A map of the Middle East region with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding countries are shown in a light tan color, and the Persian Gulf is shown in light blue. The title text is overlaid on the map.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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### 1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

MNF-I spokesman, Major Winfield Danielson reported, “AQI is being hit continually by Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition forces, so their networks are disrupted and their manpower pool diminishing, thus limiting their ability to strike innocent Iraqis.” In October, 40 AQI leaders were killed or captured.

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

More than 50 senior Iraqi intelligence officers graduated from the Senior Joint Intelligence Officer Course October 31 at the Ministry of Defense Civilian Training Center in Baghdad.

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

The Iraqi government seized the west Baghdad headquarters of a powerful Sunni Muslim group November 14, cordoning off the building and accusing the group of supporting al-Qaida, officials said. The Association of Muslim Scholars, a hard-line Sunni clerics group with links to insurgents, has its headquarters in the Um al-Qura mosque in the capital's Sunni-dominated Ghazaliyah neighborhood.

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The Minister of Oil, Hussein al-Shahristani, reported November 18, “In the last couple of months there has been very significant improvement in the security conditions in the country, we have been producing more oil. As a matter of fact our production has almost reached 2.5 million barrels per day, up from about 2 million a few months ago.”



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The Council of Representatives (CoR) held the first reading of the draft 2008 Federal Budget Law November 19, over a month ahead of the pace of last year's budget negotiations. The first reading of the 2007 budget in the CoR took place December 24, 2006.

### 6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

According to American advisers to the Iraqi judicial system, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has approved the trial of two former Shiite officials who are accused of killing and kidnapping hundreds of Sunnis.

### 7. International Support for Iraq

UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq Staffan de Mistura announced the UN will help the GOI with the increasing number of refugees returning to their homes. The assistance will include technical advice, developing monitoring and data-gathering tools and providing capacity-building support to the ministry, a U.N. statement said.

### 8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

The Iraqi Committee to Protect Journalists called on the Kurdistan Regional Government to better assist journalists in their work and grant them any permission necessary for the fulfillment of their mission.



## [1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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### Coalition and Iraqi Security Force Operations Against al-Qaida in Iraq Continue:

- Over 40 al-Qaida (AQI) leaders were killed or captured in October, including:
  - Six AQI emirs and six cell leaders including two responsible for the personal security detail for Ayyub al-Masri, the foreign leader of AQI.
  - 14 foreign terrorist facilitators, six logistics and weapons facilitators, three truck and car bomb leaders, four AQI leaders who worked in the Mosul media or propaganda cell.
  - Two administrators who worked on false documents and AQI finances.
  - Two AQI leaders who were involved in senior communications and courier activities.
- Recent analysis of documents captured from Abu Muthanna, a foreign terrorist facilitator killed in September, confirms that approximately 90% of the suicide bombers and bombings are perpetrated by foreign terrorists, not by Iraqis.

### Coalition Forces Disrupt Senior al-Qaida Operations:

- Coalition forces (CF) killed 25 suspected terrorists and detained 21 suspects, four of whom were wounded November 13 and 14 during a series of coordinated operations targeting senior terrorist leaders.
- MNF-I spokesman, Major Winfield Danielson reported, "AQI is being hit continually by Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition forces, so their networks are disrupted and their manpower pool diminishing, thus limiting their ability to strike innocent Iraqis."



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### Head of the Iraqi Radioactive Source Regulatory Authority Assassinated:

- Media reports indicate that Dr. Mousa Jafar al-Atia, head of the Iraqi Radioactive Source Regulatory Authority, was gunned down in his vehicle along with two other men. The assassination occurred in Baghdad as the men were traveling to work early November 20. Dr. al-Atia worked diligently with U.S. officials since Iraq's liberation to bring his organization up to internationally accountable standards.



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

### Officers Graduate Senior Intelligence School:

- More than 50 senior Iraqi intelligence officers graduated from the Senior Joint Intelligence Officer Course October 31 at the Ministry of Defense Civilian Training Center in Baghdad.
- The course covered topics such as senior officer duties and responsibilities, intelligence sharing, intelligence cycle, intelligence preparation of the battle space, and analytical tools and research methods.
- Attendees represented each Iraqi armed service: the Directorate General of Intelligence and Security, the Counterterrorism Center, and Iraqi Special Forces.

### Al Qa'im Border Port Opened:

- The land port of entry at al-Qa'im was officially reopened November 15 in a ribbon-cutting ceremony that was attended by Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani.
- The port of entry, on the Iraqi and Syrian border, opens amid increasing security and peace in the region and across Iraq.
- The port will serve to ensure that the Iraq border remains secure, and will likely boost the local economy of al-Qa'im.
- The port is one of the most sophisticated in Iraq and is under the control of Iraq's Border Police.



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

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Component	# Authorized	# Assigned <sup>a</sup>	# Trained
<b>Ministry of Interior Forces <sup>b</sup></b>			
Police	239,209	238,681	171,840
National Police	33,670	30,605	35,777
Border Enforcement	38,205	37,712	30,472
<b>Total Mol</b>	<b>311,084</b>	<b>306,998</b>	<b>238,089</b>
<b>Ministry of Defense Forces <sup>c</sup></b>			
Army	171,272	139,032	172,053
Support Forces <sup>d</sup>	16,700	14,172	15,449
Special Operations <sup>e</sup>	4,504	3,243	1,648
Air Force <sup>e</sup>	2,908	1,286	1,286
Navy	1,492	1,103	1,105
<b>Total MoD</b>	<b>196,876</b>	<b>158,836</b>	<b>191,541</b>
<b>Total <sup>f</sup></b>	<b>507,960</b>	<b>465,834</b>	<b>429,630</b>

a Numbers in this chart are not the same as those present for duty.

b Ministry of Interior (Mol) police strength does not reflect non-deployed investigative and administrative Mol forces, the Mol HQ, Mol Forensics, Dignitary Protection or contracted guards. Mol authorized and assigned strength is derived from September 2007 Mol Human Resources data. Mol training strength is based on Coalition Police Assistance Transition Team (CPATT) Commander's Brief and Seven Day Tracker database as of 15 Oct 2007.

c MoD authorized personnel strengths are derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs) as well as an MNF-I Commanding General suggested, Prime Minister directed 120% increase in manning levels for combat units. Assigned personnel strengths are derived from 15 Sep 2007 Iraqi Director General of Pay and Budget data. MoD training figures are as of 15 October 2007 and are derived from data provided by Coalition Military Assistance Transition Team (Army and Support Forces), Counter-Terrorism Transition Team (Special Operations), Navy Transition Team (Navy), and Coalition Air Force Transition Team (Air Force).

d Recategorization of support entities may result in disparate numbers in next report.

e Air Force Trained represents graduates from technical school pipeline.

f There is a 15%-25% attrition per year across Army and Police Forces.



