

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 and Coalition operations against al-Qaida in Iraq in November resulted in 522 suspected terrorists detained and 126 terrorists killed. This is about 28% of the anti-Iraqi forces that were killed during the month of November.

2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

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

The USG hosted Abd al-Aziz al-Hakim, leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI) and head of the United Iraqi Coalition (UIC), the largest bloc in the Council of Representatives. Hakim said that US troops should do more to fight the insurgency and denied that Shia militias are fueling sectarian strife in Iraq.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

Construction began on six Ninewa sewer repair projects that have an estimated June 2007 completion date. The \$825,000 US Army-funded projects in Mosul, al-Hadbaa, al-Fesalyaa, Moharibin, al-Qadisiya, and al-Baladiyat will benefit more than 1.7 million people in those areas.



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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 41 individuals for variety of crimes November 10-23, 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 government of Japan approved the extension of the Air Self-Defense Force's mission in Iraq until July 2007. The current mission conducts airlift operations to transport personnel and supplies for the UN and Multi-National Forces-Iraq in support of reconstruction missions in Iraq.

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

Iraqi radio journalist Nabil Ibrahim al-Dulaimi was killed outside his home in Baghdad December 4 as he was walking to Radio Dijla.



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ISF and Coalition Forces (CF) See Gains in Dismantling AQI Leadership:

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Coalition operations against al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) in November resulted in 522 suspected terrorists detained, and 126 terrorists killed. This is about 28% of the anti-Iraqi forces that were killed during the month of November.

CF Discover Weapons Cache and Car Bombs Near Rusafa:

- CF uncovered a weapons cache in a neighborhood of southern Baghdad just south of Rusafa December 2. Among the munitions discovered were three complete car bombs, 700 pounds of explosives, RPGs, mines, grenades and small arms. Additionally, CF located two SA-14 surface-to-air-missiles behind a false wall in a nearby house.



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Tearing Down the Al Qaeda Network in Iraq



Dhanun Ahmad Mahmud Ahmad
Gatekeeper for the Leader of Mosul
Weapons Facilitator in Northern
Iraq, Involved with VBIED attacks
on Iraqis & CFs



Mu'adh Nuri 'Ali Fahad
((Tha'ir)) ((al Badrani))
AAM's driver, personal confidant
and facilitator of meetings



Khalid Jihad Muhammad Yunis
((Zubaydi))
AQI chief of security for
northern Iraq



Sattar 'Ayyash Majid Hammad
((al-Salmani))
AQIZ Emir of Habiniyah



Abd-al-Karim Ibrahim Nhayyir Mahdi
((al-Hashimi))
Member of Jaysh al Iraq



Ghazi Husayn Khamis Frayyih
((al-'Azzawi))
AQ Finance Emir for
Salah al-Din.



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Cache and VBIEDs Discovered south of Risalah 2 December 06

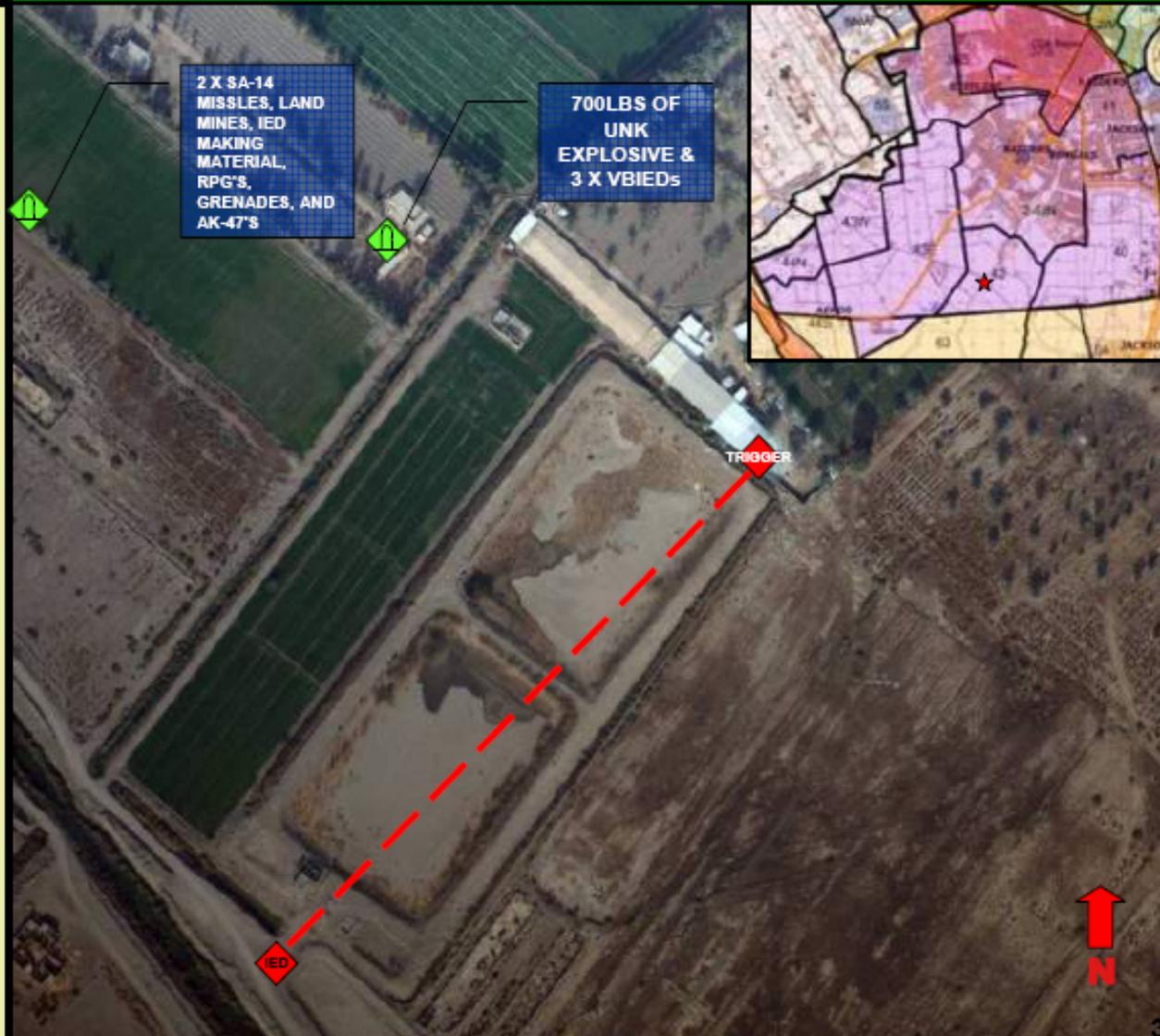
In a neighborhood of southern Baghdad, just south of Risalah, a CF platoon was conducting a mounted patrol to disrupt AIF and prevent sectarian violence.

The lead vehicle of the patrol was struck by a command detonated IED causing no injuries.

After conducting a local area search, the platoon discovered a cache just northwest of the trigger point consisting of 3 VBIEDs and 700 pounds of explosives along with RPGs, mines grenades and small arms.

After further searches near the cache sight, CF discovered a false wall in a building with another large cache including 2x SA-14 Surface to Air missiles.

