

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 and Mediterranean Sea are shown in light blue. The title text is overlaid on the map.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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For the first time, in one forum, supporters and practitioners of microfinance in Iraq will be brought together in November by the USAID-funded Izdiyar project. The “Iraq National Microfinance Summit” will enable information-sharing among practitioners of the nascent indigenous microfinance sector, and will foster greater awareness of international best practices.

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

The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 13 security detainees November 2-9 for various crimes including possession of illegal weapons, possessing false civil affairs identifications, failure to renew resident identification and illegal border crossing.

### 7. Increase International Support for Iraq

The European Commission launched talks with the Iraqi government in Brussels on November 20 for a bilateral trade and co-operation agreement. The accord aims to boost the European Union’s relations with Iraq and integrate the country into the world economy.

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

Iraqi Forces searching for four American security contractors and an Austrian who were kidnapped last week detained about 200 suspected insurgents.



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### Violence and Casualties Decrease from Ramadan Levels:

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- However, insurgent attacks are continuing and last week witnessed a spike in Coalition and civilian casualties. Although murders remain the gravest threat to civilians, last week also saw insurgents adopting new tactics and using indirect fires at mosques and densely populated areas in Baghdad in attempts to divide Iraqis and encourage retaliatory violence.



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### Operation Together Forward Continues:

- As part of Operation Together Forward, ISF, with Coalition Forces (CF) in support, continue to protect and build in the focus areas of eight beladiyas: Doura, Ghazaliyah, Ameriyah, Adhamiyah, East Mansour, Risalah, Khadra and Shaab and Ur. Additionally, they are actively patrolling in the three beladiyas of Baya, Karkh, and Rusafa.
- As of November 18th, more than 95,000 buildings have been cleared, 282 persons detained, over 1,900 weapons seized and at least another 780 have been properly registered.

### ISF and Coalition Efforts Against Death Squads:

- Over the last three weeks, ISF and CF conducted 58 missions targeted against death squads or extrajudicial killing elements, detaining eight alleged cell leaders and another 184 cell members. The majority of the operations were within Baghdad province with 36 of the 58 operations within Baghdad city proper.



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### ISF and CF Target AQI:

- ISF and CF continue to target al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) and counter the organization's efforts to foment sectarian violence and discredit the Gol. Over the last three weeks, ISF and CF conducted 92 focused operations against AQI, killing 48 terrorists and detaining 286.

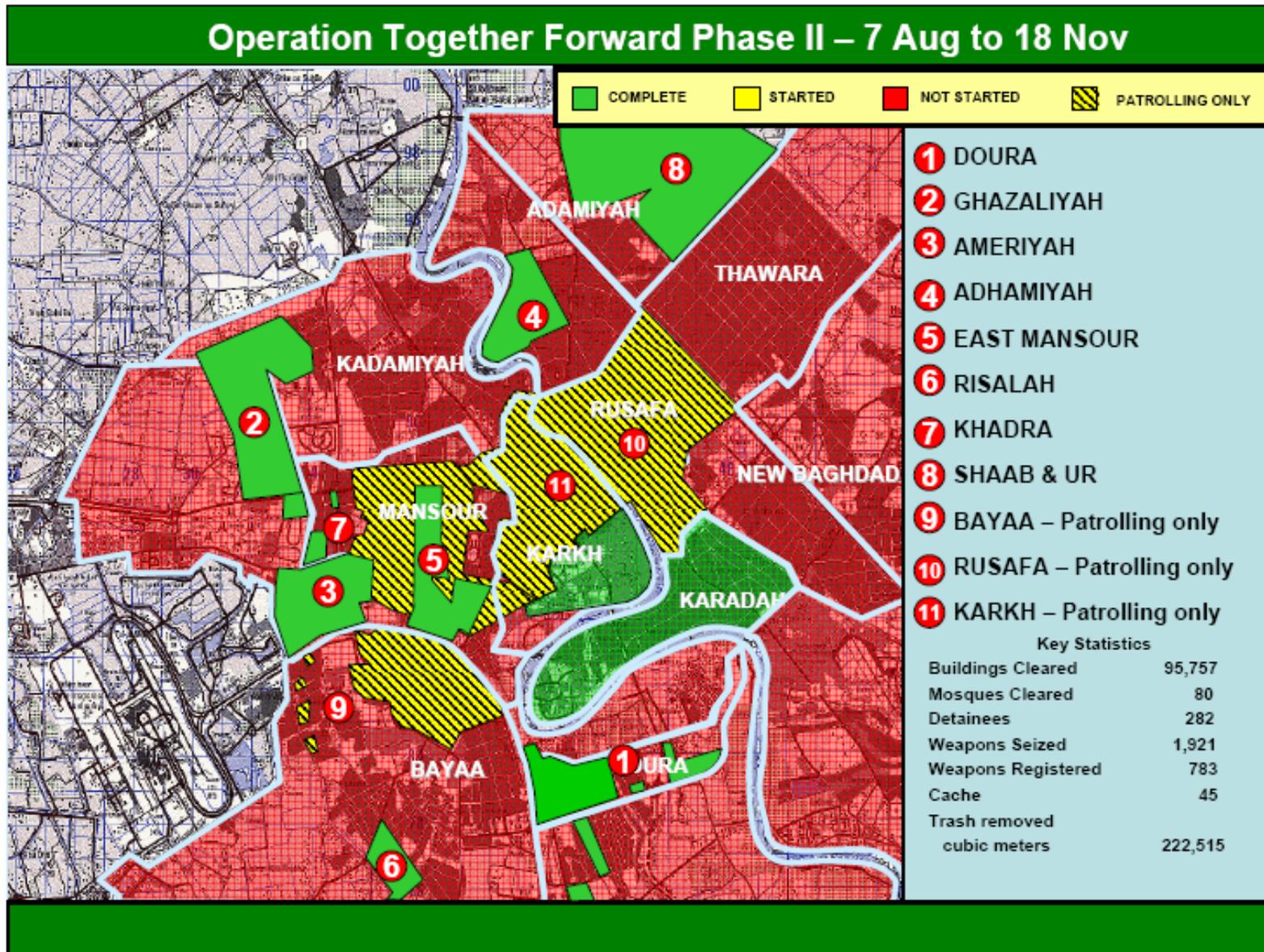
### Operation Turki Bowl Nets Large Weapon Caches:

- Working jointly with CF, the Iraqi Army seized five major weapon caches near Balad Ruz in Diyala province, in the town of Turki, during a series of operations November 13-16.
- The caches contained hundreds of explosive rounds capable of being used for car bombs and nearly 300,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, including sniper and armor-piercing rounds. Additionally, ISF and CF killed an estimated 25-40 enemy forces and detained another 23.