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

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#### GOI Seizes Headquarters of Powerful Sunni Muslim Group:

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#### Shiite-Led Government Larger Threat than al-Qaida:

- Senior military commanders now portray the intransigence of Iraq's Shiite-dominated government as the key threat facing the U.S. effort in Iraq, rather than al-Qaida terrorists, Sunni insurgents or Iranian-backed militias. Several U.S. military officials have expressed growing concern over the Iraqi government's failure to capitalize on sharp declines in attacks against U.S. troops and Iraqi civilians. A window of opportunity has opened for the government to reach out to its former foes, said Army Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, the commander of day-to-day U.S. military operations in Iraq, but "it's unclear how long that window is going to be open."



### [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

<b>Deputy President</b> Tariq al-Hashimi	<b>President</b> Jalal Talabani	<b>Deputy President</b> 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi
<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Barham Salih	<b>Prime Minister</b> Nuri al-Maliki	<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Salam al-Zawba'i

(F) = Female

\* Vacant

<b>Minister of Agriculture</b> Ali al-Bahadeli	<b>Minister of Communications</b> Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	<b>Minister of Culture</b> *	<b>Minister of Defense</b> Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	<b>Minister of Displacement &amp; Migration</b> Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	<b>Minister of Electricity</b> Karim Wahid
<b>Minister of Education</b> Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	<b>Minister of Environment</b> Narmin 'Uthman (F)	<b>Minister of Finance</b> Bayan Jabr	<b>Minister of Foreign Affairs</b> Hoshiyar Zebari	<b>Minister of Health</b> Saleh al-Hasnawi	<b>Minister of Higher Education</b> Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
<b>Minister of Human Rights</b> Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	<b>Minister of Industry &amp; Minerals</b> Fawzi al-Hariri	<b>Minister of Interior</b> Jawad al-Bulani	<b>Minister of Justice</b> Safa al Safi (acting)	<b>Minister of Housing &amp; Construction</b> Bayan Daza'l (F)	<b>Minister of Labor &amp; Social Affairs</b> Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
<b>Minister of Oil</b> Husayn al-Shahristani	<b>Minister of Planning</b> Ali Baban	<b>Minister of Trade</b> Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	<b>Minister of Science &amp; Technology</b> Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	<b>Minister of Municipalities &amp; Public Works</b> Riyad Ghurayyib	<b>Minister of Transportation</b> *
<b>Minister of Water Resources</b> 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	<b>Minister of Youth &amp; Sports</b> Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	<b>Minister of State for Civil Society</b> Wijdan Mikha'il (acting)	<b>Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs</b> Akram al-Hakim	<b>Minister of State for National Security Affairs</b> Shirwan al-Waili	
<b>Minister of State for Foreign Affairs</b> Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	<b>Minister of State for Governorates Affairs</b> *	<b>Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities</b> *	<b>Minister of State for Women's Affairs</b> Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	<b>Minister of State for CoR Affairs</b> 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

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Sector	Apportioned	Unapportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
			Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,984.7	\$19.9	\$4,986.4	\$4,984.2	-\$2.2	\$4,963.2	\$4,981.0	-\$2.2	\$4,836.6	\$4,836.1	-\$0.5
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,263.6	\$44.1	\$2,246.8	\$2,255.7	\$8.9	\$2,242.7	\$2,242.7	\$0.0	\$2,120.1	\$2,120.5	\$0.3
Electricity Sector	\$4,200.6	\$24.5	\$4,054.0	\$4,057.5	\$3.5	\$4,047.2	\$4,047.5	\$0.4	\$3,596.2	\$3,602.3	\$6.0
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,713.8	\$10.9	\$1,602.0	\$1,601.3	-\$0.7	\$1,601.8	\$1,601.1	-\$0.7	\$1,545.7	\$1,547.6	\$1.9
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,084.1	\$17.6	\$1,971.4	\$1,971.4	\$0.0	\$1,971.4	\$1,971.4	\$0.0	\$1,728.5	\$1,731.2	\$2.7
Transportation and Communications	\$453.9	\$3.1	\$449.9	\$449.9	\$0.0	\$449.8	\$449.8	\$0.0	\$375.2	\$375.2	\$0.0
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$332.3	\$1.3	\$321.6	\$322.8	\$1.3	\$321.6	\$322.8	\$1.3	\$236.0	\$236.1	\$0.1
Health Care	\$812.7	\$9.8	\$783.9	\$784.1	\$0.1	\$775.0	\$775.0	\$0.0	\$703.2	\$705.2	\$2.1
Private Sector Development	\$820.5	\$2.0	\$819.4	\$819.4	\$0.0	\$819.4	\$819.4	\$0.0	\$800.7	\$800.7	\$0.0
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$426.4	\$10.2	\$421.0	\$421.0	\$0.0	\$420.9	\$420.9	\$0.0	\$388.8	\$388.8	\$0.0
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.0	\$0.0	\$210.0	\$210.0	\$0.0	\$210.0	\$210.0	\$0.0	\$207.7	\$207.7	\$0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,305.6</b>	<b>\$143.3</b>	<b>\$17,846.5</b>	<b>\$17,857.4</b>	<b>\$10.9</b>	<b>\$17,822.9</b>	<b>\$17,821.5</b>	<b>-\$1.3</b>	<b>\$16,538.7</b>	<b>\$16,551.3</b>	<b>\$12.7</b>
<b>IRRF II Non-Construction</b>	-	-	\$7,912.6	\$7,911.9	-\$0.7	\$7,910.3	\$7,909.5	-\$0.7	\$7,573.4	\$7,573.7	\$0.4
<b>IRRF II Construction</b>	-	-	\$9,414.2	\$9,425.9	\$11.7	\$9,393.0	\$9,392.4	-\$0.6	\$8,450.0	\$8,462.3	\$12.3
<b>IRRF II Overhead</b>	-	-	\$519.6	\$519.6	\$0.0	\$519.6	\$519.6	\$0.0	\$515.3	\$515.3	\$0.0
<b>IRRF I Total</b>	<b>\$2,475.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$2,291.0</b>	<b>\$2,291.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$2,232.3</b>	<b>\$2,232.3</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$2,139.0</b>	<b>\$2,139.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>
<b>Grand Total IRRF I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$20,780.6</b>	<b>\$143.3</b>	<b>\$20,137.5</b>	<b>\$20,148.4</b>	<b>\$10.9</b>	<b>\$20,055.2</b>	<b>\$20,053.8</b>	<b>-\$1.3</b>	<b>\$18,677.7</b>	<b>\$18,690.3</b>	<b>\$12.7</b>

