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HIGHLIGHTS

- Iraq Council of Representatives Passes the Security Agreement (SOFA) and Strategic Framework Agreement (SFA) (**POLITICAL, page 4**).
- Separate Attacks Kill Dozens in Baghdad and Mosul (**SECURITY, page 11**).
- Small Business Development Fund to Be Re-launched (**ECONOMIC, page 16**).
- FM Hoshyar Zebari Meets Spanish Delegation Led by Spanish Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Angel Lossada in Baghdad (**DIPLOMATIC, page 27**).

POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation



Iraqi Parliament Passes Security Agreement:

- Iraq's Parliament approved the Security Agreement (SOFA) and Strategic Framework Agreement (SFA) November 27 after long debates over a deal that will allow U.S. Forces to stay in Iraq until 2011. These agreements establish a framework for cooperation in the fields of defense, political relations, economics, trade, culture, the rule of law, health, the environment, and science and technology. Although passage of the agreement required only a simple majority, which is 138 votes out of the 275-member parliament, 149 members voted in favor of the deal. Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki addressed the nation by saying, "It's a historic day for the great Iraqi people. It represents the first step on the road to regain national sovereignty." The parliament also voted to hold a national referendum on the security agreement in July and passed a non-binding resolution calling for the government to take action on stalled reconciliation efforts.

POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation



KRG-Maliki Tension Builds:

- In a December 1 official statement, the KRG criticized Prime Minister Maliki for excessive concentration of political and economic power and for violating the constitution, citing the use of the Iraq Army for political purposes and the establishment of Tribal Support Councils. President Talabani is asking the federal court to rule on the legality of Tribal Support Councils. The KRG's statement was reportedly in response to Maliki's comments alleging that the KRG was exceeding its authorities, and calling for amending the constitution and increasing central government authority. In its statement, the KRG repeatedly advocated for all parties to abide by the constitution to resolve outstanding issues.



POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

United Nations Prepares for Returns:

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres, visited Iraq November 25-27 to assess developments concerning the return and repatriation of displaced Iraqis. Guterres announced during his trip that his agency (UNHCR) is expanding its operations in Iraq to help thousands of displaced Iraqis, who are returning or planning to return to their homes. Next year, UNHCR will be opening four more provincial offices, which will establish the agency's presence in 14 out of Iraq's 18 provinces. UNHCR also plans to double its budget to \$81 million and provide more than 100 local and international staff to assist the Iraqi government in aiding those returning. UNHCR spokesman Ron Redmond said the number of Iraqis leaving the country is now "relatively small" and that those Iraqis choosing to return exemplifies the "increasing confidence that it is possible to go home." Between June and October alone, an estimated 140,000 people returned to their homes. High Commissioner Guterres credited Iraqi Security Forces for helping facilitate the return by evicting squatters from people's residences so they can reenter their homes, adding, "It is clear that the security situation has improved."



POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

EU Agrees to Take 10,000 Iraqi Refugees:

- European Union member nations agreed November 27 to accept up to 10,000 Iraqi refugees in particularly vulnerable situations, with Germany indicating readiness to take 2,500 of them. EU ministers noted that refugee in-take will be "done on a voluntary basis and in light of the reception capacities of member states." Six EU countries, mainly Sweden and the Netherlands, currently accept Iraqi refugees. The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), welcomed the EU pledge as a "positive step."

Iraqi Parliament Passes Human Rights Commission Law:

- The Iraqi Parliament passed legislation calling for the creation of the Independent High Commission for Human Rights (IHCHR) November 16. Special Representative of the UN Secretary General Staffan de Mistura welcomed the creation of IHCHR and called on the parliament and Iraqi government to ensure the establishment of a strong credible Commission. De Mistura reiterated UNAMI's commitment to the commission, stating that the UNAMI is ready to help with the selection process for IHCHR members and the creation of the commission.



POLITICAL – Government of Iraq

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Coalition Affiliation (at time of appointment)
United Iraq Alliance
Kurdistani Alliance
Iraqi Accord Front
Iraqi National List
Other / Independent

(F) = Female

***Formerly Iraqiya

Prime Minister
Nuri Kamil al-Maliki

President
Jalal Talabani
Deputy President
Tariq al-Hashimi
Deputy President
Adil Abd al-Mahdi

Deputy Prime Minister
Rafi Hiad Jiad al-Issawi

Deputy Prime Minister
Dr. Barham Ahmed Salih

Minister of Agriculture
Ali Husayn Kadhum al-Bahadili

Minister of Communications
Faruq Abd al-Qadir Abd al-Rahman

Minister of Culture
Mahir Dilli Ibrahim al-Hadithi

Minister of Defense
Abd al-Qadir Muhammad Jasim al-Aubaidi

Minister of Displacement & Migration
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Dr. Karim Wahid al-Hasan

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Bayan Jabr

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Hoshiyar Mahmud Zebari

Minister of Health
Dr. Salih Mahdi Mutlab al-Hasnawi

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
Abid Dhiyab al-Ujayli

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Eng. Wijdan Mikhail Salim (F)

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Fawzi Fransu Hariri

Minister of Interior
Jawad Kadhum Eidan al-Bulani

Minister of Justice
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Bayan Dizayee (F)