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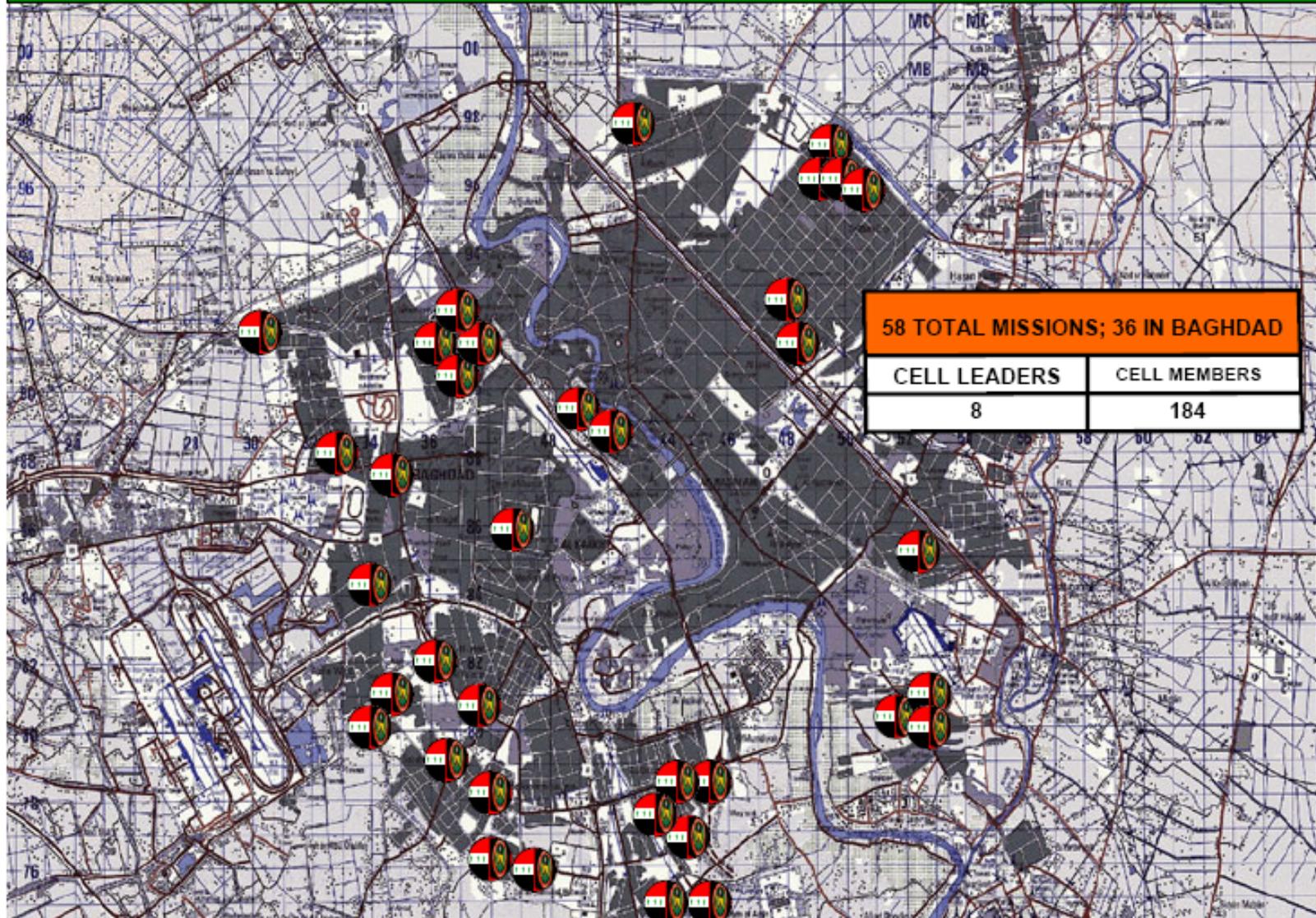




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## Operations Against Death Squads: 26 Oct – 19 Nov





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## Operation Turki Bowl

### Mission Significant Actions: 13-16 NOV

- 13 NOV: Cache discoveries
- 14 1205 NOV: Complex attack on IA soldiers providing route security that included 3 x IED detonations, 3 x Mortar barrages and 1 x SAF attack. The overall attack resulted in 6 x IA KIA and 7 x IA WIA
- 15 NOV: Wadi/Canal clearance and direct fire engagements with small AIF teams
- 15 0920 NOV: Direct fire engagement between CF and AIF.
- 15 1315 NOV: RPG attack on CF element.
- 15 2020 NOV: CF vehicle struck a landmine. All were MEDEVAC'd in stable condition.
- 16 0530 NOV: CF engaged with SAF from 20 AIF
- 16 0600 NOV: UAV observes 20 - 30 AIF, close air support directed to target and engages with 20mm and drops 2 x 500lb bombs resulting in 20-30 AIF KIA
- 16 0629 NOV: UAV observes and engages AIF in canal with a Hellfire resulting in 2 x AIF KIA
- 16 0800 NOV: CF element came under SAF

### Mission Rollup:

**Caches:** 5 discovered; items to note: AT3 Sagger, AT-5 ground launch unit, DSKA Machine guns w/ ammo, 82mm recoilless rifle, significant small arms ammo and explosives.

