

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.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Lightning Hammer II Exposes VBIED Factory:

- Task Force Lightning Soldiers from 4/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team uncovered a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) factory in southern Diyala Province September 10 as part of their continuing Lightning Hammer II Operation. The VBIED complex consisted of six separate buildings, each apparently used for a different purpose in building the VBIEDs.
- Since the beginning of Operation Lightning Hammer II, at least 58 al-Qaida operatives have been killed, 369 have been detained, 50 weapons caches have been discovered, 80 IEDs found and cleared and 24 VBIEDs have been destroyed.



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

Iraqi Police Undergo Specialized Training:

- The Police Training Center in Habbaniyah, Iraq trains more than 700 Iraqi Police students in the Basic Recruit Training course every ten weeks. Students of the center learn democratic values as well as human rights and equal treatment of all persons regardless of religious affiliation. The training consists of weapons familiarization, rules of engagement and tolerance (including diversity awareness). Educating the students about common stereotypes and prejudices, to include their own, and alternatives to eliminate or suppress them is vital.

Iraq Civil Defense Training Center Opens in Baghdad:

- The Iraqi Civil Defense Directorate opened its doors to Iraq's first Civil Defense training center in Baghdad's International Zone. The facility will provide the people of Iraq with a national training center to develop the capabilities of civil defense at both basic and advanced levels. The center will train fire fighter leaders and instructors. From this training facility the students return to their home town or province to integrate what they have learned with their local fire station.



[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

Muqtada al-Sadr's Followers Leave Iraq's Ruling Shia Coalition:

- The political movement loyal to radical Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr has withdrawn from Iraq's governing Shia alliance, claiming Prime Minister Maliki had not consulted them over key decisions and depriving Prime Minister Maliki's coalition of 30 votes in the Council of Representatives. The decision, announced at a news conference in the holy city of Najaf, comes five months after Sadr pulled out his ministers from the cabinet.

Sunni Shaykh Who Confronted al-Qaida in Iraq is Killed in Bombing:

- Abdul Sattar Buzaigh al-Rishawi, a high-profile Sunni Arab shaykh influential in the recent Sunni success in combating al-Qaida in Iraq in Anbar Province, was killed in a bomb attack September 13.



[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	



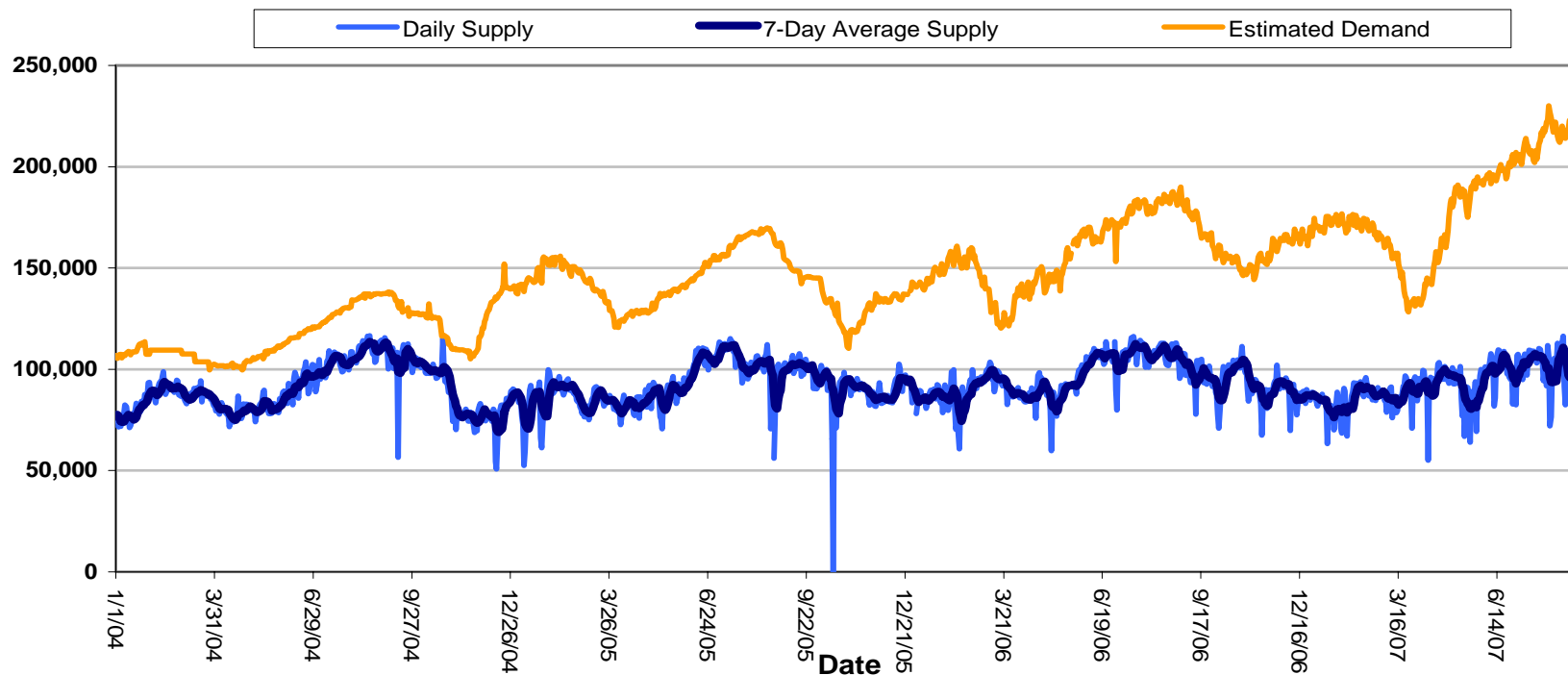
[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