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Eng. Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi

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Minister of Planning
Ali Ghalib Baban

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Minister of Municipalities & Public Works
Riyadh Abd al-Hamza Gharib

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Amir Abd al-Jabar Ismail

Minister of Water Resources
Dr. Abd al-Latif Jamal Rashid

Minister of Youth & Sports
Eng. Jasim Muhammad Jaffar

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Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
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Dr. Qahtan Abbas Numanal-Jabburi

Minister of State for Women's Affairs
Dr. Nawal Majid Hamid (F)

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Safa al-Din Muhammad al-Safi

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Muhammad Abbas Muhammad al-Uraybi

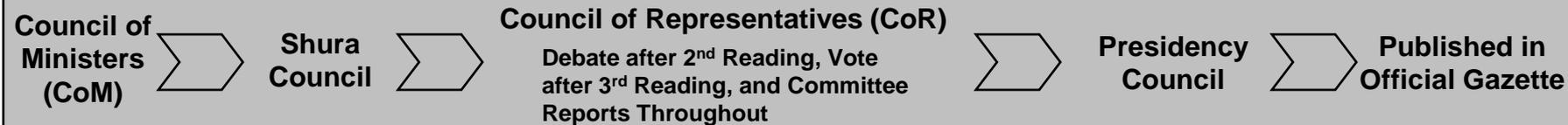
Minister of State at Large
Ali Muhammad Ahmad

Minister of State at Large
Hasan Radhi Kazim al-Sari



POLITICAL – Key Legislation

Legislative Process



Provincial Elections	PASSED: passed by the CoR on September 24; signed by the Presidency Council on October 7. The law includes an article entering it into force immediately upon signing, not waiting for publication in the Official Gazette. On November 3, the CoR passed an amendment guaranteeing minority representation on certain provincial councils. The Presidency Council approved the amendment on November 8.
Hydrocarbons Package	The Framework Law was resubmitted to the Oil and Gas Committee on October 26 and then returned to the Council of Ministers. There has been no progress on the other three laws.
Amnesty Law	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was signed by the Presidency Council February 26 and came into effect March 2.
Pensions Amendment	PASSED: Published in the Official Gazette December 2007.
De-Ba'athification	PASSED: Approved by default by the Presidency Council February 2008. Reform Published in the Official Gazette in mid-February.
Provincial Powers	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was vetoed by the Presidency Council February 26. The veto was rescinded on March 19. The provisions within the law will enter into force once Provincial Elections are held.
Security Agreement / SFA	PASSED: CoR passed the Security Agreement and the Strategic Framework Agreement on November 27; they were ratified by the Presidency Council December 4.

Political - Refugee Update



- Refugees in the region: 2-2.4 million
- Internally displaced persons in Iraq: 2.7 million
- The U.S. admitted 13,823 Iraqi refugees in FY08 (which ended September 30).
- The U.S. seeks to admit a minimum of 17,000 Iraqi refugees in FY09.



SECURITY - Situation Update

Separate Attacks Kill Dozens in Baghdad and Mosul:

- At least 30 people were killed in a series of attacks in Baghdad and Mosul December 1. Consecutive bombings near a police academy in eastern Baghdad killed several officers, recruits and civilians. The U.S. military said a teenage boy conducted the first bombing, detonating a suicide vest in front of the police academy while a second bomb targeted first responders to the scene. Separately, a bomb targeting a U.S.-Iraqi convoy in Mosul left 17 people dead, many of whom were civilians. Additionally, an unsuccessful assassination attempt on Major General Mudher al-Mawla, an adviser to the Iraqi cabinet on the Sons of Iraq, killed three and injured ten in Baghdad. Despite these recent high profile attacks, Lieutenant General Lloyd Austin, Commander of Multi-National Corps-Iraq, said December 3 that the number of attacks has decreased to the lowest level since 2003.

“Chemical Ali” Sentenced to Death for Crimes Against Humanity:

- “Chemical Ali” Hassan al-Majid was sentenced to death December 2 after a special court convicted him for crimes against humanity for his role in repressing the 1991 Shi’a uprising in southern Iraq. Al-Majid, who is Saddam’s cousin, also faces the death penalty after being found guilty for his role in the killing of tens of thousands of Kurds during the late 1980’s. Al-Majid and former Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz are also on trial for repressing Shi’a rioters after the 1999 assassination of the father of anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

SECURITY - Situation Update



Female Insurgents Surrender Under Amnesty Program:

- Eighteen female insurgents associated with al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) turned themselves in to Coalition Forces under a reconciliation program, started in northern Iraq in February 2008. Under the program, the women have the opportunity to denounce their actions and pledge loyalty to the Government of Iraq (GOI). In return, although they face the possibility of criminal prosecution, they are no longer pursued nor face the threat of being killed, and their families can live in safety. The program has gained increasing support from tribal elders and mullahs, particularly in Salah ad-Din province.