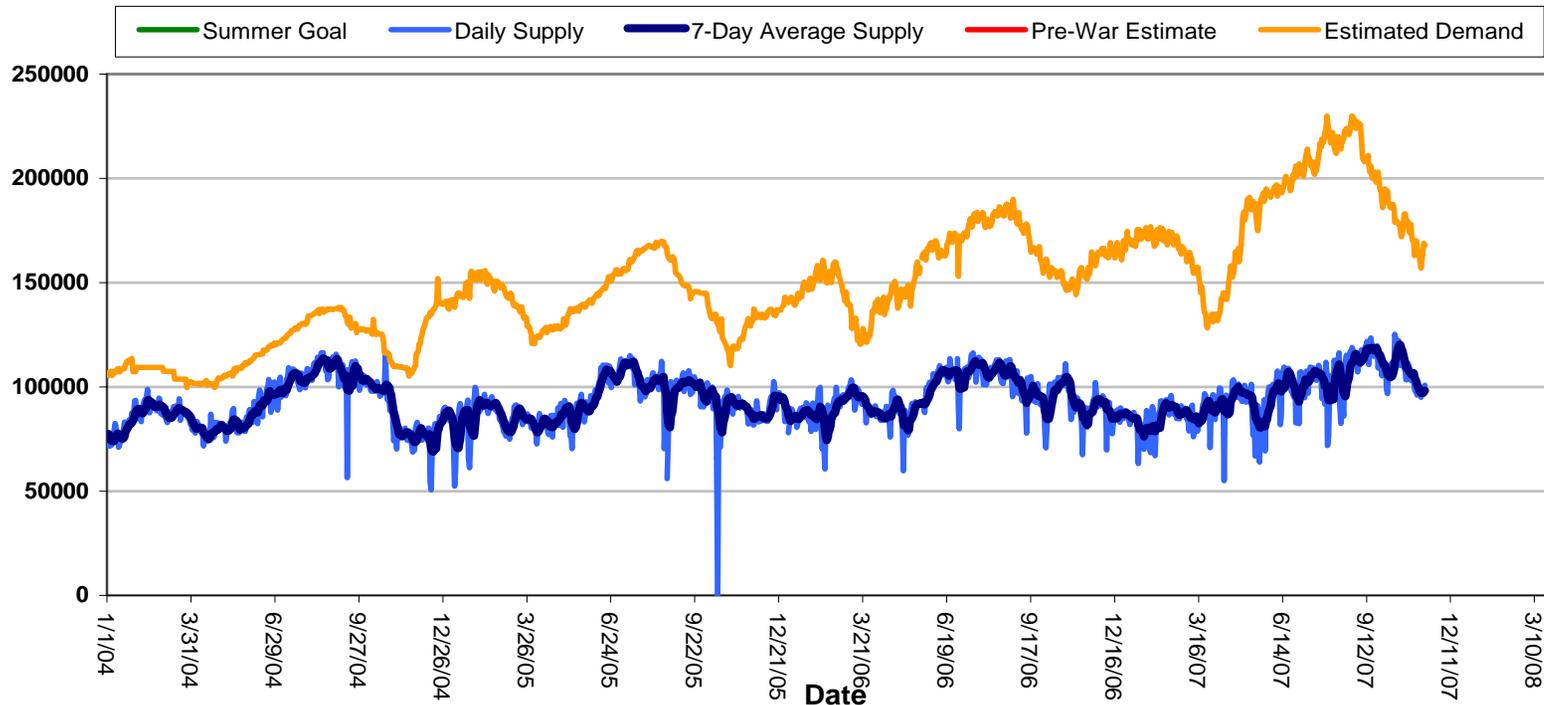
Apportion amounts reflect those of the latest Executive Office of the President Report, published by the Office of Management and Budget. Committed, obligated and disbursed amounts reflect last numbers reported by each agency.



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

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### Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- For November 13-19 daily electricity demand was 8% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the grid was 9% above the year-earlier period and met 57% of total electricity demand, unchanged from the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 8.9 and nationwide 12.0. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 5.5 and nationwide 10.3.



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

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### Oil:

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- Speaking about international investment opportunities, Shahristani said all companies, except for the “opportunist” firms already in Iraqi Kurd territory, are welcome to invest in Iraq. Iraq is moving toward signing a batch of oil deals, with or without a national oil law, as it attempts to pick up production of the world’s third-largest oil reserves. While Baghdad has only recently said it would sign oil deals based on a Saddam Hussein-era oil law, the Kurdistan Regional Government passed its own oil law and has signed 14 oil deals with smaller international oil companies.



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

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### Reconstruction:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki reported November 17 that a sum of \$1.8 billion would be allocated for reconstruction efforts in Baghdad. “The government allocated only \$400 million for Baghdad re-building last year, but in the new budget it provided \$1.8 billion,” Maliki said in a speech during a celebration marking Baghdad Day. “There is going to be a renaissance and a revolution in the service and construction sector,” Maliki stressed, expressing a wish for Baghdad to “once again become the city of literature, art, and poetry.”

