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Highlights

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Lieutenant General Ray Odierno, the Multi-National Forces-Iraq commander, said violence in Iraq is at its lowest level since 2003. Odierno attributed the change to an increase in American troops and better-trained Iraqi forces.

2. **Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance**

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

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited Iraq to meet with government leaders and the UN's new special envoy. The Secretary urged Iraqi leaders to increase the pace on passing national reconciliation-related legislation.

4. **Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services**

Iraq's crude oil production has risen dramatically in 2007 and allowed Iraq to contribute to the needs of the world market. Oil production has gone from 1.7 million barrels per day in January 2007 to almost 2.5 million barrels in December 2007.



Highlights

5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Iraq repaid its outstanding obligations of roughly \$467 million to the International Monetary Fund December 12. Additionally, the IMF approved the new Stand-By Agreement December 19. If Iraq continues to make timely payments to the IMF, it will receive the final 20% of a total 80% debt-reduction package by the end of 2008.

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Violence at Lowest Level Since 2003:

- Lieutenant General Ray Odierno, the Multi-National Forces-Iraq Ground Forces commander, said violence in Iraq is at its lowest level since 2003. Odierno reported that the first six months of 2007 were probably the most violent period since 2003. The past six months, however, have seen some of the lowest levels of violence since the conflict began. Odierno attributed the change to an increase in American troops and better-trained Iraqi forces.

Concerned Local Citizens Standing Up Against Extremists:

- Currently, there are approximately 72,000 active CLCs on the ground in Iraq. Approximately 60,000 are paid a monthly wage and the remaining 12,000 are volunteers.
- In MND-Center's area of operations, 40 caches were found during the month of November by, or with the assistance of, CLCs. MNF-I spokesman Rear Admiral Greg Smith said, "Removing these caches has resulted in reduced levels of violence and, more importantly, fewer casualties." Over 10,000 Iraqis from the original Anbar Awakening were hired as CLCs and now serve in the ISF.



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

British Forces Hand Over Basrah Province to Iraqi Control:

- British forces formally handed over responsibility for the last region in Iraq under their control December 16. Basrah is the ninth province to be transferred to Iraqi security responsibility as the GOI and its security forces continue to develop and assume greater responsibility for governing and providing security for their citizens.
- The UK will alter its mission to focus on aiding the economy and providing jobs. The first province transferred to GOI security control was Muthanna in July 2006.

Building a National Police Force:

- More than 450 members of the Iraqi National Police are currently in the final stages of an eight-week training course. The Italian Carabinieri is teaching basic police procedure as the core of the training curriculum.
- Iraqi Police Colonel Adel, Camp Dublin base support operations executive officer, stated, “One of the goals of the training team is to transform the old way of policing into one that will function in a new nation. The old police environment lent itself to corruption, which did nothing for the people of Iraq.”

Iraqi Police Graduate Small Boat Operations Course:

- Iraqi Major General Ali and U.S. Army BG David Phillips commended 15 Iraqi policemen on their graduation from the first small boat operation course December 12. The policemen belong to the Baghdad River Patrol Station, located along the eastern banks of the Tigris River.



[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

Detainees Released in Effort to Further Reconciliation:

- Iraqi National Security Adviser Mowaffaq al-Rubaie has announced that the GOI is willing to release thousands of detainees in order to further reconciliation between the Shia and Sunni communities. He said the 'Pardon and Safety' plan would "secure the release of thousands of detainees in Iraqi government prisons."

Mass Wedding of Inter-Sectarian Couples:

- The Christian Science Monitor has reported that 70 inter-sectarian couples participated in a mass wedding in Baghdad, demonstrating that the actions of average citizens are as much a symbol for reconciliation as the legislative efforts of the country's political leaders. Married couples carried out the tradition of driving together around town, but the firing of weapons into the air was banned. During the reception, participants engaged in Sunni, Shia and Kurdish traditional dances.

Reconciliation Meeting Promises Cooperation:

- PRT Baghdad reports that during a Northeast Rasheed reconciliation meeting attended by Sunni and Shia shaykhs, local government officials, and ISF, the shaykhs expressed willingness to work together for peace and stability and insisted that the return of internally displaced persons be discussed and managed by tribal leaders.



