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Coalition Forces Disrupt al-Qaida Networks; 27 Suspects Detained:

- Twenty-seven suspects were detained December 8 and 9 during Coalition operations. Suspects detained include AQI propaganda and media operatives, foreign terrorist facilitators, and associates of car-bombing and IED cells. The operations took place in Baghdad, Taji, northwest of Mansuriyah, Samarra, Bayji, Hawija, and Mosul.

Suspects Detained in Connection with Iraqi Police Chief Death:

- Provincial Iraqi police chief, Major General Qais al-Maamouri, was killed December 9 by a roadside bomb in Hillah. Hassan Watwet, head of the security council, announced shortly after the incident that the culprits were most likely Shiite militia or AQI. A day later, 20 suspects were detained in raids near the site of the attack. Major General Qais was well-regarded by Coalition forces.



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

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Operation Lion Pounce Returns Diwaniyah to its People:

- 8th Iraqi Army Soldiers paired with Iraqi Special Operations Forces, Iraqi Emergency Response Units (ERU) and Iraqi Police to disrupt and isolate the insurgency. The operation began mid-November and has yielded over 150 detentions. Colonel Hassan, the 8th Iraqi Army chief of staff stated, “We have broken the base of these terrorists. We have broken their networks, and we have captured their leaders.” The result has been a city allowed to return to normalcy and the uncovering of large weapons caches.

4th Class of Iraqi National Policemen Graduate from Leadership Course:

- The 4th class of Iraqi National Policemen graduated from a leadership course November 29 at Forward Operation Base Rustamiyah. The course was designed by Iraqis and led by a joint team of the 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, and 1st Iraqi National Police Military Transition Team. Skills learned include stacking to enter a house, tactical movement through a courtyard, clearing a house, reaction to contact and treating and evacuating a casualty.



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

Development of Iraqi Security Forces Key to Success in Anbar:

- Marine Major General Walter E. Gaskin, commander of Multinational Force West, said December 10 that the positive trend in Anbar is permanent and supported by the continuing development of ISF. Gaskin also said that Iraqi forces, both army and police, are evolving to be self-sufficient logistically, tactically and operationally. Embedded transition teams have been crucial to developing Iraqi forces. Gaskin noted, "The Iraqi security forces are acquitting themselves magnificently. They just need time to gain the experience required. You cannot buy experience; it has to be earned, and it takes time to do that."

Mixed Reactions to Length of U.S. Troop Extension in Iraq:

- Iraq's National Security Advisor Mowaffaq al-Rubaie told reporters he hopes this year's extension of the U.N. authorization for the U.S.-led forces in Iraq will be the last and stated that Iraq would not accept a permanent military presence: "Permanent forces or bases in Iraq for any foreign forces is a red line that cannot be accepted by any nationalist Iraqi."
- Omar Fatah, the Deputy PM of the KRG said the Kurds would like to maintain U.S. forces in Iraq by signing a deal similar to the security pact signed last month by President Bush and Maliki. "We expressed our pleasure about the agreement between Washington and Baghdad...We want an agreement that would see that Kurds are not oppressed again," Fatah said.



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

Component ^a	Current Authorized Personnel ^b	Assigned Personnel ^c	Assigned & Trained Personnel ^d	Total Trained Personnel to date ^e
Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces ^f				
Iraqi Police Service ^g	271,850	255,601	142,138	174,025
National Police	33,861	32,517	32,517	36,504
Border Enforcement	38,000	38,751	31,376	31,431
Total MoI	343,711	326,869	206,031	241,960
Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces ^h				
Army	186,352	141,991	141,991	173,545
Support Forces	17,369	17,208	17,208	18,208
Air Force	2,907	1,075	1,075	1,286
Navy	1,483	1,106	1,106	1,194
Total MoD	208,111	161,380	161,380	194,233
Counter Terrorism Bureau				
Special Operations	3,967	3,283	2,578	3,485
Total Iraqi Security Forces	555,789	491,532	369,989	439,678

a Numbers do not include ministry staffs.

b Numbers reflect Government of Iraq (GOI) authorizations.

c Numbers are based upon GOI payroll data and do not reflect present for duty totals.

d Numbers reflect assigned personnel that have received training.

e Numbers reflect total ISF personnel trained to date, some of which are no longer assigned due to casualties, AWOL, and normal separation.

f MoI strength does not reflect investigative and administrative forces, the MoI HQ, MoI Forensics, Dignitary Protection, or contracted guards.

g MoI Police Support Unit, Provincial Security Force, and Emergency Response Unit personnel are part of the Iraqi Police Service and does not include other Ministry FPS.

h The MoD strength are derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).



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

Iraqi Parliament to Adjourn Until December 30:

- Iraq's parliament unexpectedly adjourned in observance of the annual Muslim Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca. The adjournment delays the passage of de-Ba'athification and 2008 budget legislation until after the new year. The next session of the Iraqi Council of Representatives is expected to begin December 30.

End to Tawafuq Boycott More Distant:

- Adnan al-Dulaimi has said that prospects for ending Tawafuq's Cabinet boycott have become "more distant" following the detention of his son and security guards. "There is no real reconciliation," he said. "National reconciliation is on paper."