### Transportation:

- The Karbala City Council’s Reconstruction Committee continued working to select a company to build an airport in Karbala. The committee has narrowed the field to four companies. Meithen al-Isawi, a member of the reconstruction committee, said that the process has been delayed due to lack of an investment body in Karbala. Iraq Directory’s report did not divulge details of what such a body might look like. However, it did state that, according to al-Isawi, the body would have authority to conclude investment contracts worth up to \$250 million. The airport site would tentatively be located east of the city between Karbala and Najaf.



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

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### Irbil:

- The American University of Iraq, located in Sulaimaniyah, broke ground on a new site to replace the temporary offices currently used. The Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) reported that there are currently 64 enrollees, and the plan is for 5,000 by the year 2027. All current undergraduates receive scholarships. Additionally, there are faculty associations with the Oklahoma State and Washington State Universities. The school has raised \$45 million to date, and has a \$10.2 million IRRF grant pending to construct a power/sewage plant, possibly in cooperation with USACE.

### Ninewah:

- Ten GOI employees from the Mosul departments of electricity, municipalities, public works, industry, and planning began advanced training in procurement November 11. The course, which was taught in Sulaimaniyah, was scheduled to be completed November 19.

### Baghdad:

- The Baghdad PRT reported that 270 local government officials and staff received training in performance measurements, council's authorities and roles, management, accounting internal control, evolution of management theory, process decision making, computer skills, public relations, and other key governance skills.



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

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Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending November 16 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$86.222/ barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$91.11/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$93.682/ barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$85.392/barrel

Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	24,991	22,557	-9.74%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	84,111	79,847	-5.07%
Commander’s Emergency Response Program (CERP)	3,206	3,021	-5.77%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	4,034	6,801	68.59%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>116,342</b>	<b>112,226</b>	<b>-3.54%</b>

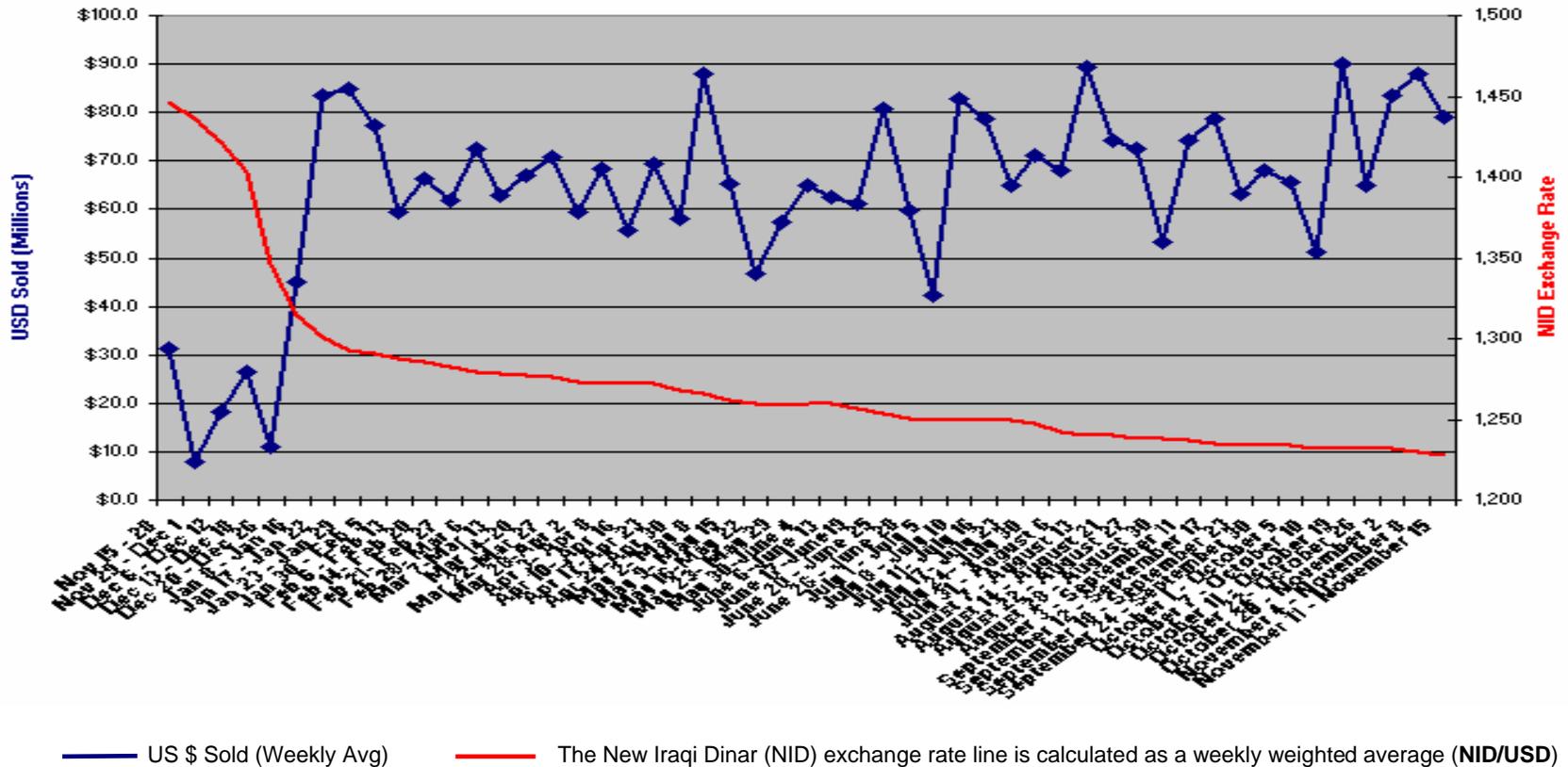


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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