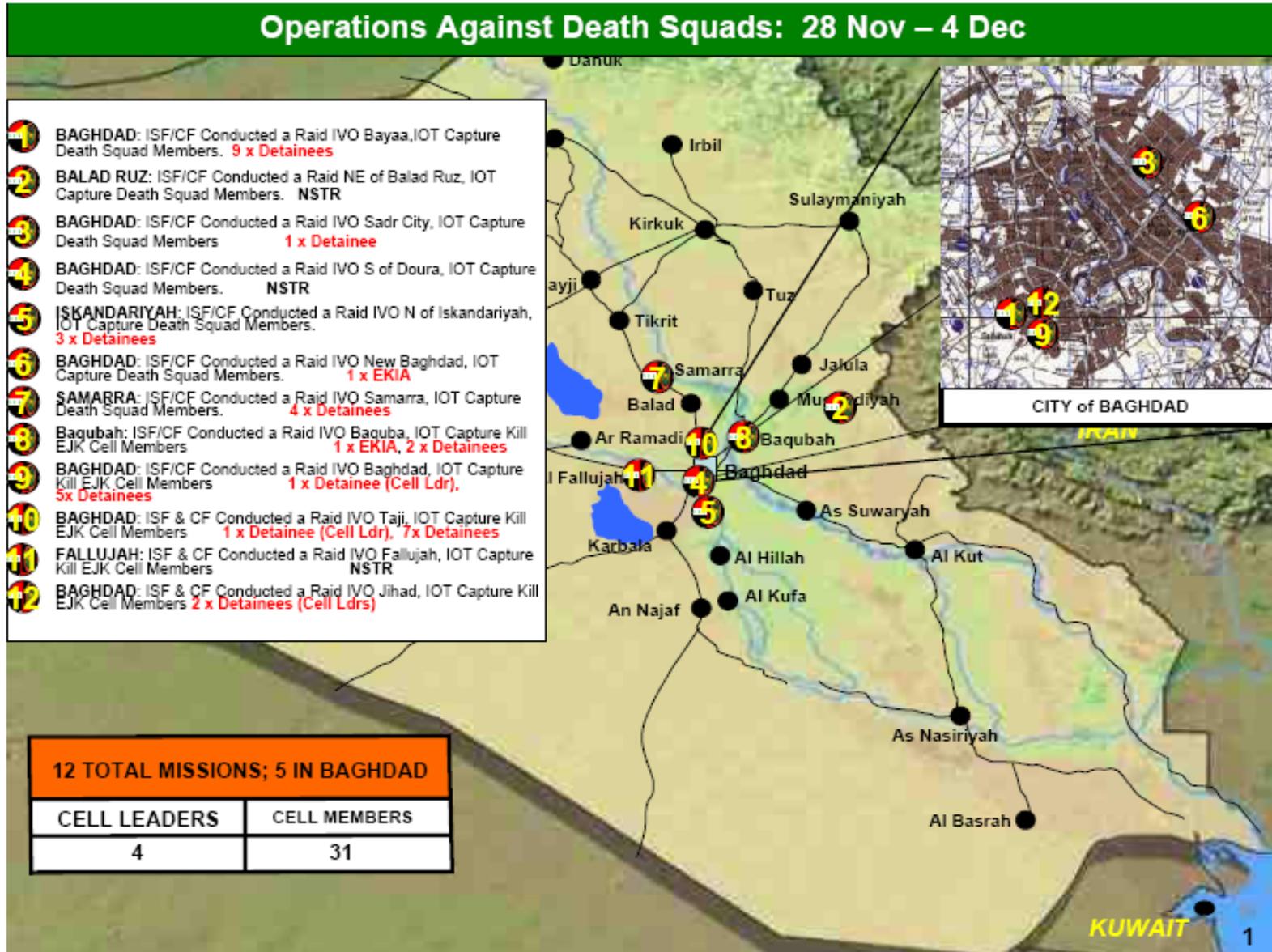
- Total Findings:**
- 3 X VBIEDs
 - 2 X SA-14
 - 700 LBS UNK EXPLOSIVES
 - LAND MINES
 - RPGs / AK-47s / GRENADES
 - IED MAKING MATERIAL





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

3rd IA Division Assumes Security Duties in Western Ninewa:

- The Iraqi Ground Forces Command assumed operational control of the 3rd Iraqi Army (IA) Division December 5, making it the third of ten Iraqi Divisions to be completely under Iraqi control. This transfer occurred as the 3rd IA Division also officially took over security duties in western Ninewa province, bringing the level of Iraqi divisions independently in the security lead to 70%.
- During November, the 3rd IA Division conducted more than 400 military missions without US or other Coalition support, including foot patrols, reconnaissance patrols, and raids, successfully detaining terrorists and foreign fighters and confiscating stockpiles of enemy munitions and weapons.

550 IA Recruits Graduate from Basic Training:

- More than 550 IA recruits graduated from basic training November 26 at Camp Taji. The recruits were from the town of Taji and surrounding communities north of Baghdad.

Iraqi Army Graduates First Sniper Class:

- After seven weeks of training, nine Iraqi soldiers graduated from the advanced marksmanship and sniper “train-the-trainer” course in a ceremony at Besmaya range 30 kilometers east of Baghdad December 1. The recent graduates are now qualified to return to their units and train other prospective snipers in the techniques of urban sniper operations.



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

IA Continues to Increase Capability to Mass Brigade-Size Elements, Control Battle Space:

- Six companies from the 9th IA Division and one Coalition company conducted an operation to the west of Iskandariyah to disrupt insurgent activity November 29, detaining 83 anti-Iraqi forces.
- Two days later, the 9th IA Division launched a series of targeted raids in Yusifiyah, focused on capturing terrorist forces responsible for executing Iraqi civilians. They encountered heavy resistance in a complex urban environment, requesting air support through their embedded Coalition trainers. The six hour operation resulted in 43 anti-Iraqi force suspected members detained and another 20 killed during the firefight.
- The 2nd Brigade of the 5th IA Division conducted point raids and a cordon and search within Khatoon south of Baquba December 2, targeting 14 individuals. Of the 14, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) located and detained ten. Additionally, they found a weapons cache in a local mosque and located and freed a kidnapped teenager.

ISF Establish River Patrol Unit on Tigris River:

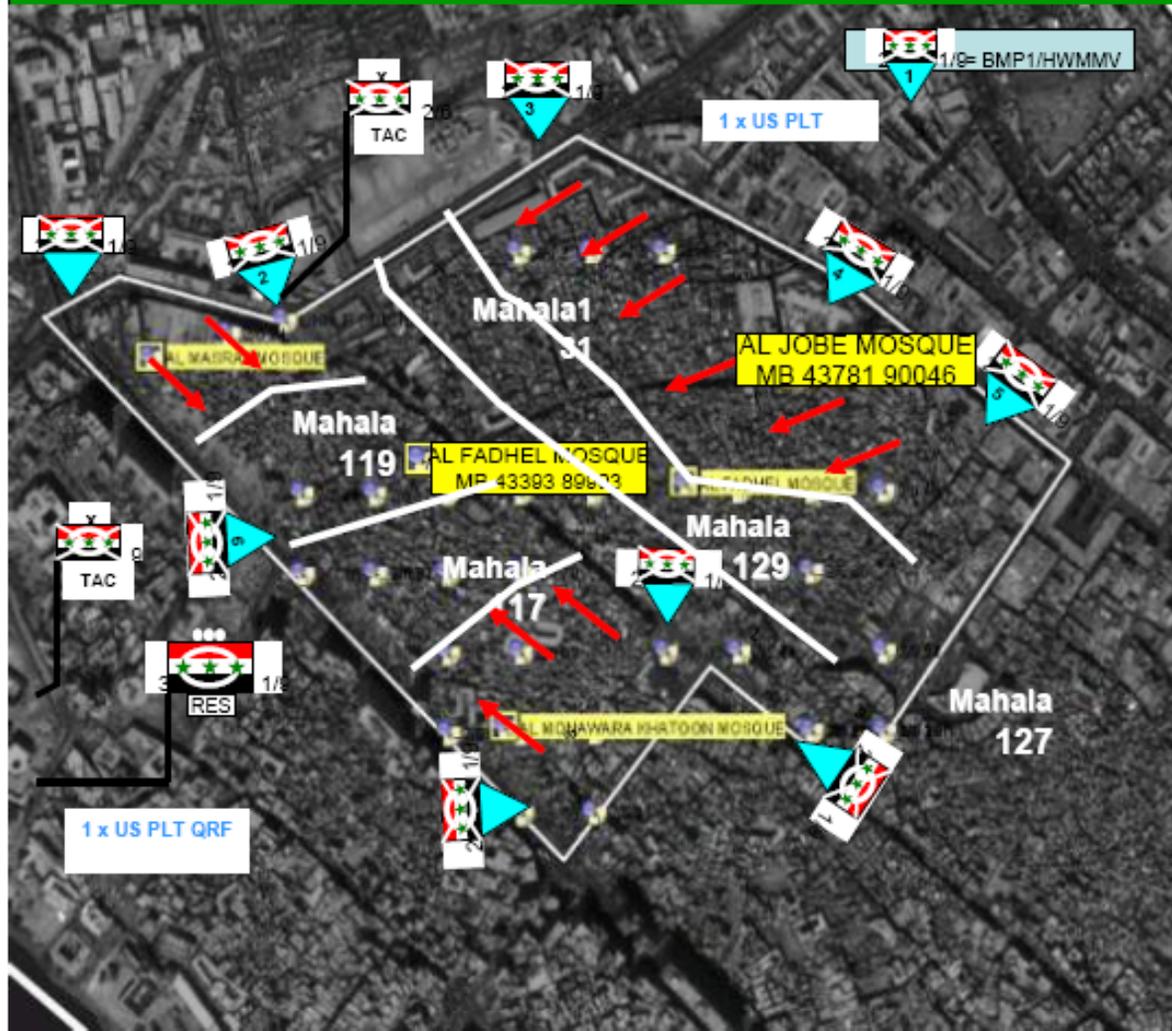
- The ISF recently established a river patrol unit, consisting of five boats, to patrol and secure the Tigris River and its waterways in the Baghdad area.