**Casualties:**  
AIF: 25 – 40 x KIA, 23 x Detained



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## Balad Ruz Caches



### IED Making Equipment

- 1x Nokia cell phone
- 1x pressure wire
- 2x blasting caps
- Misc Terrorist documents
- 1x ¼ stick RDX (explosives)

### Ammunition

- Approx. 270,000 rds of AK-47 ammo
- 2400 x rds Heavy Machine Gun
- 12,000 rds of SVD Sniper ammo
- 517 x rds 14.5 Armor Piercing Incendiary
- 100 x rds 23mm Anti Armor
- 50 x 82mm mortar rounds
- 52x 57mm projectiles
- 16x grenades
- 14x RPG rounds
- 7x cases of unknown ammunitions

### Anti Tank Weapons

- 2x AT3 Anti Tank Weapons
- 1x AT5 ground launch unit
- 2x Recoilless Rifles
- 1 x RPG





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

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### IA Officers Graduate from Civil Affairs Course:

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> National Police Division Begins Transformational Training:

- The 8th Brigade of the 2nd National Police Division entered its transformational training process November 18, designed to improve their civil policing and collective operational capabilities. This training is a result of the Ministry of Interior's efforts to reform the Iraqi Police and the eight National Police Brigades.



**[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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~188,200**</b>

**Ministry of Defense Forces**

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

**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**

#### Arrest Warrant Issued for Sunni Cleric:

- Iraq's Ministry of Interior called for the arrest of Shaykh Harith al-Dhari, secretary general of the Muslim Ulema Council (Association of Muslim Scholars) and one of Iraq's most controversial Sunni clerics. State television quoted Interior Minister Jawad Bulani as saying Dhari was wanted for inciting sectarian violence. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh stated that Prime Minister Maliki had not known his interior minister was planning to call for Dhari's arrest.
- Dhari is an outspoken critic of Maliki's government and of foreign military presence in Iraq, and has said that he approves of armed resistance in the absence of a timetable for the withdrawal of American troops. Dhari dismissed any issuing of an arrest warrant as "illegal" and said he would return to Iraq "at the appropriate time." He is currently in Amman and said he would leave if the Jordanian government requested.

#### Iraq's Deputy Health Minister Reportedly Kidnapped:

- Reuters and AFP report that Iraqi Deputy Health Minister Ammar al-Saffar has been kidnapped from his home in Baghdad. Saffar is a member of Prime Minister Maliki's Shia-dominated Islamic Dawa Party.
- Iraqi Deputy Health Minister Hakim al-Zamili survived an assassination attempt in central Baghdad November 20.



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#### Syrian Foreign Minister Meets Iraqi Leaders:

- Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Mu'allim met in Baghdad with Prime Minister Maliki and President Talabani. Mu'allim is the highest-ranking Syrian official to visit Iraq since Saddam Hussein was removed from power in 2003. Iraq and Syrian plan to reopen their embassies.

#### Gol Leaders to Attend Civil Society Conference:

- USAID-Iraq's civil society partner, America's Development Foundation (ADF), hosted its second interagency civil society conference in Amman November 20-21. This year's theme, "Expanding Cooperation for More Effective International Assistance" brings together civil society practitioners with key Government of Iraq (GoI) officials. Objectives of the conference include: how to support Iraqi civil society within the current overall context for Iraq's development, key issues and mechanisms for cooperation, how Iraq's civil society can be instrumental in the national reconciliation process and decentralization, and the elements of an enabling environment within which Iraqi civil society can be effective. GoI officials from the Ministers of Civil Society, Women's Affairs and Human Rights, Speaker of the Council of Representatives (CoR), CoR Committee Chairs, bilaterals, multilaterals, United Nations, international NGOs, Iraqi CSOs and a number of international participants from Europe and North America are expected to attend.

#### Red Cross: Half a Million Iraqis Internally Displaced:

- At a Red Cross conference, Vice President of the International Committee of the Red Cross Jacques Forster said that half a million Iraqis are "internally displaced" within Iraq. Last month, the UN refugee agency said 754,000 Iraqis were estimated to have been displaced since 2003, with many thought to have fled the country.



### [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	\$4,986.68	\$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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,448.95</b>	<b>\$18,448.95</b>	<b>\$18,397.44</b>	<b>\$18,422.42</b>	<b>\$24.98</b>	<b>\$18,053.99</b>	<b>\$18,067.46</b>	<b>\$13.47</b>	<b>\$14,064.68</b>	<b>\$14,101.45</b>	<b>\$36.78</b>
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
<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>\$20,870.74</b>	<b>\$20,895.72</b>	<b>\$24.98</b>	<b>\$20,286.29</b>	<b>\$20,299.76</b>	<b>\$13.47</b>	<b>\$16,203.68</b>	<b>\$16,240.45</b>	<b>\$36.78</b>

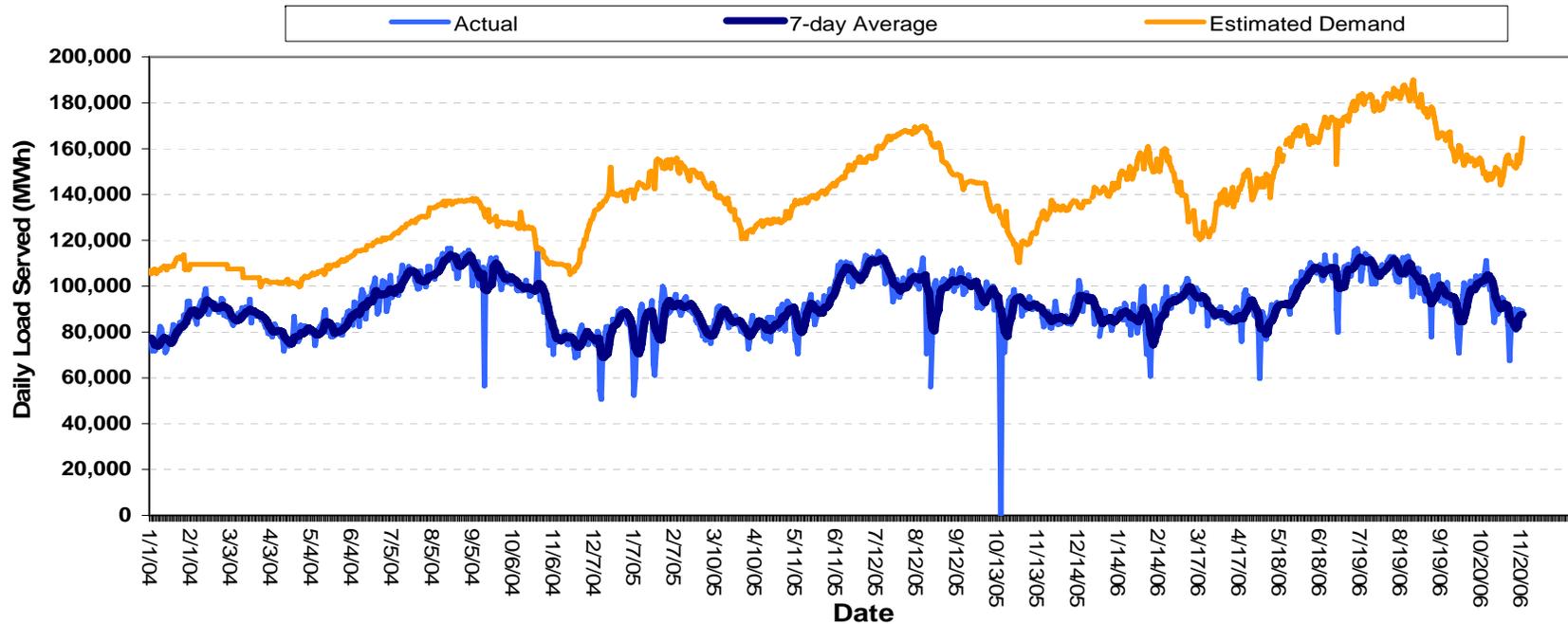
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# [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