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

**Central Bank of Iraq  
USD Currency Auction: October 29, 2006 – November 15, 2007**



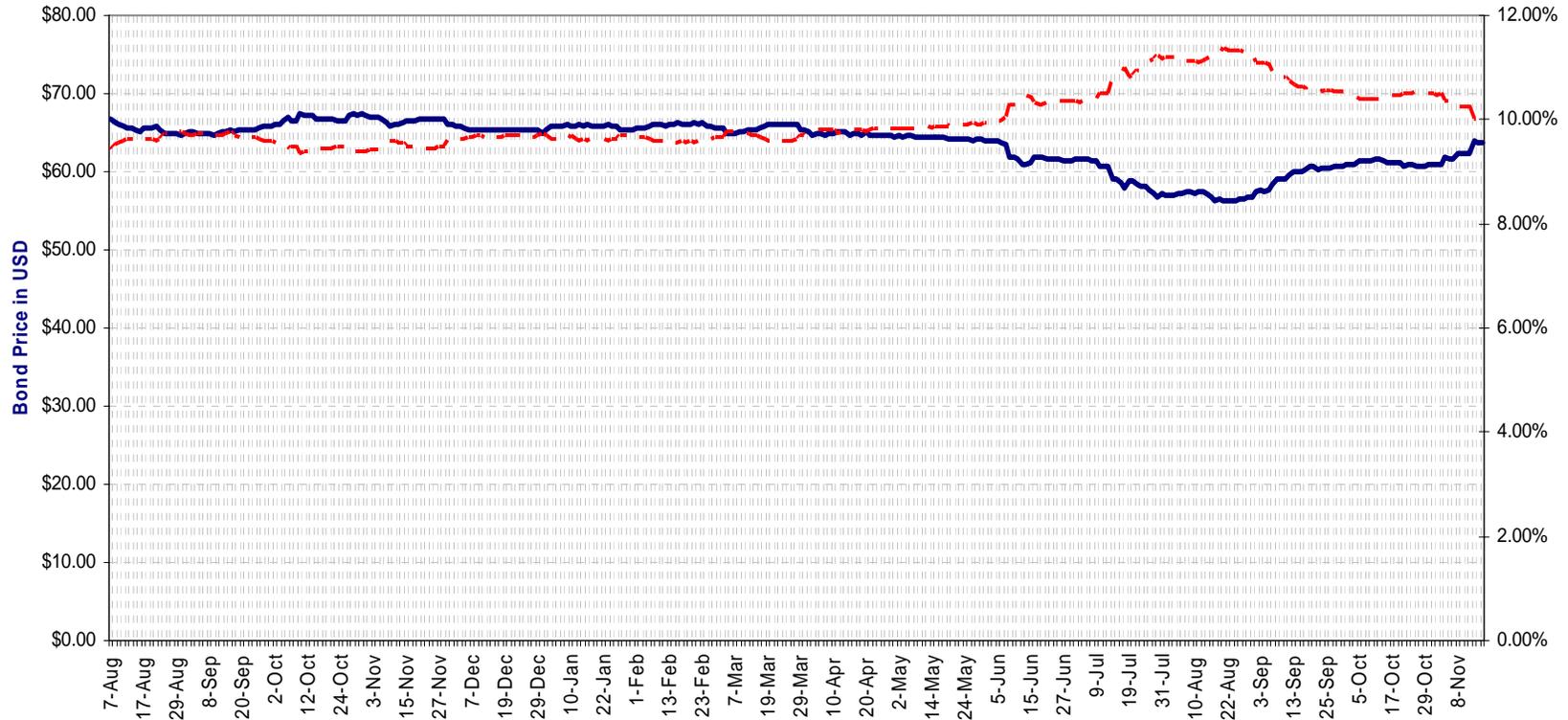


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028.

**Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales**  
August 7, 2006 - November 9, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

### First Reading of Draft 2008 Budget in CoR:

- The Council of Representatives (CoR) held the first reading of the draft 2008 Federal Budget Law November 19, over a month ahead of the pace of last year's budget negotiations. The first reading of the 2007 budget in the CoR took place December 24, 2006. The Budget Law mandates that the Iraqi Government pass the 2008 budget before December 31, 2007.

### Prices Continue to Stabilize:

- According to the GOI's October Consumer Price Index, the overall inflation rate fell 4.2% in October, putting year-to-date inflation at 4.2% through October, down from 8.8% through September. This decrease was largely due to a 14.4% fall in fuel prices. The year-on-year overall inflation rate decreased from 34.8% in August to 20.4% in October. Though the tendency for accelerated price increases in the last two months of the year remains a concern, such price stabilization indicates, in part, the success of the Central Bank's anti-inflationary policy. It is important to note, however, that, while monetary policy has been one successful tool in the effort to stabilize prices, the GOI must continue to find ways to reduce supply bottlenecks to get more goods into the market.



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

### \$60 million MoU signed between Iraq, Kuwait:

- Iraq and Kuwait signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) November 18 granting Iraq \$60 million in economic and social assistance through the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. The signing occurred during Iraqi President Talabani's stop-over in Kuwait on his way to the OPEC Summit in Riyadh; also witnessing were Iraqi Finance Minister Jabr and National Security Minister al-Waili. Talabani also met with the Chairman and members of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He encouraged them to invest in Iraq, noting Iraq's "new free economic policy...and...improvements in the security situation." Talabani said he would support setting up a free trade zone between Iraq and Kuwait.

