A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries and the Persian Gulf are shown in light beige and light blue respectively. The text is overlaid on the map.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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- In addition to the estimated deaths of 49 criminals, ground forces reported they were unaware of any innocent civilians being killed as a result of this operation.

Massive EFP Cache Found in North Babil:

- Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, attached to the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, discovered more than 100 copper disks used to construct deadly explosively formed penetrators (EFPs) east of Haswah in Babil province during a follow-on mission to Operation Seven Mountains October 17. EFPs are a particularly deadly type of roadside bomb often used by Shia extremist groups.



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

Coalition General Notes Progress in Iraqi Air Force:

- U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Robert Allardice, chief of the Coalition Air Force Transition Team, told defense experts October 11 that the Iraq Air Force (IAF) has made tremendous strides since January of this year and is contributing to the counterinsurgency effort in the country.
- The IAF has amassed 1,200 personnel and 50 aircraft. The IAF is also currently involved in intelligence and surveillance missions according to BG Allardice. They have increased from flying about 30 sorties a week in January 2007 to 231 for the first week in October with an average of 180 per week for the previous four weeks.

Iraqi Special Operator Training Course Graduates:

- Thirty-six Iraqi soldiers graduated from the 10th Operator Training Course October 2. The course is a prestigious 90-day school modeled after a U.S. Army special forces course; teaching elite noncommissioned officers and officers advanced combat training to mitigate and stop terrorism.



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

Rebuilding The Iraqi Army:

- Construction for the Iraqi Army on Forward Operating Base (FOB) Hope, located in the Sadr City area of Baghdad, is expected to be finished within the next two weeks. Approximately 40 new buildings have been built and another 20 refurbished. The Iraqi Army's 3rd Brigade, 11th Division will be moving into these buildings in December after completion of training in Besmaya. The work on FOB Hope has been ongoing for approximately 13 months and at the peak of construction employed nearly 900 Iraqis.

2,400 Iraqi Soldiers Graduate Basic Training in Numaniyah:

- Approximately 2,400 Iraqi soldiers graduated from Iraqi Army Basic Combat Training in Numaniyah October 10. The five week training course covers basic military principles such as marching, marksmanship, leadership, basic first aid, communications, and physical training.
- Following graduation, soldiers will attend different military occupational skill schools such as military police, medical, and supply. Approximately 1,400 soldiers from this graduation will make up part of the 2nd Brigade, 11th Division of the Iraqi Army.



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

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 26,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~194,200*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~163,500***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~165,500**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~359,700****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Latest Data Available



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

Iraqi Prime Minister Brands PKK Terrorist Organization:

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Iraqi Parliament Consider Condemning Turkey:

- Iraq's Council of Representatives discussed a motion condemning Turkey for threatening an incursion to crack down on Kurdish rebels as Baghdad and Ankara were said to be considering a joint operation. Lawmakers failed to agree on the wording of the motion that would condemn Turkey's parliament for authorizing its military to cross the mountainous border to hunt down rebels of the PKK. "The Iraqi parliament did not reach a final formula for the draft statement presented by the parliament presidency committee," speaker Mahmud al-Mashhadani reported.



[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 *	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 *	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

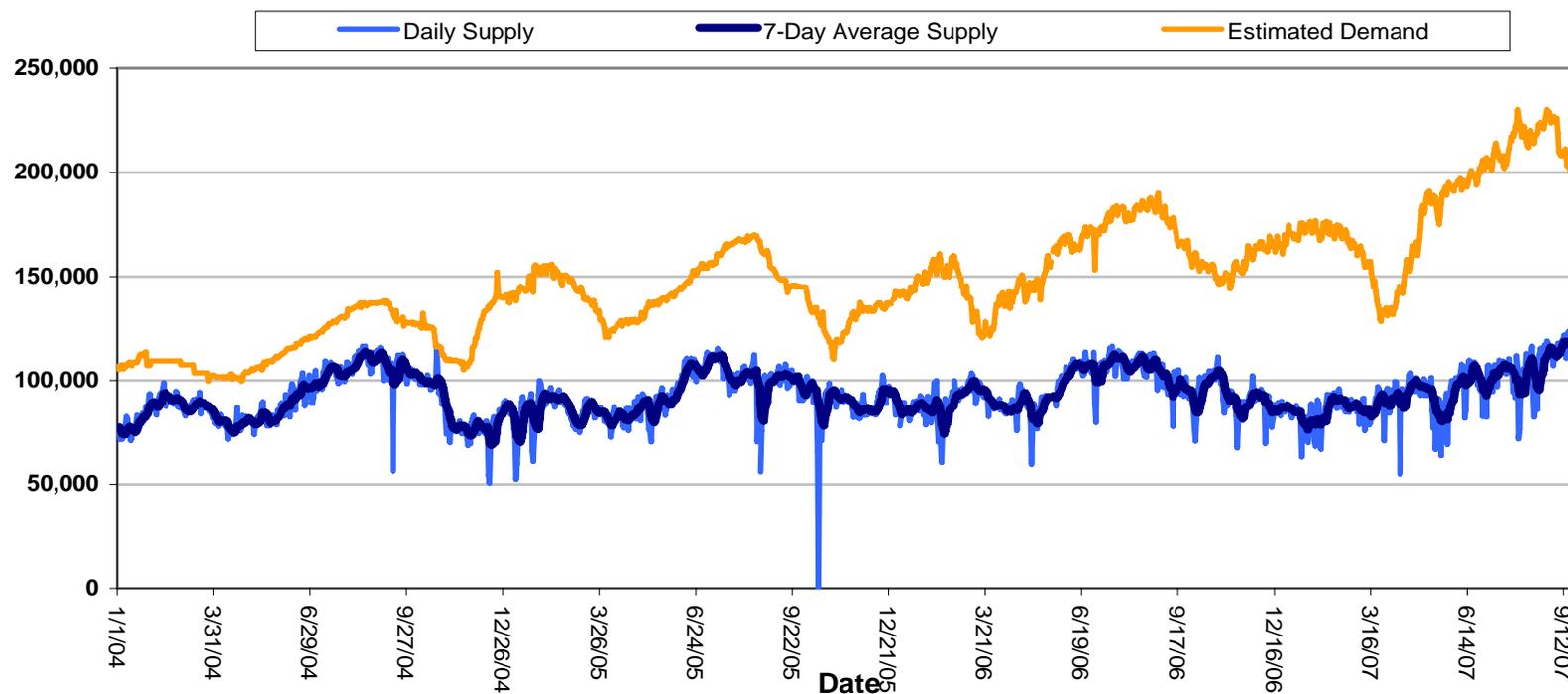
(Millions of USD)