Sector			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportioned	Unapportioned	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,984.74	\$19.88	\$4,961.23	\$4,961.23	\$0.00	\$4,959.95	\$4,959.95	\$0.00	\$4,816.89	\$4,816.89	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,283.59	\$24.07	\$2,259.62	\$2,259.62	\$0.00	\$2,253.73	\$2,253.73	\$0.00	\$2,076.52	\$2,077.11	\$0.59
Electricity Sector	\$4,190.56	\$34.53	\$4,125.05	\$4,125.05	\$0.00	\$4,006.65	\$4,006.65	\$0.00	\$3,506.55	\$3,506.55	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,713.78	\$10.92	\$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	\$2,084.08	\$17.57	\$1,975.76	\$1,975.76	\$0.00	\$1,930.88	\$1,930.88	\$0.00	\$1,686.77	\$1,686.77	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$452.99	\$4.01	\$452.93	\$452.93	\$0.00	\$449.58	\$449.58	\$0.00	\$362.35	\$362.35	\$0.00
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$332.34	\$1.26	\$322.81	\$322.81	\$0.00	\$320.82	\$320.82	\$0.00	\$233.32	\$233.32	\$0.00
Health Care	\$812.72	\$9.76	\$771.09	\$771.09	\$0.00	\$761.40	\$761.40	\$0.00	\$690.27	\$690.27	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$820.51	\$2.04	\$810.50	\$810.50	\$0.00	\$810.50	\$810.50	\$0.00	\$794.23	\$794.23	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$436.57	\$0.03	\$408.44	\$422.94	\$14.50	\$408.36	\$422.86	\$14.50	\$371.21	\$380.06	\$8.85
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$210.60	\$2.40	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$188.08	\$204.54	\$16.45
Total	\$18,322.47	\$126.48	\$17,891.74	\$17,906.24	\$14.50	\$17,657.39	\$17,671.89	\$14.50	\$16,204.90	\$16,230.79	\$25.90
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,688.48	\$7,702.98	\$14.50	\$7,681.64	\$7,696.14	\$14.50	\$7,256.38	\$7,282.27	\$25.90
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,683.56	\$9,683.56	\$0.00	\$9,456.05	\$9,456.05	\$0.00	\$8,438.92	\$8,438.92	\$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	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,795.77	\$126.48	\$20,365.04	\$20,379.54	\$14.50	\$19,889.69	\$19,904.19	\$14.50	\$18,343.90	\$18,369.79	\$25.90

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



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Daily electricity demand September 12-18 was 20% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the electricity grid was 21% above 2006; it met 58% of total electricity demand, unchanged from the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 7.7 and nationwide 12.4. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 6.4 and nationwide 11.1.



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

Petrochemical:

- The Iraq Oil Minister announced September 17 that Iraq will issue tenders to international oil companies to develop oil fields regardless of whether the energy sector law is further delayed. Minister al-Shahristani went on to add that the GOI has given its approval on the country's draft law this past July but noted it has still not been discussed by the parliament.
- Iraq's Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) has demanded that the Minister of Oil be replaced after his remarks that oil contracts signed by the regional government are illegal. KRG spokesman Khalid Saleh told reporters September 17 that al-Shahristani should quit rather than interfere in the internal affairs of the Kurdish region. Kurdish officials say they will honor the contracts and also claim to have reached an agreement with Baghdad to receive 17% of the country's oil revenues.