[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

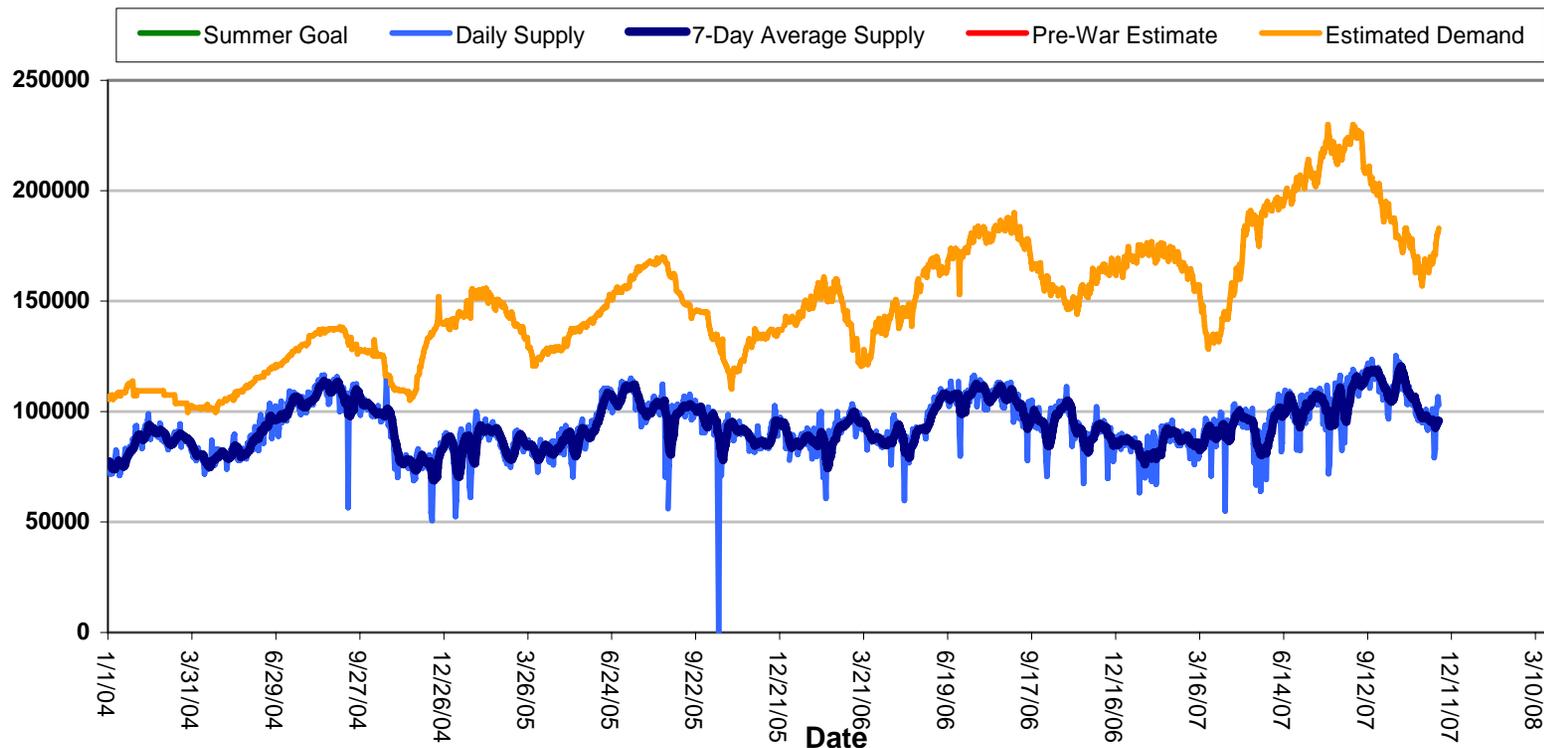
| Sector | Allocated | Un-allocated | Committed | | | Obligated | | | Disbursed | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | | Last Week | Current | 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 | \$4,849 | \$4,849 | \$0 |
| Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society | \$2,264 | \$44 | \$2,257 | \$2,257 | \$0 | \$2,244 | \$2,244 | \$0 | \$2,130 | \$2,130 | \$0 |
| Electricity Sector | \$4,201 | \$25 | \$4,069 | \$4,069 | \$0 | \$4,047 | \$4,047 | \$0 | \$3,646 | \$3,657 | \$11 |
| Oil Infrastructure | \$1,714 | \$11 | \$1,599 | \$1,599 | \$0 | \$1,599 | \$1,599 | \$0 | \$1,548 | \$1,549 | \$1 |
| Water Resources and Sanitation | \$2,084 | \$18 | \$1,972 | \$1,973 | \$1 | \$1,971 | \$1,972 | \$1 | \$1,742 | \$1,743 | \$1 |
| Transportation and Communications | \$454 | \$3 | \$450 | \$451 | \$1 | \$450 | \$450 | \$0 | \$377 | \$378 | \$1 |
| Roads, Bridges and Construction | \$332 | \$1 | \$321 | \$321 | \$0 | \$321 | \$321 | \$0 | \$238 | \$238 | \$0 |
| Health Care | \$813 | \$10 | \$791 | \$791 | \$0 | \$775 | \$775 | \$0 | \$710 | \$710 | \$0 |
| 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 | \$390 | \$390 | \$0 |
| Admin Expense (USAID, STATE) | \$213 | \$0 | \$210 | \$210 | \$0 | \$210 | \$210 | \$0 | \$208 | \$208 | \$0 |
| Total | \$18,306 | \$143 | \$17,874 | \$17,877 | \$3 | \$17,819 | \$17,820 | \$1 | \$16,639 | \$16,654 | \$15 |
| IRRF II Non-Construction | - | - | \$7,930 | \$7,930 | \$0 | \$7,911 | \$7,911 | \$0 | \$7,598 | \$7,600 | \$2 |
| IRRF II Construction | - | - | \$9,424 | \$9,427 | \$3 | \$9,388 | \$9,389 | \$1 | \$8,526 | \$8,539 | \$12 |
| 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 | \$20,165 | \$20,168 | \$3 | \$20,051 | \$20,052 | \$1 | \$18,778 | \$18,793 | \$15 |

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 12-18 daily electricity demand was 13% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the grid was 28% above the year-earlier period and met 57% of total electricity demand, compared with 50% for the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 9.3 and nationwide 12.4. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 5.9 and nationwide 9.1.



