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Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Operations Against AQI:

- Rear Admiral Gregory Smith, director, MNF-I, Communications Division announced November 27 that Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces success against AQI leadership is placing strains at the top of the terrorist organization, restricting their freedom to maneuver, forcing them into survival mode vice planning their next attack, and eroding the experience level of senior AQI members. He did say, however, that AQI retains the capacity to replace leaders killed or captured as seen with the Emirs of Tarmiyah, Mosul, Baghdad, and other areas.
- RADM Smith also announced that three terrorists recently killed during two Coalition Force operations have been positively identified: the AQI Emir for Samarra was killed November 12, and both the AQI Emir of Kirkuk and the lead perpetrator of that city's car bombing network were killed November 21. Both the Emir of Samarra and Kirkuk had been replacements for AQI leaders killed this past August.



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

Iraqi Army Brigade Completes the First Unit Set Fielding:

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Carabinieri Help Train Iraqi National Police:

- Italian Carabinieri police are training more than 450 Iraqi national policemen in the first of 12 scheduled training evolutions. The Carabinieri combine military and police training to create an elite police force capable of managing civil disorder and conducting criminal investigations.
- The training integrates multi-national units under NATO control while delivering a set of four-week intensive training courses. Topics include territorial/area of responsibility control, basic police skills, weapons firing, anti-riot procedures, communications, human intelligence, physical training, topography, and navigation.

Baghdad Welcomes Hundreds of New Iraqi Police:

- Baghdad's top Iraqi police officials watched December 4 as 707 new Iraqi police officers graduated and performed a training demonstration. The increase in police forces is intended to strengthen the overall safety of Baghdad.



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

GOI Approves Payment of Guard Unit Wages:

- The GOI has authorized the Interior Ministry to pay the wages of 12,000 neighborhood guard unit members in Baghdad. This development is significant because, to date, Shia legislators have been resistant to the units, which are predominantly Sunni and which some Iraqis suspect of supporting local militias. The guard units are currently paid and commanded by U.S. military forces.



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

Component ^a	Current Authorized Personnel ^b	Assigned Personnel ^c	Assigned & Trained Personnel ^d	Total Trained Personnel to date ^e
Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces ^f				
Iraqi Police Service ^g	271,850	255,601	142,138	174,025
National Police	33,861	32,517	32,517	36,504
Border Enforcement	38,000	38,751	31,376	31,431
Total MoI	343,711	326,869	206,031	241,960
Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces ^h				
Army	186,352	141,991	141,991	173,545
Support Forces	17,369	17,208	17,208	18,208
Air Force	2,907	1,075	1,075	1,286
Navy	1,483	1,106	1,106	1,194
Total MoD	208,111	161,380	161,380	194,233
Counter Terrorism Bureau				
Special Operations	3,967	3,283	2,578	3,485
Total Iraqi Security Forces	555,789	491,532	369,989	439,678

a Numbers do not include ministry staffs.

b Numbers reflect Government of Iraq (GOI) authorizations.

c Numbers are based upon GOI payroll data and do not reflect present for duty totals.

d Numbers reflect assigned personnel that have received training.

e Numbers reflect total ISF personnel trained to date, some of which are no longer assigned due to casualties, AWOL, and normal separation.

f MoI strength does not reflect investigative and administrative forces, the MoI HQ, MoI Forensics, Dignitary Protection, or contracted guards.

g MoI Police Support Unit, Provincial Security Force, and Emergency Response Unit personnel are part of the Iraqi Police Service and does not include other Ministry FPS.

h The MoD strength are derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).



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

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KRG Media Speculates on New Prime Minister Candidate:

- Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) media is reporting that in accordance with the KDP-PUK power-sharing agreement, a PUK candidate will become the next KRG Prime Minister, replacing Neshravan Barzani. They report that Kusrat Rasoul, a strong and popular PUK leader, is the most likely choice. Barham Saleh's name surfaced a few weeks ago, but it is unlikely President Talabani will agree to let him leave his position as Deputy PM. A KRG representative in Washington said that PUK leadership has not yet held discussions about replacing Barzani, adding that Saleh and Rasoul remain equally strong candidates. He said that the PUK might consider retaining Barzani in exchange for additional ministerial positions.



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

Sunni Arabs End Political Boycott:

- Sunni Arabs ended their boycott of the provincial council in Kirkuk this week. The boycott dates back to November of 2006 when Sunni lawmakers left the provincial council on the grounds of discrimination by the Kurds. The boycott ended after Kurdish lawmakers agreed to grant a third of government jobs to Arabs and appoint an Arab deputy governor. This significant development could potentially encourage the resolution of other ongoing Arab-Kurd disputes including the issues of oil wealth distribution and re-Baathification.

Presidency Council Signs Pension Law:

- The Presidency Council signed the First Amendment to the Unified Pension Law, a notable development because it bases pensions on time in service and does not take into consideration an applicant's rank within the Ba'ath party. The Pension law provides a preliminary complement to the goals of the de-Ba'athification reform law, which is being reviewed by the Council of Representatives.