SECURITY – Security Transition

South Korea, Macedonia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina Conclude Missions:

- South Korea's Zaytun Division held an end-of-mission ceremony December 1 in Erbil to mark the culmination of South Korea's support to Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I). South Korean troops operated primarily out of Erbil since 2004, where they focused on reconstruction efforts to rebuild hospitals, roads, and schools. The South Korean military said the redeployment of the Zaytun Division begins December 3 and will conclude December 20. The Republic of Macedonia also commemorated its participation in MNF-I during an end-of-mission ceremony November 26 in northwest Baghdad. Since 2003, a Macedonian infantry security platoon and a ranger platoon partnered with Coalition Forces and Iraqi Security Forces to stabilize Baghdad's suburbs. Additionally a Bosnia-Herzegovina military contingent was honored for their service to MNF-I during a ceremony November 29 at the Victory Base Complex in Baghdad. Since June 2005, Bosnia-Herzegovina provided explosive ordnance dispersal units to Multi-National Force – West and Multi-National Division – Central, as well as provided force protection units to the Victory Base Complex for Multi-National Division – Baghdad.

Japan to End Air Mission Support to Iraq:

- The Government of Japan announced November 28 that Japan will end its air mission support to Iraq by the end of 2008. Japanese Air Self-Defense Force planes will no longer fly material, goods, and personnel in support of the United Nations Assistance Mission -Iraq (UNAMI) and Multi-National Forces-Iraq (MNF-I). The air mission will be Japan's last military contribution to MNF-I following the completion of a deployment of ground troops in 2006. "Japan will continue to support Iraq through measures such as yen-denominated loans and technological cooperation," Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso stated.



SECURITY – Security Transition

Emergency Response Brigade Holds Graduation Ceremony:

- Minister of Interior Jawad Bulani and Commander of Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq, Lieutenant General Frank Helmick, attended the graduation of 142 Emergency Response Brigade (ERB) operators in Baghdad November 20. The elite ERB unit operates under the Ministry of Interior and is trained, organized, and equipped to complete specialized and demanding security missions. The graduates were selected from an initial pool of over 4,800 applicants from the Baghdad, Mosul, and Tikrit Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) units. This was the first five- week operator course taught entirely by Iraqi instructors, highlighting the improved training capabilities of the ISF.



SECURITY - Iraqi Security Forces

Iraq Security Forces as of Sept. 30, 2008 ^a			
Component	Current Authorized Personnel	Assigned Personnel	Total Trained Personnel to date
Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces ^e			
Iraqi Police Service ^f	327,380	305,713	204,404
National Police ^g	46,707	41,305	52,382
Border Enforcement	47,750	39,294	35,886
Total MoI	421,837	386,312	292,672
Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces ^h			
Army	171,225	186,957	235,606
Support Forces	15,583	20,066	21,144
Air Force	3,603	1,988	2,799
Navy	3,543	1,898	1,494
Total MoD	193,954	210,909	261,043
Counter Terrorism Bureau			
Special Operations ⁱ	4,733	4,159	4,564
Total Iraqi Security Forces	620,524	601,380	558,279

**The decrease in authorized MoD forces from the April 30 Weekly Status Report with ISF data as of March 31 reflects a change in a temporary GOI policy to increase front line units to 120% of authorized end strength to maintain present-for-duty totals at 100% while soldiers took leave. This change will make ISF reporting consistent with standard military personnel accounting practices in other countries and provide a clearer representation of ISF manning levels.

- 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 total Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) personnel trained to date, some of which are no longer assigned due to casualties, AWOL, and normal separation.
- e. MoI strength excludes other services within Ministry Of Interior (MOI), including the MOI HQ, MOI Forensics, Facility Protection Services, and contracted guards.
- f. The Iraqi Police Service consists of all provincial police forces (station, patrol, traffic, and special units) assigned to all 18 Iraqi provinces.
- g. Includes the national Emergency Response Unit.
- h. The Ministry Of Defense (MOD) authorized numbers are derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).
- i. The MoD Army Training and Support Forces include logistics units and training center cadre.
- j. Does not include personnel assigned to Counterterrorism Bureau (CTB) or Counterterrorism Command (CTC) headquarters.

ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update



Small Business Development Fund to Be Re-launched

- A \$100 million fund created by Saddam Hussein for the development of small businesses, which ceased operating in 2003, is to be re-launched at the end of 2008. The economic development fund will provide loans of up to \$500,000 to small businesses in a plan arranged through private banks and the Ministry of Planning.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Crude Oil Update:

Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:

Basrah Light at \$49.30/barrel

Dated Brent at \$53.71/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$58.64/barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$52.13/barrel

Revenue estimates:

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$41.0 Billion

2008: \$58.6 Billion (ytd)

KRG and GOI Agree to Export Deal

- Iraqi Oil Ministry spokesperson Asim Jihad announced that the KRG and the Government of Iraq have agreed to export oil from northern Iraq to the Turkish port of Ceyhan on November 27. KRG Minister of Natural Resources Ashti Hawrami said the Tawke oil field is expected to be connected to Iraq's main northern export pipeline by the end of this year and approximately 100,000 barrels per day should begin flowing from the Tawke oil field—where Norwegian oil firm DNO has a concession—at the beginning of 2009. A second Kurdistan oil field, Taq Taq, is due to be linked to the pipeline three to four months later. The exports of both oilfields are expected to reach 250,000 barrels per day by the end of next year.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Iraqi Oil Minister Comments on Price of Oil

- Iraqi Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani said that he considered \$80 dollars per barrel a “reasonable” price for oil, adding that Iraq would support any decision by OPEC to cut production. Iraq is not part of the OPEC quota production system and would not be required to cut its production.