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

Oil:

- Iraq's production of crude oil is at its highest levels in recent years and is providing assistance in what is now a tight international energy market. Increased production from the north has had a significant impact on overall oil numbers, which are back to pre-2003 levels. Iraq is averaging 2.5 million barrels per day, compared to 1.74 million barrels per day at the beginning of 2007. It is still unknown whether the GOI can sustain this production, but the ability to do so would allow increased revenue for the provision of essential services by the government. Currently, Iraq produces an estimated 3% of global demand.

Essential Services:

- The Taji Joint Rural Planning Committee (JPRC) met with the Baghdad provincial governor's office and the Taji rural district council December 12. Director generals from the Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, Water and Resources, and Agriculture attended the meeting. Road and agriculture projects, water and sewer projects, education, and budget topics were all discussed at the meeting. The intent behind the JPRC is for Baghdad's six rural districts to receive the same government access as districts within the city.



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

Kirkuk:

- The Ministry of Industry and Minerals approved the rehabilitation of the cotton gin in Kirkuk. The reestablishment of the industry in Kirkuk should increase employment and support economic growth. Approximately \$2 million will be needed for equipment and basic rehabilitation. The PRT is working with the gin manager and other vested parties to obtain the proper resources.
- PRT Kirkuk reported that power production remained stable for the period. The national grid supplied 18 hours of electricity per day to city residents (which make up 80% of the province's population). Kirkuk residents received 13-14 hours of water per day, while consumers outside the city received anywhere from 3-12. The wait time for fuel has improved to about 30 minutes.

Irbil:

- PRT Irbil reports that progress continues on the Irbil Airport. The KRG invested \$500 million in the project and almost 1,500 Turkish and Kurdish workers are completing the complex. The airport will have 16 gates and a capacity of 2.5 million people per year.



[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 14 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$86.694/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$91.158/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$90.822/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$85.52/barrel

Employment Update:

| Employment Program | Iraqis This Week |
|---|------------------|
| Gulf Region District (USACE) IRRF (Includes MILCON/OMA) | 22,448 |
| Gulf Region District (USACE) ESF (Includes ISP and PRDC) | 1,883 |
| US Agency for International Development (USAID) (ESF) | 75,766 |
| Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) | 3,059 |
| Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I) | 8,242 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 111,398 |