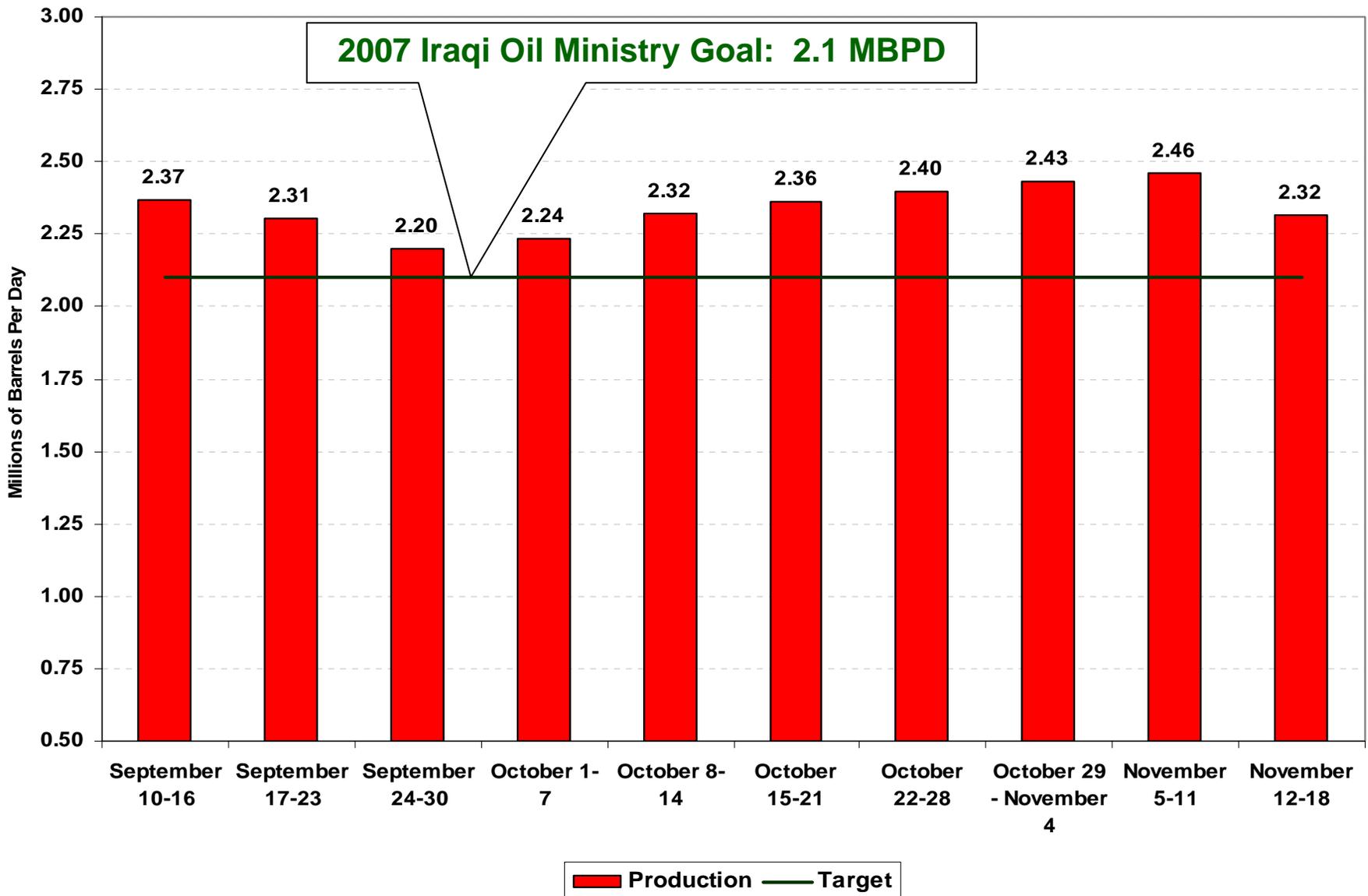
### Government of Iraq expands Micro-Loan Program:

- The GOI has established a program to provide \$30 million in micro-loans to Iraqis in each of the 18 provinces. The program is an expansion of a \$50 million pilot in Baghdad with extremely successful results. Under the new program, \$30 million will be used to help spur small business growth and create job opportunities. Of the \$30 million, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs will provide \$15 million. The Ministry of Industry and Minerals will match the \$15 million. Under the program, loans are kept small to encourage the growth of small businesses. The average loan size is between \$4,600 and \$9,000, depending on the source of the loan. This effort has the potential to create over 230,000 new jobs for Iraqis.



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

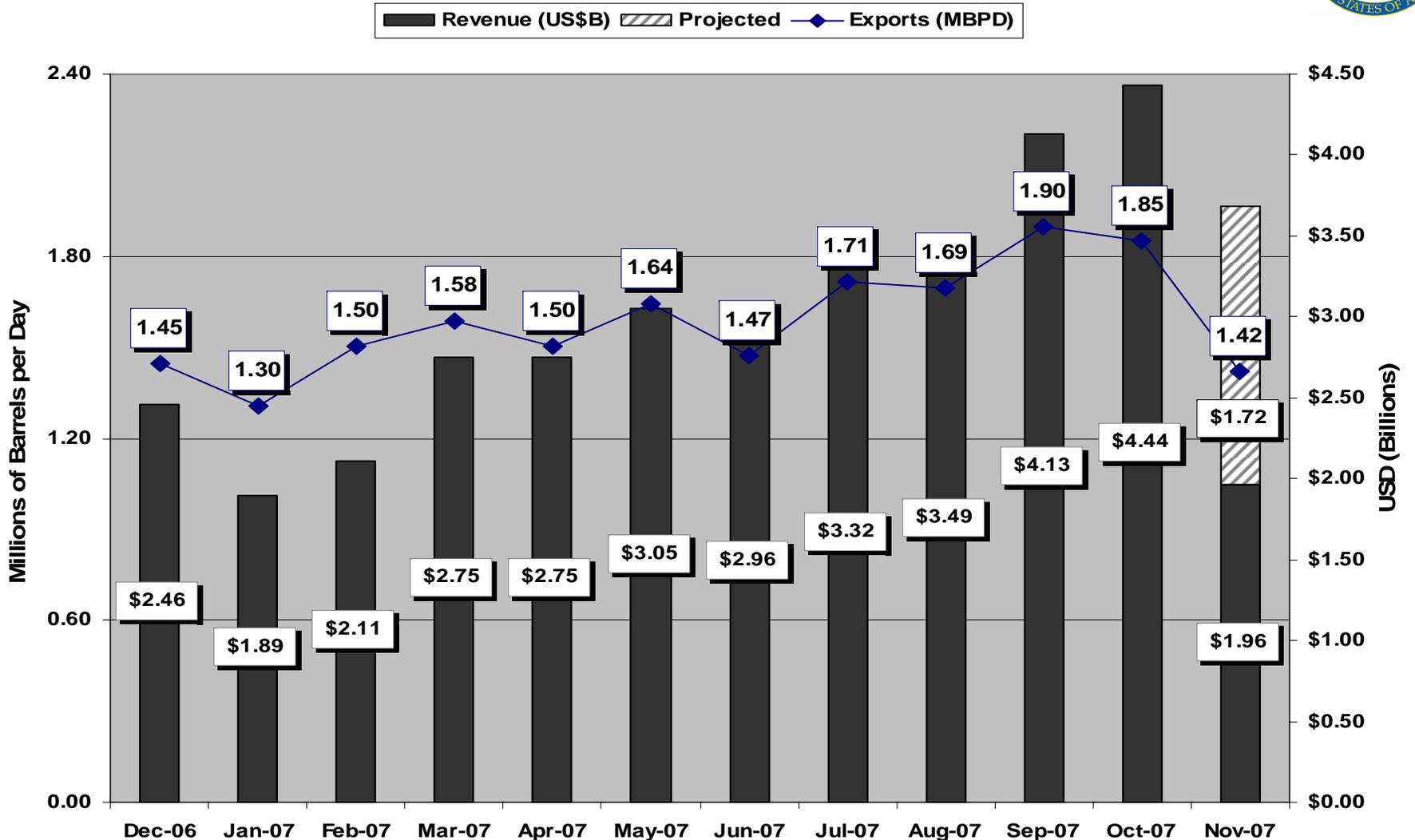
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# [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