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

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

(F) = Female

* Vacant

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



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

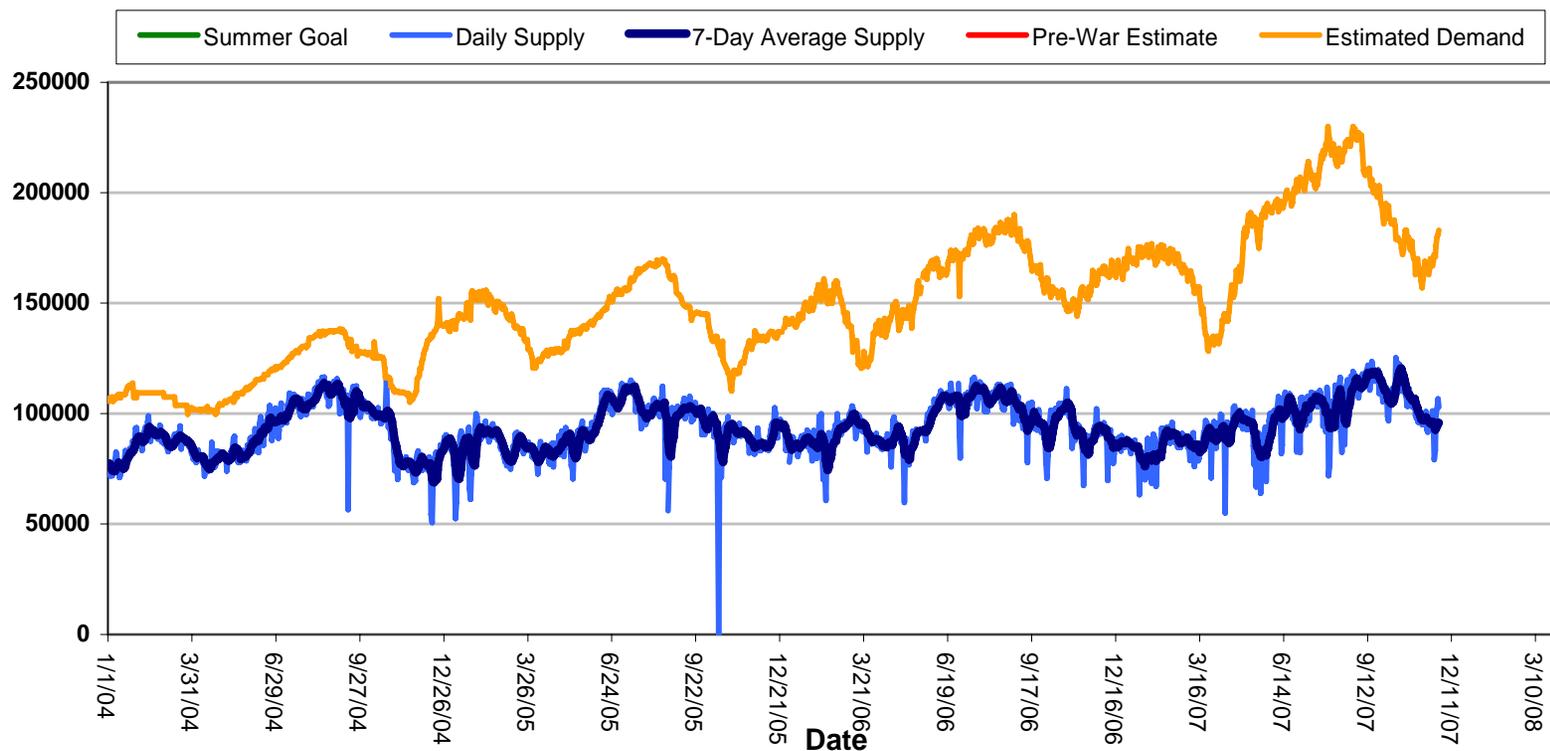
Sector			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportioned	Unapportioned	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,985	\$20	\$4,964	\$4,964	\$0	\$4,961	\$4,961	\$0	\$4,836	\$4,848	\$12
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,264	\$44	\$2,256	\$2,257	\$1	\$2,243	\$2,244	\$1	\$2,121	\$2,127	\$6
Electricity Sector	\$4,201	\$25	\$4,058	\$4,058	\$0	\$4,048	\$4,048	\$0	\$3,605	\$3,617	\$12
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,714	\$11	\$1,600	\$1,599	-\$1	\$1,600	\$1,599	-\$1	\$1,544	\$1,547	\$3
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,084	\$18	\$1,971	\$1,972	\$0	\$1,971	\$1,971	\$0	\$1,733	\$1,735	\$1
Transportation and Communications	\$454	\$3	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$376	\$376	\$0
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$332	\$1	\$323	\$321	-\$1	\$323	\$321	-\$2	\$236	\$237	\$0
Health Care	\$813	\$10	\$784	\$784	\$0	\$775	\$775	\$0	\$706	\$706	\$0
Private Sector Development	\$821	\$2	\$819	\$821	\$1	\$819	\$821	\$1	\$801	\$802	\$1
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$426	\$10	\$421	\$421	\$0	\$421	\$421	\$0	\$389	\$389	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$208	\$208	\$1
Total	\$18,306	\$143	\$17,856	\$17,856	\$0	\$17,820	\$17,820	\$0	\$16,555	\$16,592	\$37
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,911	\$7,914	\$2	\$7,909	\$7,912	\$2	\$7,574	\$7,593	\$18
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,425	\$9,423	-\$2	\$9,391	\$9,389	-\$3	\$8,465	\$8,484	\$19
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$515	\$515	\$0
IRRF I Total	\$2,475	\$0	\$2,291	\$2,291	\$0	\$2,232	\$2,232	\$0	\$2,139	\$2,139	\$0
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,781	\$143	\$20,147	\$20,147	\$0	\$20,053	\$20,052	\$0	\$18,694	\$18,731	\$37