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1/9 IA Operation in Rusafa 1 Dec 06



MISSION

- NLT 0500 HOURS 1 DEC 06, 9TH IA DIVISION CONDUCTS MULTIPLE TARGETED RAIDS IN THE FALAHDT AO OF EAST BAGHDAD IN ORDER TO CAPTURE AND DENY SAFEHAVEN FOR AIF CELL MEMBERS THUS PROMOTING GREATER SECURITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF EAST BAGHDAD.

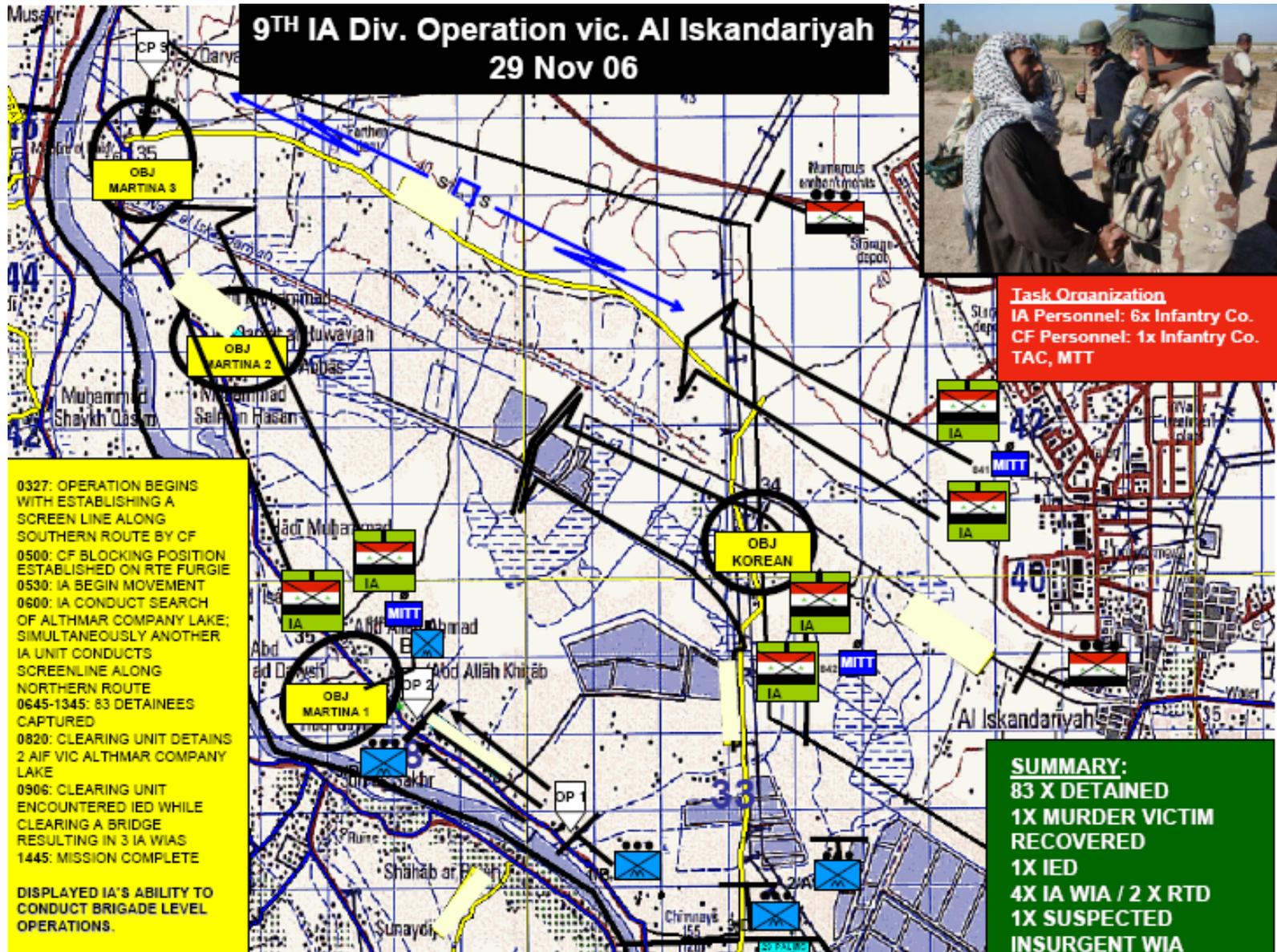
SUMMARY

- THE OPERATION INCLUDED MULTIPLE SIMULTANEOUS RAIDS TARGETING AIF CELL MEMBERS USING THE AREA AS A SAFE HAVEN.
- DURING THE OPERATION, SUSTAINED SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS REPORTED BETWEEN 0700 HOURS AND 1000 HOURS, RESULTING IN 1X IA KIA, 1X US WIA, AND 6X IA WIA.
- THE OPERATION RESULTED in 43 X DETAINEES
- INCLUDED AMONG THE DETAINEES WERE SEVERAL FOREIGN FIGHTERS
- APPROX. 20X AIF KIA / WIA.



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Accomplished Mission: On 02 0530 DEC 06 4/2/5 IA conducted point raids and cordon and search as part of the BDE operations within Khatoon.

Desired Endstate: 14 Targets captured and all caches found.

The Battalion successfully captured 10 out of 14 targets.

Significant Actions: 4/2/5 IA rescued one kidnap victim and found weapons within a Mosque.