Sector			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportioned	Unapportioned	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,983.67	\$20.95	\$4,961.23	\$4,961.23	\$0.00	\$4,959.95	\$4,959.95	\$0.00	\$4,828.87	\$4,828.87	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,283.37	\$24.29	\$2,259.57	\$2,259.57	\$0.00	\$2,252.41	\$2,252.41	\$0.00	\$2,097.02	\$2,097.02	\$0.00
Electricity Sector	\$4,199.46	\$25.63	\$4,125.03	\$4,125.03	\$0.00	\$4,006.63	\$4,006.63	\$0.00	\$3,506.65	\$3,506.65	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,713.28	\$11.42	\$1,594.35	\$1,594.35	\$0.00	\$1,545.57	\$1,545.57	\$0.00	\$1,478.69	\$1,478.69	\$0.00
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,076.29	\$25.36	\$1,975.75	\$1,975.75	\$0.00	\$1,930.88	\$1,930.88	\$0.00	\$1,686.77	\$1,686.77	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$452.96	\$4.04	\$452.93	\$452.93	\$0.00	\$449.58	\$449.58	\$0.00	\$362.35	\$362.35	\$0.00
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$329.23	\$4.38	\$322.80	\$322.80	\$0.00	\$320.82	\$320.82	\$0.00	\$233.32	\$233.32	\$0.00
Health Care	\$797.78	\$24.70	\$771.08	\$771.08	\$0.00	\$761.40	\$761.40	\$0.00	\$690.51	\$690.51	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$820.51	\$2.04	\$819.07	\$819.07	\$0.00	\$819.07	\$819.07	\$0.00	\$800.37	\$800.37	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$426.17	\$10.42	\$422.98	\$422.98	\$0.00	\$422.83	\$422.83	\$0.00	\$387.80	\$387.82	\$0.02
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$0.00	\$209.39	\$209.39	\$0.00	\$209.39	\$209.39	\$0.00	\$207.68	\$207.68	\$0.00
Total	\$18,295.71	\$153.24	\$17,914.21	\$17,914.21	\$0.00	\$17,678.52	\$17,678.52	\$0.00	\$16,280.05	\$16,280.06	\$0.02
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,710.98	\$7,710.98	\$0.00	\$7,702.80	\$7,702.80	\$0.00	\$7,331.33	\$7,331.35	\$0.02
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,683.53	\$9,683.53	\$0.00	\$9,456.02	\$9,456.02	\$0.00	\$8,439.11	\$8,439.11	\$0.00
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$519.70	\$519.70	\$0.00	\$519.70	\$519.70	\$0.00	\$509.60	\$509.60	\$0.00
IRRF I Total	\$2,475.00	\$0.00	\$2,291.00	\$2,291.00	\$0.00	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,770.71	\$153.24	\$20,205.21	\$20,205.21	\$0.00	\$19,910.82	\$19,910.82	\$0.00	\$18,419.05	\$18,419.06	\$0.02

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



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- For October 17-23 daily electricity demand was 16% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the grid was 9% above the year-earlier period and met 63% of total electricity demand, compared with 67% for the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 10.3 and nationwide 13.7. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 6.7 and nationwide 13.0.