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



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

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- For November 28-December 4 daily electricity demand was 9% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the grid was 13% above the year-earlier period and met 58% of total electricity demand, compared with 56% for the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 8.4 and nationwide 11.7. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 7.1 and nationwide 10.1.



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

Oil:

- The Washington Post reported December 4 that Deputy Treasury Secretary Robert Kimmit believes international oil companies are ready to invest in Iraq but notes that adoption of the new oil law and implementation of uniform rules and regulations could act as catalysts in attracting fresh foreign investment.

Provision of Services:

- Dr. Ahmed Chalabi continues working with the Baghdad Services Committee and has begun using a town hall style format to address citizen concerns. He and several other Iraqi leaders, including the deputy ministers of Electricity and Trade met with the municipal government and approximately 200 residents of Sabi al-Bor. The municipal council reported that its most serious problems were electricity and water shortages, medical equipment and staff shortages, and inadequate security forces. Several leaders in attendance promised to offer assistance in response to complaints.
- An Iraqi news agency, Voices of Iraq, reported December 4 that the Electricity Ministry recently sent a delegation to Beijing. The delegation is expected to sign a contract with a Chinese company for work in the Wasit province. The company will reportedly open a thermal power station in Kut.



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

Ninewah:

- The Ninewah PRT provided training to 18 members of the service directorates, Governate technical offices, and one member of the PC MRC. The training, held November 26-29, included GOI employees acting as assistant trainers, and members of the PRT acting as lead trainers. The PRT feels this is a shift towards real “demand” driven training, and will allow service sector directorates to become more efficient and transparent.

Kirkuk:

- The PRT reports that the province has obligated 75.9% 2007 reconstruction budget while disbursing 32.3% of the budget. Members of the Kirkuk Economic Development Task Force signed a formal arrangement to develop a strategic implementation plan directly affecting the agricultural sector and its economic needs. This is the first time the PRT has succeeded in bringing together representatives from various sectors to study the province’s agricultural challenges.



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

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending November 30 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$86.848/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$92.492/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$91.868/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$87.504/barrel

Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) IRRF (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,450	23,574	5.01%
Gulf Region District (USACE) ESF (Includes ISP and PRDC)	N/A	1,671	N/A
US Agency for International Development (USAID) (ESF)	79,847	79,847	0.00%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	2,889	3,055	5.75%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	5,295	6,242	17.88%
GRAND TOTAL	110,481	114,389	3.54%