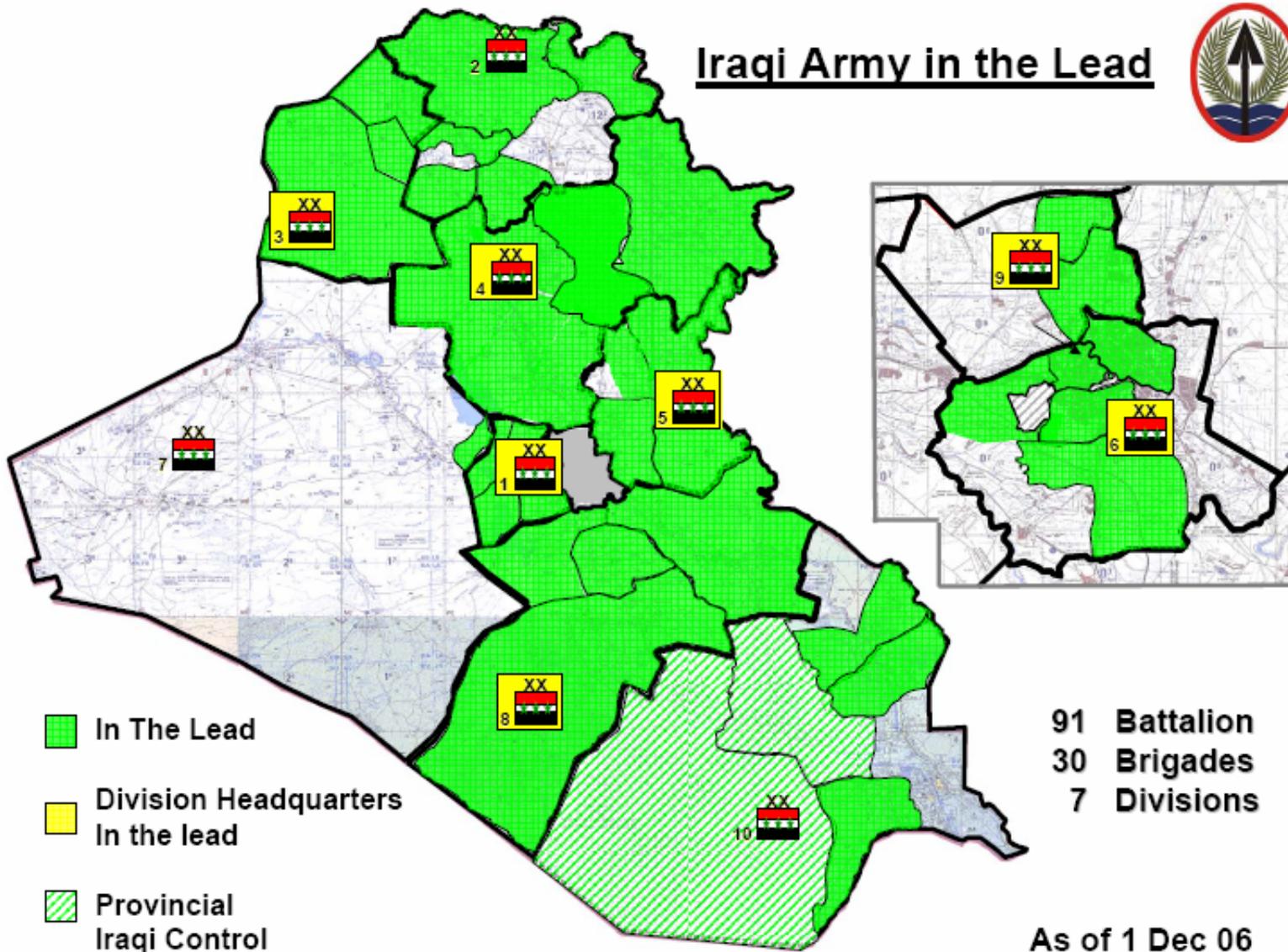




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Iraqi Army in the Lead



[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	~28,900
TOTAL	~188,300**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~132,700***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~134,700**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~323,000****

- * 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 27, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



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

SCIRI Leader Hakim Visits US:

- Abd al-Aziz al-Hakim, leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI) and head of the United Iraqi Coalition (UIC), the largest bloc in the Council of Representatives, visited USG officials and spoke publicly in Washington. After his meeting with President Bush, Hakim asserted that US troops need to do more to fight the insurgency and denied that Shia militias are fueling sectarian strife in Iraq. Hakim also said at the US Institute of Peace that the only way to avert civil war in Iraq is for US-led forces to strike harder against Sunni-led insurgents. Minority Sunnis accuse SCIRI's militia, the Badr Organization, of targeting them.
- Hakim also has rejected a suggestion by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to hold an international conference on Iraq, calling it "illegal" and "unrealistic." Annan said last week that an international conference on Iraq could be useful if the groundwork was carefully prepared and all the political parties could be brought together somewhere outside Iraq.
- Tariq al-Hashemi, the leader of the 44-seat Tawafuq Front, the most powerful Sunni Arab party in the Council of Representatives, is scheduled to visit Washington in December.



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

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Maliki Calls for Regional Meeting:

- Prime Minister Maliki said December 4 that his government will send envoys to neighboring countries to prepare for a regional conference on ending the violence in Iraq. Although Maliki has previously opposed giving neighboring nations a say in Iraqi affairs, he stressed that the conference would be held in Iraq, and that while his government would welcome help, it would not tolerate interference.

Political Parties Conference Rescheduled Again:

- In a press conference December 5, Prime Minister Maliki announced that the meeting of the political parties will convene mid-December. All Iraqi political figures, parties, and organizations - whether members of the political process or otherwise - will take part in the conference in order to sustain national unity and agree on a national code banning sectarian fighting. This is the third in a series of four national reconciliation conferences.

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Iraq Civil Society Conference:

- America’s Development Foundation, a USAID implementing partner, hosted the Iraq Civil Society II Conference in Amman November 20-21. The conference was attended by key partners and Iraqi Government officials working with civil society groups.



[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	\$4,671.03	\$4,671.03	\$0.00
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,239.51	\$4,238.03	\$4,238.09	\$0.06	\$4,095.26	\$4,094.30	(\$0.97)	\$2,832.42	\$2,832.99	\$0.57
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,724.70	\$1,722.90	\$1,722.90	\$0.00	\$1,618.81	\$1,618.81	\$0.00	\$1,243.18	\$1,243.18	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,304.15	\$1,303.84	\$1,302.90	(\$0.95)	\$1,297.45	\$1,296.50	(\$0.95)	\$942.13	\$942.13	\$0.00
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.84	(\$0.00)	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.84	(\$0.00)	\$855.01	\$855.51	\$0.50
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.50	\$401.21	\$401.21	\$0.00	\$401.21	\$401.21	\$0.00	\$325.42	\$325.60	\$0.18
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$333.60	\$332.45	\$332.18	(\$0.28)	\$326.58	\$326.30	(\$0.28)	\$202.05	\$202.05	\$0.00
Health Care	\$818.90	\$818.90	\$817.55	\$817.53	(\$0.02)	\$801.32	\$801.34	\$0.02	\$554.16	\$554.24	\$0.08
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$464.12	\$464.11	\$464.11	\$0.00	\$458.23	\$458.23	\$0.00	\$327.41	\$327.46	\$0.06
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$2,129.43	\$2,129.43	\$0.00	\$2,056.47	\$2,056.57	\$0.10	\$1,360.32	\$1,360.74	\$0.42
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$0.00	\$813.95	\$813.95	\$0.00	\$754.30	\$754.32	\$0.02
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$212.45	\$212.45	\$0.00	\$138.00	\$138.00	\$0.00
Total	\$18,448.95	\$18,448.95	\$18,424.46	\$18,423.27	(\$1.18)	\$18,067.80	\$18,065.72	(\$2.07)	\$14,205.43	\$14,207.25	\$1.83
IRRF II Construction			\$10,598.29	\$10,598.04	(\$0.24)	\$10,263.39	\$10,262.26	(\$1.13)	\$7,678.16	\$7,679.29	\$1.13
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,824.33	\$6,823.39	(\$0.94)	\$6,802.56	\$6,801.62	(\$0.94)	\$5,672.26	\$5,672.46	\$0.20
IRRF II Democracy			\$1,001.85	\$1,001.84	(\$0.00)	\$1,001.85	\$1,001.84	(\$0.00)	\$855.01	\$855.51	\$0.50
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	\$20,897.76	\$20,896.57	(\$1.18)	\$20,300.10	\$20,298.02	(\$2.07)	\$16,344.43	\$16,346.25	\$1.83