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



Oil:

- A high level Iraqi oil official (who asked to remain anonymous) reported October 23 that Iraqi crude oil will continue to flow to the Turkish port of Ceyhan, even if Turkish military operations started targeting northern Iraq. The official added that the oil is exported through pipelines which are not affected by military operations and are continuing despite escalation of tensions between the Turkish and Iraqi sides.

Transportation:

- The Hillah Directorate of Municipality (DoM) started a campaign for street pavement and development as part the current year investment plan at the cost of more than 26 billion Iraqi Dinar (or 21 million USD). The projects include paving 31km worth of roads and developing a number of the city's entrances. A source at the DoM said one of the most important projects is paving the road from Hilla to Najaf and paving subsidiary streets in six neighborhoods.

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



Agriculture:

- USAID reported October 21 that its Iraqi private sector growth initiative, Izdihar, has joined forces with the Inma Agribusiness Program to launch an agricultural products market rehabilitation project designed to improve conditions for sellers and buyers in Baghdad's wholesale and retail markets for agricultural products. The proposal was discussed at a meeting held at Baghdad's District Advisory Council (DAC). The DAC representatives proposed that the rehabilitation should commence with four pilot projects covering two wholesale markets and two retail markets, with an equal representation for the Rusafa and Karkh districts. DAC representatives committed to assist with the assessment of markets (measurements, needs survey, engineering specifications), which is needed in order to move the projects forward as well as to facilitate contact between USAID contractors, the traders' representatives and Government of Iraq entities.



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

Kirkuk:

- The Kirkuk Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) reported that the electricity situation has held constant through the reporting period and regional power plants operated normally. The national grid supplied 17 hours per day to the Province and households saw 10-12 hours per day.
- The Director General of Health reported that Kirkuk has had 2,350 total confirmed cholera cases and three deaths associated with the cholera outbreak. New cholera related cases have been declining on a daily basis starting with 80 to 100 new cases one week ago to 14 cases early this week.

Salah al-Din:

- The provincial fuel distribution plan is facilitating a regularly scheduled delivery of fuel to Samarra. The plan is entirely controlled by Iraqis with no input or coordination from Coalition forces. Fuel is coming into the city every three days instead of the original plan that would have brought fuel into the city every ten days.



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

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending October 19 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$80.722/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$87.842/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$84.564/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$78.516/barrel

Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,969	26,541	15.55%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	84,111	84,111	0.00%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	3,206	3,206	0.00%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	5,827	2,484	-57.37%
Grand Total	116,113	116,342	0.20%

