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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Presidency Council Approves U.S.-Iraqi Security Agreement (**POLITICAL, page 4**).
- Suicide Attack in Kirkuk Kills 48 and Wounds 96 (**SECURITY, page 11**).
- Oil Price Drops Could Impact IDP Aid Budget (**ECONOMIC, page 21**).
- Iraq and Kuwait Sign Khor Abdullah Waterway Patrol (KAA) Agreement (**DIPLOMATIC, page 29**).



## POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

### Presidency Council Approves U.S.-Iraqi Security Agreement:

- On December 4, Iraq's President and two Deputy Presidents approved the Security Agreement, commonly referred to as the "Status of Forces Agreement" (SOFA), as well as the Strategic Framework Agreement. The former provides the legal framework for a continued U.S. security presence in Iraq and the latter establishes political, economic, and cultural principles of cooperation between the two sovereign countries. The Security Agreement will enter into force on January 1, 2009 after an exchange of diplomatic notes and following the expiration of the United Nations mandate regarding military presence in Iraq. In a joint statement, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker and U.S. Army Gen. Ray Odierno said: "We welcome today's ratification by Iraq's Presidency Council . . . [a]nd we look forward ... to the continued reduction in U.S. forces and the normalization of bilateral relations as two sovereign and co-equal nations."



## POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

### Kurdish Rebels Declare Cease-Fire:

- On December 7, the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), a rebel organization located primarily in northern Iraq, announced that it will adopt a nine-day cease-fire in its fight against Turkey. The PKK had taken up arms against the Turkish government in order to establish an autonomous region in the predominantly Kurdish-inhabited southeast portion of Turkey. The unilateral ceasefire was to start December 8, to coincide with the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha. According to PKK spokesman Ahmed Deniz, the group's leadership is looking to resolve its conflict with Turkey in a peaceful manner. However, the Government of Turkey has ignored PKK cease-fire declarations on previous occasions and has insisted that it will fight the PKK until all militants are killed or surrender.



## POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

### Iraqis Preparing for Competitive Provincial Elections:

- Provincial elections, which are scheduled for January 31, 2009, will allow Iraqis to vote for individual candidates, something that was not an option in the 2005 provincial elections due to the use of closed-lists. With the reduction in violence, Iraqis are more willing to openly declare their candidacies and publicly seek election. Heightened security and an increase in the number of electoral candidates suggests that the election season will be intense. For example, in Basrah, approximately 1,300 candidates are competing for 35 provincial council seats. Many independent candidates are also running for election, as opposed to the 2005 elections when parties associated with sectarian groups dominated. Voters' ability to elect individuals instead of parties may drastically alter the political make-up of current provincial councils. Elections will be held in all of Iraq's provinces, except for Kirkuk, and provinces within the Kurdistan Regional Government.



## POLITICAL - Provincial

### Diyala Official Seeks to Delay Provincial Elections:

- Ibrahim Bajilan, head of the Diyala Provincial Council, called for a six-month delay in holding provincial elections. According to Bajilan, insurgents still control areas within Diyala province, making the security situation too fragile to hold elections there in January. Bajilan said Diyala residents would face intimidation and candidates would be at risk of assassination in the lead-up to elections. Bajilan also stated that electoral results would be inaccurate because thousands of displaced persons have not returned to their homes. Many believe provincial elections will aid national reconciliation as groups which boycotted previous elections, such as Sunnis and Sadrists, will have an opportunity to participate in local governments.



# 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

<b>Prime Minister</b>
Nuri Kamil al-Maliki

<b>President</b>
Jalal Talabani
<b>Deputy President</b>
Tariq al-Hashimi
<b>Deputy President</b>
Adil Abd al-Mahdi

<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b>
Rafi Hiad Jiad al-Issawi

<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b>
Dr. Barham Ahmed Salih

<b>Minister of Agriculture</b>
Ali Husayn Kadhum al-Bahadili

<b>Minister of Communications</b>
Faruq Abd al-Qadir Abd al-Rahman

<b>Minister of Culture</b>
Mahir Dilli Ibrahim al-Hadithi

<b>Minister of Defense</b>
Abd al-Qadir Muhammad Jasim al-Aubaidi

<b>Minister of Displacement &amp; Migration</b>
Dr. Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan

<b>Minister of Electricity</b>
Dr. Karim Wahid al-Hasan

<b>Minister of Education</b>
Dr. Khudayr Mousa Jaffar al-Khuzai

<b>Minister of Environment</b>
Dr. Nermin Othman Hassan (F)

<b>Minister of Finance</b>
Bayan Jabr

<b>Minister of Foreign Affairs</b>
Hoshiyar Mahmud Zebari

<b>Minister of Health</b>
Dr. Salih Mahdi Mutlab al-Hasnawi

<b>Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research</b>
Abid Dhiyab al-Ujayli

<b>Minister of Human Rights</b>
Eng. Wijdan Mikhail Salim (F)

<b>Minister of Industry &amp; Minerals</b>
Fawzi Fransu Hariri

<b>Minister of Interior</b>
Jawad Kadhum Eidan al-Bulani

<b>Minister of Justice</b>
*** Safa al-Din Muhammad al-Safi (Acting)

<b>Minister of Housing &amp; Construction</b>
Bayan Dizayee (F)

<b>Minister of Labor &amp; Social Affairs</b>
Eng. Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi