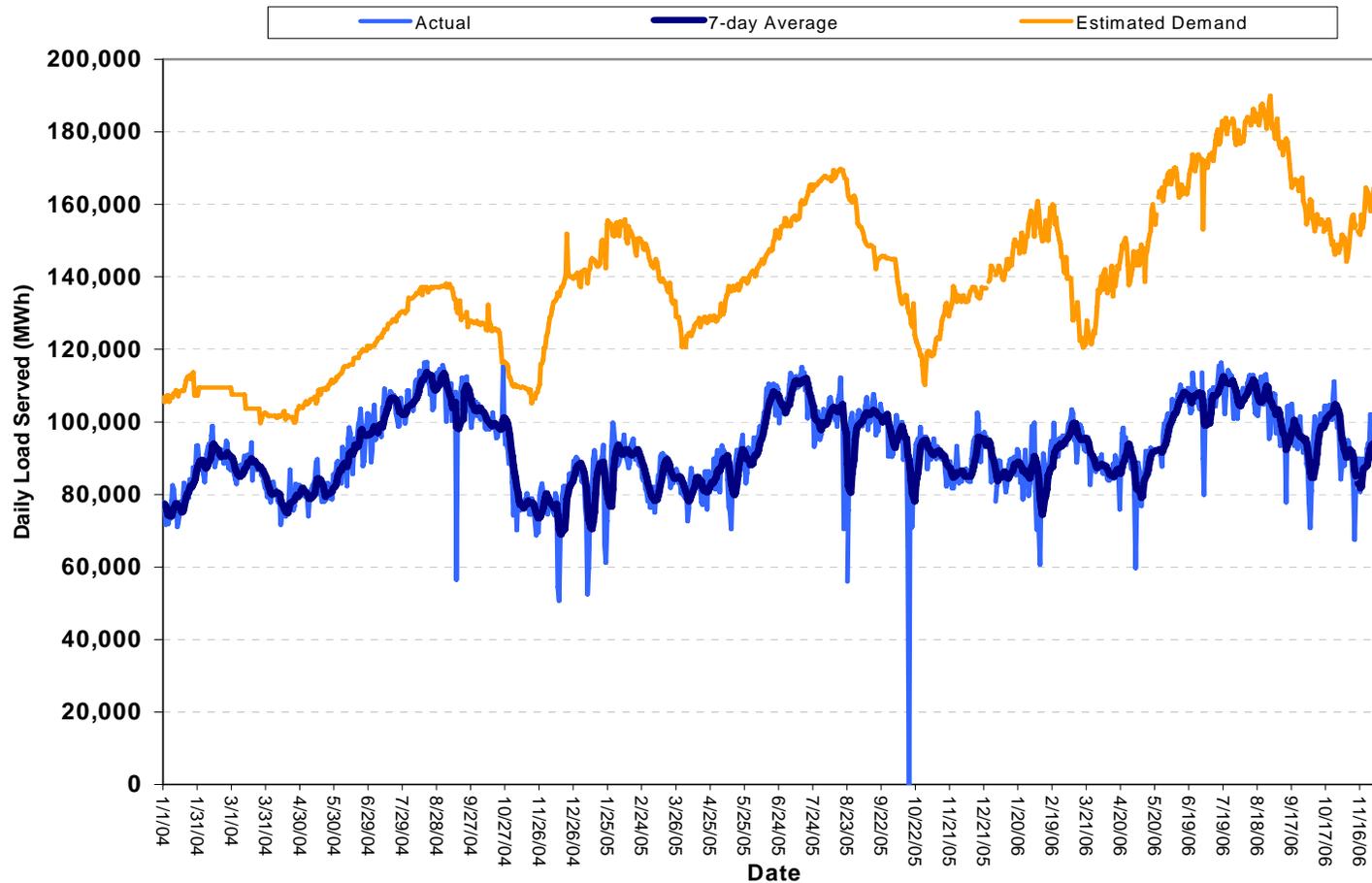
As of December 5, 2006



[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 29-December 5, electricity availability averaged 7.3 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.1 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 9% above the same period in 2005.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services –**Sanitation and Transportation**

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Sanitation:

- Construction began on six Ninewa sewer repair projects that have an estimated June 2007 completion date. The \$825,000 US Army-funded projects in Mosul, al-Hadbaa, al-Fesalyaa, Moharibin, al-Qadisiya, and al-Baladiyat will benefit more than 1.7 million people in those areas.

Transportation:

- The al-Kaleefa Company completed all work November 29 for the Abu Gharaq street repair in Babil province. The \$452,000 Iraq Reconstruction and Relief Fund (IRRF) project consisted of constructing approximately 4 km of new streets and rebuilding 2 km of streets in the community of Abu Gharaq, a residential area northeast of al-Hillah.

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



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Special Interest:

- Construction was completed on two agricultural building projects in Ninewa province – the Ag Nimrud building and the Ag al-Qosh building – November 4. The \$198,000 US Army-funded projects serve as compounds for the city of Nimrud and the city of al-Qosh's agriculture departments.
- Construction began on the al-Huteen police station in al-Amarah, Maysan province November 18. The \$366,000 US Army-funded project calls for the demolition of the existing police facility structure and the addition of two larger structures. This project will increase the square footage and provide a separate facility for juvenile and female offenders.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending December 1 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$55.69/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$62.73/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$62.01/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$57.75/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)	22,728	22,728	0.00%
USAID	60,580	59,032	-2.56%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	530	530	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	102	102	0.00%
CERP*	7,234	7,234	0.00%
MNSTC-I	11,065	11,756	6.24%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	6,422	6,422	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	108,661	107,804	-0.79%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

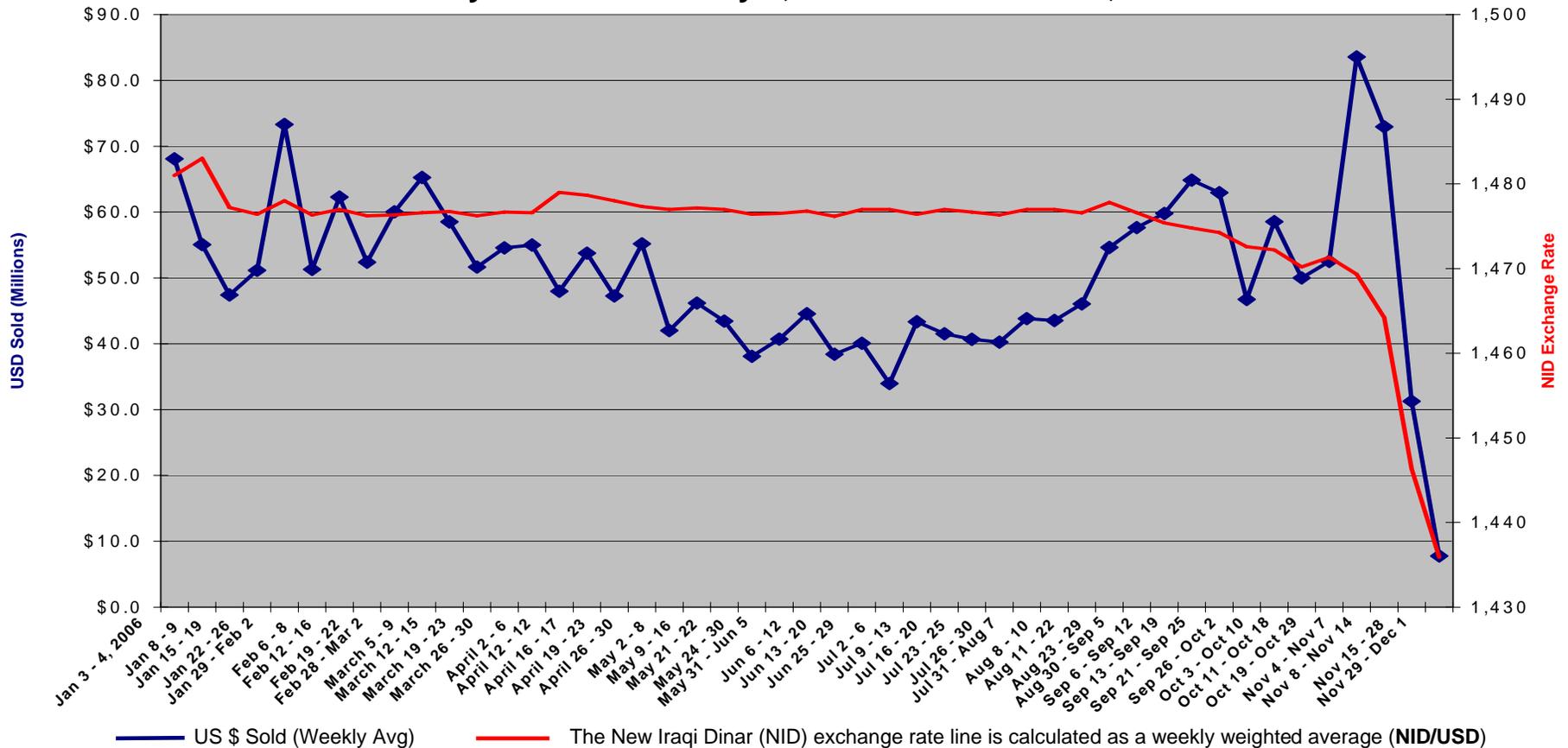


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 welcome increase in the dinar's value against the dollar is reflected in the figure below.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: January 3, 2006 – November 28, 2006**