Hydroelectric:

- Kurdish media reported September 12 that resettlement of families has begun in support of the new hydroelectric power plant in Eastern Turkey/Kurdistan, which will sit on the Tigris River. The 1.2 billion Euro project is set to be finished by 2015. The dam is being financed and constructed by Ilisu – a consortium of Austrian, German, and Swiss companies. The dam will be structured around a reservoir with a surface of more than 300 square kilometers.



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

Healthcare:

- Kurdistan's health minister reported September 14 that the region had between 800 to 1,000 confirmed cases of cholera, describing earlier reports on the presence of 7,000 cases in the region as baseless. Zeryan Abdul Rahman reported that there are 7,000 diarrhea cases (not cholera) and the statement released to the World Health Organization was inaccurate. All public water systems in the affected areas have been chlorinated and samples are being regularly collected and tested. The source of the outbreak has not yet been identified. The outbreak is currently affecting portions of Irbil, Sulaimaniya, and Kirkuk.

Electricity:

- During 2004-2006, electricity supply from the national grid reached its highest level during July and August and then declined. Supply for July-August 2007 was below previous years. In contrast to those years, however, it has so far not begun to decline; on the contrary, on several recent days it has surpassed the highest level achieved in any month during 2004-2006. This higher supply combined with the seasonal decline in demand has at least temporarily restored the percentage of demand served to the year-earlier level.



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

Najaf:

- The Najaf Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) reported that contracts for six essential services projects were awarded and notices to proceed were issued. The projects include: a helipad at the governate building, a helipad at the Najaf airport, a runway apron at the Najaf airport, construction at Najaf university, expansion of the Najaf Provincial Council building, and improvements at the al-Zarka water treatment plant.

Kirkuk:

- The Kirkuk PRT reports that consumers currently wait 4-6 hours to purchase fuel at stations; fueling vehicles remains slow due to reduced pump efficiency during hot summer months. Regional power plants operated normally during this reporting period. The national grid supplied 14 hours per day to the province, with households seeing 6-8 hours a day.



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

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending September 14 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$73.392/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$77.18/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$78.964/ barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$73.01/barrel

Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	25,487	25,487	0.00%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	72,092	72,092	0.00%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	3,519	3,519	0.00%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	4,703	4,794	1.93%
Grand Total	105,801	105,892	0.09%