<b>Minister of Oil</b>
Dr. Husayn Ibrahim al-Shahristani

<b>Minister of Planning</b>
Ali Ghalib Baban

<b>Minister of Trade</b>
Dr. Abd al-Falah Hassan Hummadi al-Sudani

<b>Minister of Science &amp; Technology</b>
Dr. Raid Jahid Fahmi

<b>Minister of Municipalities &amp; Public Works</b>
Riyadh Abd al-Hamza Gharib

<b>Minister of Transportation</b>
Amir Abd al-Jabar Ismail

<b>Minister of Water Resources</b>
Dr. Abd al-Latif Jamal Rashid

<b>Minister of Youth &amp; Sports</b>
Eng. Jasim Muhammad Jaffar

<b>Minister of State for Civil Society Affairs</b>
Dr. Thamir Jafar al-Zubaidi

<b>Minister of State for National Dialogue</b>
Dr. Akram Mousa Hadi al-Hakim

<b>Minister of State for National Security</b>
Eng. Shirwan Kamil al-Waili

<b>Minister of State for Foreign Affairs</b>
Dr. Muhammad Munajid Aifan al-Dulaymi

<b>Minister of State for Provinces Affairs</b>
Dr. Khulud Sami Izzara al-Majun (F)

<b>Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities</b>
Dr. Qahtan Abbas Numanal-Jabburi

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

<b>Minister of State for CoR Affairs</b>
Safa al-Din Muhammad al-Safi

<b>Minister of State at Large</b>
Muhammad Abbas Muhammad al-Uraybi

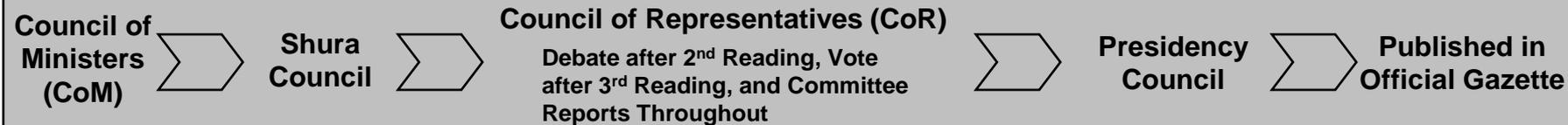
<b>Minister of State at Large</b>
Ali Muhammad Ahmad

<b>Minister of State at Large</b>
Hasan Radhi Kazim al-Sari



## POLITICAL – Key Legislation

### Legislative Process



Security Agreement / SFA	<b>PASSED:</b> CoR passed the Security Agreement and the Strategic Framework Agreement on Nov. 27; they were approved by the Presidency Council Dec. 4.
Provincial Elections	<b>PASSED:</b> 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.
Provincial Powers	<b>PASSED:</b> 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.
Amnesty Law	<b>PASSED:</b> CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was signed by the Presidency Council February 26 and came into effect March 2.
De-Ba'athification	<b>PASSED:</b> Approved by default by the Presidency Council February 2008. Reform Published in the Official Gazette in mid-February.
Pensions Amendment	<b>PASSED:</b> Published in the Official Gazette December 2007.
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.



## 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

### Suicide Attack in Kirkuk Kills 48 and Wounds 96:

- A suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest at a crowded restaurant December 11 on the outskirts of Kirkuk, killing 48 and wounding 96. Hundreds of families celebrating the Eid al Adha holiday along with local Sons of Iraq leaders discussing ways to end violence in the area were at the restaurant at the time of the explosion. Officials said the restaurant was crowded with diners at the time of the explosion. The explosion took place 25 miles north of Kirkuk, an area which has been troubled by ethnic tensions between Kurds and Arabs and where al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) has been active in the past.

### Suicide Attacks in Fallujah, Mosul Kill Seventeen:

- Separate suicide attacks in Fallujah and Mosul killed 17 people December 4. Near simultaneous bombings near two separate police stations in Fallujah killed 15 people and wounded nearly 100, while two U.S. soldiers were killed after a suicide car bombing in Mosul. Responding to the Fallujah attacks, Iraqi Colonel Mahmud al-Issawi said "we have arrested ten people who carried out the recent attacks including the al-Qaida in Iraq emir".



## SECURITY - Situation Update

### Coalition Forces Further Degrade AQI:

- Coalition Forces detained 35 al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) suspected terrorists during operations throughout Iraq December 4 through 9. Targeting AQI in the Tigris River Valley, Coalition Forces detained seven suspects in Bayji December 4 while also disrupting AQI communication, facilitation, and courier networks in southern Baghdad, Jaykanah, and Karmah. Additionally, Coalition and Iraqi Forces apprehended an AQI cell leader suspected of transporting rockets in the Ameriyah district of northwest Baghdad December 6 and then arrested four terrorists involved in AQI bombing networks in Mosul and Baghdad December 7. Finally, AQI command and control networks were further dismantled when another 14 suspected terrorists were detained during operations on December 8 and 9 in Mosul, Bayji, Baghdad, Tikrit, Karmah, and Ramadi.

### Blackwater Contractors Face Indictment:

- The Justice Department unsealed the indictment against five private contractor security guards for their role in the September 16, 2007 shooting at a traffic circle in Baghdad in which 17 Iraqis were killed and more than 20 wounded. A sixth contractor pleaded guilty to manslaughter and provided testimony describing the incident. The case will test the government's ability to hold private security contractors accountable for crimes committed in a war zone overseas. Justice Department officials restated the government's commitment to pursue justice against those responsible for the shootings.