Anbar Provincial Council Chair Meets with Council of Tribal Shaykhs:

- Anbar Provincial Council Chairman Abdulsalam presided over a joint meeting of the Provincial Council and the Council of Tribal Shaykhs as part of an outreach effort to the province's tribal leaders. It was the first PC meeting in Ramadi since last month, when the Iraq Awakening Council (SAI) had called for Abdulsalam's replacement as its chairman and suspended its activities. SAI leaders were invited, but did not attend.



[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

* Vacant

Minister of Agriculture Ali al-Bahadeli	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture *	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 Saleh al-Hasnawi	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 Safa al Safi (acting)	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 *
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Wijdan Mikha'il (acting)	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 *	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities *	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



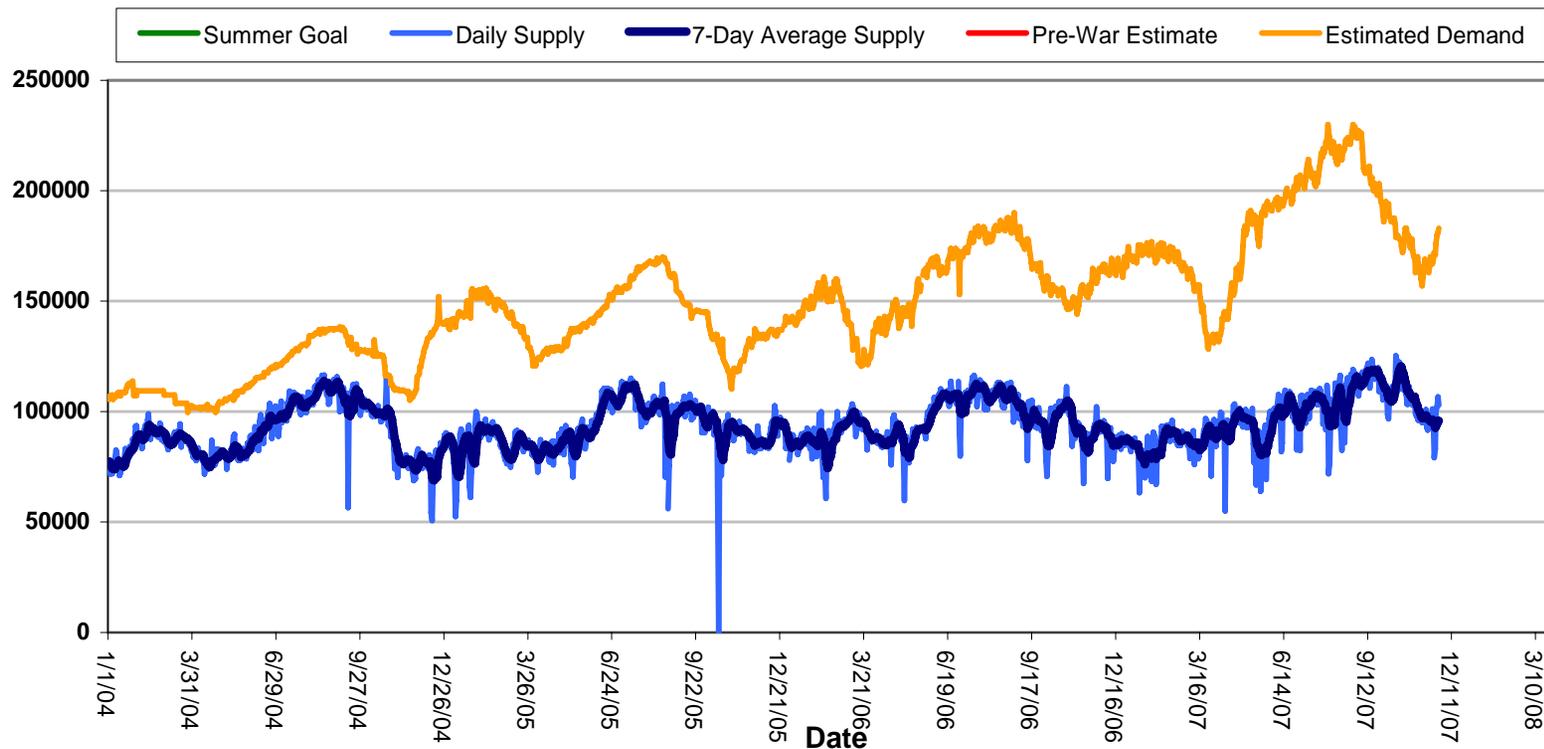
Sector			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,985	\$20	\$4,964	\$4,964	\$0	\$4,961	\$4,961	\$0	\$4,848	\$4,849	\$0
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,264	\$44	\$2,257	\$2,257	\$0	\$2,244	\$2,244	\$0	\$2,127	\$2,130	\$3
Electricity Sector	\$4,201	\$25	\$4,058	\$4,069	\$11	\$4,048	\$4,047	\$0	\$3,617	\$3,646	\$28
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,714	\$11	\$1,599	\$1,599	\$0	\$1,599	\$1,599	\$0	\$1,547	\$1,548	\$1
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,084	\$18	\$1,972	\$1,972	\$0	\$1,971	\$1,971	-\$1	\$1,735	\$1,742	\$7
Transportation and Communications	\$454	\$3	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$376	\$377	\$1
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$332	\$1	\$321	\$321	\$0	\$321	\$321	\$0	\$237	\$238	\$1
Health Care	\$813	\$10	\$784	\$791	\$7	\$775	\$775	\$0	\$706	\$710	\$4
Private Sector Development	\$821	\$2	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$802	\$802	\$0
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$426	\$10	\$421	\$421	\$0	\$421	\$421	\$0	\$389	\$390	\$1
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$208	\$208	\$0
Total	\$18,306	\$143	\$17,856	\$17,874	\$18	\$17,820	\$17,819	-\$1	\$16,592	\$16,639	\$47
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,914	\$7,930	\$16	\$7,912	\$7,911	\$0	\$7,593	\$7,598	\$5
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,423	\$9,424	\$2	\$9,389	\$9,388	\$0	\$8,484	\$8,526	\$42
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$515	\$515	\$0
IRRF I Total	\$2,475	\$0	\$2,291	\$2,291	\$0	\$2,232	\$2,232	\$0	\$2,139	\$2,139	\$0
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,781	\$143	\$20,147	\$20,165	\$18	\$20,052	\$20,051	-\$1	\$18,731	\$18,778	\$47