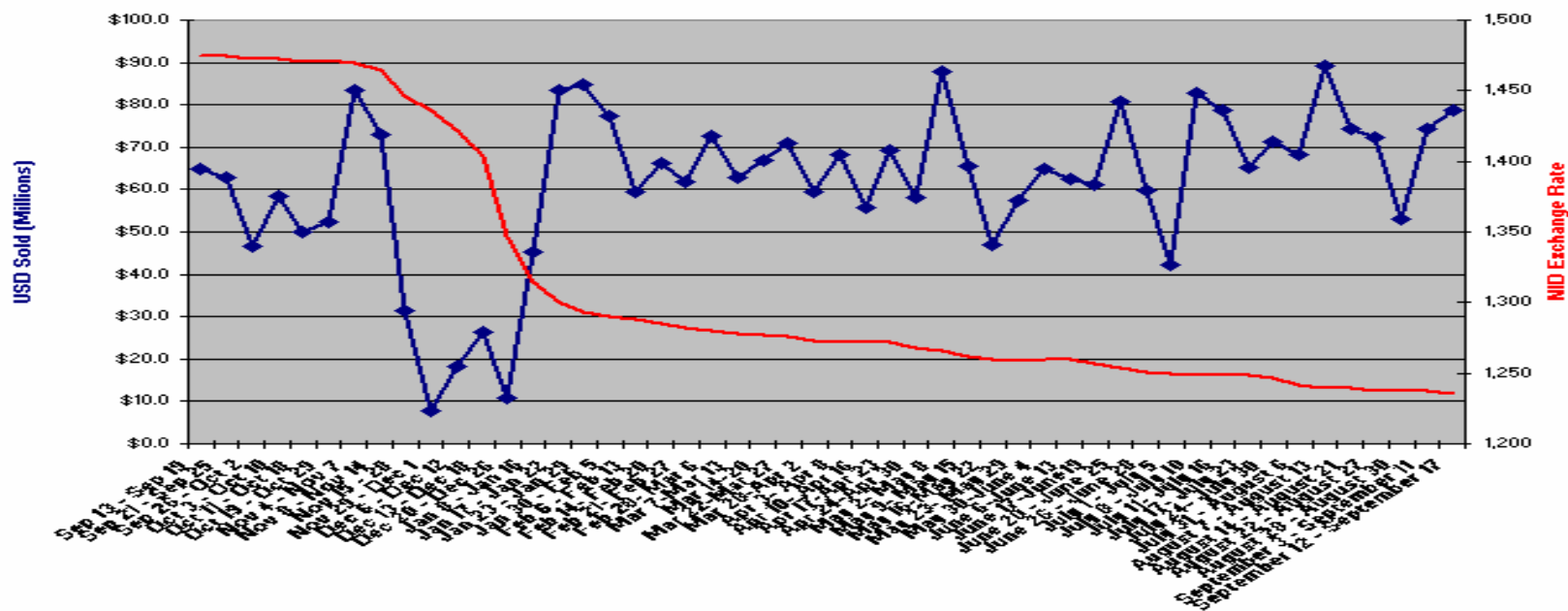


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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. There are signs that this effort has begun to bear fruit, as year-to-date inflation is 4.8% and the year-on-year inflation rate was 30.2% in July. This decline in the rate of inflation may be temporary, however, as the CBI has slowed its appreciation of the currency and the rate of inflation (particularly for energy prices) typically picks up in the second half of the year.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: September 3, 2006 – September 11, 2007



— US \$ Sold (Weekly Avg) — The New Iraqi Dinar (NID) exchange rate line is calculated as a weekly weighted average (NID/USD)

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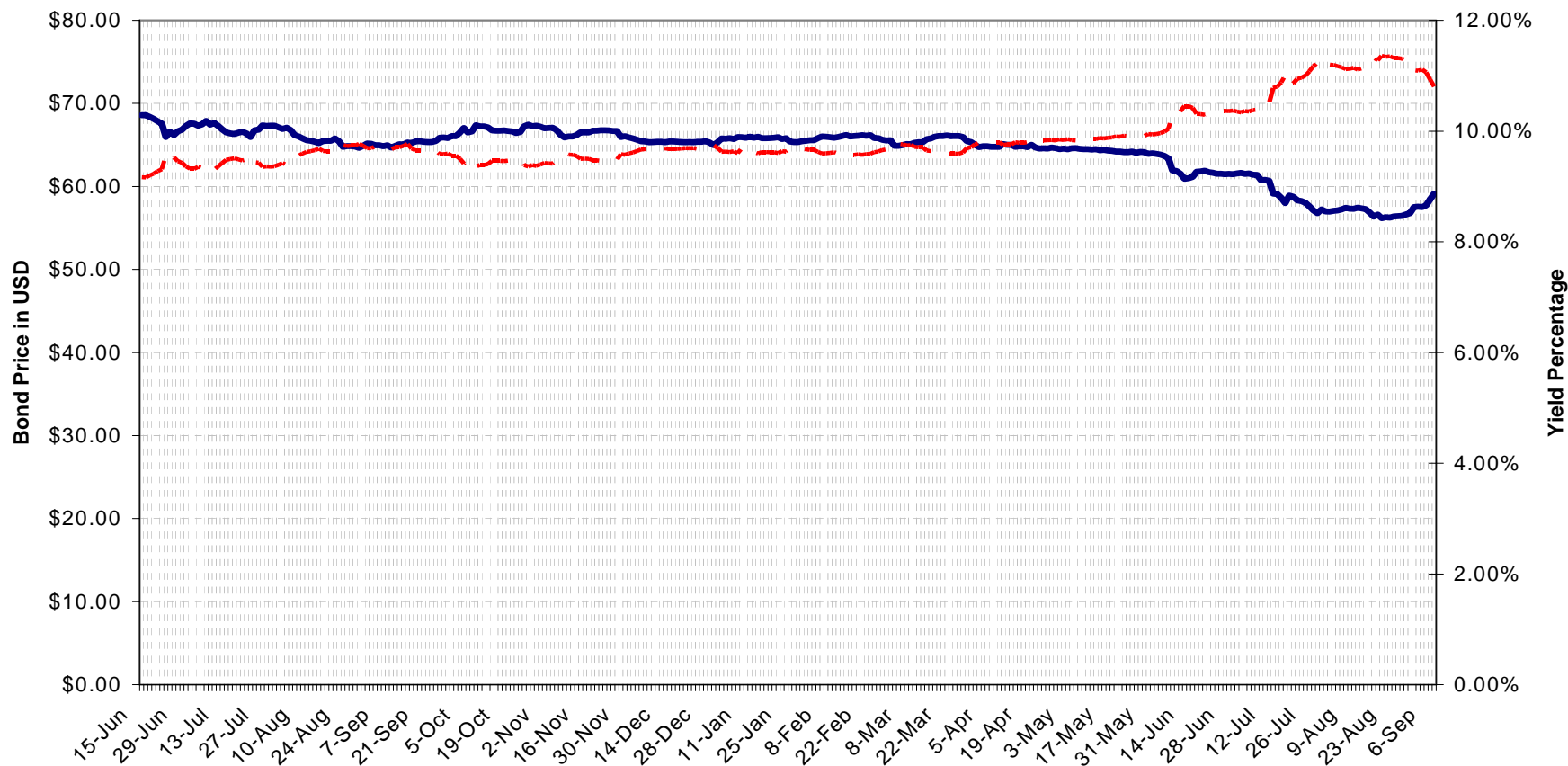