## SECURITY – Security Transition

### Immunity Status Changes for Contractors under Security Agreement:

- U.S. government-hired contractors, including private security contractors, serving in Iraq will be subject to trial in Iraqi courts under the new Security Agreement between the United States and Iraq beginning January 1, 2009. Although U.S. military personnel could be charged under Iraqi law in certain crimes committed off-duty and off-base, contractors will be subject to the Iraqi judicial system regardless of their duty status and location.

### Great Britain Expected to Withdraw Troops Starting in Spring of 2009:

- According to a UK Ministry of Defense official, Great Britain could begin withdrawing its 4,100 troops from Iraq in March 2009. The spokesman said that “significant progress” made in Basrah, where a majority of British troops have been stationed, would allow the UK to make “a fundamental change of mission in early 2009.” At the height of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the UK had 46,000 soldiers serving in Iraq. Indications are that the UK would still contribute 300 to 400 trainers to assist with training Iraqi Security Forces.



## SECURITY – Security Transition

### Japan, Tonga, Czech Republic, and Azerbaijan End Support to Iraq Coalition:

- The Government of Japan held an end of mission ceremony December 6 in Baghdad to mark the end of Japan's support to Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I). The 600 member contingent of the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force was stationed in the southern city of Samawah and supplied humanitarian aid and helped to rebuild local infrastructure, while the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force contingent was stationed in Kuwait and provided C-130 planes to transport humanitarian aid and reconstruction equipment to airports throughout Iraq. The Tongan Defense Services Royal Tongan Marines also held their end-of-mission ceremony in Baghdad December 4. From June of 2004 to the middle of 2007, the Royal Tongan Marines served in Ramadi in Anbar province under Multi-National Force-West (MNF-W). Since August 2007, the Tongan Marines provided security for the headquarters of MNF-I and Multi-National Corps- Iraq (MNC-I). The Czech Republic also held an end of mission ceremony to conclude their support to MNF-I at the Iraqi Army Armor School in Taji December 4. The Czech Republic had provided trainers and advisors to the Iraqi Army Armor School for the past six months and were previously stationed in southern Iraq. Azerbaijan also concluded their support to MNF-I with a ceremony held December 3. Since 2003, over 1,000 Azerbaijan soldiers provided 24-hour security to the Haditha Dam in Anbar province.



## SECURITY – Security Transition

### Iraqi Air Force Conducts First Night Flight Since 2003:

- Two Iraqi air crews flew Russian-made Mi-17 helicopters over the skies of Baghdad December 3 in the first rotary-wing night flight for the Iraqi Air Force since 2003. The night mission also represented the first ever Mi-17 night vision goggle (NVG) sortie outside of the training area of Taji airfield. The Iraqi pilots flew to a range for weapons training and then traveled from landing zone to landing zone throughout the city for familiarization. Since June 2008, Iraqi pilots have trained using NVGs on a fleet of U.S. OH-58 Kiowa helicopters belonging to the Iowa National Guard.

### Newest Iraqi Army Brigade Completes Training with Iraqi Instructors:

- The 41<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Army (IA) Brigade completed its training rotation at Camp Dhi Qar November 26. The training was the first time Iraqi trainers taught all of the classes as Coalition Force soldiers transitioned from primary instructors to a supervisory role. The training consisted of basic rifle marksmanship, vehicle maintenance, physical training as well as instruction on the duties and responsibilities of commissioned and noncommissioned officers.

### Over 900 Graduate Police Training in Mosul:

- 926 Iraqi Police recruits graduated from the Mosul Police Service Academy December 7. Since opening in 2003, the Mosul Police Service Academy has graduated over 9,700 recruits to support the local police forces in Mosul and Ninewa province. The course lasts four weeks and the curriculum is comprised of marksmanship, basic police skills, and hand-to-hand combat tactics.



# SECURITY - Iraqi Security Forces

Iraq Security Forces as of Oct. 31, 2008 <sup>a</sup>			
Component	Current Authorized Personnel <sup>b</sup>	Assigned Personnel <sup>c</sup>	Total Trained Personnel to date <sup>d</sup>
<b>Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces <sup>e</sup></b>			
Iraqi Police Service <sup>f</sup>	334,739	300,156	209,100
National Police <sup>g</sup>	46,580	41,044	52,513
Border Enforcement	45,550	40,328	36,673
<b>Total MoI</b>	<b>426,869</b>	<b>381,528</b>	<b>298,286</b>
<b>Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces <sup>h</sup></b>			
Army	174,280	196,236	235,606
Army Training and Support Forces <sup>i</sup>	15,583	23,452	22,930
Air Force	3,690	2,006	2,843
Navy	3,596	1,898	1,494
<b>Total MoD</b>	<b>197,149</b>	<b>223,592</b>	<b>262,873</b>
<b>Counter Terrorism Bureau</b>			
Special Operations <sup>j</sup>	4,733	4,160	4,564
<b>Total Iraqi Security Forces</b>	<b>628,751</b>	<b>609,280</b>	<b>565,723</b>

- 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

### MP Criticizes Government for Budget Shortfalls:

- Iraqi parliamentarian and member of the Finance Committee Sami al-Atroshi chastised the Government of Iraq for calculating its 2009 budget based on oil prices of \$62.50. Atroshi cited how other countries used oil prices as low as \$40 per barrel to draft their federal budgets as oil prices began their downward spiral. Iraq's oil dropped below \$40 dollars per barrel for the week ending December 5.