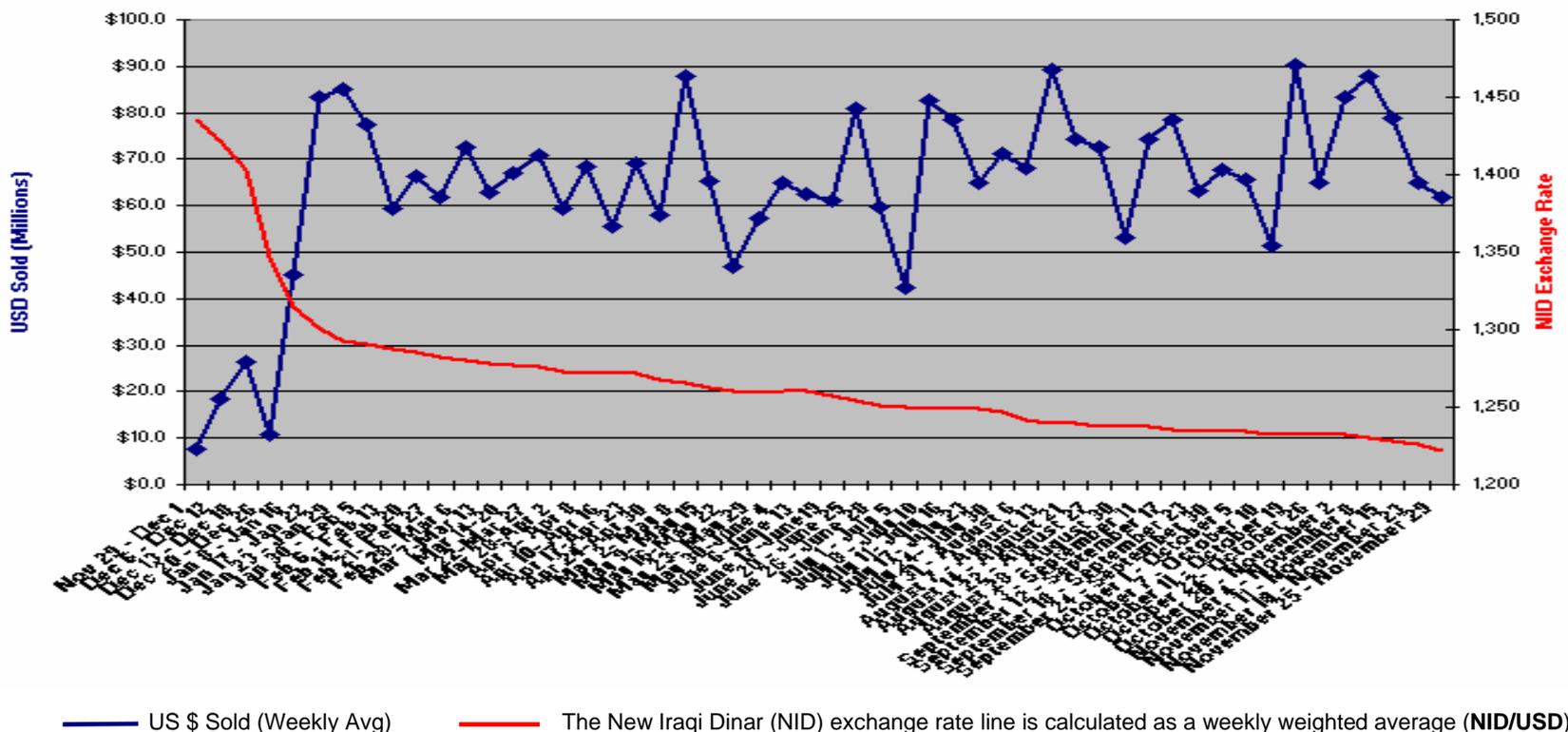


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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 30, 2007**



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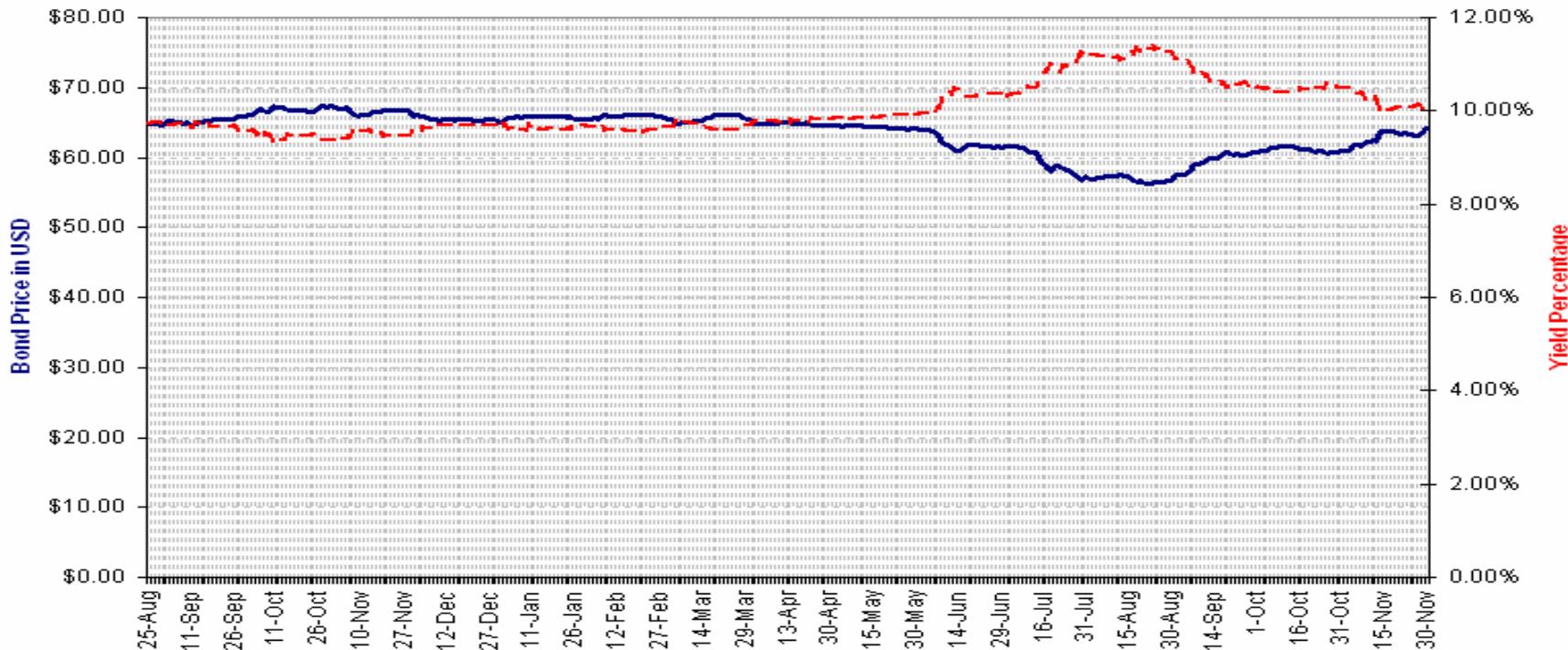