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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
June 15, 2006 - September 7, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

Iraq Demand for Dollar Increased:

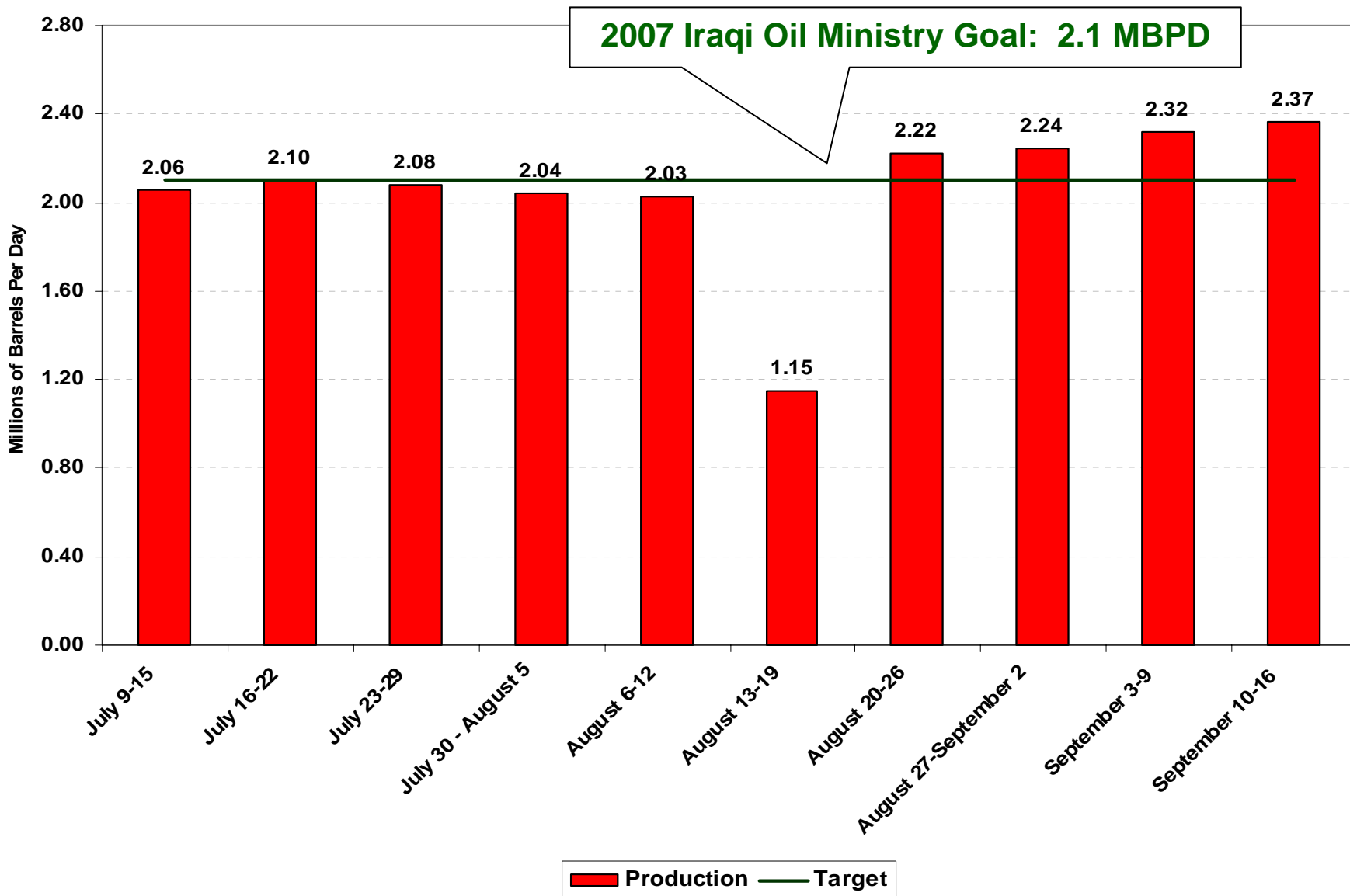
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Iraqi Securities Market Index:

- The session of the Iraqi securities market September 16 witnessed weak investor attendance. The market bulletin showed that over 399 million shares (worth over 529 million Iraqi Dinar) were traded in 184 contracts. Baghdad Company for Carbonated Drinks had the highest shares of total trading volume (58.7%) and value (50.7%) in the industrial sector. Shares of six of the 12 banking companies listed on the exchange increased, led by the Bank of Mosul (up 9%).
- The market price indicator dropped 1.6%, compared to the previous session, and settled at 38.95 points at the end of the session; most of the turnover was in the banking sector, which traded 305 million shares valued at 473 million Iraqi Dinar. By closing, the September 16 session showed 31 out of 93 listed companies traded; prices of 11 rose, 14 dropped and six were unchanged.



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

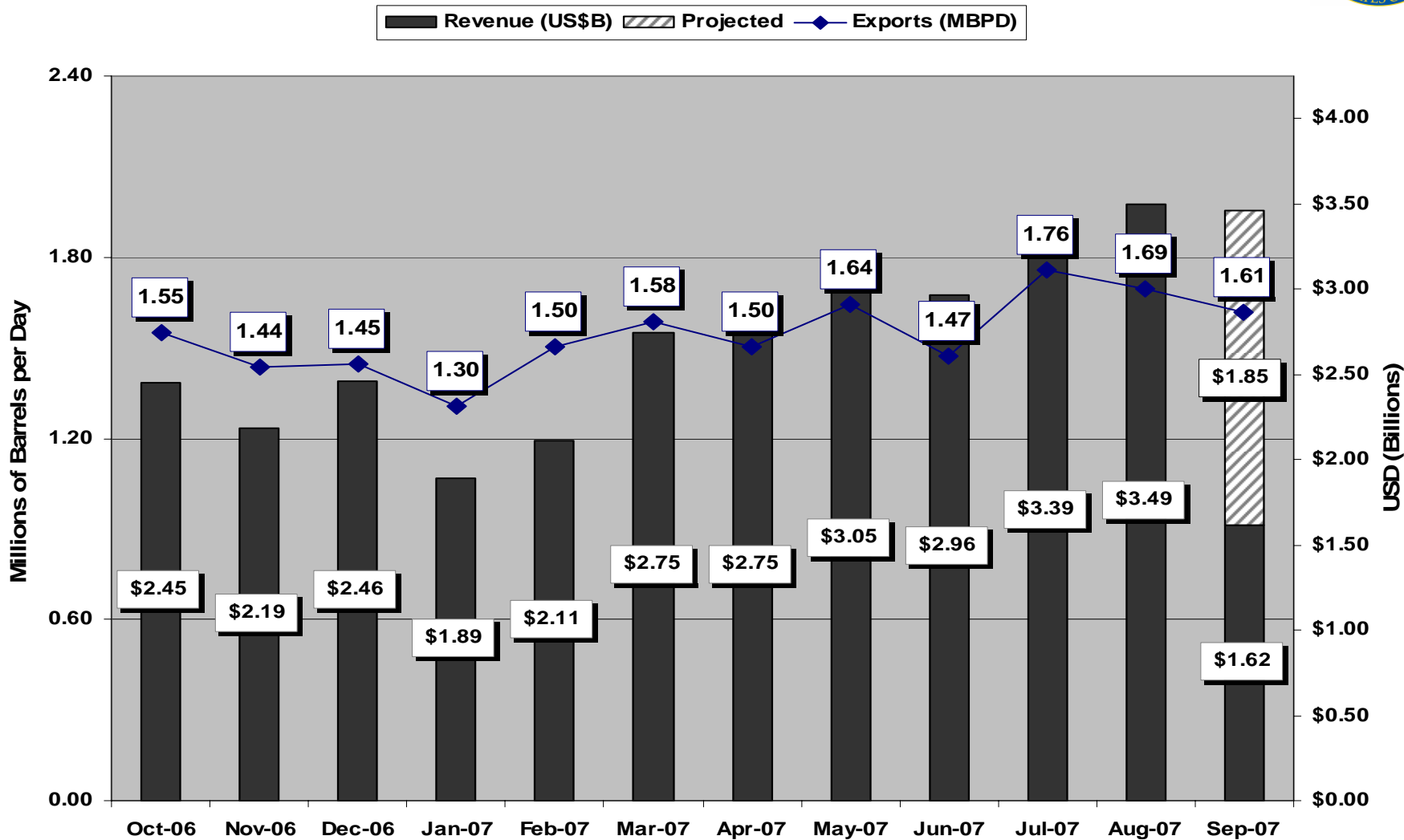


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[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