## ECONOMIC – Oil

### Crude Oil Update:

*Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:*

Basrah Light at \$38.07/barrel

Dated Brent at \$43.42/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$45.46/barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$43.19/barrel

*Revenue estimates:*

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$41.0 Billion

2008: \$60.6 Billion (ytd)

### Nippon Oil in Talks with Iraq to Construct Refinery:

- Japanese firm Nippon Oil Exploration announced that it is in talks with the Government of Iraq to build an oil refinery worth \$5-10 billion, matched by an investment of the same amount for oil exploration. Ryunosuke Onogi, an executive and general manager said, "We submitted a proposal and still discussion is ongoing."



## ECONOMIC – Oil

### Iraq Hosts First Major Oil Expo:

- Representatives from international oil companies attended Iraq's first major petroleum conference, the Iraq Energy Expo and Conference. While many of the major IOCs were notably absent, representatives from Indonesia's Pertamina, Japan's Nippon Oil Exploration Ltd., Russia's Lukoil Overseas Holding Ltd., Denmark's A.P. Moller-Maersk Group, and U.S.' ConocoPhillips and Marathon were present. Nippon Oil, Lukoil, and Maersk all expressed their interest in establishing a presence in Iraq. The Iraq Drilling Company also announced the formation of a joint venture with the British Mesopotamia Petroleum at the conference.

### Ministry of Oil May Resume Oil Sales to South Korean Company:

- The Iraqi Ministry of Oil agreed to resume selling oil to the South Korean company SK Energy after it withdraws from a contract signed with the KRG. Oil exports to SK Energy and others were suspended after they signed agreements with the KRG. The suspension was lifted following the announcement from SK Energy that it will withdraw from the Kurdish contract and not involve itself with any entity other than the Iraqi federal government. SK Energy is part of a consortium led by Korea National Oil Corp., which signed oil agreements with the KRG last year.



## ECONOMIC – Oil

### Government of Iraq Considering New Offshore Export Terminal:

- The Government of Iraq is in talks with contractors for the rehabilitation of Basrah's export terminal and construction of a new offshore terminal. According to former oil minister Thamir Ghadhban, a variety of options are being explored to improve the petroleum infrastructure in the province. The first phase of the project would restore export capacity to 2 million barrels per day, eventually doubled to 4 million within several years.