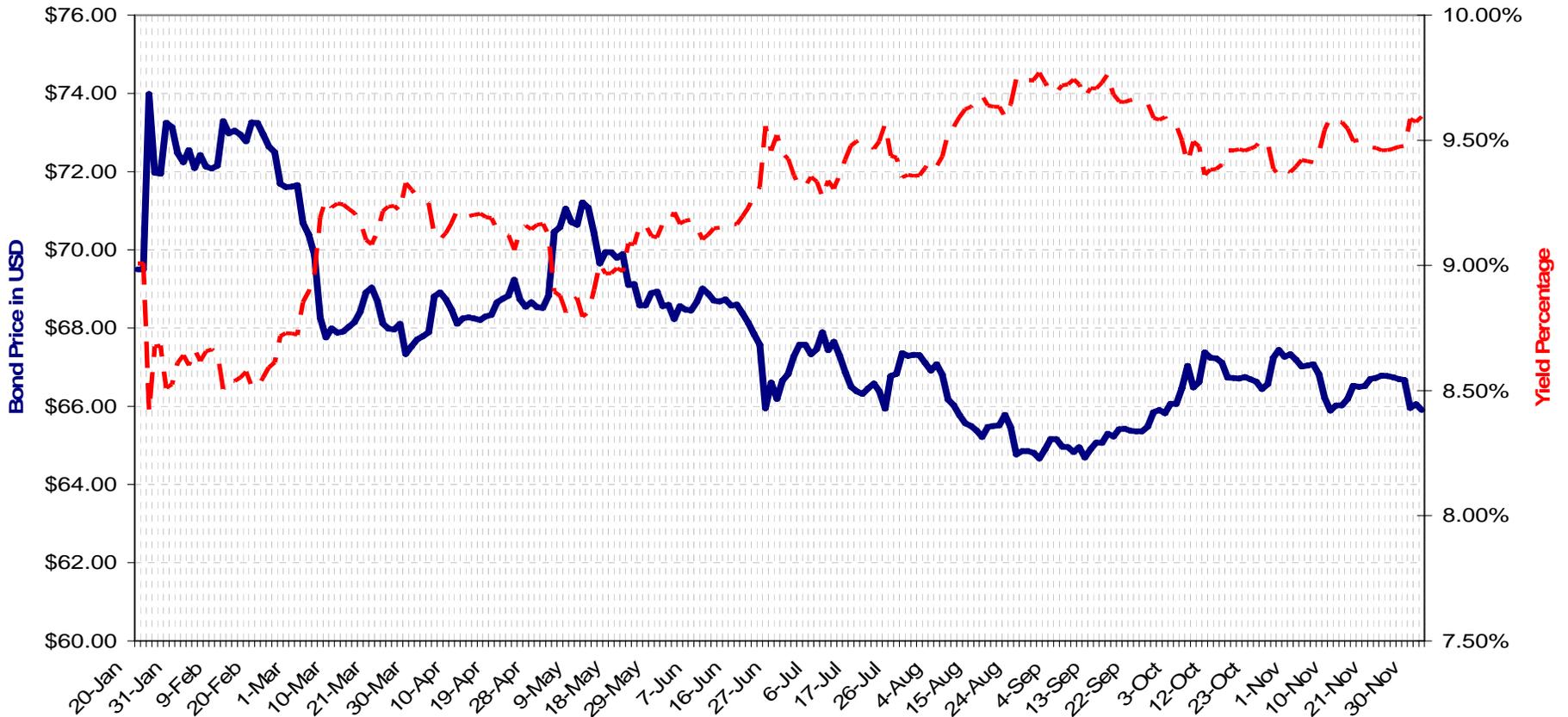


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - December 1, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

New Investment Law:

- The Presidency Council approved the Iraqi National Investment Law November 30. Once published in the Official Gazette, it will enter into effect. The Investment Law establishes a legal and regulatory framework for both Iraqi and foreign companies to invest in Iraq, with the hope that it will pave the way for increased investment and private sector participation. The banking, insurance, and oil and gas extraction and production sectors are not included in the law.

Basrah's Date Palms Project Offers Jobs:

- The Basrah provincial government has begun implementation of a US-funded \$10 million project to restore the date palm plantations of Basrah, creating 2,000 jobs. The director of the Basrah Date Palm Research Center stated that about 140,000 offshoots are being planted on approximately 1,250 hectares of land owned by about 1,000 farming families. He said because the individual farmers own the plantations, the farmers have economic incentives to maintain them.



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

Regional Trade Cooperation:

- According to Iranian trade data, since March 2006, exports to Iraq have increased 19% compared with the same period last year, reaching \$700 million.
- Iraq’s Ministry of Trade has called upon Iran to play a greater role in supporting the Iraqi economy. A ministry source said in a press statement November 29, “The director of the Finance and Administration Department in the ministry, Abdul-Khaliq al-Amiri, has met with the Iranian charge d'affaires in Baghdad to discuss economic and commercial relations, in addition to activating the bilateral agreement between Iraq and Iran.” The Iranian charge d'affaires confirmed Iran's willingness to support the Iraqi economy and to coordinate with the Ministry of Trade in importing items for all Iraqi regions.

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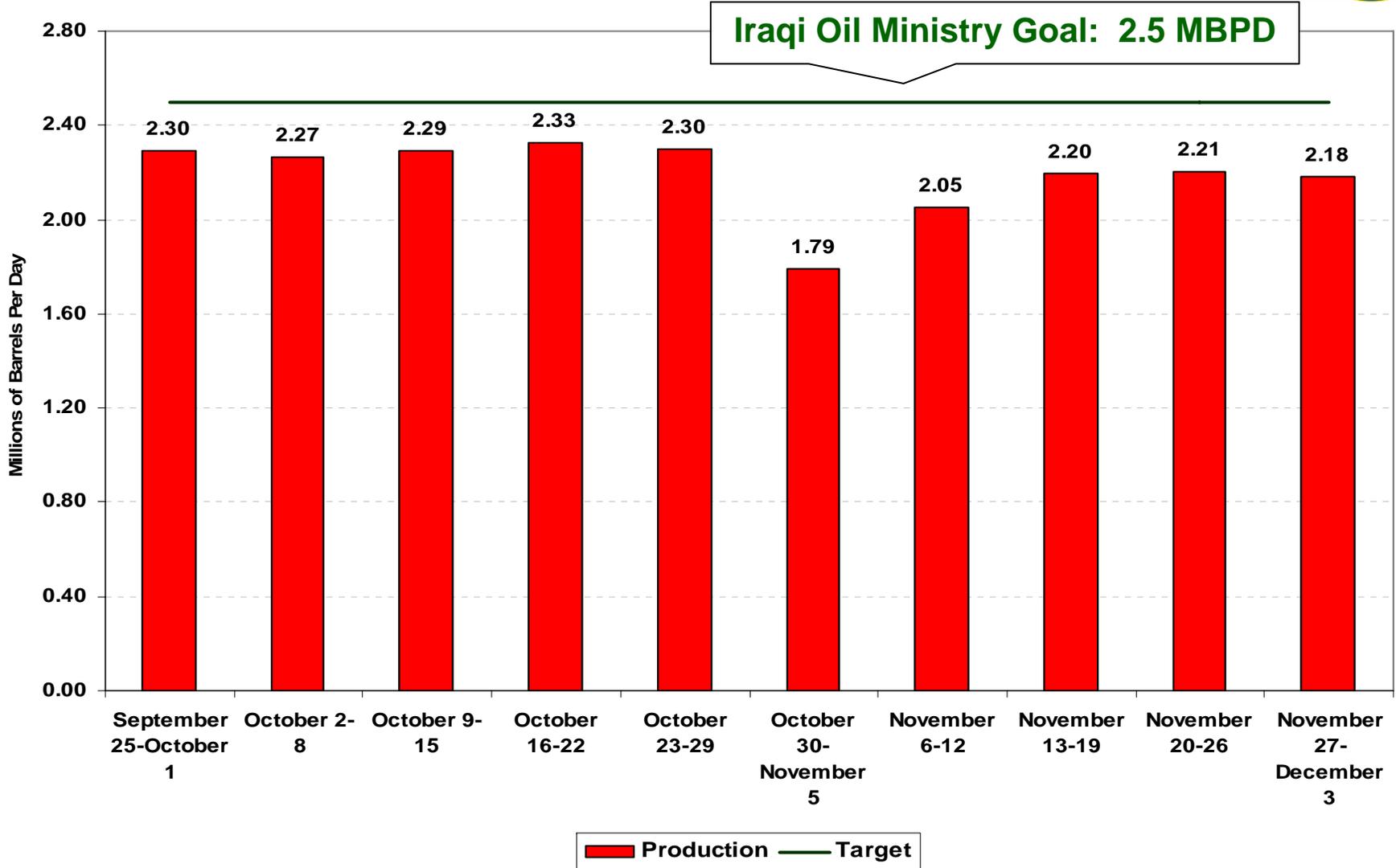
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[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