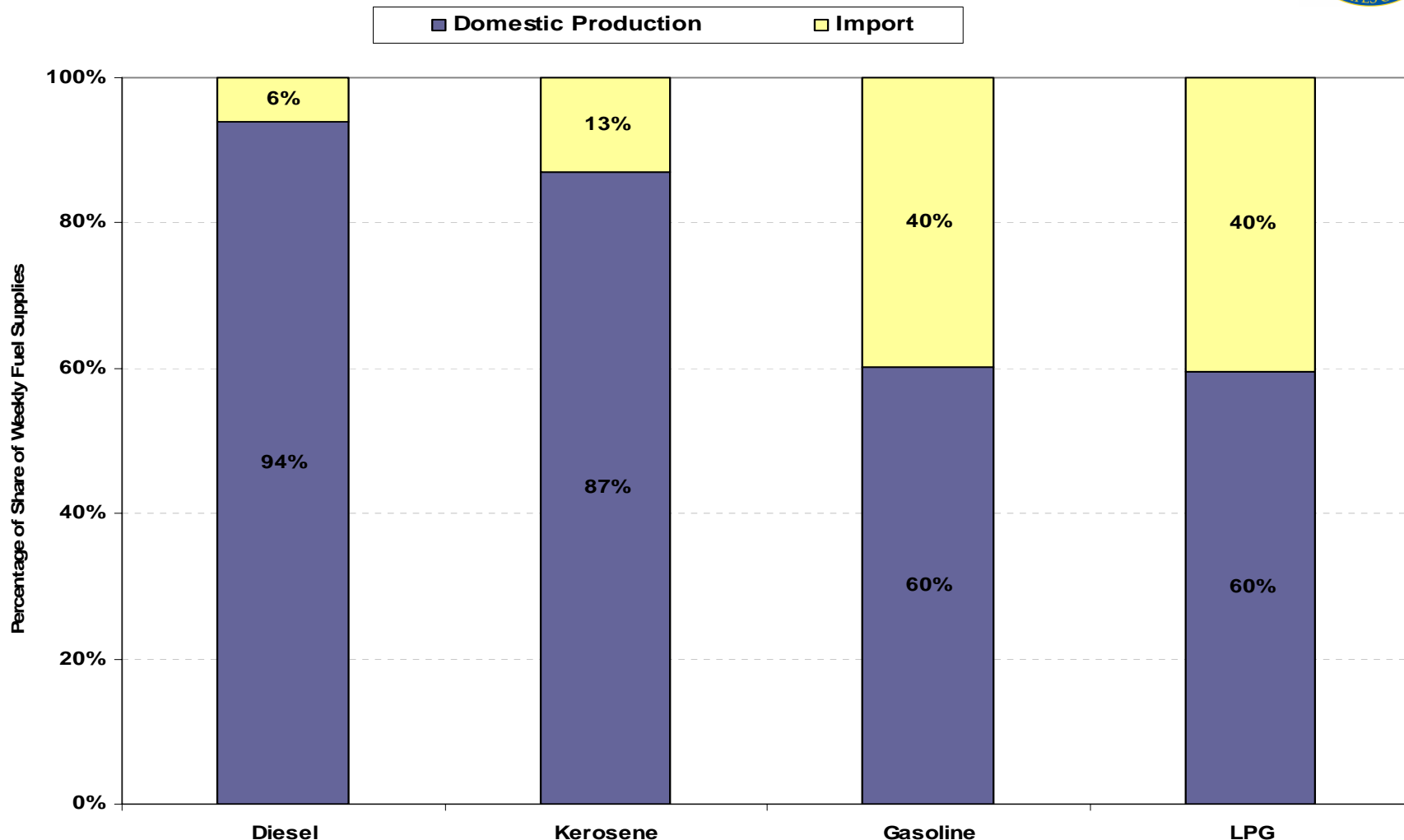
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- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$24.0 Billion (Year to Date)