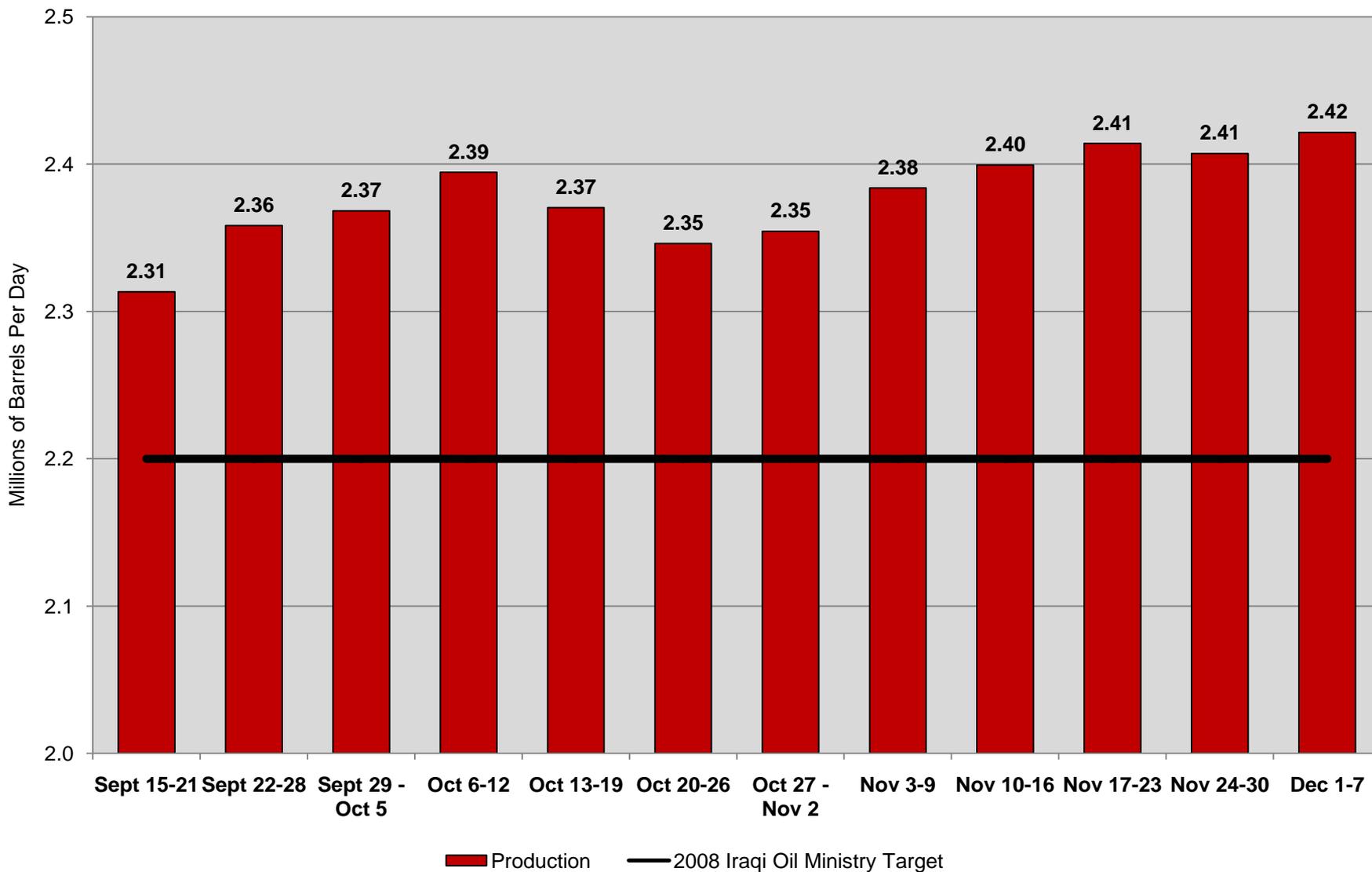
## ECONOMIC – Essential Services

### Oil Price Drops Could Impact IDP Aid Budget:

- The drop in oil prices could result in cuts in the Government of Iraq's budget for aid to internally displaced persons (IDPs). Abdul-Khaliq Zankana, the head of the parliamentary Displacement and Migration Committee, asked the government to consider setting aside a fixed percentage of the oil revenues for IDPs, but he did not expect the proposal to be accepted because the GOI considers IDPs a temporary problem. The GOI recently cut its 2009 budget by \$13 billion due to the fall in oil prices and lowered the price per barrel it uses to calculate its oil revenues.



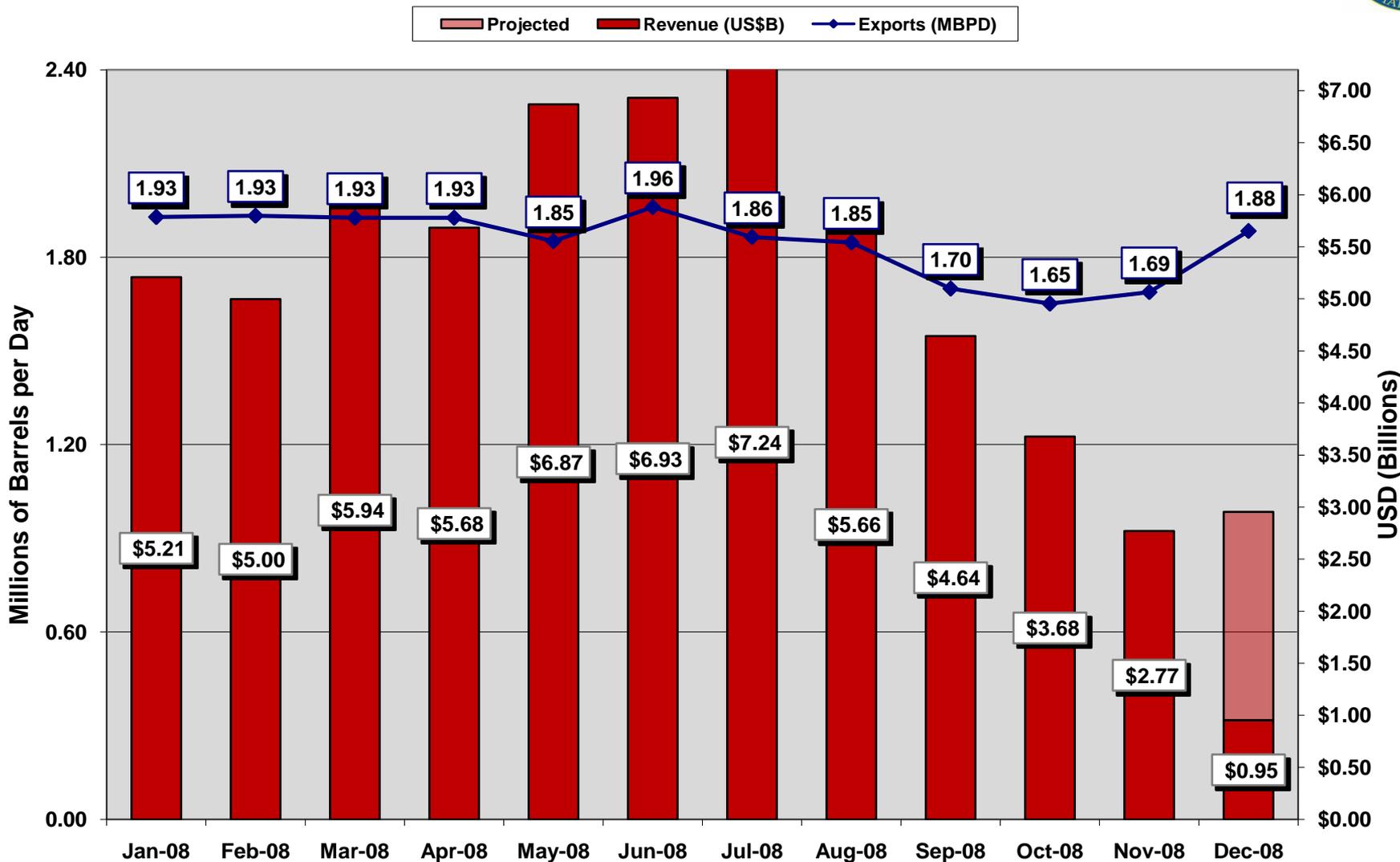
# ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production