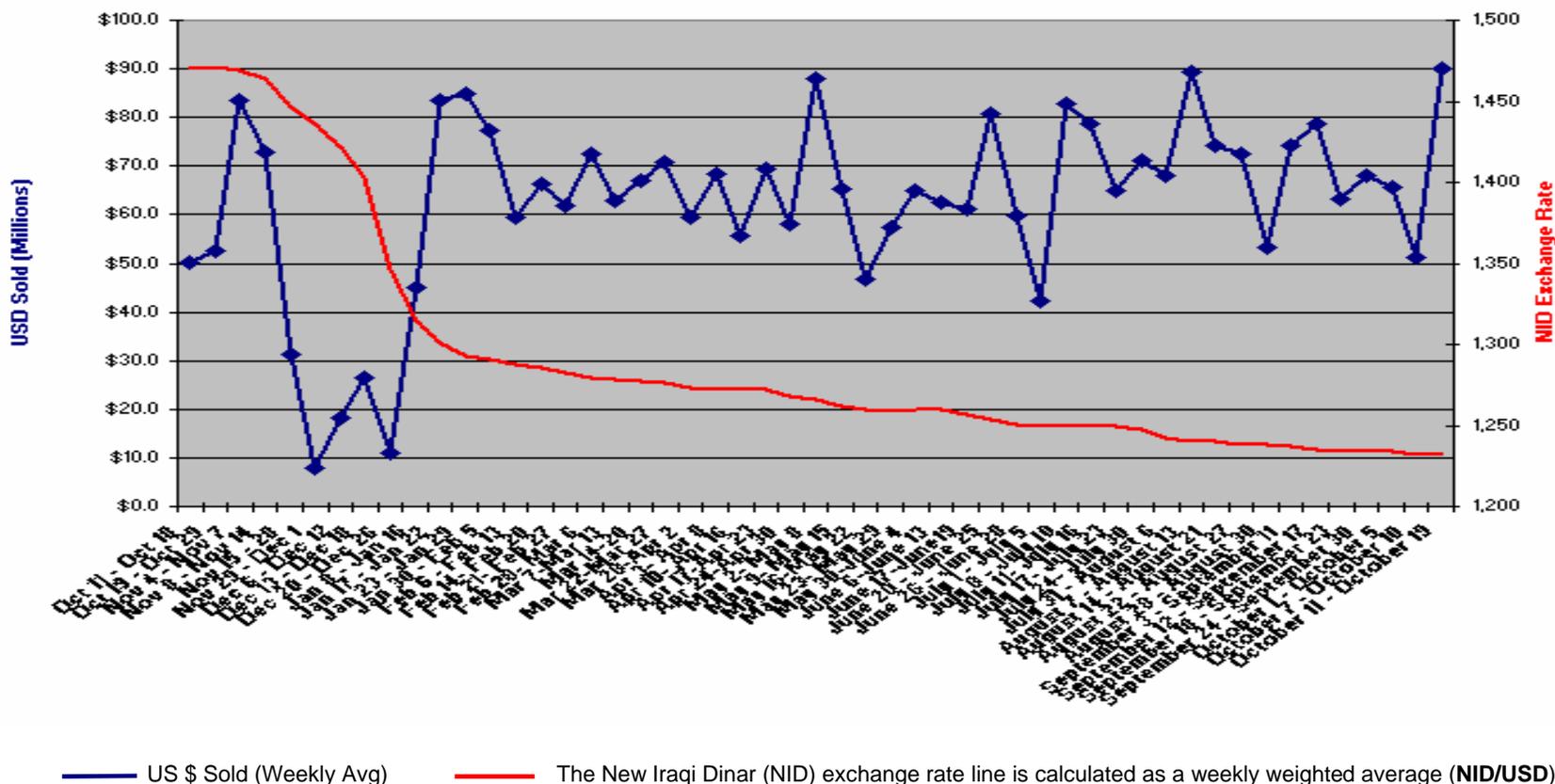


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 galloping 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 11, 2006 – October 19, 2007**



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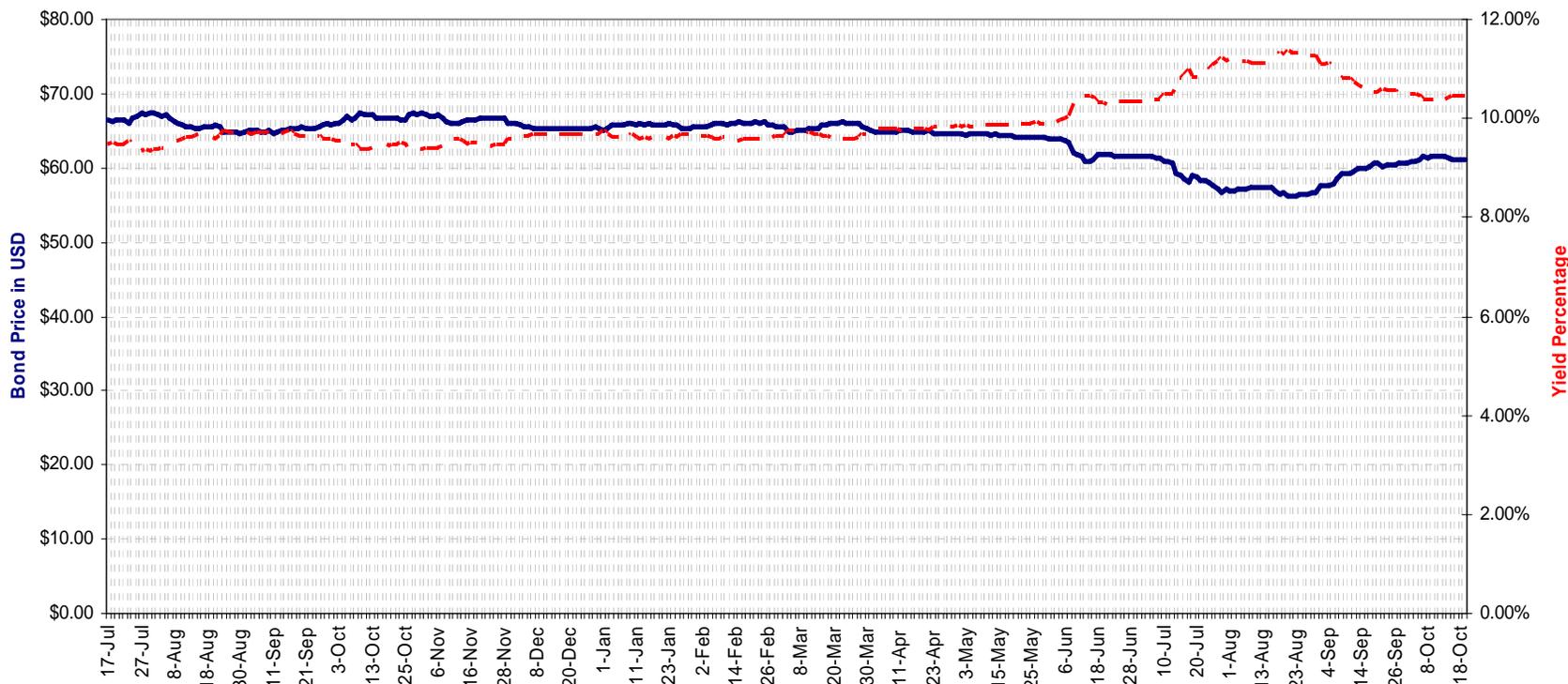


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 Bond Sales
July 17, 2006 - October 19, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

Prices Continue to Stabilize in September:

- According to the GOI's September Consumer Price Index, the overall inflation rate fell 2.1% in September, putting year-to-date inflation at 8.8% through September, down from 11.2% through August. This decrease was largely due to a 12.3% fall in fuel prices, which is a seasonal phenomenon. The year-on-year overall inflation rate increased from 20.0% in August to 34.8% in September, however, due to the 12.8% decline in prices for September 2006. The tendency for accelerated price increases in the last three months of the year remains a concern. Thus, the Central Bank will likely continue its currency appreciation. It is important to note that, while monetary policy has been one successful tool in the effort to stabilize prices, the GOI must also find ways to reduce supply bottlenecks to get more goods into the market.