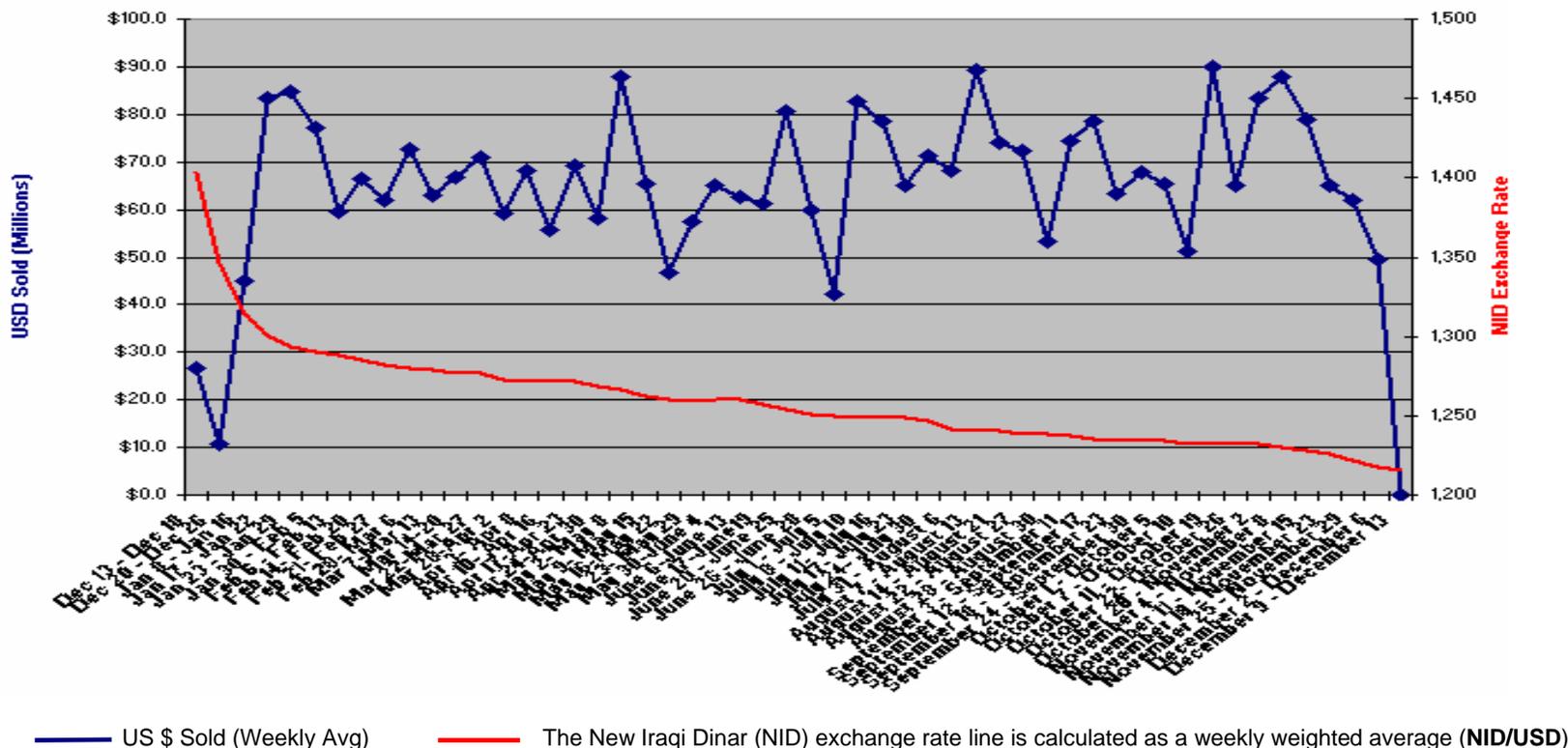


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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

- This graph shows the results of the Central Bank of Iraq's foreign exchange auctions in terms of the volume of dollars sold (left axis) and the settlement rates for the dollar-Iraqi dinar exchange rate (dinar per dollar, right axis). Demand for dollars and the dollar-dinar exchange rate both fell sharply on unsubstantiated market rumors that the CBI was planning a market intervention. The dollar-dinar exchange rate briefly touched 1000 dinar/dollar s before settling back to its recent trading range of about 1225 dinar/dollar. The CBI has a policy of slowly and steadily increasing the value of the dinar to fight inflation in Iraq. These policies have been fairly successful, as year-to-date inflation is 3.8 percent through November, which projects a pace well below the IMF annual target of 25 percent.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: October 29, 2006 – December 13, 2007**



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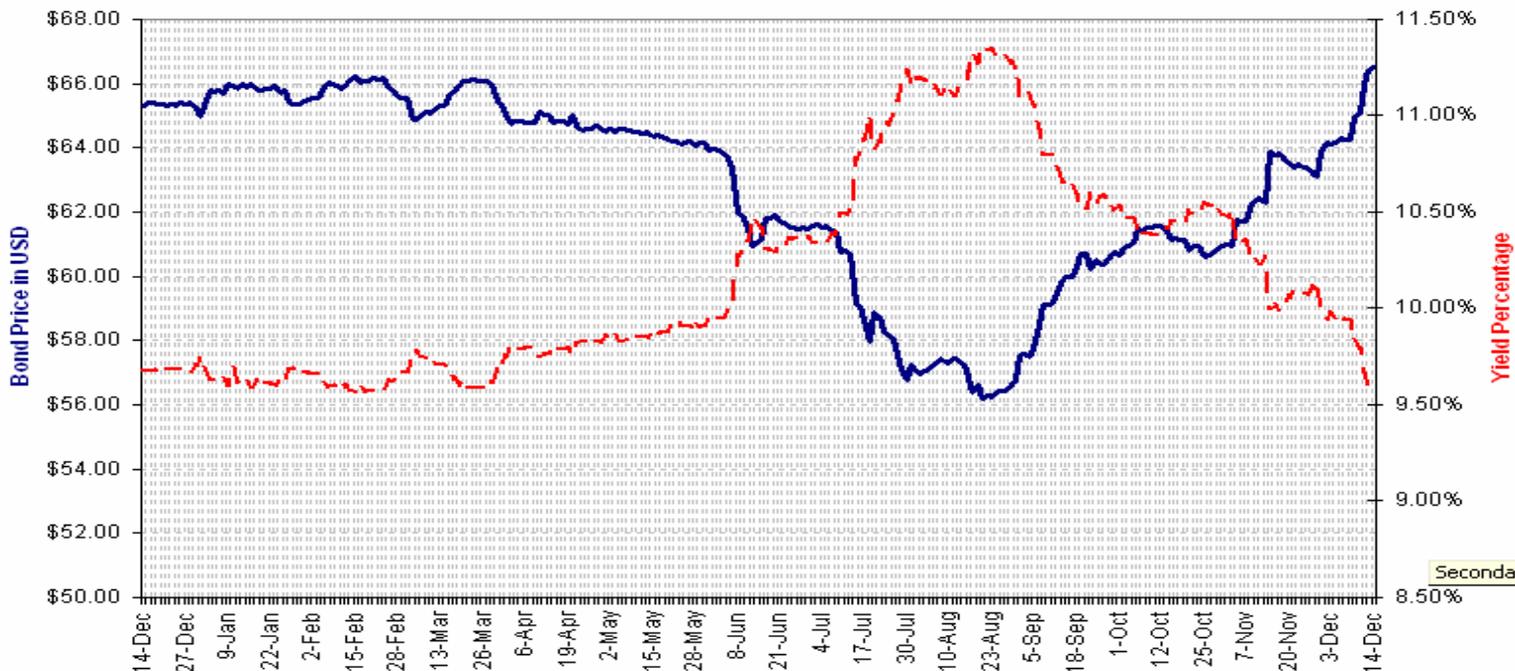