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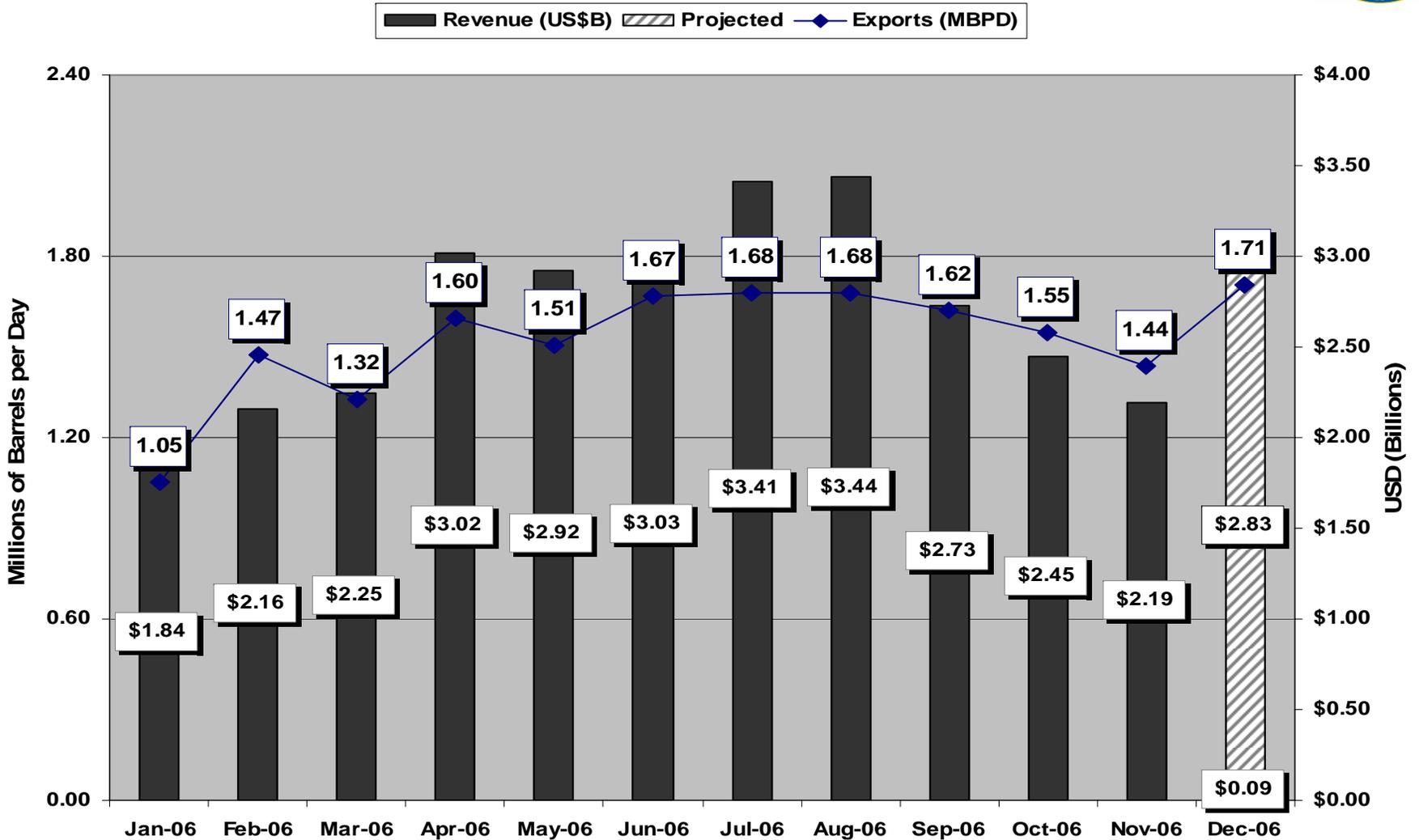


- Weekly Average (November 27 – December 3) of 2.18 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



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

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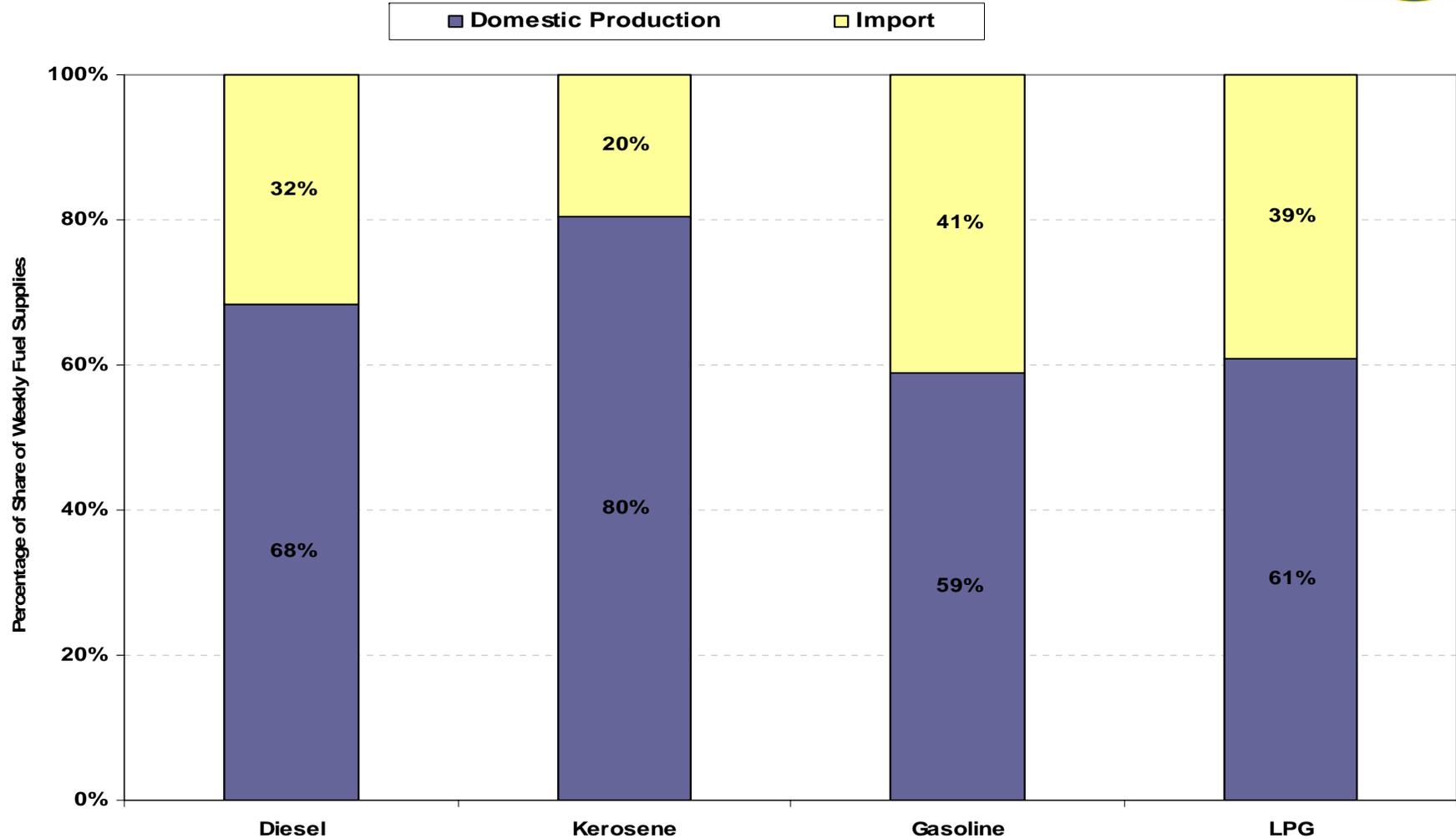


- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$29.5 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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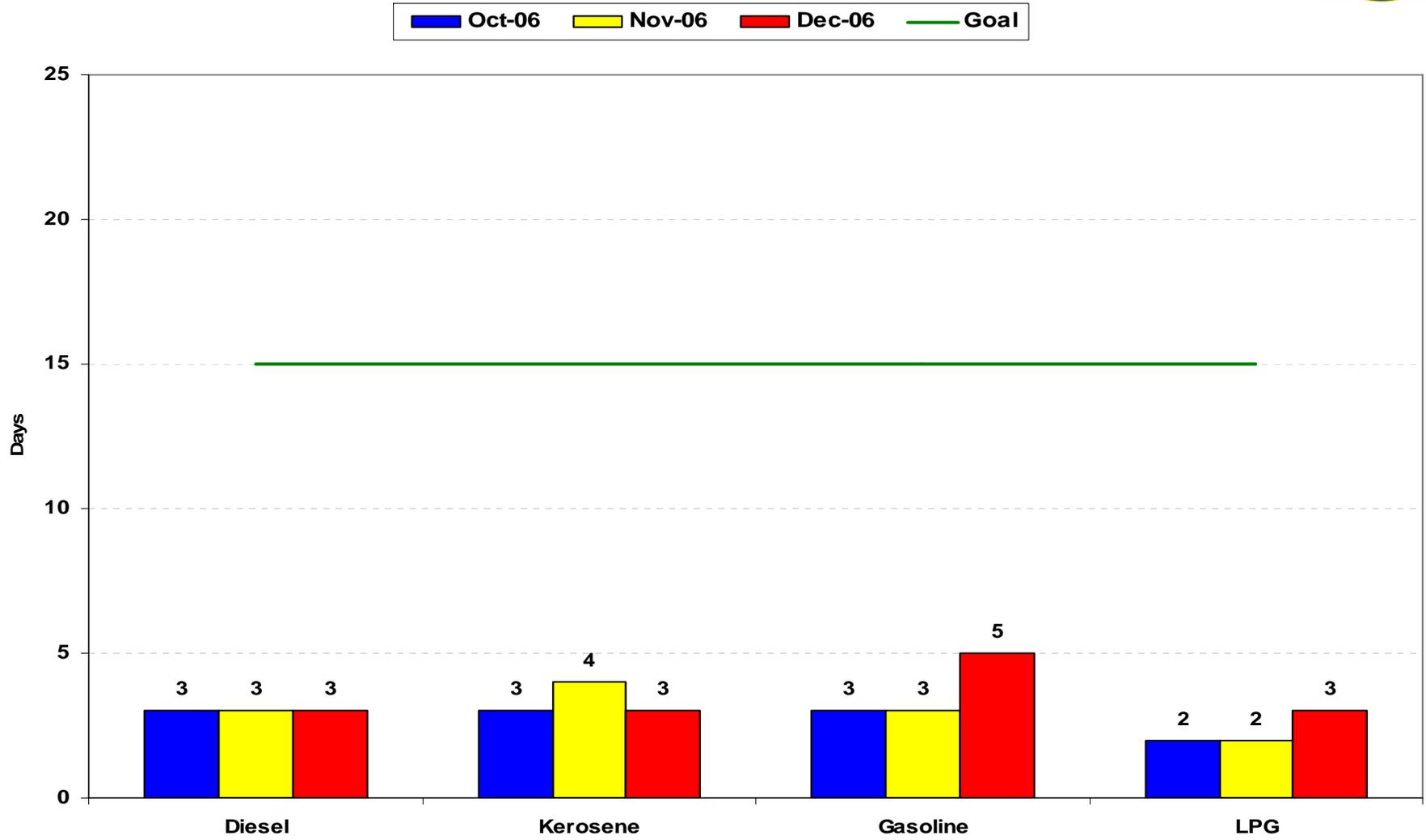
Note: This is a daily average for the week of November 27 – December 3

- Diesel: 12.8 ML supply of 23.4 ML target
- Kerosene: 7.2 ML supply of 16.4 ML target
- Gasoline: 12.7 ML supply of 27.4 ML target
- LPG: 2,267 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 41 Insurgents:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 41 individuals for a variety of crimes November 10-23, including possession of illegal weapons, possessing false civil affairs identifications, failure to renew resident identification and illegal border crossing.
- The trial court found an Iraqi man guilty of participating in terrorist activities and attacking Iraqi and Multi-National Forces (MNF) in violation of Article 4/1 of the anti-terrorist laws. MNF apprehended the defendant during a targeted raid. The defendant confessed to participating in the video production of the Merez dining facility bombing that killed 18 MNF service members and wounded another 30. The trial panel found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to death November 13.
- The trial court found a Sudanese man guilty of violating Article 24, Residency/ Entering Iraqi Border Illegally. MNF apprehended the defendant in a targeted raid to disrupt anti-Iraqi Forces and anti-MNF elements. The defendant admitted to entering Iraq for terrorist purposes. The trial panel sentenced him to life imprisonment November 14.
- Since its establishment in April 2004, the CCCI has held 1,740 trials for Coalition-apprehended insurgents. The proceedings have resulted in 1,501 convictions.



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

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Japanese Government Extends Air Mission in Iraq:

- The government of Japan approved the extension of the Air Self-Defense Force's mission in Iraq until July 2007. The current mission conducts airlift operations to transport personnel and supplies for the UN and Multi-National Forces-Iraq in support of reconstruction missions in Iraq.

The Republic of Korea finalizes Iraq Deployment Plans:

- South Korea notified the USG of its plan to reduce the number of its troops in Iraq next year while extending their deployment. Under the plan, the Korean contingent in Erbil will be reduced from the current 2,300 to 1,200 by April 2007 and a complete troop pullout will be made by the end of 2007.

Bulgaria Open to Continuing Presence in Iraq:

- Bulgaria's Defense Minister Veselin Bliznakov said December 1 that his country will extend its contingent of 153 non-combat troops to guard the Ashraf refugee camp near Baghdad after March 2007, so long as it receives a new invitation from the US.

Italy Withdraws last troops From Iraq:

- Italy completed withdrawal of remaining troops from Iraq December 1. Italian Prime Minister Berlusconi had promised during campaigning that he would remove all of Italy's troops from Iraq.



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

Data as of November 29, 2006

26 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 ~ 18,039 Forces

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

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

*34 includes the 26 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and six NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

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

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Radio Journalist Killed in Baghdad:

- Iraqi radio journalist Nabil Ibrahim al-Dulaimi was killed outside his home in Baghdad December 4 as he was walking to Radio Dijla.
- According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, 89 journalists and 37 media support workers have been killed in Iraq since the March 2003 US-led invasion.

Joint Statement by Ambassador Khalilzad and General Casey:

- US Ambassador to Iraq Khalilzad and Multi-National Forces-Iraq Commanding General Casey issued a joint statement December 4 condemning recent sectarian violence in Iraq in which they said that “the true enemies of all Iraqis are the murderers who carry out these senseless and cowardly attacks, regardless of sect, tribe or ethnicity. They are terrified of progress in this country and are determined to sow sectarian discord for their own selfish agenda.”



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Danish Journalists Acquitted:

- Three Danish journalists who published classified intelligence reports on Iraq's former weapons program were acquitted December 4 on charges of endangering national security.
- The Copenhagen City Court ruled the men acted in the public interest when they published a series of articles in 2004 citing leaked Danish intelligence reports saying that there was no evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.



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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