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

Iraq's Kurds Fear Economic Woes if Turkey Attacks:

- Iraqi Kurds expressed fear of acute economic woes October 22 if there is a cross-border incursion by Turkey against the Kurdistan Worker's Party (PKK). There are concerns that Iraqi oil exports and the Turkish port of Ceyhan would take the brunt of any hostilities. Iraq exports 300,000 barrels of oil from northern Iraq through Ceyhan. Although estimates of the potential economic loss from a Turkish incursion were not immediately available, a week's closure of the Iraq-Iran border in September led to a loss of \$1 million a day for the Kurdish region.

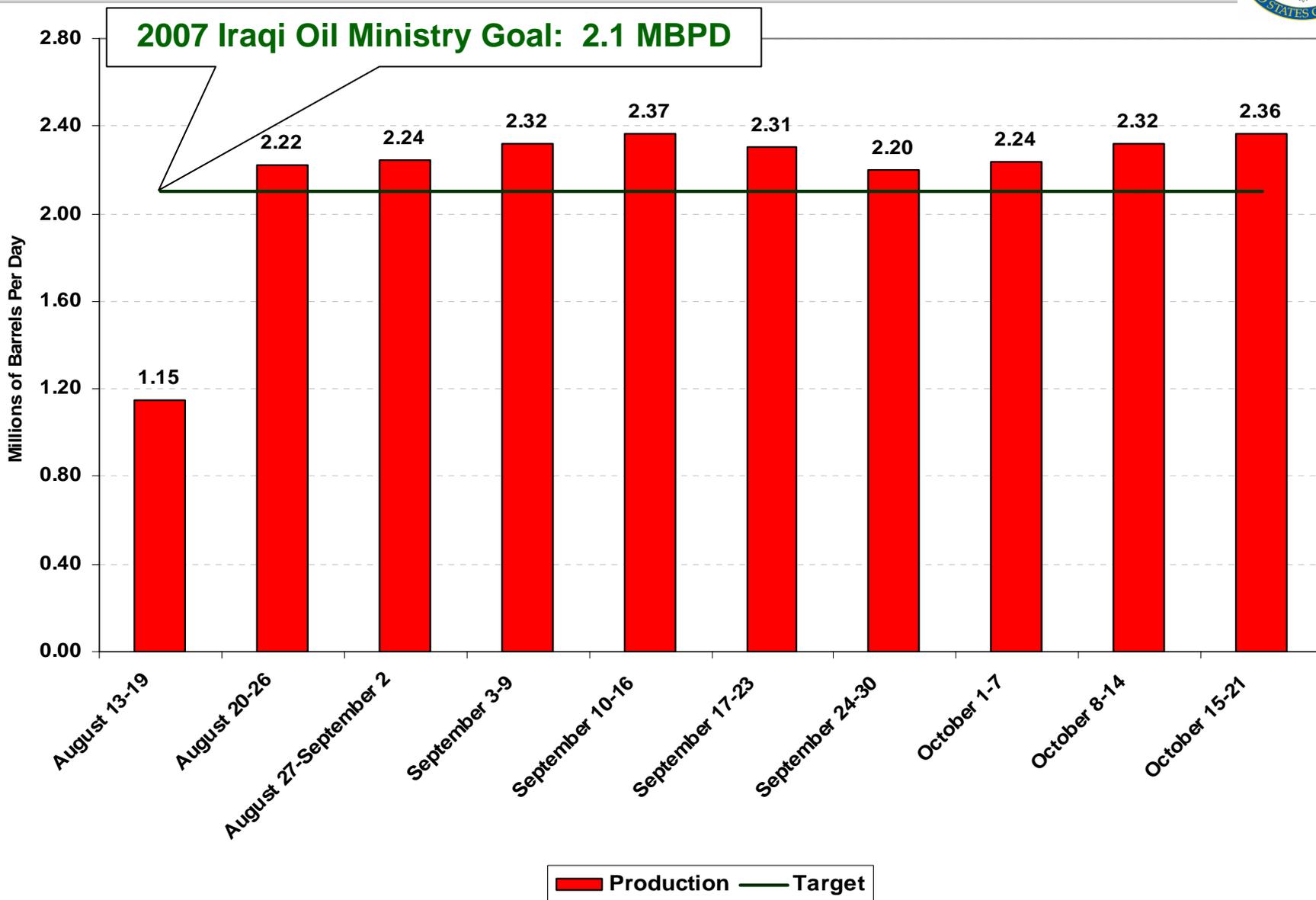
ISX Index Falls Slightly:

- The Iraqi Stock Exchange fell by 1.312% in opening sessions this week. Traded shares in the October 21 session exceeded 2.404 billion Iraqi Dinar (1.95 million USD) at a total value of 5.578 billion Iraqi Dinar (4.5 million USD) in 236 transactions. The market price index stopped at 37.210 points by the session's close. According to daily analysis of the capital market, non-Iraqi investors were very active in the day's trading with total shares hitting at a value of 4.737 billion Iraqi Dinar (3.85 million USD). Shares of 24 listed joint-stock companies were traded in the ISX, 14 of which were banking companies in addition to one service company, eight manufacturing companies and one travel agent.



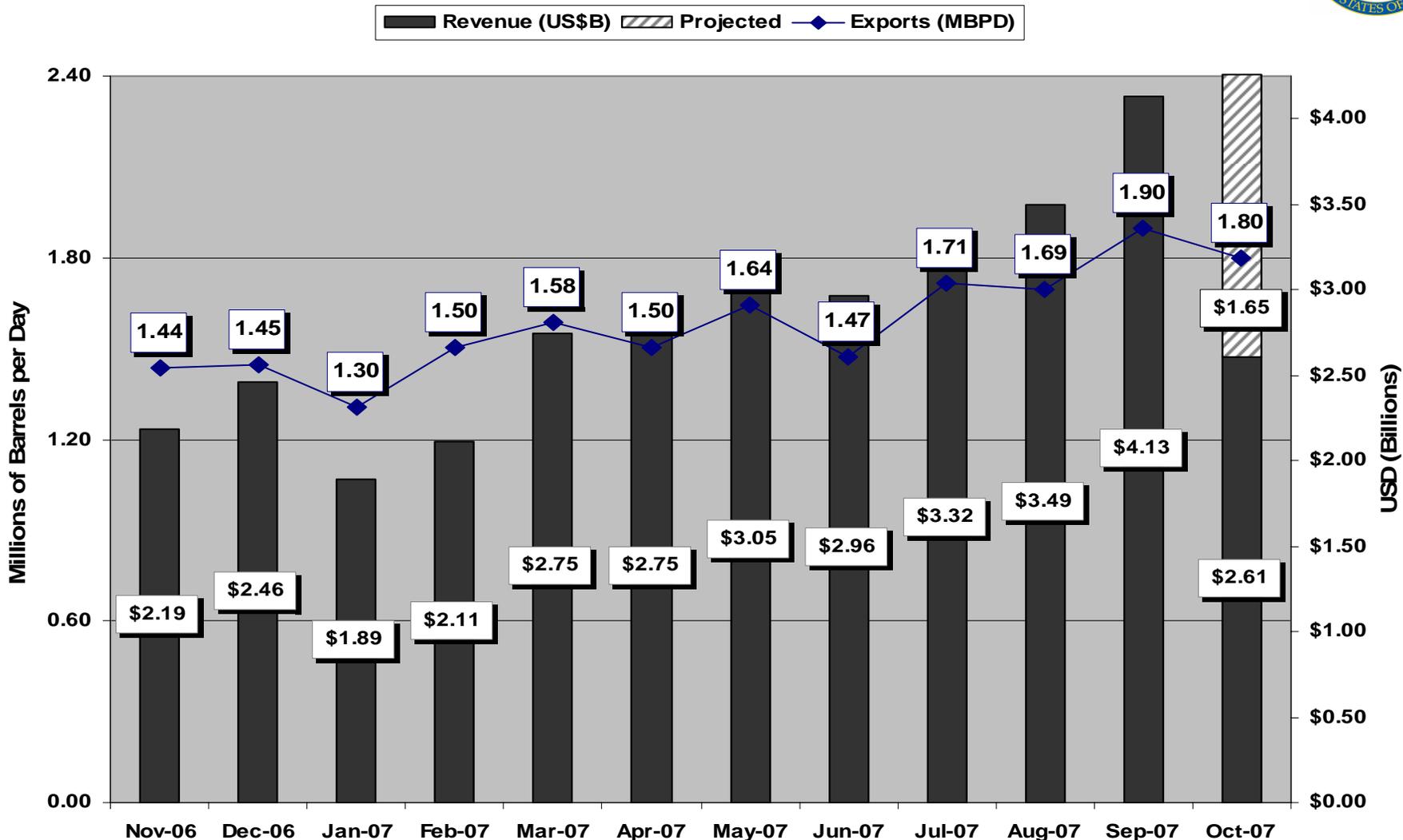
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