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### Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of November 15-21, electricity availability averaged 5.4 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.4 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was unchanged from the same period in 2005.



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

### Essential Services:

- The Karez Company completed work on the Hawar Border Fort in Sulaymaniyah province November 15. The \$437,800 Iraq Reconstruction and Relief Fund project consisted of constructing a border denial point along the Iraq-Iran border to include an operations building, electrical generator, water storage and septic system. Work also included improvements to the access road, grading and finishing site work.
- The Assyria Women's Center was dedicated this month. The \$230,000 Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) project is a 400 square-meter facility that includes computers and sewing machines to encourage female business opportunities and benefits 4,600 Assyria Village residents as well as other area women.

### Special Interest:

- The US Senate voted November 14 to renew the federal agency that looks for waste and fraud in taxpayer-financed reconstruction projects in Iraq, hoping to reverse a recently passed law that would close the office next year. On a voice vote, the chamber voted for a bipartisan plan to keep the office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction open until 10 months after 80% of the funds for Iraqi reconstruction have been spent.



**[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 17 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$51.08/barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$57.02/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$57.54/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$56.76/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)	<b>21,393</b>	<b>21,393</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>USAID</b>	<b>62,684</b>	<b>60,705</b>	<b>-3.16%</b>
<b>AIRP</b> (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	<b>687</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>MILCON</b> (Military Construction)	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>CERP*</b>	<b>7,234</b>	<b>7,234</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>MNSTC-I</b>	<b>7,724</b>	<b>10,639</b>	<b>37.74%</b>
<b>IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>6,435</b>	<b>6,435</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>106,255</b>	<b>107,191</b>	<b>0.88%</b>

\* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

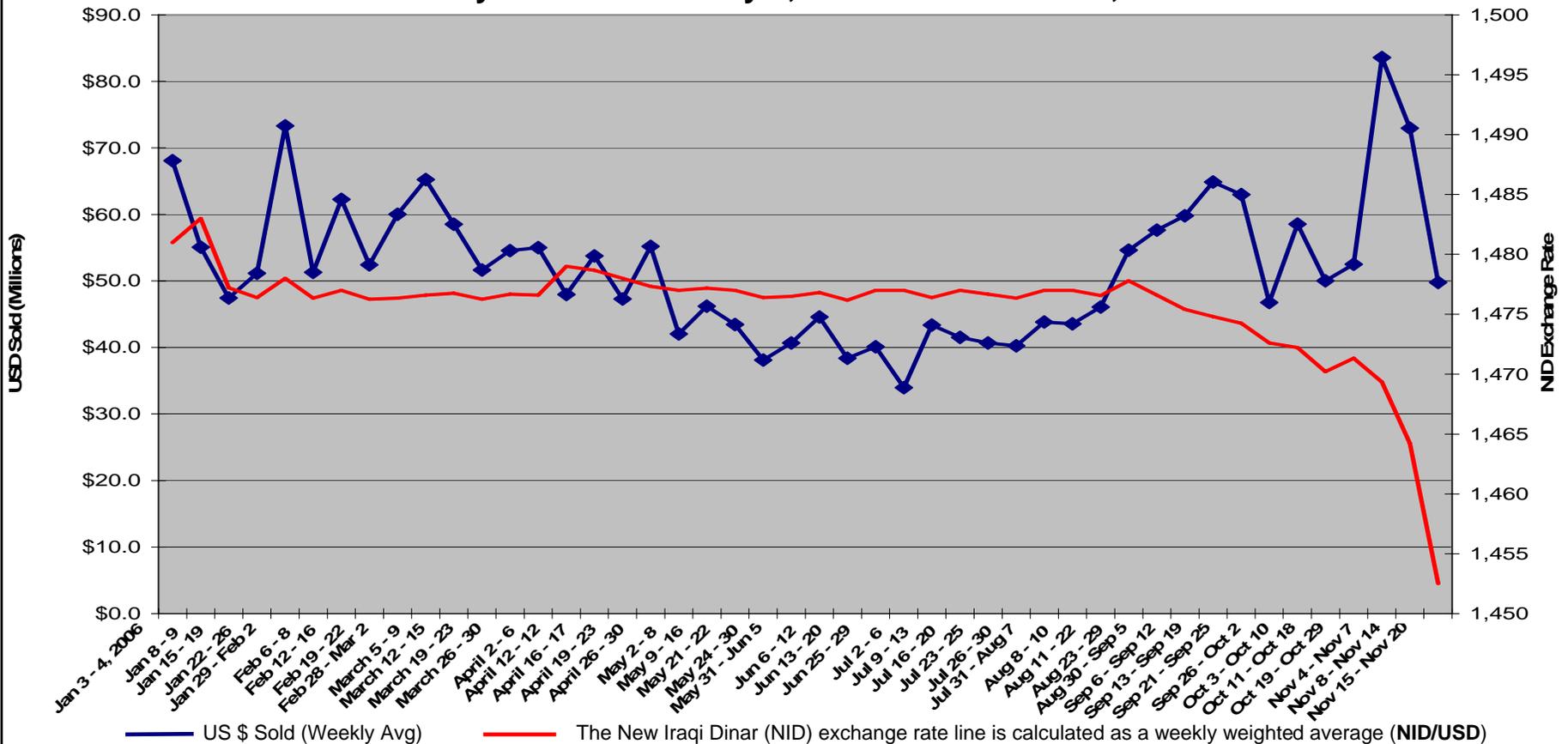


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

### 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. 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 show in the figure below.