ECONOMIC – Essential Services

UNICEF and Nokia Partner to Rebuild Schools

- UNICEF and Nokia announced November 30 the creation of a joint partnership program to rebuild eight primary schools in Iraq. The project, which will be implemented in the Erbil and Wasit governorates and rehab four schools in each area, will benefit 6,500 children and create 7,200 workdays employment for local workers. In addition to reconstructing and adding new classrooms, each of the eight schools will have “functional drinking water, adequate sanitation facilities, and playgrounds, and bounded by appropriate surrounding walls ensuring privacy and protection for the children.”

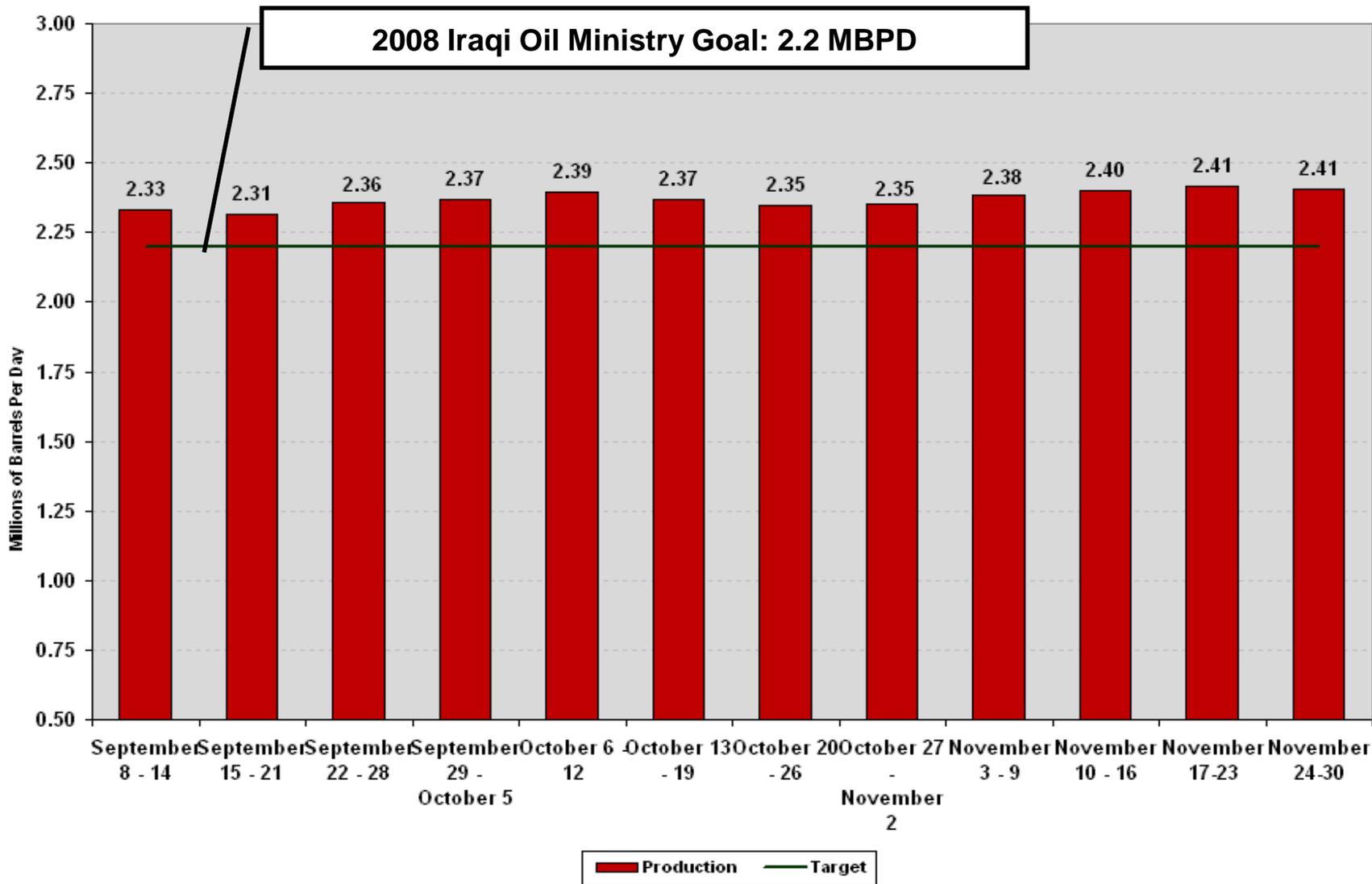
Iraq Begins Project to Remove Salinity from Farmland

- Iraq began a project to remove excess salinity from millions of acres of farmland December 1 as part of an effort to revive soil that would otherwise be rendered useless. When farmers irrigate with salty water or do not drain correctly, the salt collects and gradually leaves the fields infertile. To reverse the salinity, groundwater is pumped under the soil over the course of several years. Despite its relatively high cost, the method has been used to reclaim dead land in Australia. Minister of Water Resources Abd al-Latif Jamal Rashid also said the project would help improve the quality of water in the Tigris and the Euphrates.