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

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

Iraqi Commercial Bonds Sales
August 25, 2006 – November 30, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)

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

Public Distribution Program to Limit Food Rations in 2008:

- The GOI will limit the number of items included in national food rations starting in early 2008. According to Trade Minister Abid Falah al-Soodani, “the quantity of national food rations delivered to Iraqi families will be further reduced – from ten to five items, due to lack of government financial support.” The Public Distribution Program, as the ration system is formally known, was part of the U.N. Oil-for-Food program and was started in 1995. The Trade Minister went on to say, “We need \$5.6 billion instead of the \$3.4 billion that was allocated for the rations’ system in 2008 to cope with the soaring prices of these items on the international markets. In addition, there has been an increase in transportation and shipping costs worldwide and inside Iraq.”

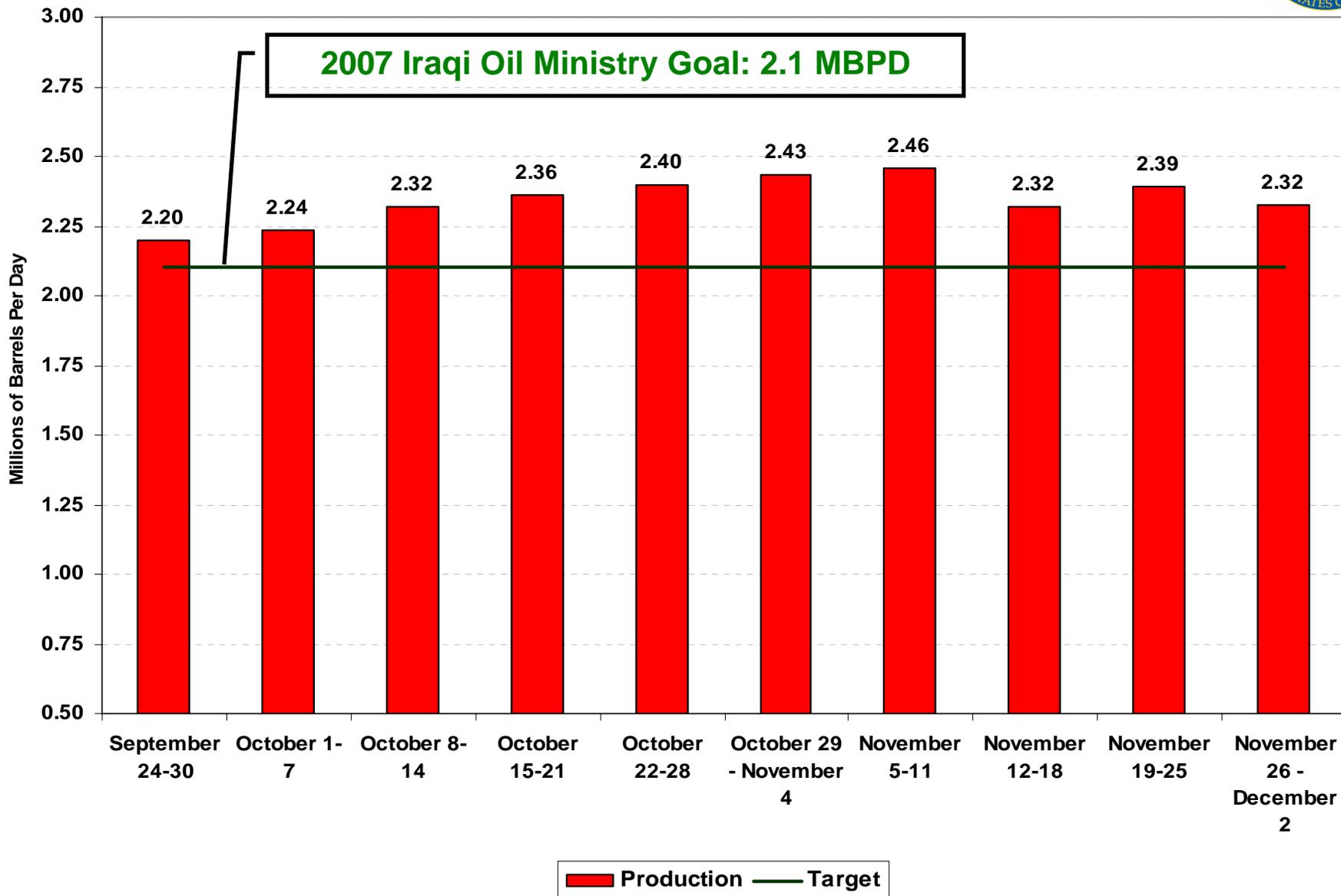
Buoyant Iraqi Stock Exchange to Go Electronic:

- A December 3 Reuters article examined the Iraqi Stock Exchange’s intention to convert to an electronic system. Taha Ahmed Abdul Salam, the exchange’s chief executive, expressed hope that prices would improve after the expected early 2008 launch. The new system will speed up transactions and make it easier for foreigners to trade Iraqi shares. The conversion could help boost the internationally-traded Iraq-focused Babylon Fund. While other funds have suffered from the sub-prime crisis, the Babylon Fund registered a 2.7% gain in November pushing its year-to-date yield to 20.1%.