**Central Bank of Iraq  
USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – November 20, 2006**



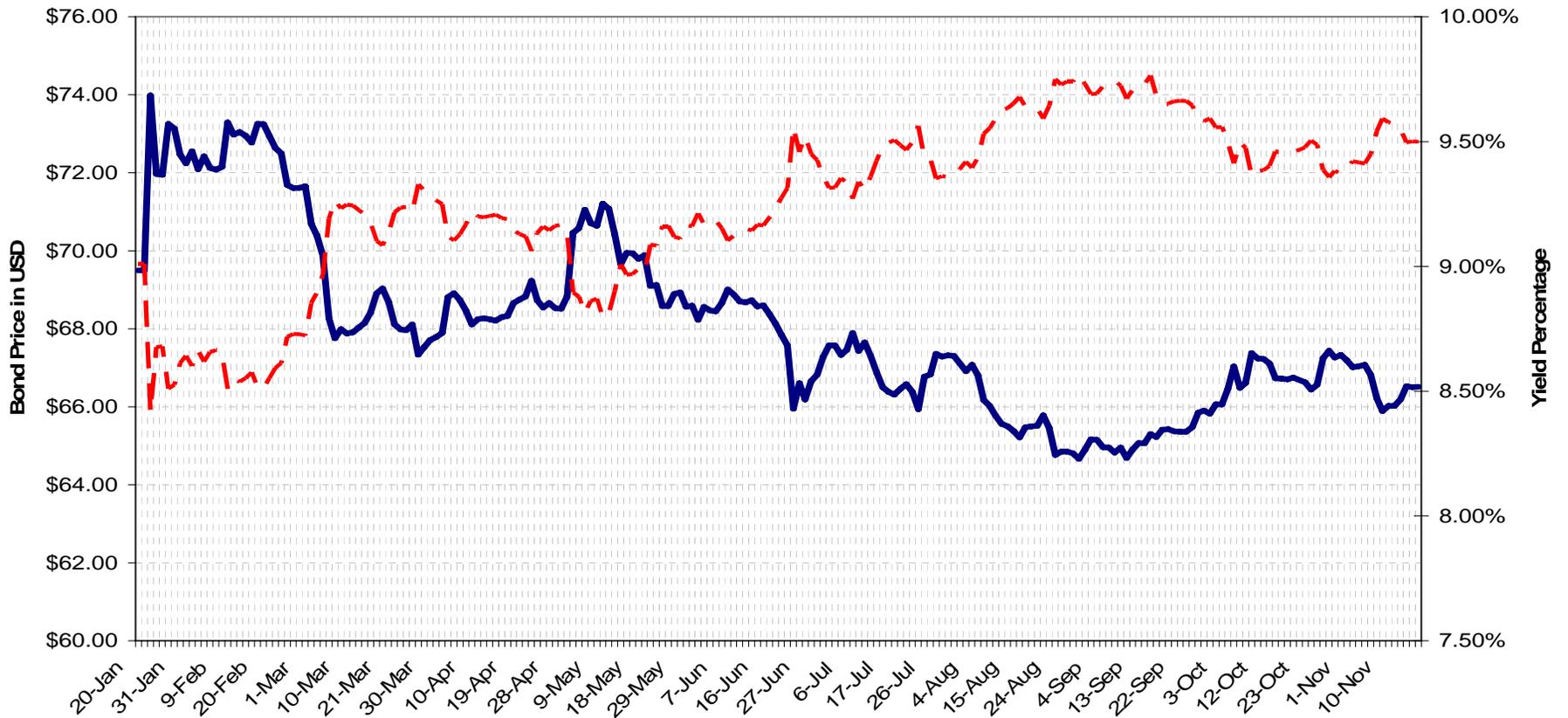


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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

**Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales**  
January 20, 2006 - November 17, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)

— Bond Price — Yield



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

### Microfinance Summit:

- For the first time, in one forum, supporters and practitioners of microfinance in Iraq will be brought together in November by the USAID-funded Izdihar project. The “Iraq National Microfinance Summit” will enable information-sharing among practitioners of the nascent indigenous microfinance sector, and will foster greater awareness of international best practices.
- The event will support the indigenous microfinance institutions and the international NGOs that have benefited from USAID grants through Izdihar and will facilitate an ample professional dialogue that will result in the development of a comprehensive “Iraq Microfinance Strategy.” The document will set the course for the future contribution of the microfinance sector to the development of Iraq.