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# ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export

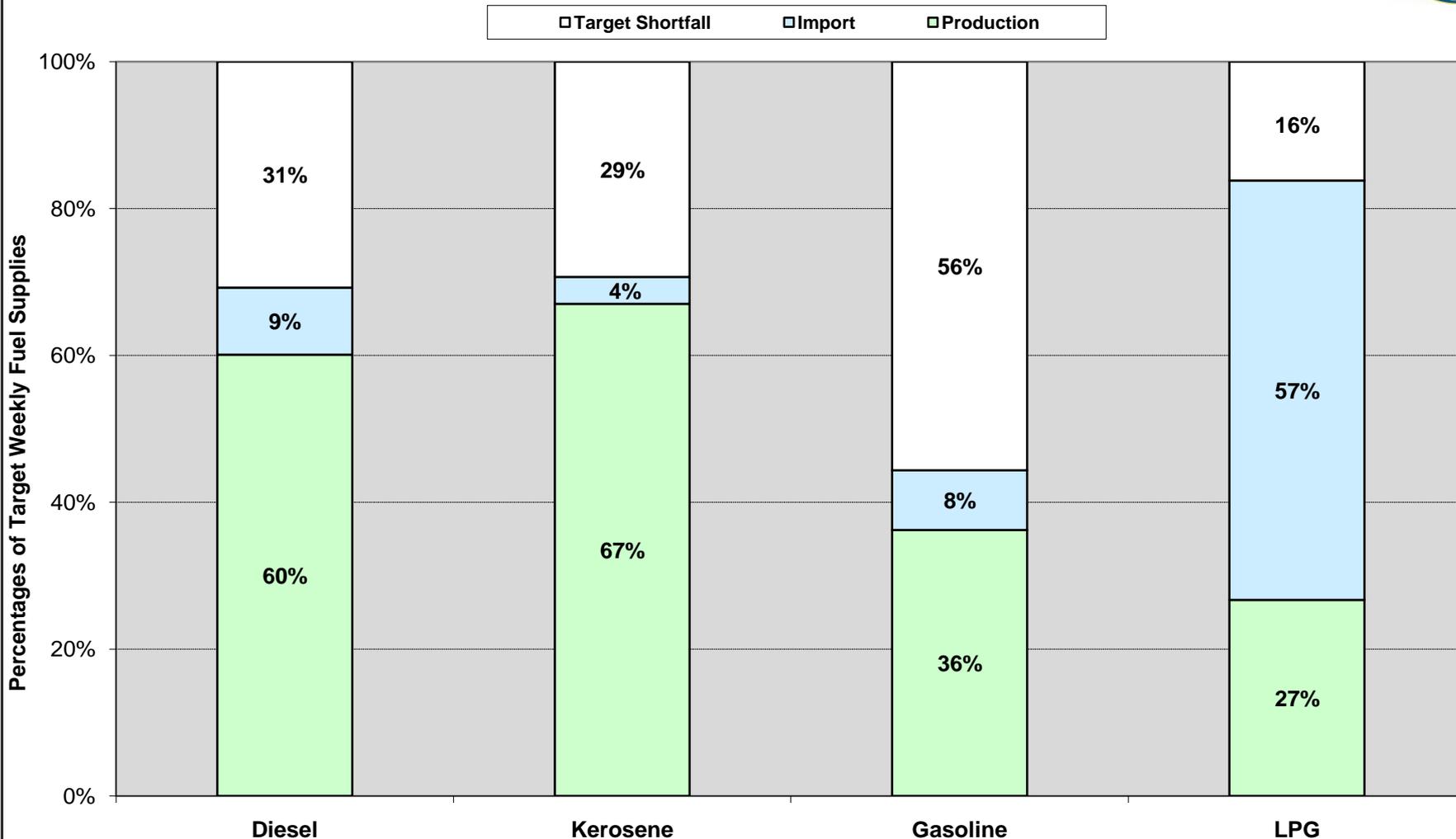


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$41.0 Billion
- 2008 Revenue Estimate: \$60.6 Billion (ytd)

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# ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