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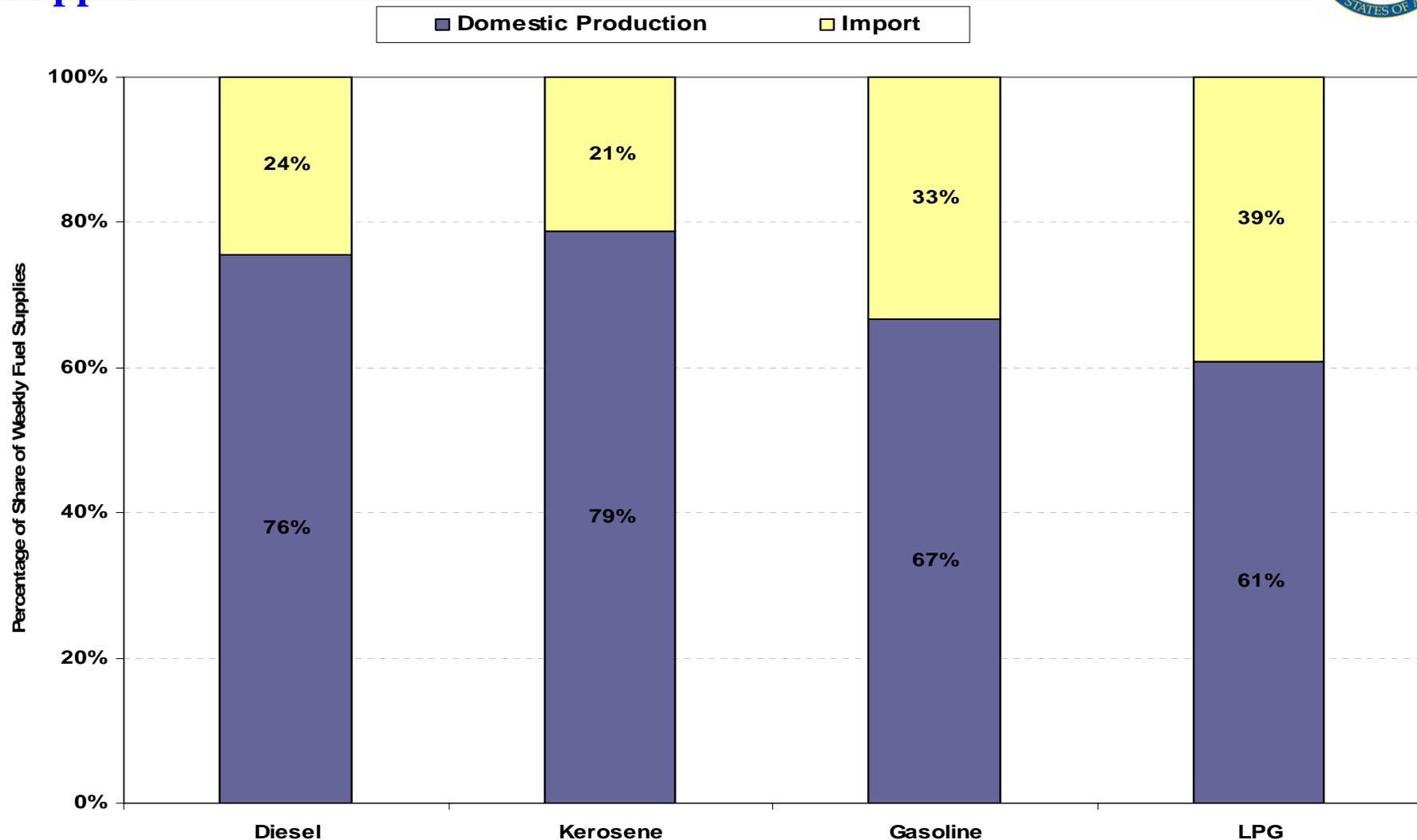
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$29.1 Billion (Year to Date)