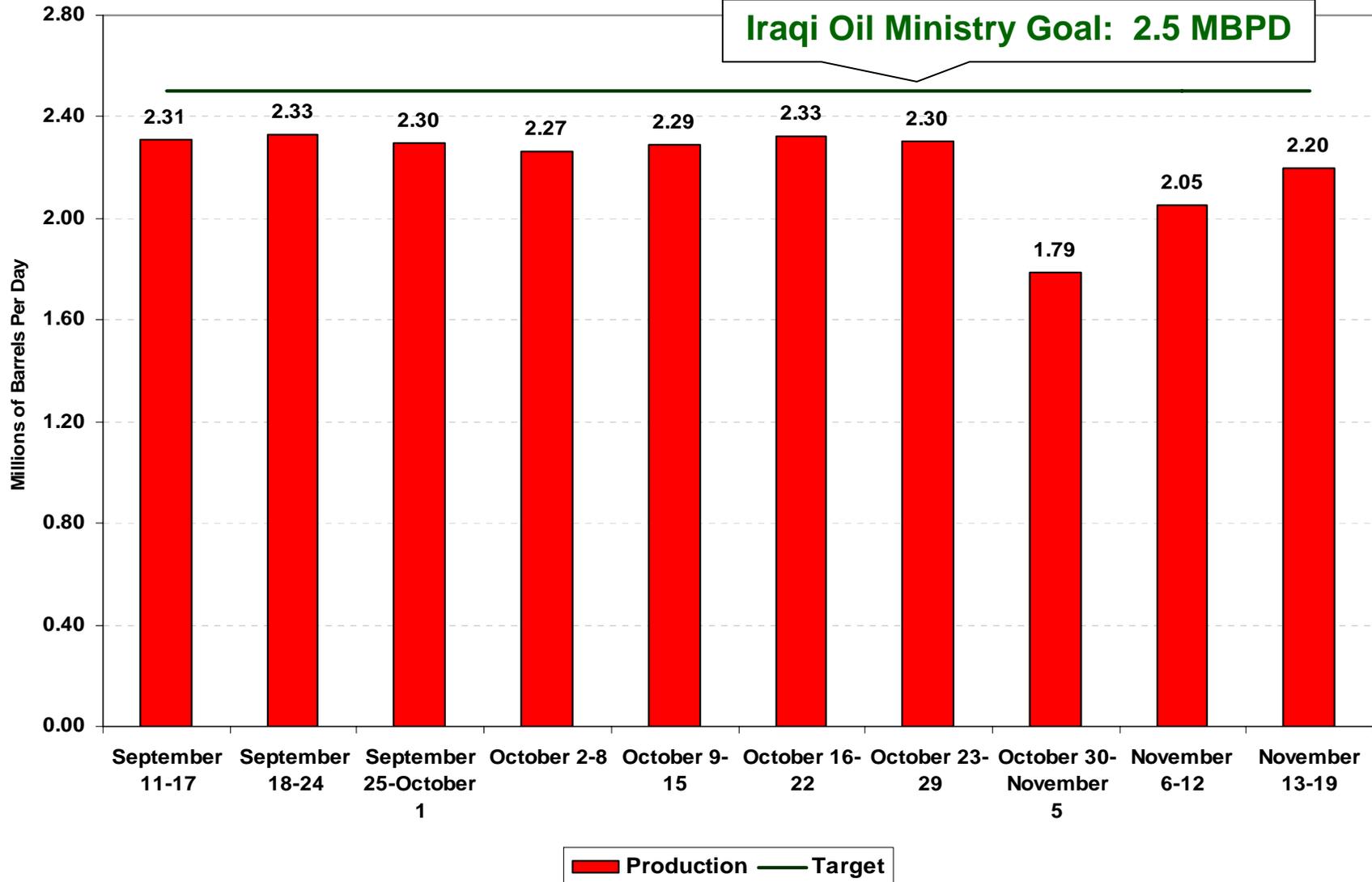
### Iraq-EU Trade and Cooperation Pact:

- Iraq and the European Union (EU) launched negotiations November 20 on a trade and cooperation pact aimed at normalizing the assistance relationship, stimulating investment in Iraq’s economy and enhancing Iraq’s integration into the global economy. The pact will likely cover trade in goods and services, customs, intellectual property rights and public procurement rules. The pact will also likely include provisions on human rights, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, which are standard to all EU Commission accords with non-EU countries. There is currently no public target date for an accord.



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

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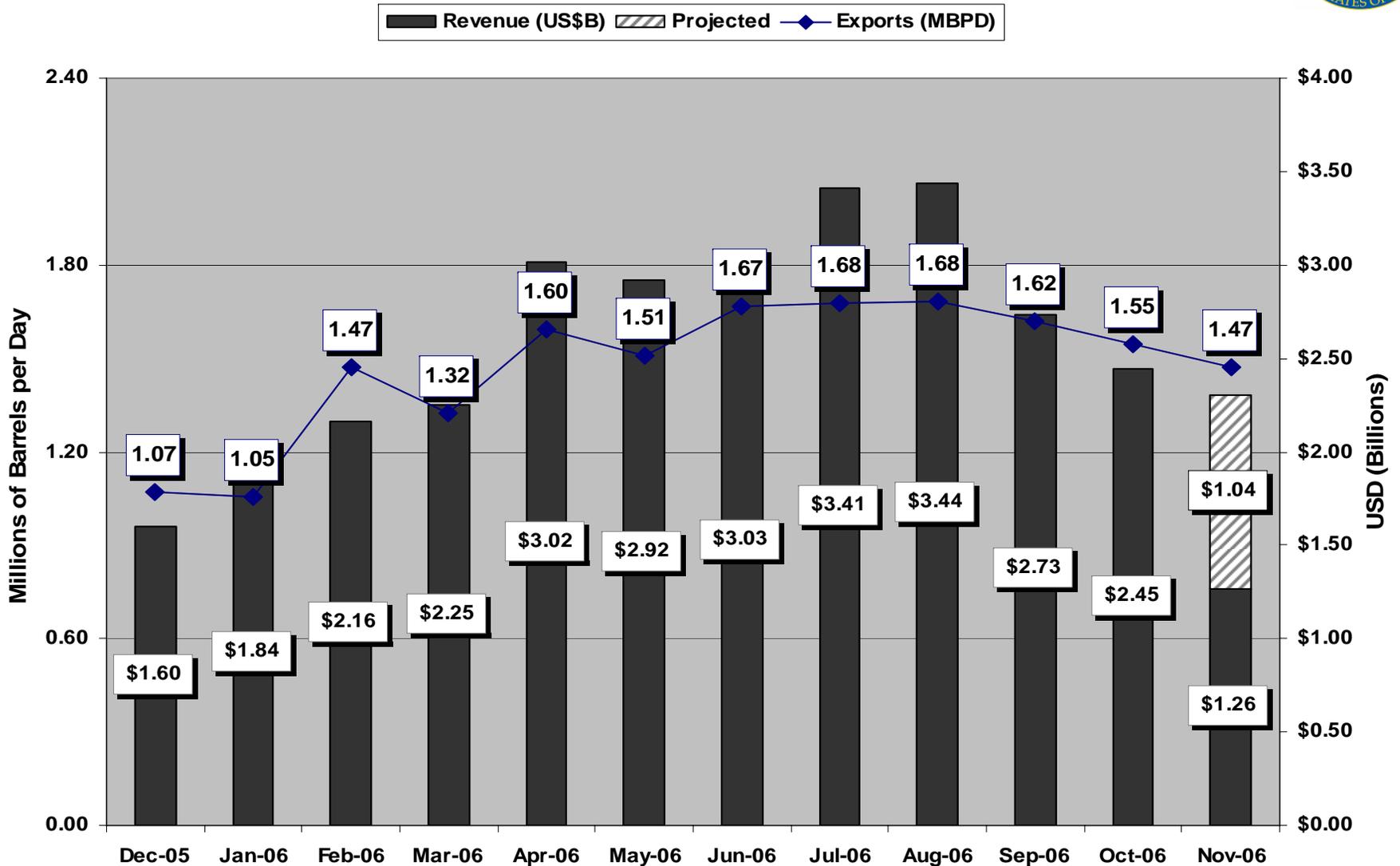