Apportion amounts reflect those of the latest Executive Office of the President Report, published by the Office of Management and Budget. Committed, obligated and disbursed amounts reflect last numbers reported by each agency.



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

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- For December 5-11 daily electricity demand was 13% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the grid was 17% above the year-earlier period and met 56% of total electricity demand, compared with 53% for the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 8.7 and nationwide 11.4. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 6.4 and nationwide 8.7.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Provision of Essential Services

Oil:

- Iraqi national spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh reported December 8 that Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) PM Nechirvan Barzani will travel to Baghdad to meet with Maliki to discuss the stalled draft oil law and recent oil contracts signed by the KRG. The KRG has maintained that their actions concerning the recent oil deals were constitutional, while Iraq's Oil Minister, Hussein al-Shahristani, has publicly denounced them as "illegal." Shahristani claims "irreconcilable differences" between the two governmental bodies in respect to passing the long-debated draft national oil law.
- According to UPI, the Iraqi Oil Ministry seems poised to sign deals for the country's largest oil fields, though the prepared deals don't seem to be what foreign oil companies originally had in mind. Iraq's proven oil fields fall behind only Saudi Arabia and Iran in terms of size. However, much of Iraq's land remains unexplored. In a recent interview with UPI, Oil Minister Hussein al-Shahristani had the following to say: "This has nothing to do with the national oil law. There is no timeline. Whenever we finish our discussions we'll just sign the contracts. [These are] basically technical support contracts." He added that the contracts will not be the result of a bidding process. "Selected companies will offer us technical support that we need to develop our producing fields."



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Provision of Essential Services

Transportation:

- Deputy President Tariq Hashimi announced that Swedish civil aviation authorities have agreed to resume direct flights between Sweden and Iraq's Kurdistan region December 7. In August, Swedish officials suspended all commercial flights after an alleged rocket attack on one of their jets. Later, the director of Sulaimaniyah airport said "the pilot's assumptions were wrong...in fact, the Kurdish hunters are using spotlights at night."



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

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending December 7 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$85.416/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$88.726/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$89.378/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$84.518/barrel

Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis This Week
Gulf Region District (USACE) IRRF (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,627
Gulf Region District (USACE) ESF (Includes ISP and PRDC)	1,671
US Agency for International Development (USAID) (ESF)	75,710
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	3,055
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	9,194
GRAND TOTAL	112,257