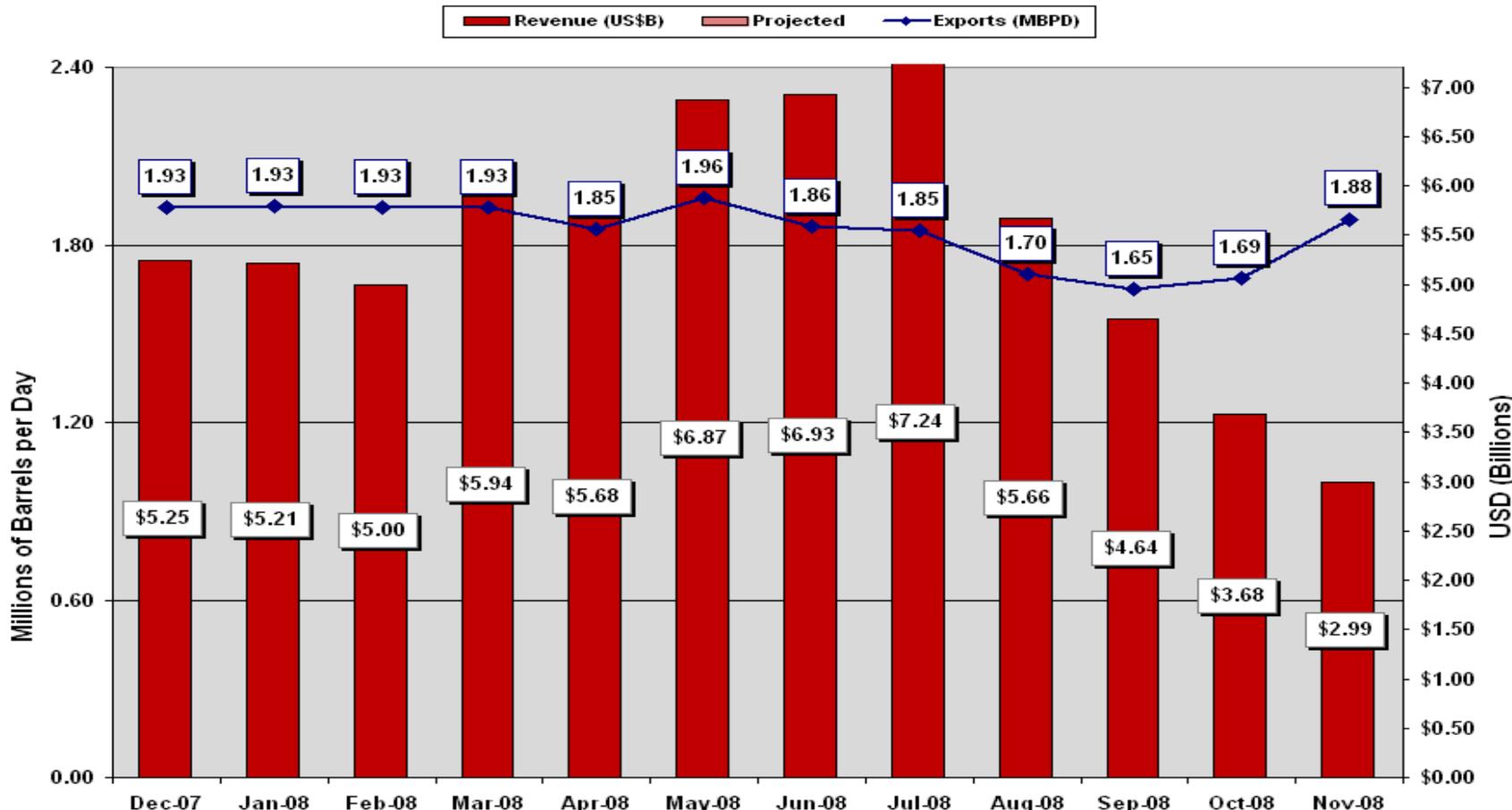
ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production

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ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export