- Weekly Average (November 13 – 19) of 2.20 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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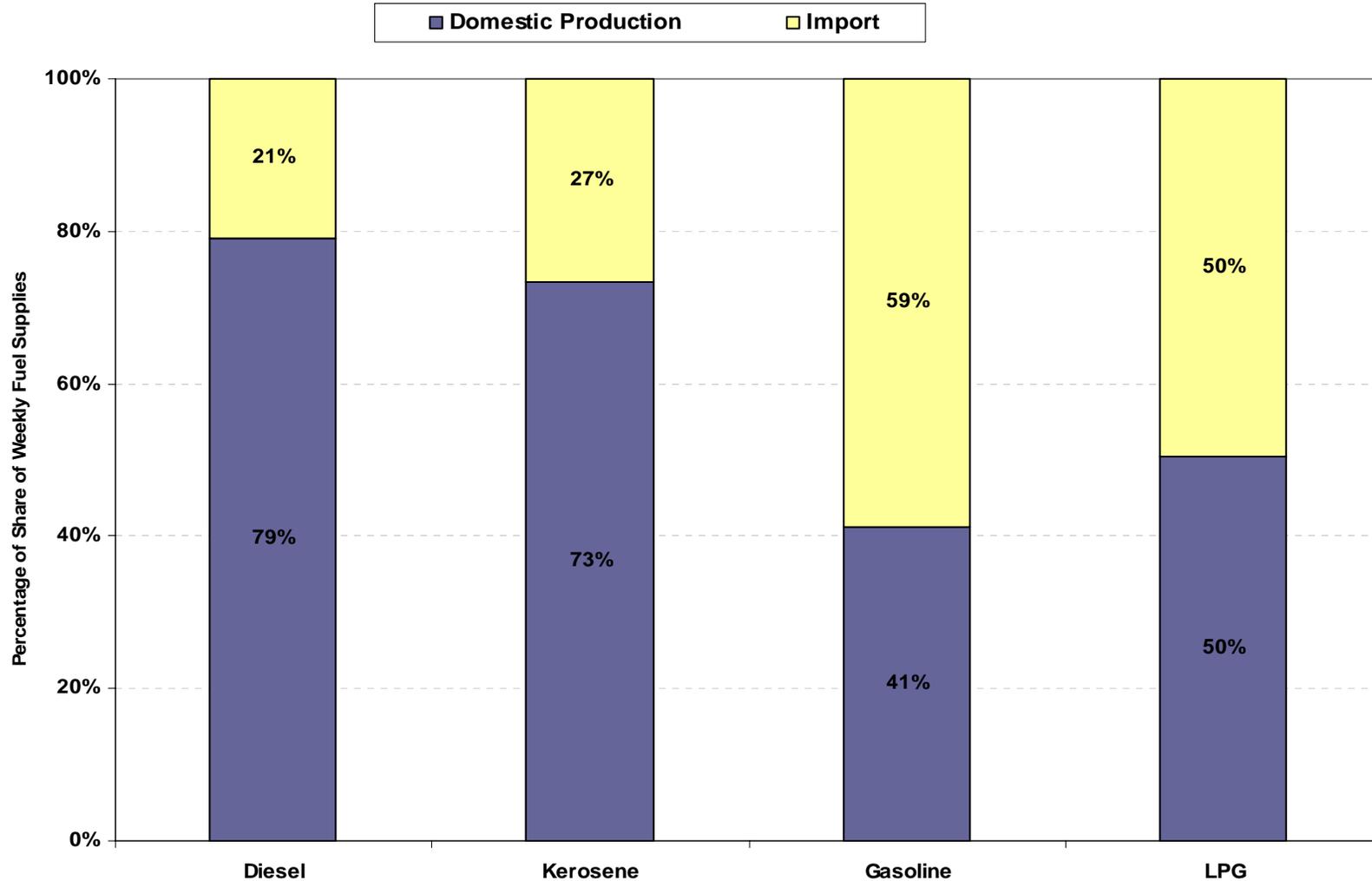