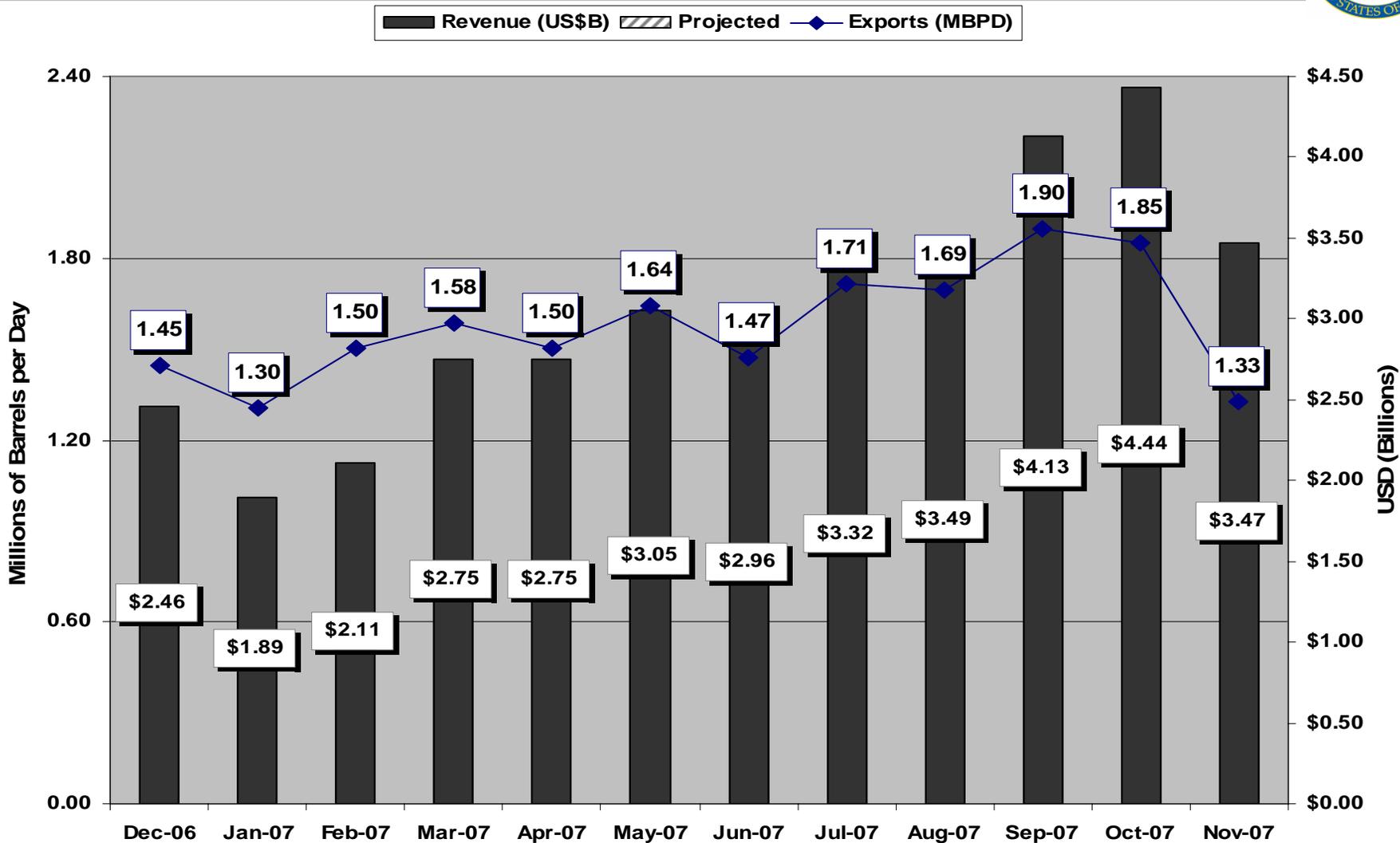
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