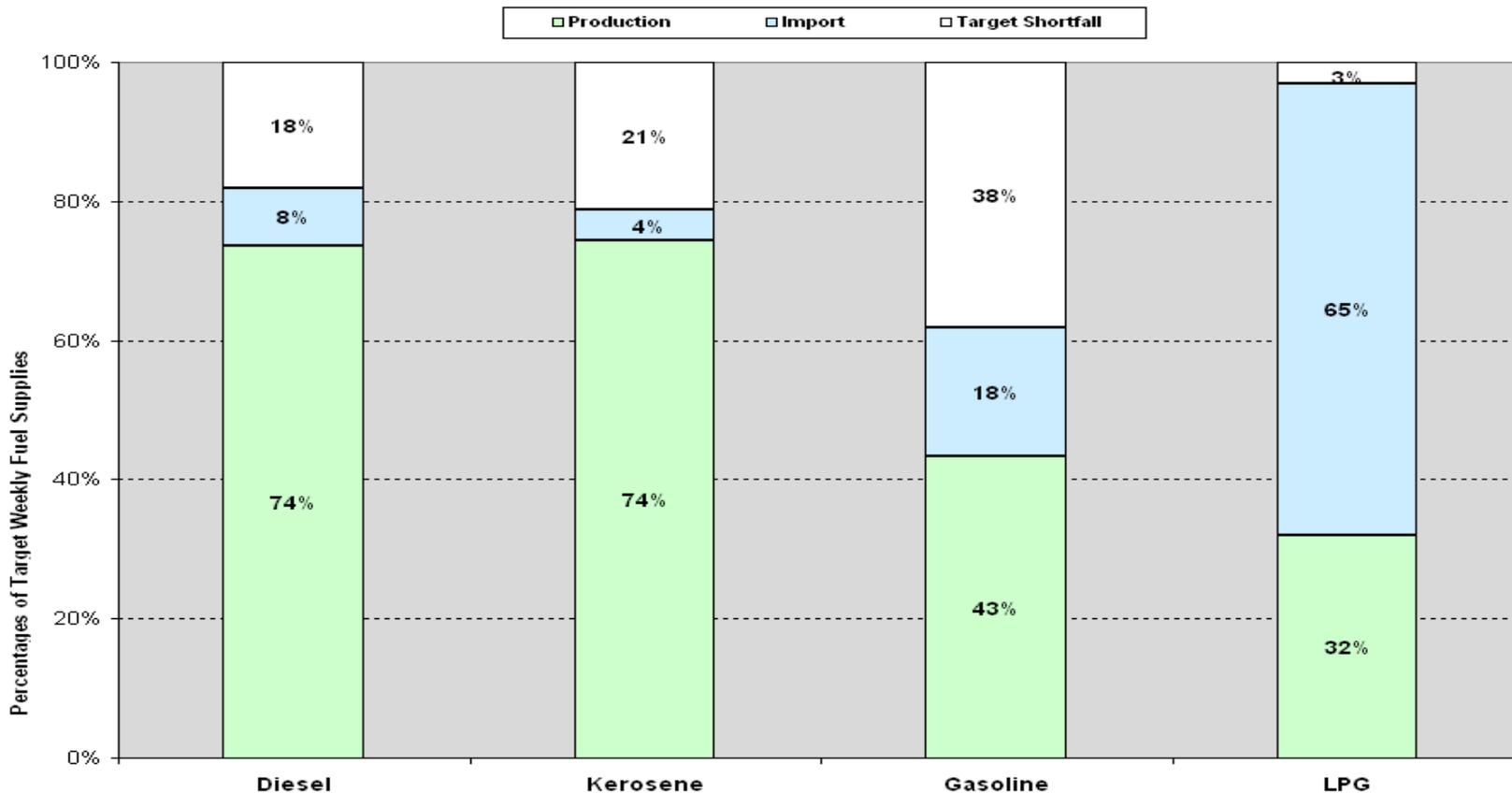
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$41.0 Billion
- 2008 Revenue Estimate: \$58.6 Billion (ytd)

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ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

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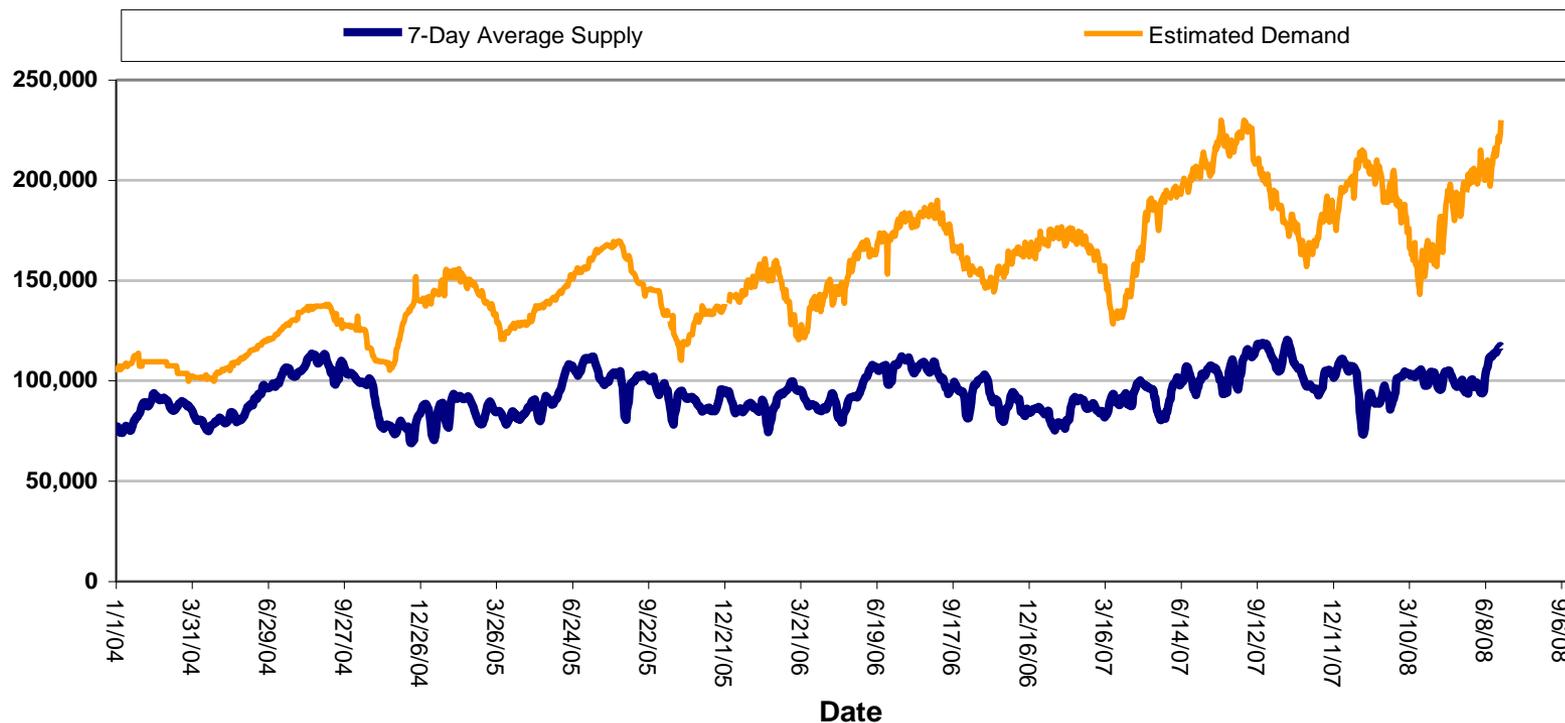
Note: This is a daily average for November 24-30