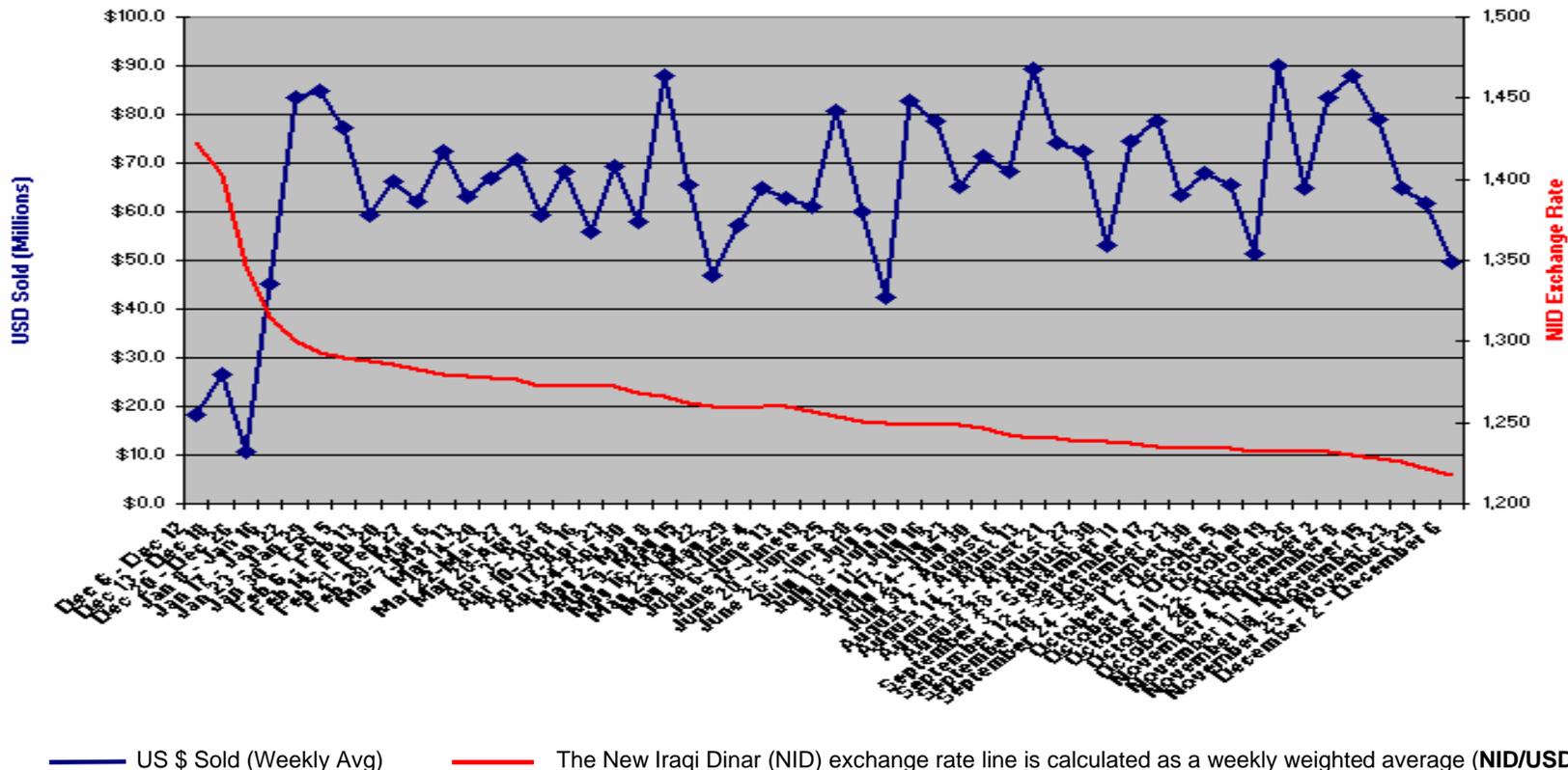


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in inflation. These policies have begun to bear fruit, as overall year-to-date inflation is 8.8%, which projects a pace well below the IMF annual target of 25%. The tendency for accelerated price increases in the last three months of the year remains a concern, however. The CBI will likely continue its appreciation of the Iraqi Dinar and maintain interest rates to fight further inflationary pressure.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: October 29, 2006 – December 6, 2007**