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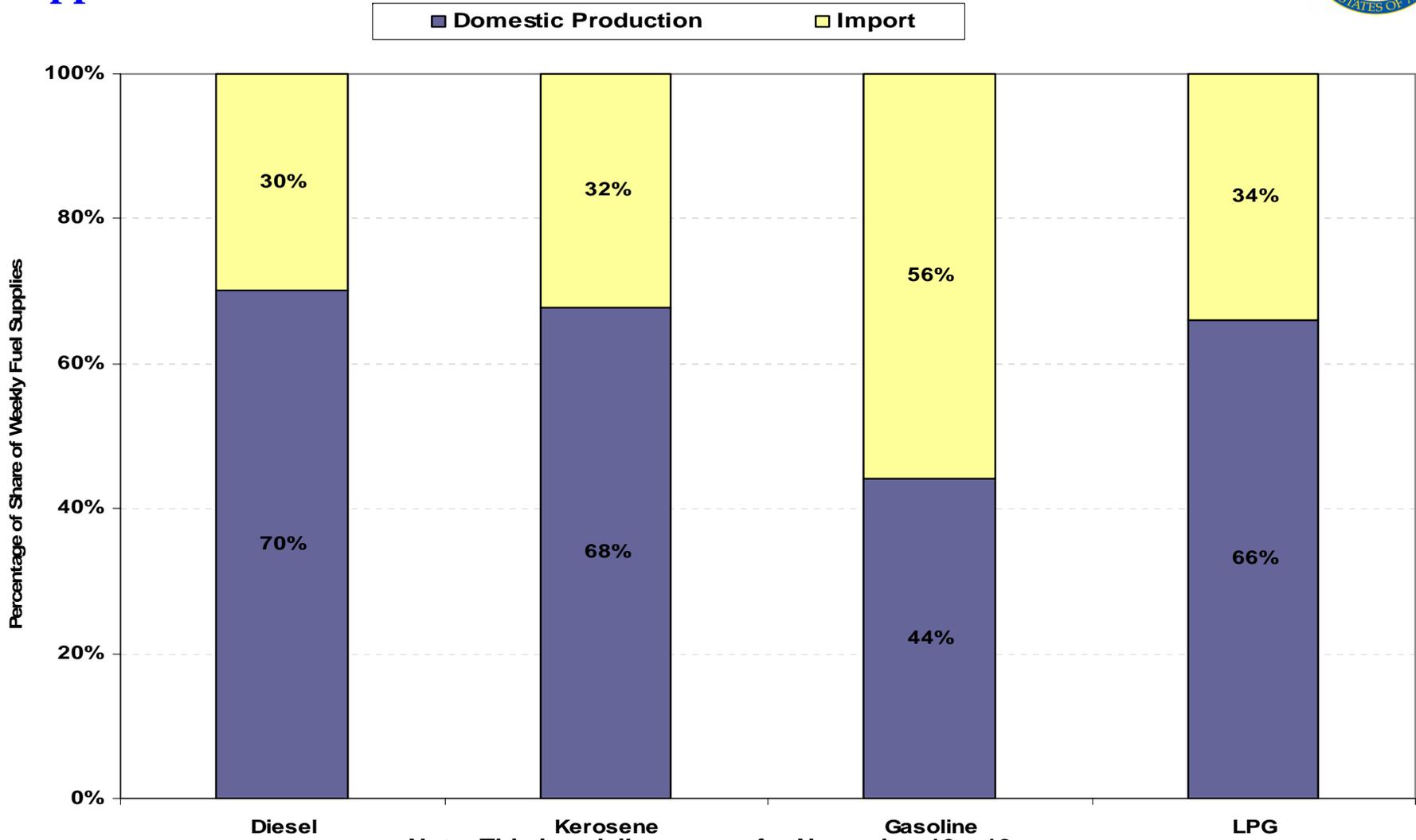


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$32.9 Billion (Year to Date)