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 13, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

IMF Paid Ahead of Schedule:

- Iraq repaid its outstanding obligations of roughly \$467 million to the International Monetary Fund December 12. Iraq drew the amount in 2004 under the Emergency Post Conflict Agreement, which lasted until the current Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) was formalized. The early repayment demonstrates Iraq's strong creditworthiness to the IMF. The IMF Executive Board approved the new SBA December 19. Furthermore, if Iraq continues to make timely payments to the IMF, it will receive the final 20% of a total 80% debt-reduction package by the end of 2008.

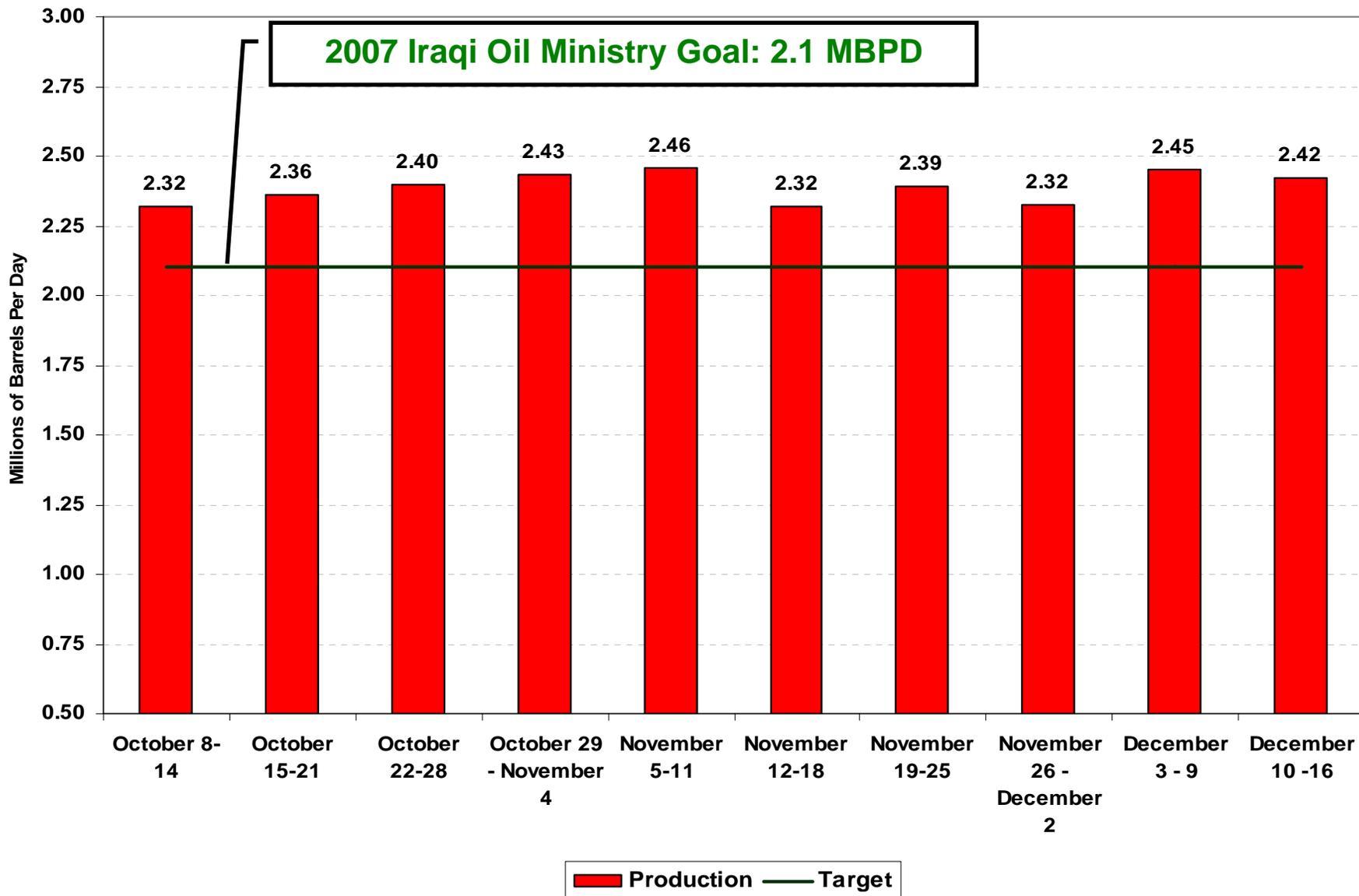
Iraq-Syria Economic Talks:

- Talks were recently held between the Syrian Deputy PM for economic affairs Abdullah al-Dardari and Iraqi Deputy PM Barham Salih on economic and trade issues between the two countries. The talks, held December 16, emphasized the renewal of past agreements on transportation and the export of hydrocarbon and other goods. Salih specifically wants Syrian support on infrastructure investment, which would include both private and public sectors.