Note: This is a daily average for December 1 – 7

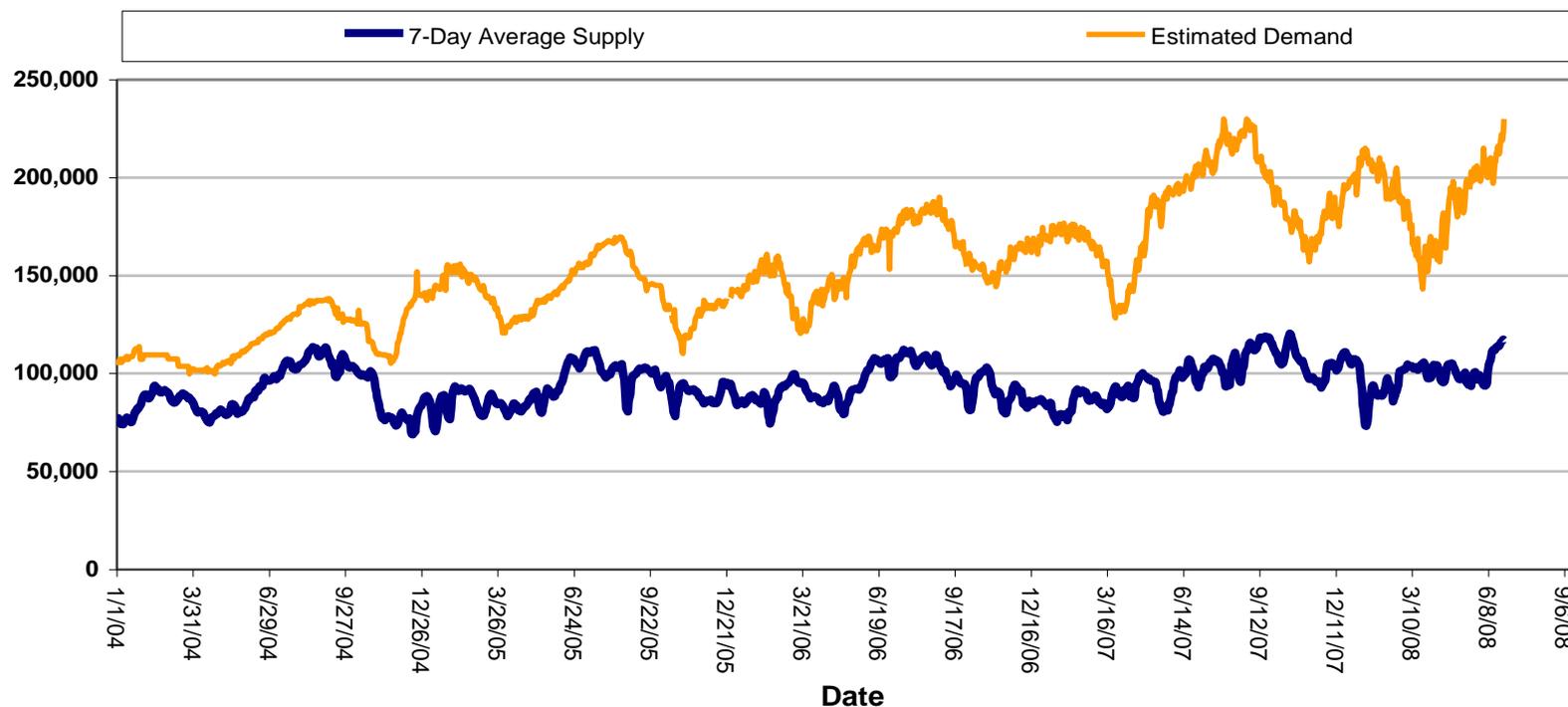
- Diesel: 17.0 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 10.3 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 11.9 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 4,276 tons supply of 5,100 tons target