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$28.5 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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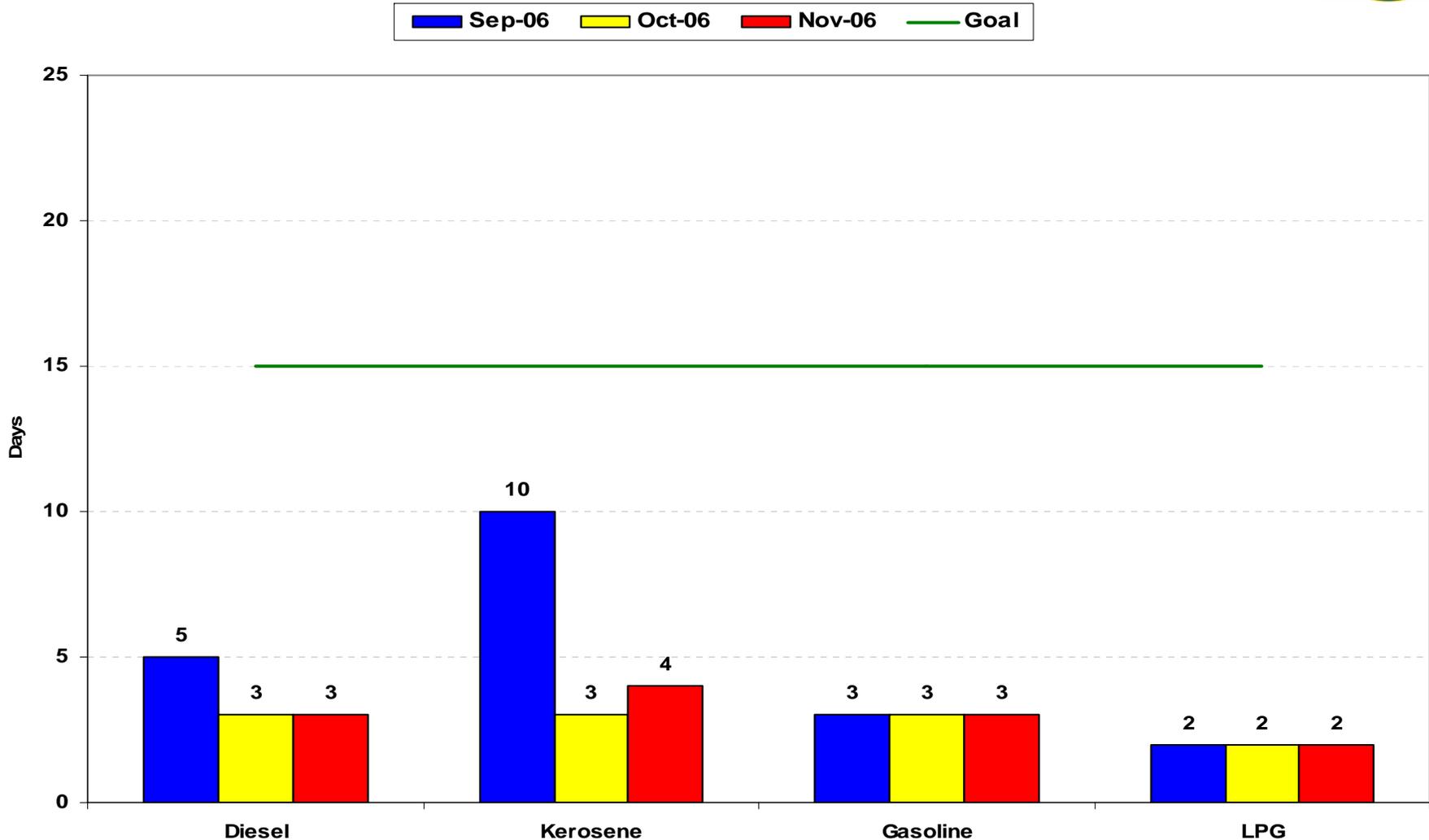
Note: This is a daily average for the week of November 13 – 19

- Diesel: 9.7 ML supply of 23.4 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.8 ML supply of 16.4 ML target
- Gasoline: 9.9 ML supply of 27.4 ML target
- LPG: 2,468 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 13 Insurgents:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 13 security detainees November 2-9 for various crimes, including possession of illegal weapons, possessing false civil affairs identifications, failure to renew resident identification and illegal border crossing.
- The trial court found four Iraqi men guilty of possession of illegal special weapons and for using and forging fake identification. Multi-National Forces-Iraq personnel searched two vehicles after observing the defendants throw a pistol out of one of the vehicle's window. A search of both vehicles revealed 35 82mm mortar rounds, eight 122mm artillery rounds and one 12.7mm machine gun. The defendants were found in violation of Section 6, Paragraph 2B as well as Article 298 and Article 292 of the Iraqi Penal Code. On November 7, the trial panel sentenced one man to 42 years imprisonment and sentenced the other three men to 30 years imprisonment.
- Since its establishment in April 2004, the CCCI has held 1,697 trials for Coalition-apprehended insurgents. The proceedings have resulted in 1,460 convictions with sentences ranging up to death.



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

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### Iran Plans for Regional Summit with Iraq and Syria:

- Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has invited the Iraqi and Syrian governments to Tehran for a weekend summit to discuss how to best work together to control the sectarian violence in Iraq. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani has accepted the invitation and will travel to Tehran November 26.

### EU, Iraq Begin First Round of Trade Negotiations:

- The European Commission launched talks with the Iraqi government in Brussels November 20 on a bilateral trade and co-operation agreement. The accord aims to boost the European Union's relations with Iraq and integrate the country into the world economy.

### Prime Minister Maliki Receives Danish Defense Minister:

- Prime Minister Maliki met with Danish Defense Minister Søren Gade at which time he expressed gratitude to the Danish government for hosting a large number of Iraqi exiles under the previous regime and thanked the Danish people for their support to Iraq as a member of Multi-National Forces-Iraq.



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

### Syria Says It's Prepared To Help Stabilize Iraq:

- Syria's foreign minister said November 19 during a visit to Baghdad that his government was “prepared to help stabilize Iraq.” He also called for a timetable for the withdrawal of American troops, saying that it would help reduce the violence. During the first trip to Baghdad by a senior Syrian official since the ousting of Saddam Hussein, Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem promised “to cooperate with Iraqi officials in an effort to curb violence.”



# [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



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

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### Iraqi Forces Invite Media to See Arrested Suspects:

- Iraqi Forces searching for four American security contractors and an Austrian who were kidnapped last week detained about 200 suspected insurgents and invited the media to a police station where the prisoners were blindfolded and forced to sit on the ground outside.
- Police Major General Ali al-Moussawi said the men were detained the night of November 18 by Iraqi soldiers who raided several areas north of Basrah, though none of the hostages were found.
- According to an Iranian-run Arabic-language satellite news station, the previously unknown Islamic Mujahideen Battalion claimed responsibility for the kidnapping by releasing a videotaped message and demanding the withdrawal of US forces from Iraq and the release of all prisoners being held in the country.



## 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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