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



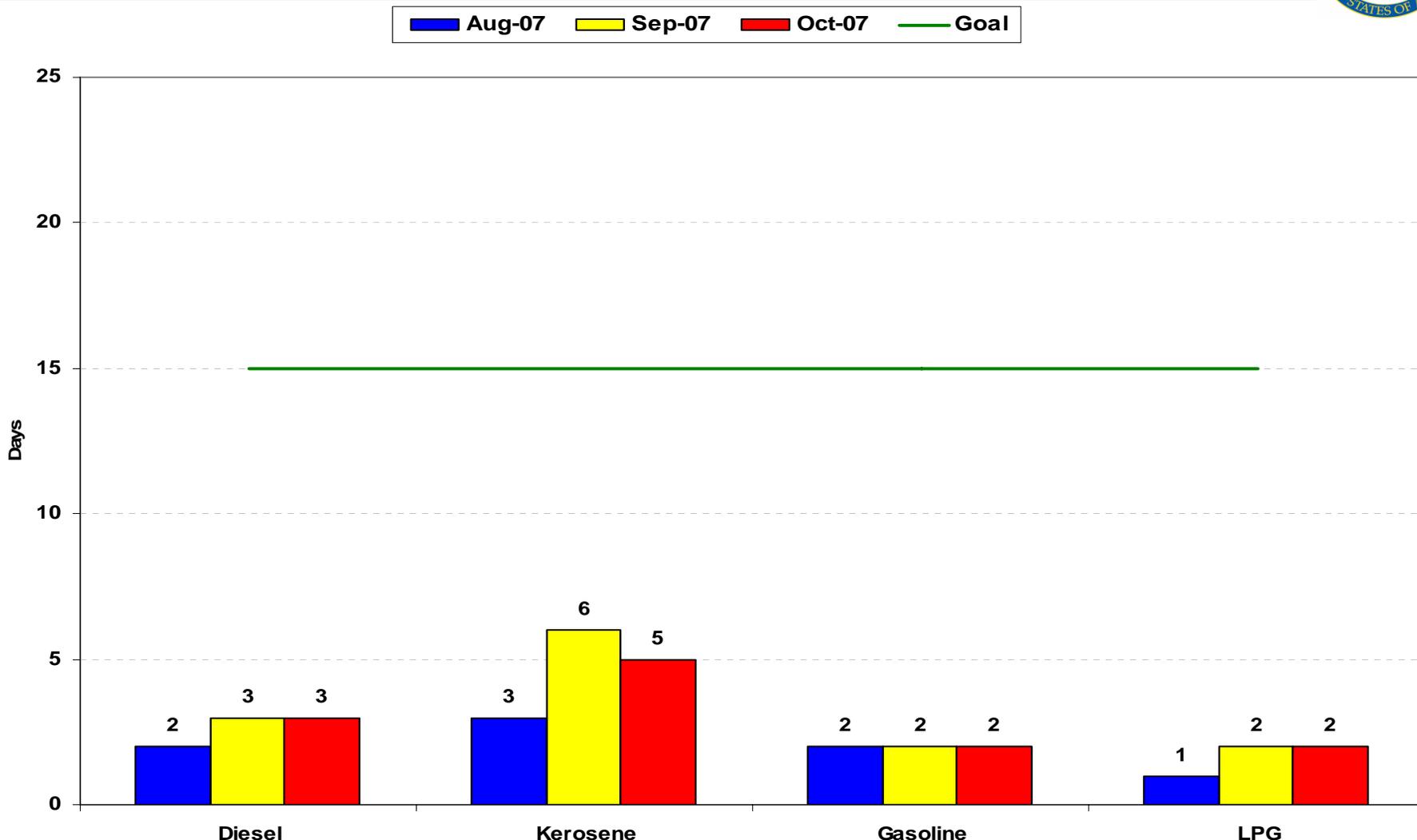
Note: This is a daily average for October 15 – 21

- Diesel: 12.1 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 7.6 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.8 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,979 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

Basrah Judges Attend Judicial Training:

- The Basrah Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) reports that an initial group of judges will attend the judicial training program in Amman set to conclude this week. The course is run by the Justice Institute in Jordan which will conduct a curricula on substantive criminal law, principles of investigation, criminal procedure and evidence, forensics, arrest and detention, and case management. Further groups of judges will follow.
- In addition, the Basrah PRT reports that the Rule of Law Academy project has secured funding for the main refurbishment of the Bar Association building and equipping a law library. Further funding is being sought for an administrator.



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

South Korea's President Calls for Extended Troop Presence in Iraq:

- South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said his government has decided to extend the country's troop deployment in Iraq for another year. The move is expected to face tough opposition in parliament. In a nationally televised address, Roh said the government made the decision in consideration of the country's alliance with the United States and its economic interests in Iraq. South Korea has 1,200 troops in Iraq, but the government says it will halve the total by year's end.

PM Howard Seeks Troop Move for More Effective Training in Iraq:

- Australian Prime Minister John Howard has signaled a change in the role of Australian troops serving in southern Iraq that will focus on training Iraqi forces inside Iraq under a transition plan to be discussed with Iraqi and Coalition officials. The training of Iraqi security forces is taking place in neighboring countries such as Jordan, but Mr. Howard said it would be more effective for exercises to be held in Iraq.

International Conference on Iraq to be held in Istanbul:

- The next Expanded Iraq Neighbors Ministerial will be held in Istanbul, Turkey November 2-3. The meeting is a follow-on to the first such ministerial held in Sharm el Shaykh in May. Attendees will include Iraq's neighboring countries, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (U.S., France, UK, China and Russia), the countries belonging to the G8, the UN, League of Arab States, and the Organization of Islamic Conference.



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

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

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

TOTAL ~ 11,604 Forces

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

*33 includes the U.S., the 26 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 mission in Iraq, are not included.



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

Iraqi Journalist Reported Missing:

- An Iraqi journalist working in Baghdad for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty was reported missing October 22 after police officers found the body of her driver, who had been shot and killed on a city street, the American-backed radio network said.

Arson Attack on Ishraqat al-Sadr Newspaper Building:

- The building of the local newspaper, Ishraqat al-Sadr, was set on fire October 20. The attack on the building (with ties to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr) is still under investigation.



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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