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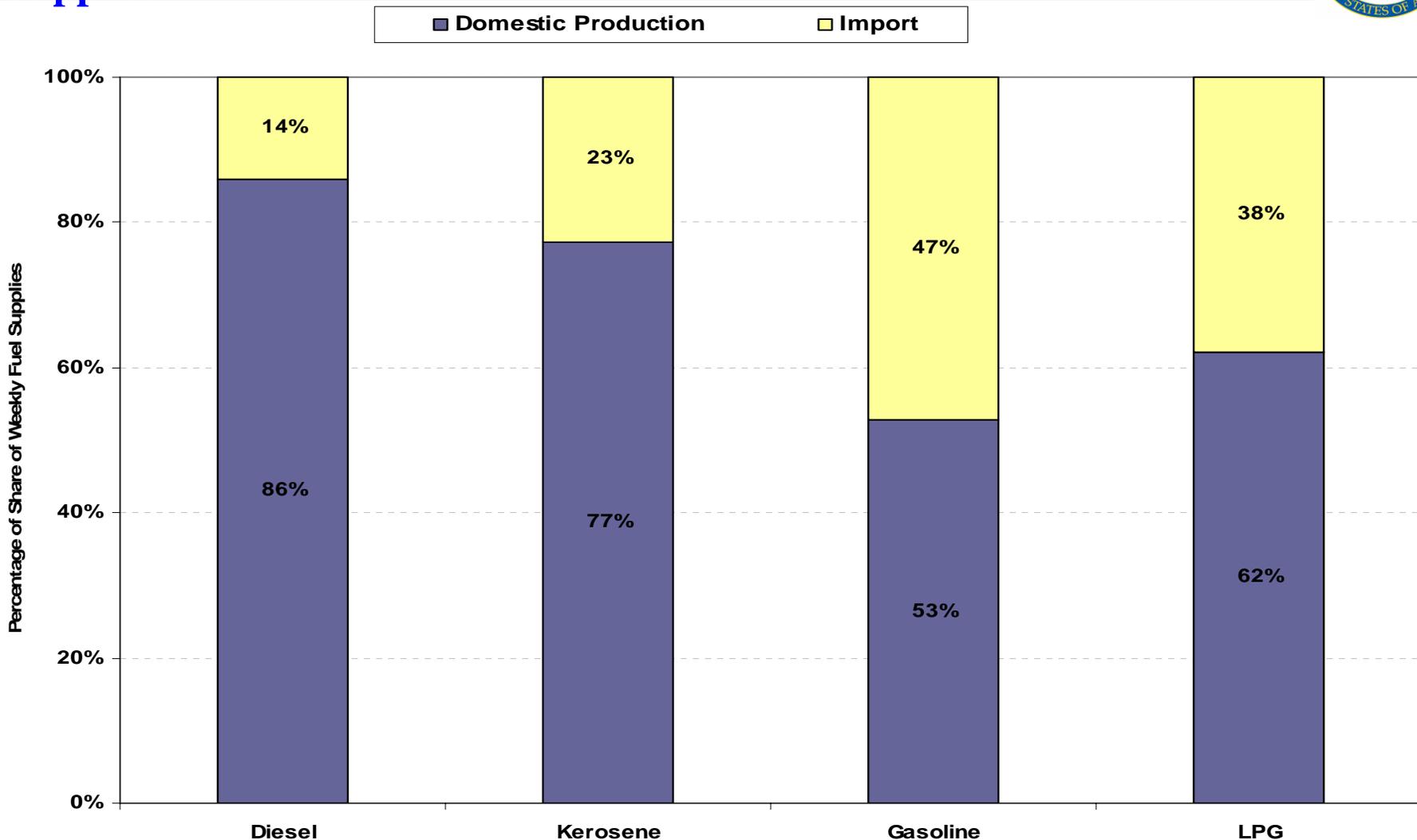
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$34.4 Billion (Year to Date)