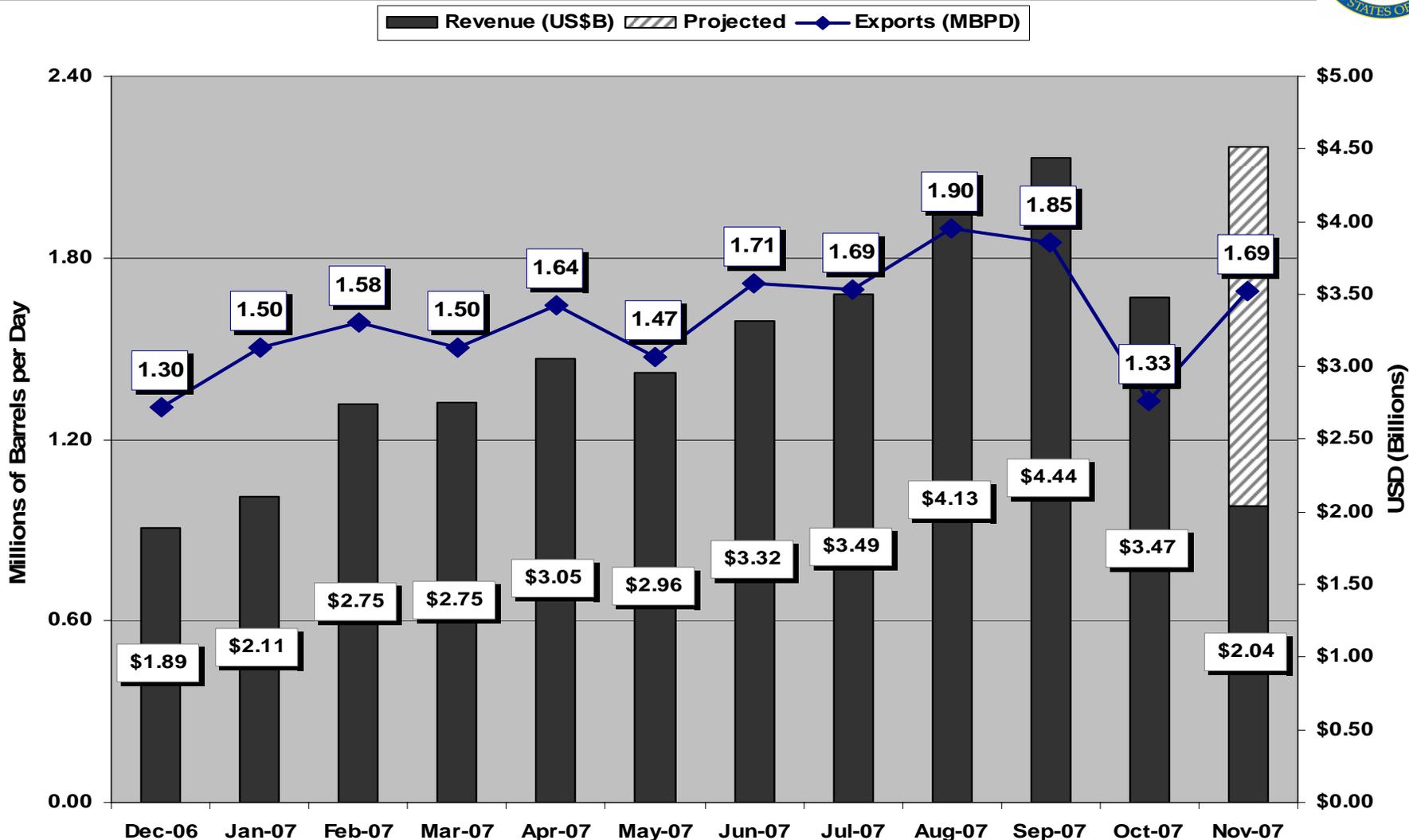
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