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# ECONOMIC – Electricity

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

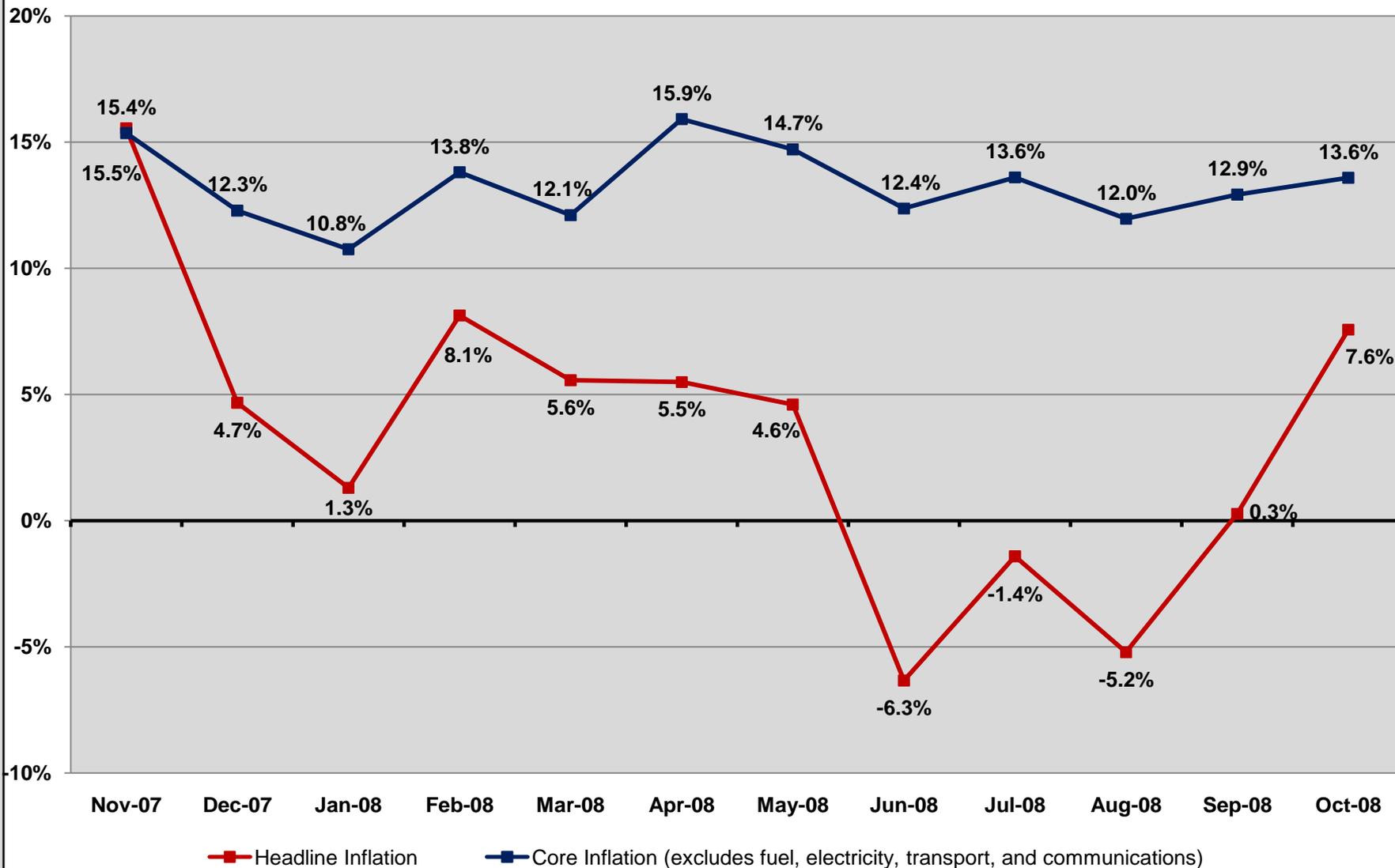


- Daily electricity demand December 3-9 was 5% above the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was 21% above the year-earlier period and met 65% of demand, compared with 56% for the year-earlier period.
- For December 2-8 average hours of power from the grid after meeting demand from essential services were Baghdad 14.0 and national 14.0. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 8.7 and national 11.6.



# ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

## Year-on-Year Inflation



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## ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
<b>Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales</b>				
Price (USD)	\$41.33	\$47.04	\$49.22	\$62.82
Yield	15.46%	13.68%	13.11%	10.16%
<b>Central Bank's USD Currency Auction</b>				
USD Sold	***	***	\$87,039	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	***	***	\$1,180	\$1,254
<b>Total Employed by USG Programs</b>				
	***	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
<b>Total IRRF II</b>	<b>\$18,328</b>	<b>\$71</b>	<b>\$17,864</b>	<b>\$17,862</b>	<b>-\$3</b>	<b>\$17,859</b>	<b>\$17,855</b>	<b>-\$4</b>	<b>\$17,278</b>	<b>\$17,303</b>	<b>\$25</b>
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
<b>Total IRRF I</b>	<b>\$2,475</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,291</b>	<b>\$2,291</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,232</b>	<b>\$2,232</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,139</b>	<b>\$2,139</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Grand Total IRRF I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$20,803</b>	<b>\$71</b>	<b>\$20,155</b>	<b>\$20,153</b>	<b>-\$3</b>	<b>\$20,092</b>	<b>\$20,087</b>	<b>-\$4</b>	<b>\$19,417</b>	<b>\$19,442</b>	<b>\$25</b>

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

### Iraq and Kuwait Sign Khor Abdullah Waterway Patrol (KAA) Agreement:

- The heads of the Iraqi and Kuwaiti navies signed the KAA Interoperability Protocols November 11 at the Kuwait Naval Base. The agreement aims to prevent incidents between the two navies in the shared water space between Iraq and Kuwait. The protocols outline a number of grid squares in the KAA and the area between Bubiyan Island and Shatt al-Arab. The two navies agreed to report any criminal activity or maritime incidents, with follow-on actions to be resolved on the scene. NAVCENT Commander Vice Admiral Bill Gortney attended the ceremony.

### Kurdish Official Critical of UNAMI Report:

- Dindar Zibari, the Kurdistan Regional Government's coordinator to the United Nations, criticized the recent United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) report on human rights in the country. Zibari claimed that parts of the report are "incorrect" and said that the KRG has "taken positive steps to improve the situation of human rights in the region." The UNAMI report states that human rights abuses were rampant in Iraq. It also alleges that detainees are routinely denied access to legal advice and that rampant human rights violations of detainees remained problematic in all parts of Iraq.



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### GOI and UK Negotiate Security Agreement:

- Iraq's Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Labid Abbawi announced December 7 that Iraqi and British negotiators are working on a bilateral security agreement. This agreement would allow British forces to remain in Iraq after the UN mandate expires December 31, 2008.

### UK Troop Draw Downs:

- On December 9, UK defense officials briefed the British media on plans for troop draw downs in 2009. British troops are expected to start withdrawing from Iraq in March, leaving some 400 personnel in place by the summer. Reports state that the "Iraq withdrawal programme is still dependent on security conditions in southern Iraq."



## DIPLOMATIC – Coalition Contributors

### Other Countries with forces in Iraq

<b>Albania</b>	<b>Czech Republic**</b>	<b>South Korea**</b>	<b>Romania</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>Tonga**</b>
<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina**</b>	<b>El Salvador</b>	<b>Macedonia**</b>	<b>Ukraine</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Moldova</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>

**TOTAL ~ 6,350 Forces**

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

\*23 includes the US, the 16 countries listed above, and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey as part of The NATO Training Mission in Iraq. Fiji and New Zealand, part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), are not included.

\*\*Note: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czech Republic, South Korea, Macedonia, and Tonga have announced their end of participation and are in the process of redeploying.



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