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

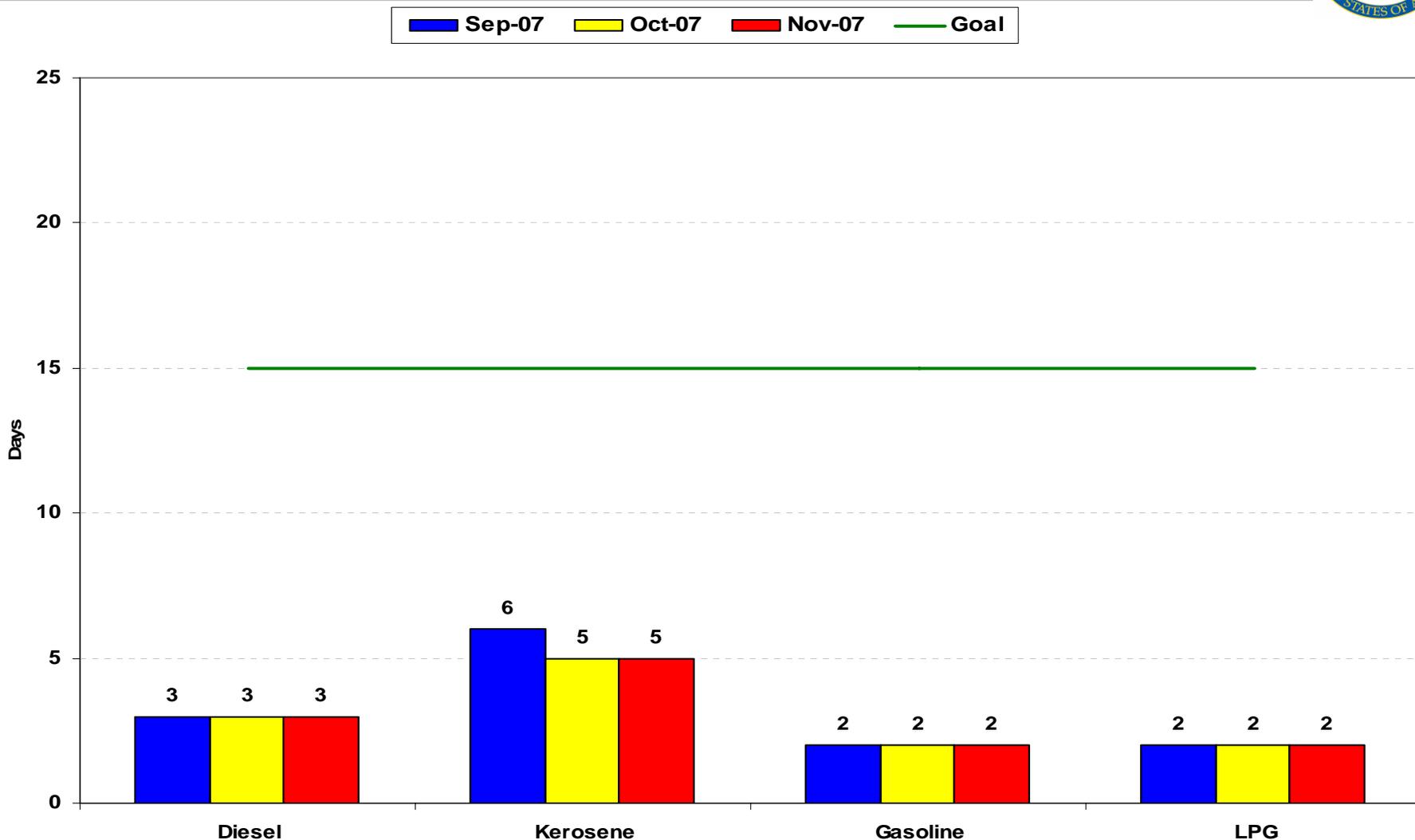


Note: This is a daily average for November 26 – December 2

- Diesel: 13.4 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 7.5 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 17.0 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,602 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



[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

Chemical Ali's Fate Still Uncertain as Iraqi Parliament Debates Continue:

- The execution of Ali Hassan al Majid, also known as "Chemical Ali", remains a strong concern within the GOI. Chemical Ali is currently being held in U.S. custody. The Associated Press reported December 3 that PM Maliki asked President Bush to relinquish U.S. control to the GOI. The GOI is still awaiting President Bush's response.
- Chemical Ali's original execution order was delayed in observance of the holy month of Ramadan. Following the end of the holy month, various government leaders began debating the legal and procedural requirements for finalizing the execution order. Additionally, two members of the Presidential Council, President Jalal Talabani and Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi have refused to sign the execution orders, further delaying the process.
- According to Deputy Secretary of State Negroponte, "Once the GOI has reached a consensus on what they want to do about these detainees, we will then take action. At the moment the GOI itself has not reached its own consensus about this situation."



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

UN Delivers “Rapid Response Plan” to Support Return of Iraqi Refugees:

- With hundreds of refugees returning each day, the GOI has acknowledged that it is challenged by the massive refugee return. The UN funded an \$11.4 million aid package to help the most vulnerable Iraqi families through a ‘Rapid Response Plan’, which involves assisting around 30,000 refugees with an immediate relief package. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees says it will be asking donors for an additional \$200 million to support Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries.

Iraqi Finance Minister to Meet with Syria and Jordan Officials:

- Iraqi Finance Minister Bayan Jabr met with Syrian and Jordanian officials last week to deliver GOI assistance to Iraqi refugees in the two countries. In early November the GOI transferred \$25 million in refugee assistance funds to its missions in Amman, Damascus, and Beirut, stating that the funds would be released to host governments or local NGOs.

Sweden Contributes Additional Funding to UN Protection Force:

- Sweden announced November 29 that it will contribute an additional \$633,000 to the protection force for UN personnel in Iraq. Sweden had previously donated \$2 million in December 2004 and \$633,000 in March 2007.



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

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

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

TOTAL ~ 11,586 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, Slovenia, Turkey

Note: Fiji and New Zealand, participating as a part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), are not included.



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

Iraqi Officials Attend Ordination Ceremony at the Vatican for Iraqi Cardinal:

- Pope Benedict XVI ordained as a cardinal Patriarch Emmanuel III Delly, head of the Chaldean Church in Iraq, reiterating his support for the people of Iraq. A large delegation including the Iraqi Minister of Human Rights, representatives from the offices of PM Maliki and VP Mahdi, the KRG Minister of Culture, and three members of the Council of Representatives, accompanied Delly to his ordination at the Vatican November 24.

L.A. Times Article: “Iraqi Journalist’s Claims Raises Questions”

- According to a November 30 article in the Los Angeles Times, an arrest warrant has been issued for Iraqi journalist Dhia Kawaz by the Ministry of Interior (MOI) for falsely claiming that 11 members of his family had been slain by MOI forces. As the article points out: “Whether the report of killings was a bid for charity, as some relatives say, or a genuine mistake, as Kawaz maintains, the controversy has touched upon many of the issues facing Iraq: violence, sectarian tensions, the dangers to Iraqi journalists and the difficulty of separating fact from fiction amid the chaos.”



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