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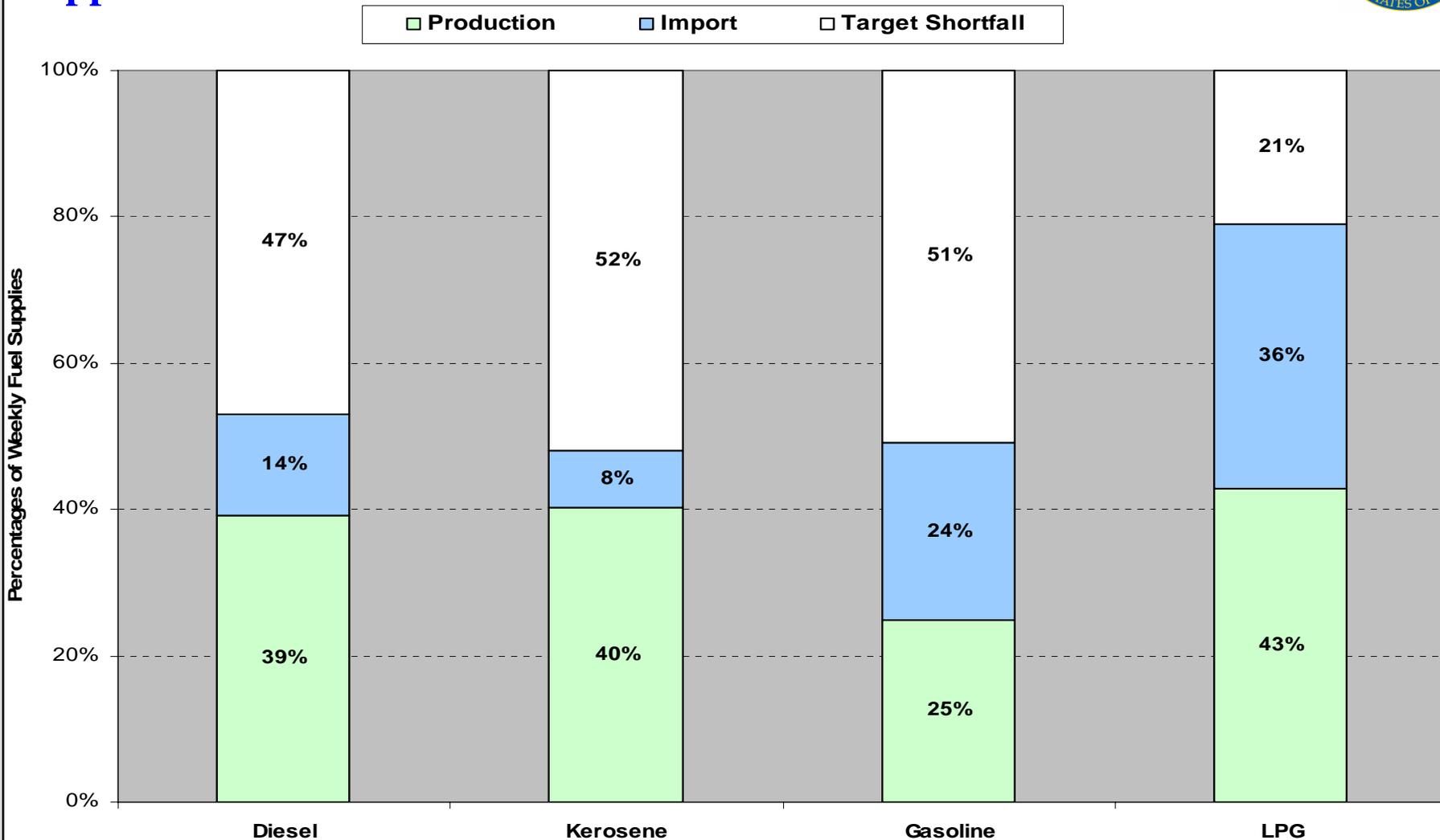
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$36.4 Billion (Year to Date)



