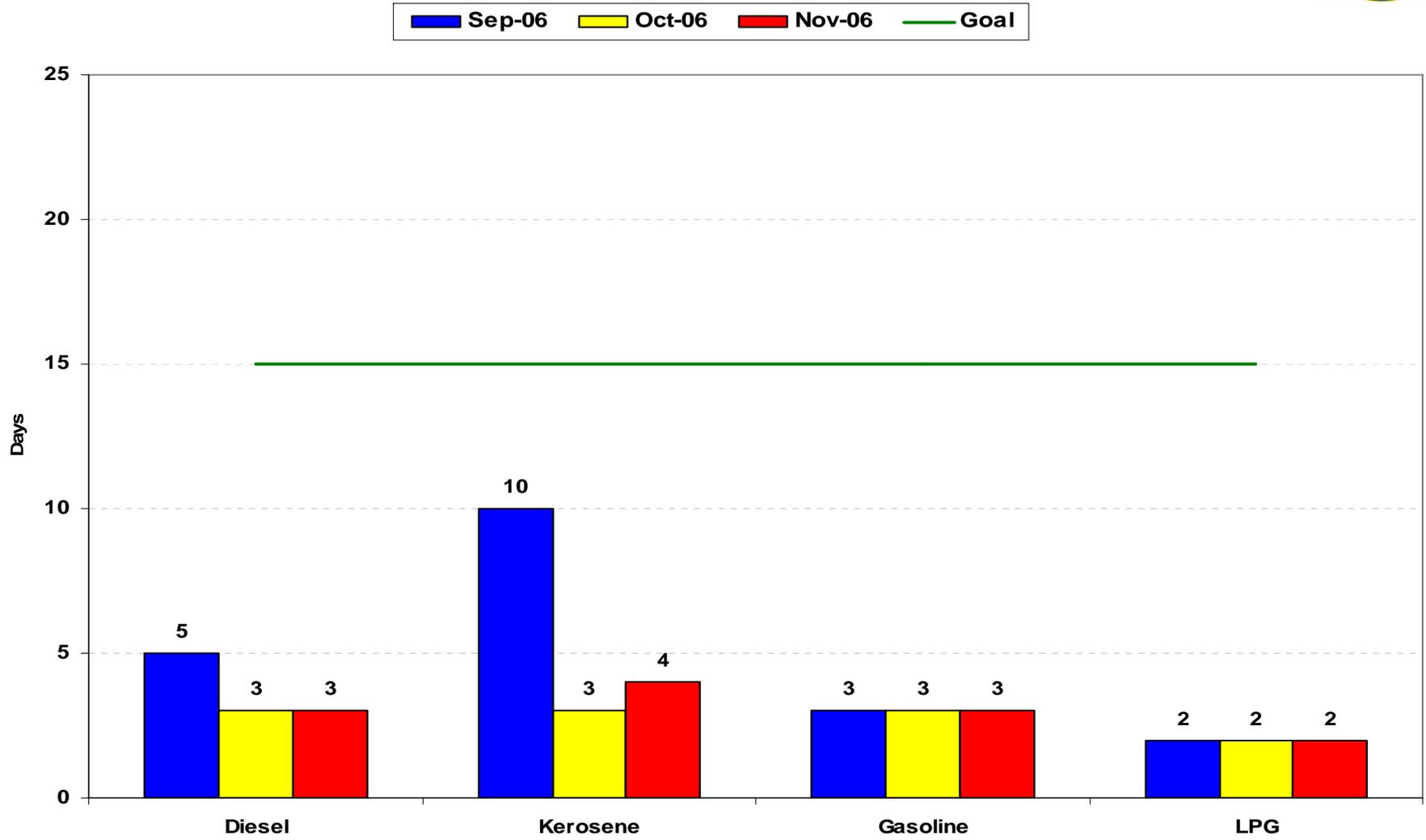
Note: This is a daily average for the week of November 6 – 12

- Diesel: 11.4 ML supply of 23.4 ML target
- Kerosene: 7.1 ML supply of 16.4 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.9 ML supply of 27.4 ML target
- LPG: 2,839 tons supply of 5,500 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

CCCI Convicts 23 Insurgents:

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- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 23 individuals October 27- November 1 for various crimes including possession of illegal weapons, possessing fake civil affair and fake military identifications, using or taking advantage of someone else’s identification, heading, leading, joining armed groups and illegal border crossing.
- The trial court found a Saudi Arabian man guilty of joining armed groups to unsettle the security and stability of Iraq and endangering people’s lives in violation of Article 4/1 of the Iraqi Penal Code. The defendant admitted to coming into Iraq illegally to fight. The trial panel sentenced the man to the death penalty November 1.
- The trial court found four Iraqi men guilty of possession of illegal weapons in violation of Section 6, Paragraph 2B. The men were apprehended after conducting an attack on Multi-National Forces. A search of their vehicle revealed two RPG launchers, two PKM and one RPD machine guns, five AK-47s and a video camera used to film the attack. All four defendants were sentenced to 30 years imprisonment November 1.
- Since its establishment in April 2004, the CCCI has held 1,683 trials for Coalition-apprehended insurgents. The proceedings have resulted in 1,447 convictions with sentences ranging up to death.



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

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Prime Minister Blair Calls on Iran and Syria to Help in “Wider” Middle East Peace:

- British Prime Minister Tony Blair called on Iran and Syria to join efforts to reduce violence in Iraq and emphasized the need for a broad Middle East strategy. This would include making clear to Damascus and Tehran that they can help in the region if they renounce terrorism, and in the case of Iran, its nuclear ambitions.

UNAMI HRO and Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights Meet in Baghdad:

- The UNAMI Human Rights Office (HRO) and the Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights met November 13-15 in Baghdad to define and strengthen the role and functions of the Ministry of Human Rights. The meeting was designed to provide senior officials from the Ministry of Human Rights with the opportunity to present the new structure and role of the Ministry, as well as discuss how best to improve cooperation, sharing of information, and coordination within the Iraqi Government.

Armenia Extends Commitment to MNF-I for an Additional Year:

- Armenia will extend the mission of its 50 troops serving in Iraq for another year, Defense Minister Serzh Sarkisian said November 13 while visiting Baghdad.



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

Data as of November 15, 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 ~ 16,467 Forces

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

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

*32 includes the 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and 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**

Sharqiya Cameraman Killed:

- Gunmen shot and killed Muhammad Mahmoud al-Ban, an al-Sharqiya TV cameraman November 13 in Mosul.
- The death of Ban follows the killing of another Sharqiya TV employee. Correspondent Ahmed al-Rasheed was killed in Baghdad when gunmen shot him November 3.

Journalists on Trial for Publishing Information About Hussein Weapons Program:

- The editor-in-chief and two reporters at the Berlingske Tidende – one of Denmark's largest newspapers – went on trial November 13 for publishing classified intelligence reports concerning former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's weapons program.
- The journalists face charges of publishing confidential government documents, which is punishable by fines or up to two years in prison; prosecutors say the newspaper violated a law prohibiting media from publishing information that can harm national security.
- A former intelligence officer has already been sentenced to prison for leaking the documents in the case.



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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