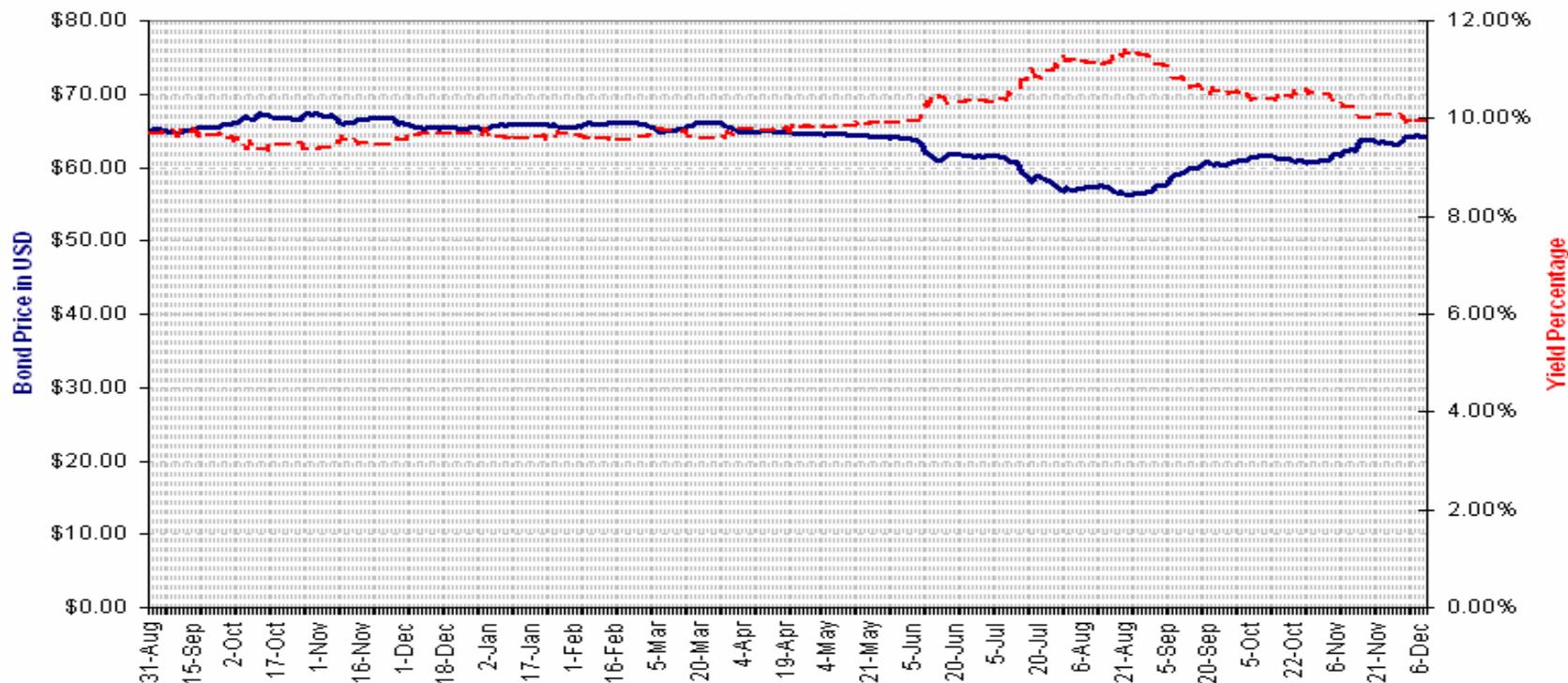


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per 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.

Iraqi Commercial Bonds Sales August 25, 2006 – December 6, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

ICB Drives Down Inflation:

- Hadier al-Ubadi, chairman of the Iraqi Parliament's economic committee, noted that the Central Bank of Iraq's monetary policy has helped lower the country's inflation rate. Ubadi noted that the dinar value is higher than in recent years. This increase has prompted many Iraqis to keep their savings in dinar-denominated accounts as opposed to U.S. dollars. Ubadi went on to say, "The Iraq Central Bank now controls the monetary market in this country, and its efforts have contributed to driving the inflation rate of the consumable commodities down by 15% from 57%."

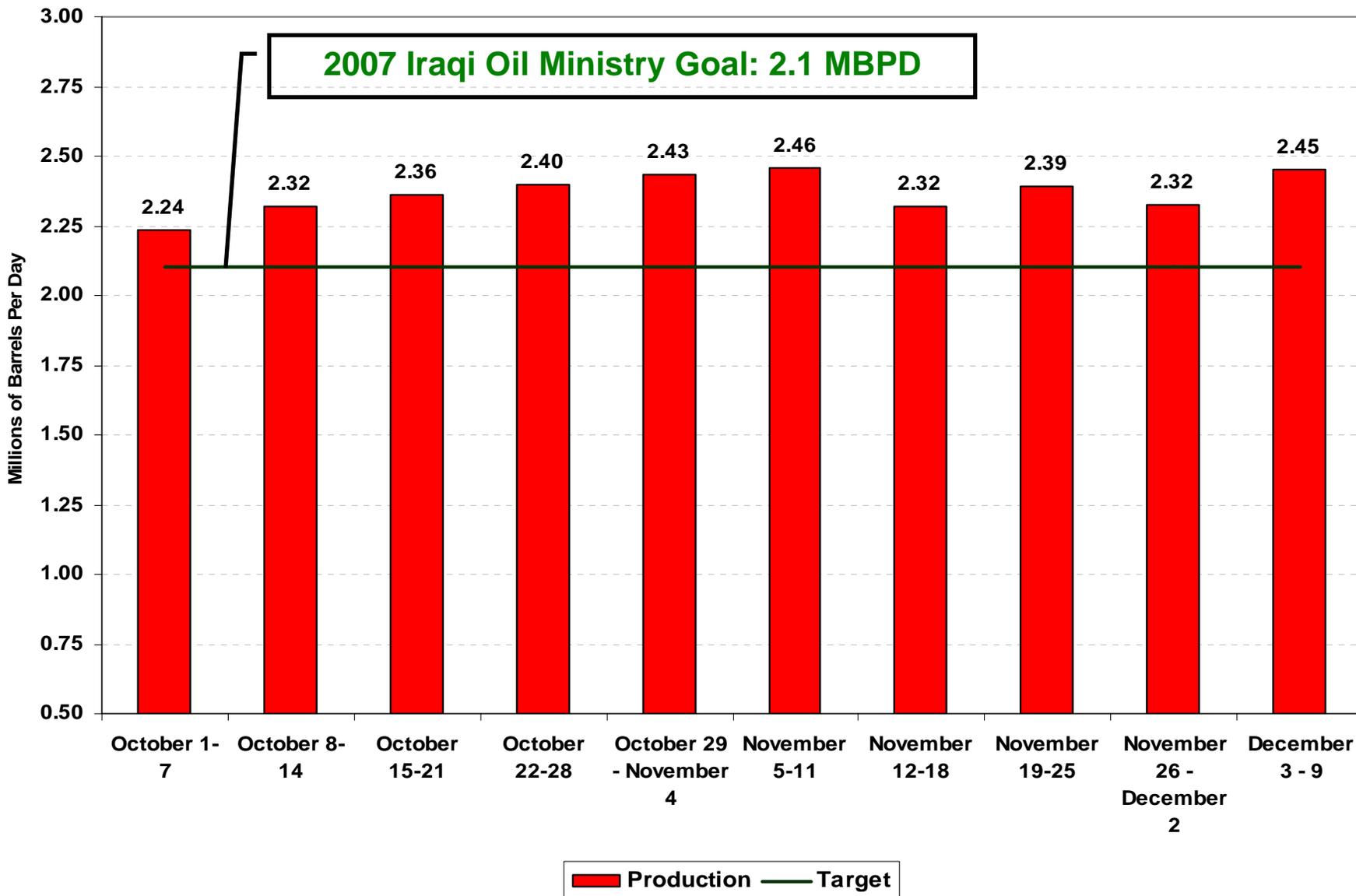
Kurdistan Regional Government Opens Microcredit Foundation:

- Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) PM Nechirvan Barzani announced the launch of the Bright Future Foundation (BFF) December 10 in Irbil. Barzani had the following to say about the BFF, an independent microcredit organization: "In line with the KRG's interest in developing the private sector, supporting our society's low income families, and encouraging self-confidence and self-reliance, the KRG has allocated \$5 million as a first step to initiate this activity in the Kurdistan Region." He added, "If we look at the KRG's program, we see that the government has promised to reduce unemployment and further develop the private sector. This microcredit system does exactly that. We support these programs because we want our people to rely on themselves and their own capabilities."



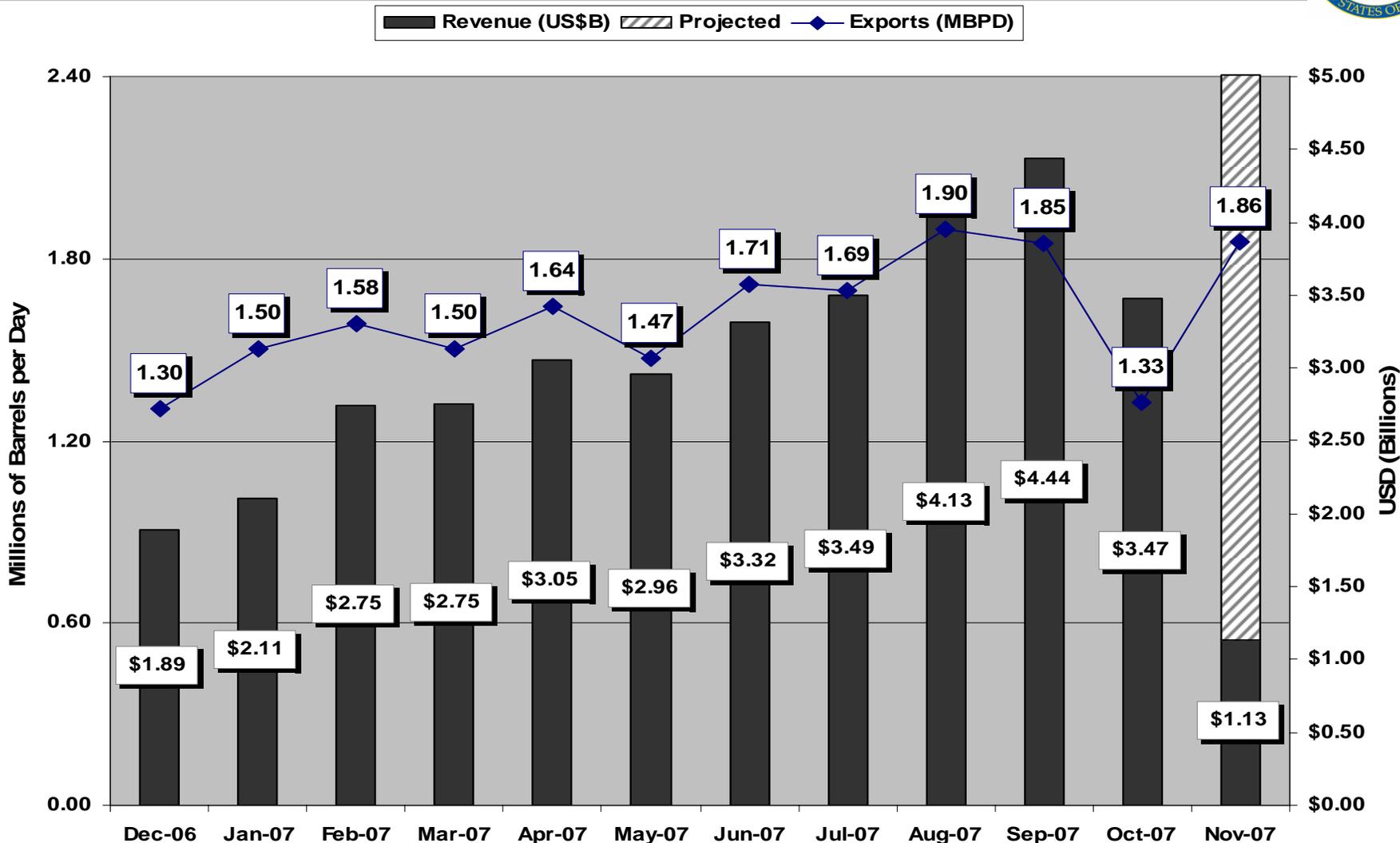
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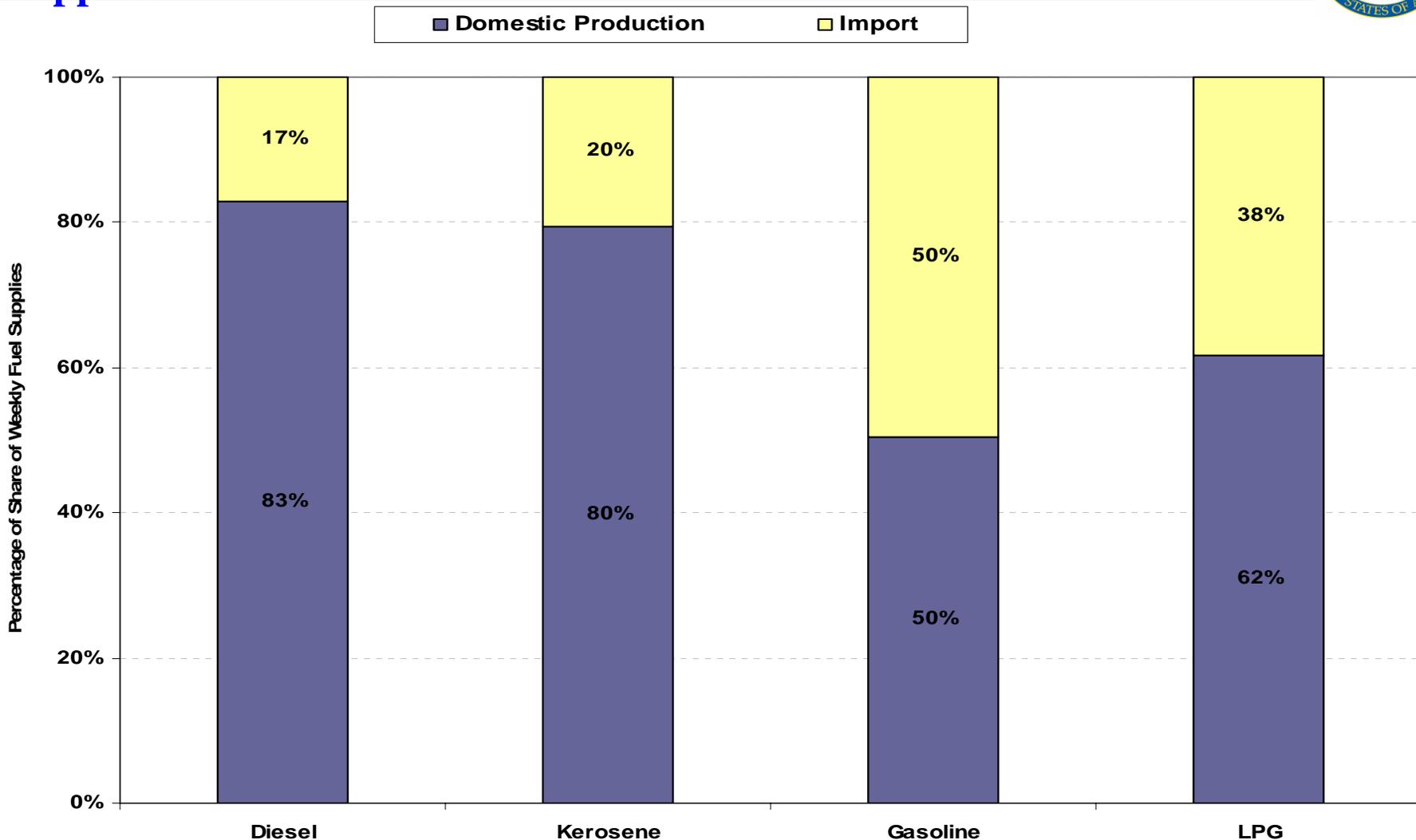
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$35.5 Billion (Year to Date)