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

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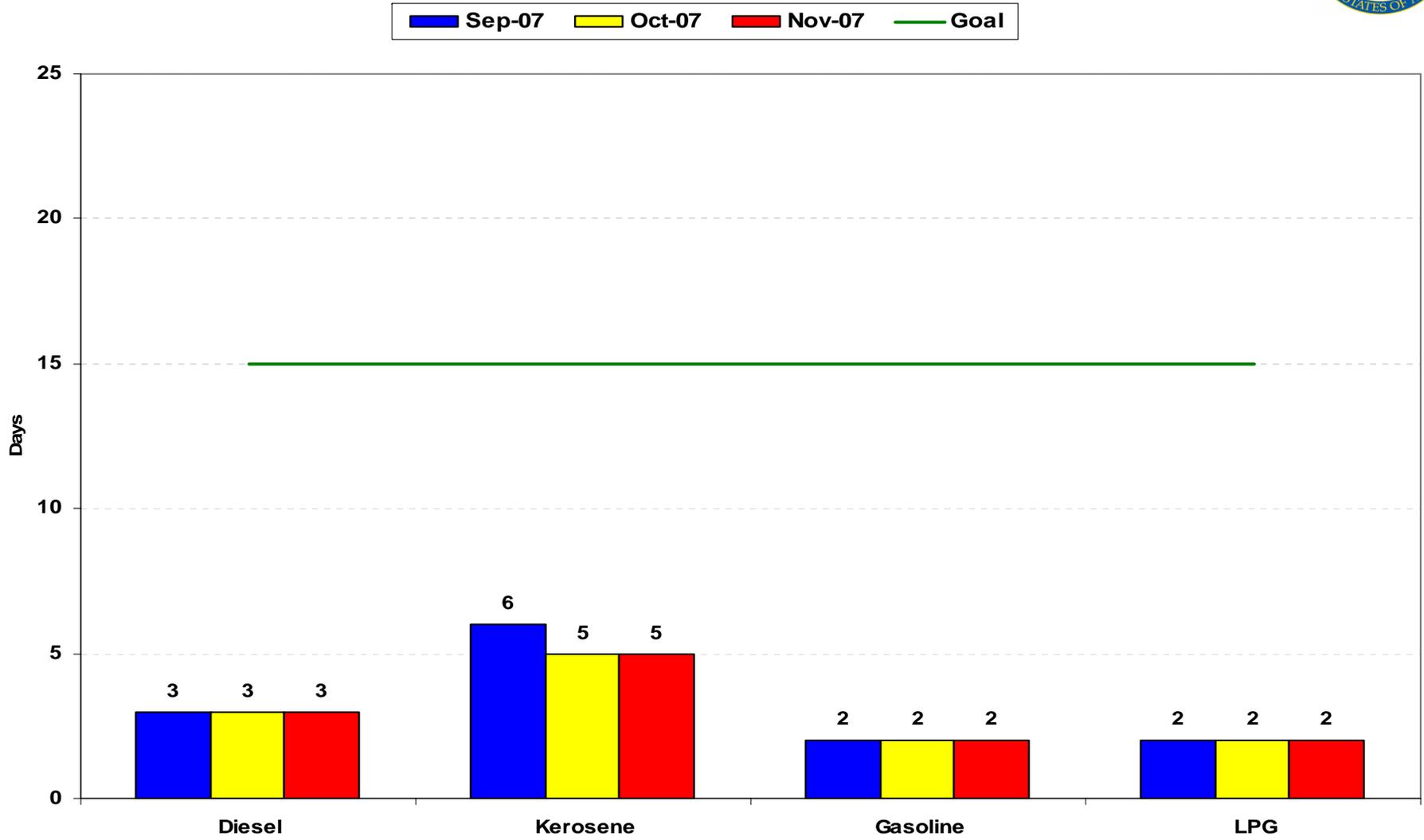
Note: This is a daily average for November 12 – 18

- Diesel: 11.8 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.6 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.1 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,085 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



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

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- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



## [6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Rule of Law

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### Approval to Try Two Former Officials :

- According to American advisers to the Iraqi judicial system, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has approved the trial of two former Shiite officials who are accused of killing and kidnapping hundreds of Sunnis.
- The case, which could come to trial as early as this month, would be the first that involved bringing to trial such high-ranking Shiites for sectarian crimes.
- An Iraqi judge ruled last month that there was sufficient evidence to try the two former officials, who held senior positions in the Ministry of Health (MoH), but there had been concern that the MoH might try to block the case by invoking a section of the Iraqi criminal law that proscribes the prosecution of officials who are executing their official duties.
- The approval to hold a trial was provided in a memo issued earlier this week by the acting minister in the MoH. PM Maliki has formally endorsed the decision.



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

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### U.N. to Help Iraq with Returning Refugees:

- UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq Staffan de Mistura announced the UN will help the Iraqi government with the increasing number of refugees returning to their homes. The assistance will include technical advice, developing monitoring and data-gathering tools and providing capacity-building support.

### President Bush to Meet with Salvadorian President to Discuss Troop Levels:

- President George W. Bush will welcome El Salvador's President Elias Antonio Saca November 29 for talks on troop levels in Iraq and other issues, the White House announced November 16. "El Salvador is a strong ally of the United States and a firm partner in the War on Terror, including the contribution of nine rotations of troops as part of the international coalition supporting the Iraqi people's efforts to build a free and peaceful Iraq" spokeswoman Dana Perino said in a statement.



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

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### ICI Secretariat Progress Report:

- The Secretariat of the International Compact with Iraq (ICI) issued its first comprehensive Progress Report, giving details on efforts to stand up the Secretariat staff, Thematic Working Groups, and plans for ICI-related meetings and reports. A new Secretariat Director has been appointed and other key staff positions will be filled next week. The UN and World Bank are providing staff to support the Secretariat. The UN has identified the EC-funded consulting firm that will provide support to the Secretariat and is considering candidates to fill international advisor positions. A total of eight TWGs are in various stages of formation. First among the tasks for the TWGs will be to provide inputs to the first ICI annual report, which is due in final form by mid-March 2008.

### Talabani Urges Neighbors to Open Embassies in Baghdad:

- In remarks published November 16, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani urged Arab countries to send Ambassadors to Baghdad. The Kuwait New Agency quoted Talabani as saying, “We know that terrorists represented a danger for Arab ambassadors in the past, but I affirm this stage is over.” Talabani pledged that the GOI would guarantee the safety of Arab Ambassadors by providing security teams to protect them.



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

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## 28 Countries with forces in Iraq (including U.S.)

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

**TOTAL ~ 11,589 Forces**

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

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

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### Committee to Protect Journalists Urges KRG Support:

- The Iraqi Committee to Protect Journalists called on the Kurdistan Regional Government to better assist journalists in their work and grant them any permission necessary for the fulfillment of their mission.

### Reporter Kidnapped in Baghdad:

- Muntadhar al-Zaidi, a reporter with the Iraqi satellite TV channel al-Baghdadiyah, was kidnapped November 16. Al-Zaidi disappeared on his way to work in central Baghdad.

### Iraqi Newspapers Urge Government to Focus on Public Services:

- Iraqi newspapers November 15 gave prominence to the improved security situation and its implications for the social life in the country, recommending the government focus on public services as an important step to maintain stability.



## Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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