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



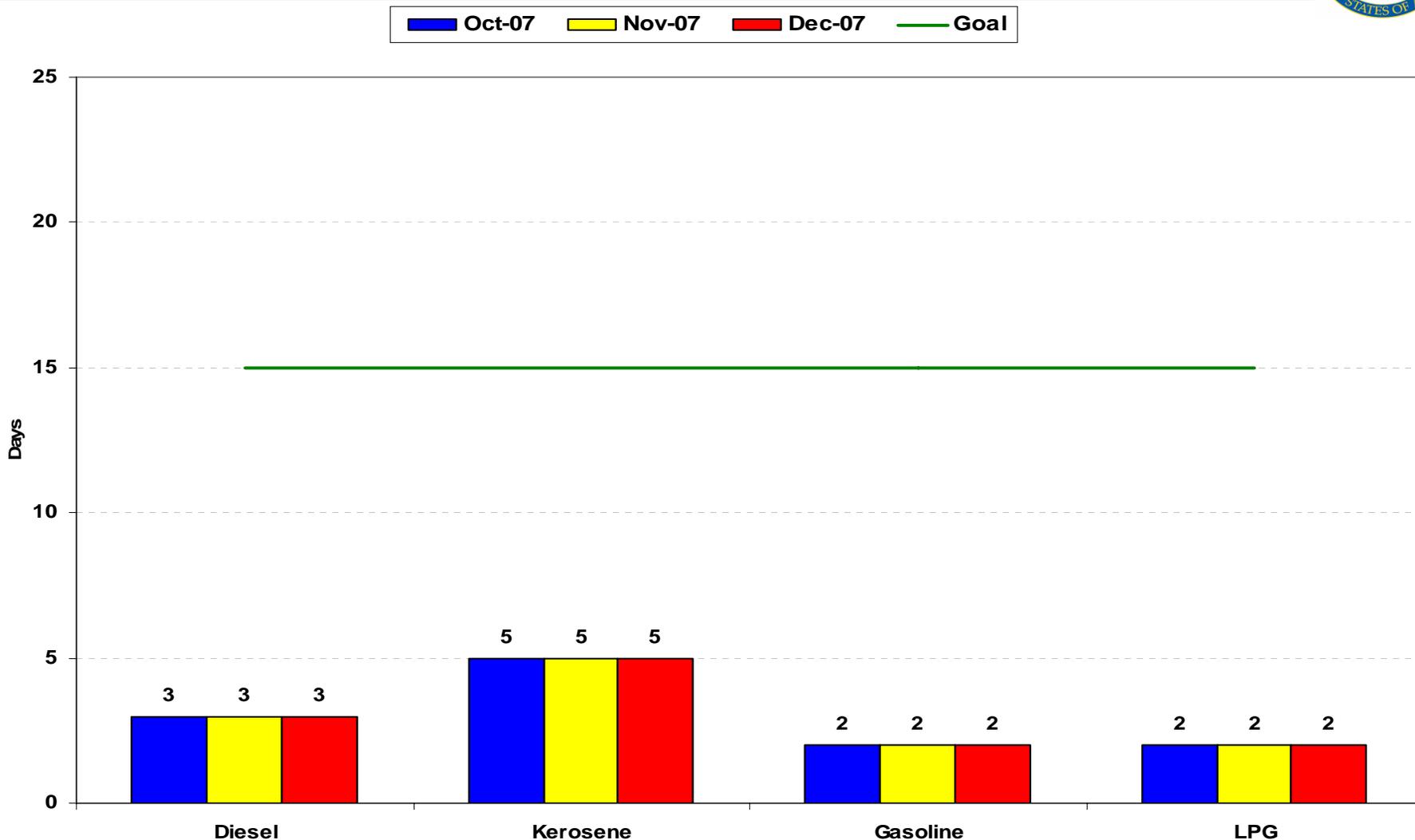
Note: This is a daily average for December 3 - 9

- Diesel: 13.0 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 7.0 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 13.2 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 4,034 tons supply of 5,100 tons target

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[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

Iraqi Minister of Human Rights Speaks at Detainee Release Ceremony:

- Approximately 300 detainees were released at a ceremony December 13 in Camp Victory, Baghdad. “We work to raise Iraq and the name of our country high for our civilization, our common history, the future of our children, and for the sake of every Iraqi citizen to have glory and pride,” said Wijdan Mikhail Salim, Minister of Human Rights, who officiated the ceremony. Salim applauded the ongoing efforts by the GOI and Coalition forces (CF) to foster goodwill and reconciliation.
- GOI and CF have increased the average number of releases per month, while ensuring that individuals are only released when no longer deemed a threat to the security of Iraq. The detainees at the ceremony went through a review board process where they had the opportunity to address their cases personally. They also made a pledge to an Iraqi judge swearing to maintain peace and good conduct. While in detention, the detainees had the opportunity to volunteer for new programs that included basic education courses, religious discussions, vocational training and work programs.



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

Turkish Soldiers Enter Northern Iraq:

- The Turkish military carried out a small-scale incursion into Northern Iraq December 18, two days after Turkish warplanes bombed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) bases along the border. Iraqi Kurdish officials reported that approximately 300 Turkish soldiers were involved in the incursion. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who arrived in Iraq on an unannounced visit to Kirkuk, cautioned the parties against taking any action that would destabilize the region.

Polish Government to Extend Iraq Mission through October 2008:

- The Polish government asked President Lech Kaczynski to extend the country's mission in Iraq to the end of October 2008, at which point the country's deployment will end. "We have a deep conviction that we have fulfilled all of our obligations towards our allies in Iraq, above all towards the U.S.," Defense Minister Bogdan Klich told reporters. Poland's troop deployment to Iraq is currently due to finish this month.

UK Report Notes Failed Goals in Iraq:

- A UK Defense Ministry performance report says that the UK failed to achieve its own predetermined goals for reduction of violence in Iraq. The report was released the day after the UK turned over authority in Basrah to Iraqi forces. The report also offered a mixed assessment of the capacity of Iraq's army and police.



[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 ~ 10,961 Forces

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

*33 includes 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**

Journalistic Rights Organization Condemns Recent Attacks on Journalists:

- Voices of Iraq reported December 18 that Iraq's Journalistic Freedoms Observatory condemned an alleged assault on journalists by the bodyguards of the Shahid al-Mihrab Foundation in Karbala city. The Observatory has demanded an immediate investigation and an official apology.



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