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

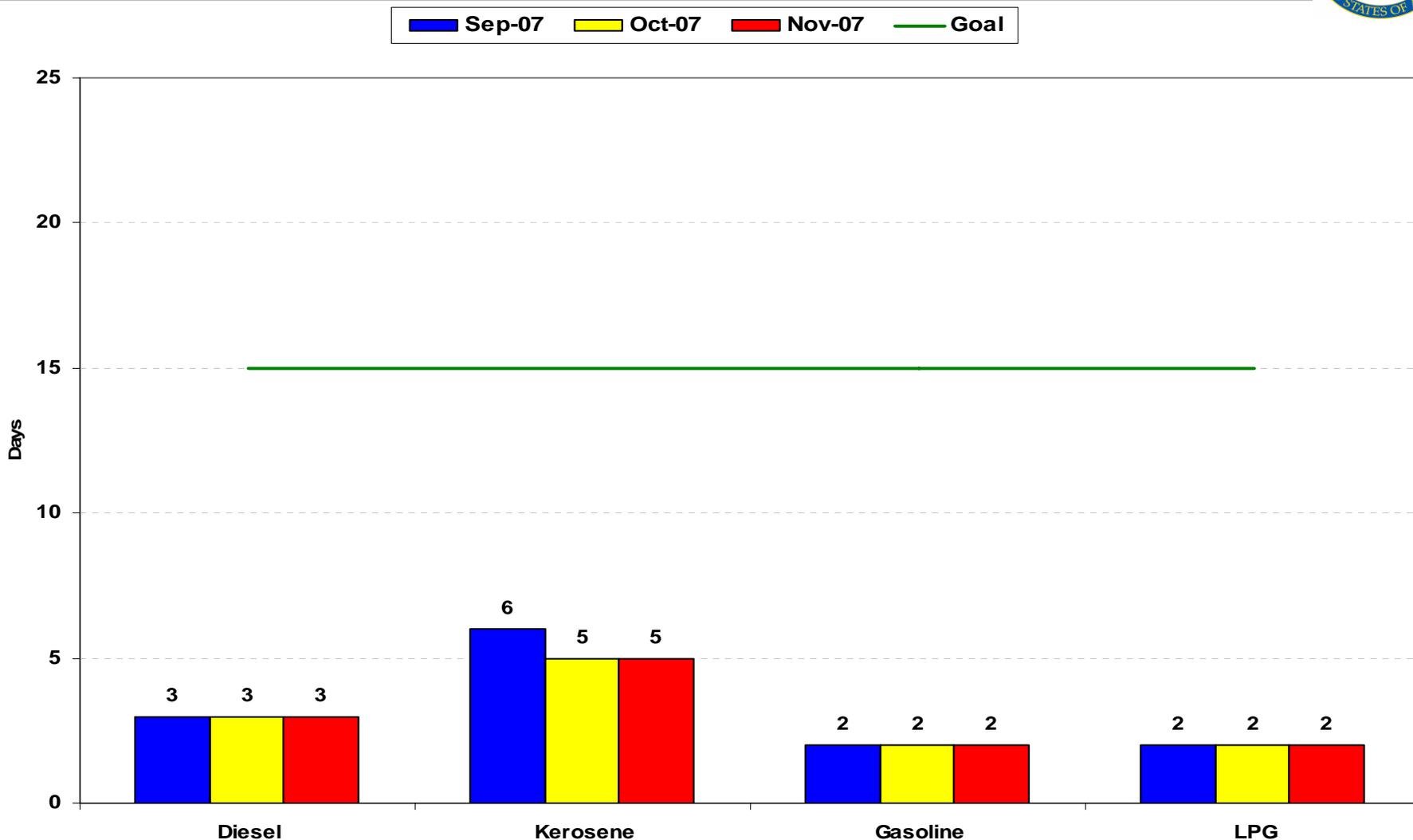


Note: This is a daily average for December 3 - 9

- Diesel: 12.6 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.1 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 16.9 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,418 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- 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— Rule of Law

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- Dhia al-Kinani will review the material presented against Hussein and decide if the case should proceed. If so, al-Kinani will recommend that Hussein stand trial in front of a three judge panel.
- Hussein's defense team complained about some procedural matters of the hearing that they maintain are necessary for his defense. The defense team claims they were not given an opportunity to review the presented material.



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

Iraq Requests UN Security Council Extend Mandate:

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Fourth Round of Talks Between U.S., Iraq and Iran to Take Place:

- U.S., Iranian and Iraqi officials will soon hold a fourth round of talks concerning Iraq's future. Iraqi Foreign Minister Zebari said that the meeting will take place below the ambassadorial level and will focus on security : "This is a technical committee made up of security experts, military and diplomats together. This committee is focused on security issues, so everybody agreed to resume talks on that basis," he said.

El Salvador to Send Tenth Contingent to Iraq in 2008:

- Media reports that President Elías Saca stated December 11 that El Salvador will send a tenth contingent to Iraq in 2008. The size of the contingent is still under consideration within the GOES, but it is expected to remain at the current level of 280 soldiers.



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

Back-to-Back IRFFI and ICI Meetings in Baghdad:

- At December 8 and 10 meetings, Baghdad-based representatives of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) and the International Compact with Iraq (ICI) reaffirmed that IRFFI activities should be aligned with the ICI and that Iraq and the international community remain committed to achieving the aims of the Compact. PM Maliki and UN SRSG De Mistura co-chaired the ICI session where Maliki said that, in view of improvements on the security and political fronts, Iraq can begin making progress with its economy.



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

27 Countries with forces in Iraq (including U.S.)

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

TOTAL ~ 11,586 Forces

33 Countries and NATO*
 (including the U.S.)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*33 includes the U.S., the 27 countries listed above, and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

Note: Fiji and New Zealand, participating as a part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), are not included.



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

First Iraqi Cardinal Celebrates Mass:

- Cardinal Emmanuel III Delly, leader of the ancient Chaldean Church, celebrated his first mass since Pope Benedict XVI elevated him to the top ranks of the Roman Catholic hierarchy three weeks ago. The mass was under heavy guard and broadcast live on Iraqi state television. In a show of unity, a visiting Shiite imam from Iraq's majority Muslim sect attended the service. During his sermon, Cardinal Delly said, "We are of one family. Everyone should work for the progress of this country."



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