- Diesel: 17.5 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 11.0 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.9 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 4,850 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



ECONOMIC – Electricity

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

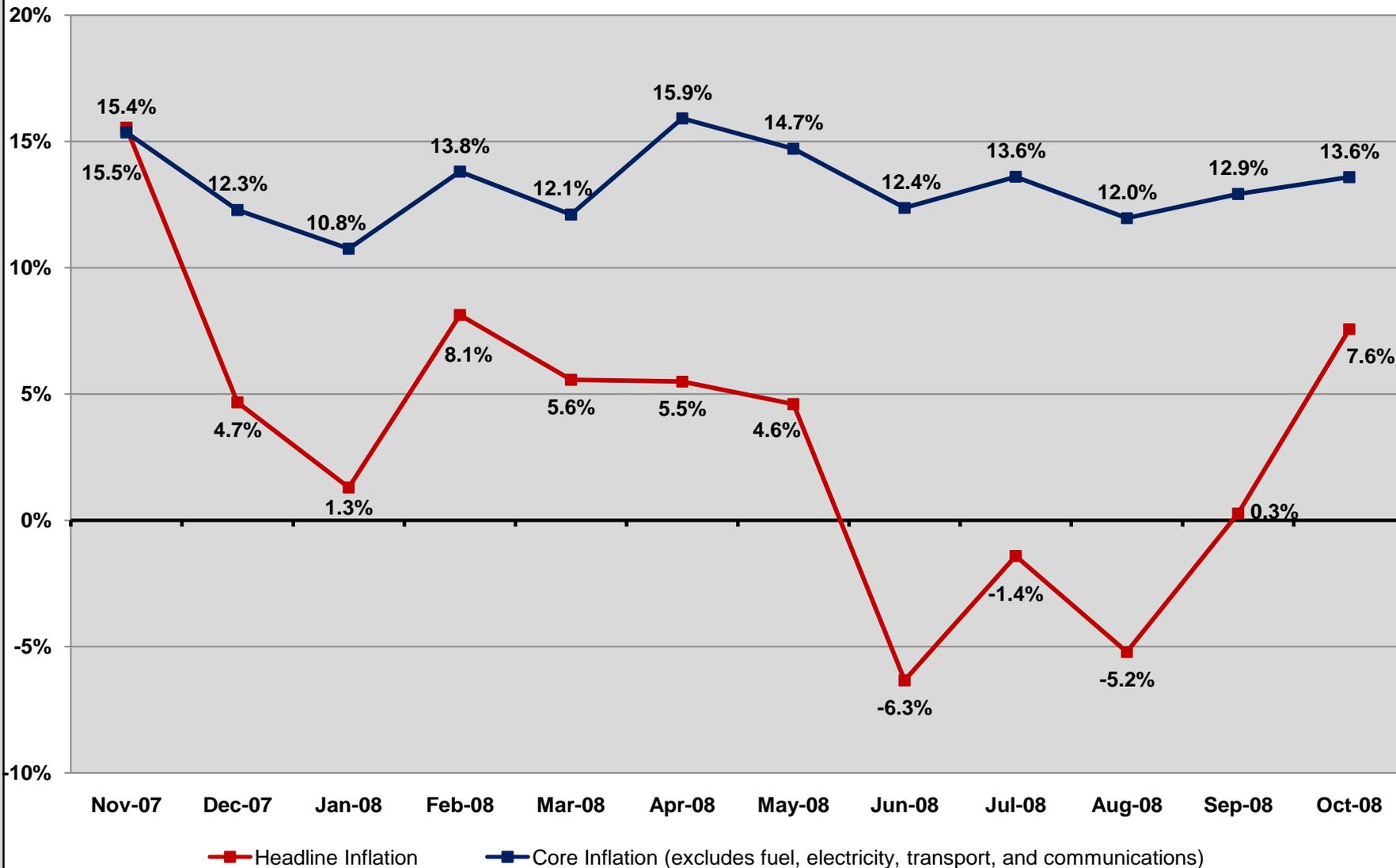


- Daily electricity demand November 26-December 2 was 3% below the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was 12% above the year-earlier period and met 65% of demand, compared with 57% for the year-earlier period.
- For November 24-30 average hours of power from the grid after meeting demand from essential services were Baghdad 15.4 and national 14.6. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 9.3 and national 12.0



ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Year-on-Year Inflation



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ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators



Economic Indicator	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales				
Price (USD)	\$47.04	\$48.16	\$49.22	\$62.82
Yield	13.68%	13.36%	13.11%	10.16%
Central Bank's USD Currency Auction				
USD Sold	***	***	\$87,039	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	***	***	\$1,180	\$1,254
Total Employed by USG Programs				
	***	118,691	122,788	N/A



ECONOMIC - Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and 2

Sector\Status (Millions of USD)	Allocated		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Allocated	Un-allocated	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law	\$4,960	\$17	\$4,937	\$4,937	\$0	\$4,937	\$4,937	\$0	\$4,871	\$4,871	\$0
Justice and Civil Society	\$2,299	\$20	\$2,263	\$2,263	\$0	\$2,262	\$2,262	\$0	\$2,181	\$2,182	\$1
Electricity Sector	\$4,178	\$36	\$4,066	\$4,064	-\$2	\$4,065	\$4,063	-\$3	\$3,940	\$3,952	\$12
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,717	\$7	\$1,608	\$1,608	\$0	\$1,608	\$1,608	\$0	\$1,581	\$1,582	\$1
Water and Sanitation	\$2,054	\$21	\$1,983	\$1,983	\$0	\$1,980	\$1,979	-\$1	\$1,849	\$1,859	\$9
Transportation and Comm\	\$462	\$2	\$459	\$458	-\$1	\$459	\$458	-\$1	\$421	\$423	\$1
Roads, Bridges and Const\	\$320	\$8	\$282	\$282	\$0	\$282	\$282	\$0	\$258	\$258	\$0
Health Care	\$810	\$9	\$793	\$793	\$0	\$793	\$793	\$0	\$744	\$745	\$1
Private Sector Development	\$838	\$1	\$820	\$820	\$0	\$820	\$820	\$0	\$814	\$814	\$0
Edu\, Refugees, Human Rights	\$470	\$0	\$436	\$436	\$0	\$435	\$435	\$0	\$409	\$409	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID,DoS)	\$220	\$0	\$218	\$218	\$0	\$218	\$218	\$0	\$208	\$208	\$0
Rescission	\$0	-\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total IRRF II	\$18,328	\$71	\$17,864	\$17,862	-\$3	\$17,859	\$17,855	-\$4	\$17,278	\$17,303	\$25
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,972	\$7,970	-\$2	\$7,970	\$7,968	-\$2	\$7,773	\$7,779	\$6
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,373	\$9,372	-\$1	\$9,369	\$9,367	-\$2	\$8,988	\$9,007	\$19
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$517	\$517	\$0
Total IRRF I	\$2,475	\$0	\$2,291	\$2,291	\$0	\$2,232	\$2,232	\$0	\$2,139	\$2,139	\$0
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,803	\$71	\$20,155	\$20,153	-\$3	\$20,092	\$20,087	-\$4	\$19,417	\$19,442	\$25

Data as of 12 November, 2008

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.



DIPLOMATIC – Political Engagement

FM Zebari Meets Head of International Red Cross in Iraq:

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari met Khuwan Pedro, Head of the International Red Cross (IRC), in Baghdad November 26 to discuss various ways to bolster cooperation between Iraq and the IRC on special projects, such as rehabilitation centers for the disabled and medical reports on detainees and displaced Iraqis. Zebari praised IRC's work and expressed his eagerness to help the organization overcome any obstacles in the future.

FM Zebari Receives Spanish Delegation:

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari met with Spanish Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Angel Lossada and his delegation November 27. FM Zebari thanked Spain for its efforts in supporting the Iraqi government's security and reconstruction work and urged Spanish companies to invest in Iraq. Secretary Lossada emphasized the Spanish government's desire to strengthen ties with the Iraqi government and people. The officials also discussed recent political and security developments. After the meeting, Lossada and Zebari held a joint press conference, during which they reiterated their desire to see Spanish-Iraqi cooperation continue to grow and raised the possibility of creating a joint Spanish-Iraqi investment committee.



DIPLOMATIC – Coalition Contributors

19 Countries with forces in Iraq (including US)

Albania	Czech Republic	Korea	Romania
Australia	Denmark	Lithuania	Tonga
Azerbaijan	El Salvador	Macedonia	Ukraine
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Estonia	Moldova	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	Japan		

TOTAL ~ 6,350 Forces

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

25 includes the US, the 18 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.



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