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

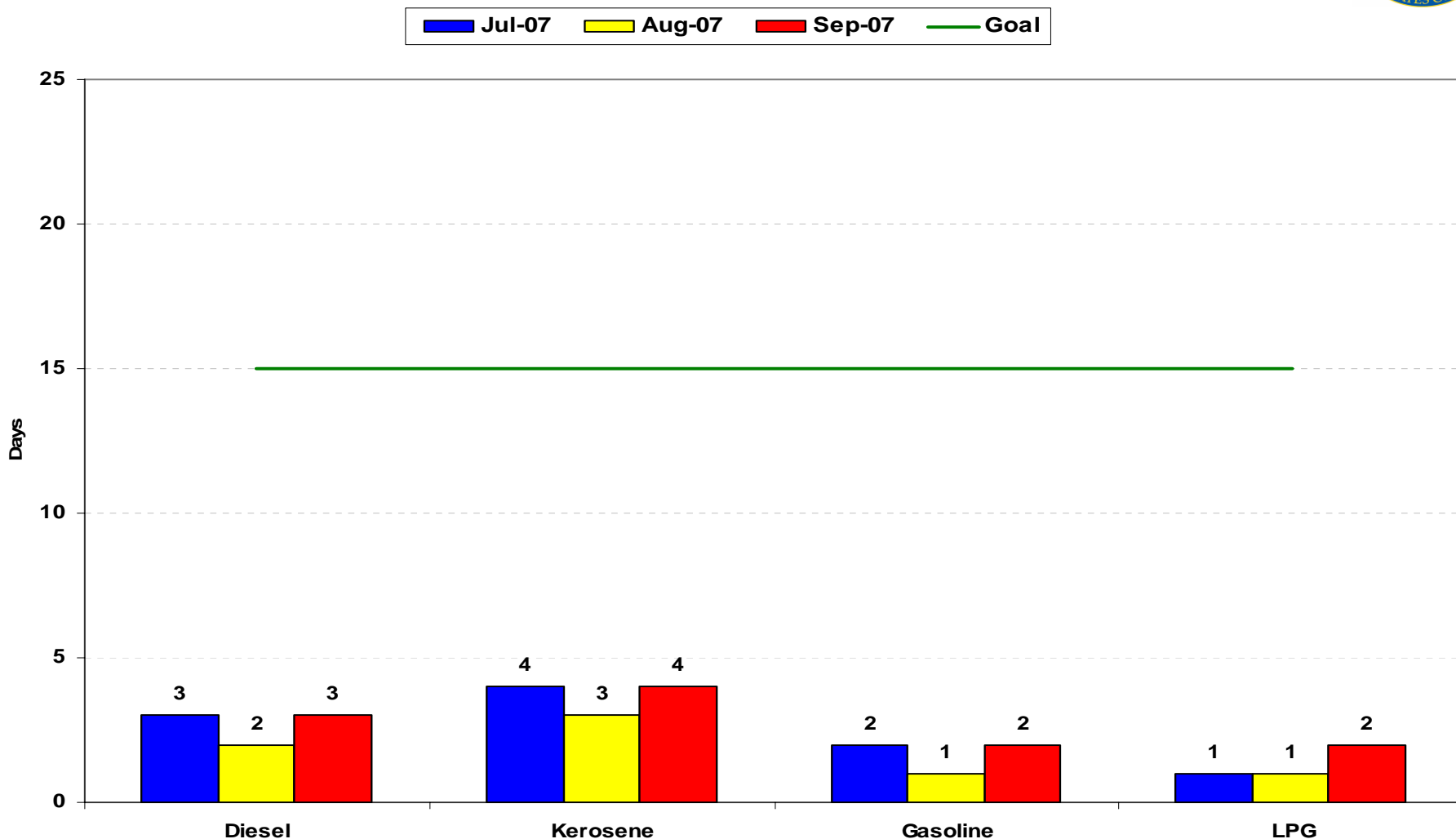


Note: This is a daily average for September 10 – 16

- Diesel: 13.2 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 8.9 ML supply of 11.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 15.5 ML supply of 23.1 ML target
- LPG: 3,687 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

Released Detainees Pledge to Uphold Rule of Law:

- Iraqi police and Coalition forces (CF) released a total of 67 detainees September 12 in Baqubah, as a demonstration of due process and in the spirit of Ramadan. “This release shows the development of the rule of law in the province as well as evidenced-based police work. This goes hand-in-hand with improvements in the Diyala provincial government,” said Major Paul Brooks, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. CF released 37 detainees to the authority of the Iraqi Provincial Police, after a comprehensive review of case evidence. The Iraqi Police then released the 37, in addition to 30 of their own detainees, from the Major Crimes Unit jail. Each individual freed said a prayer and took a pledge to not break the law nor bear arms against the Iraqi government or CF. They also agreed to assist both organizations whenever called upon.



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

UN Agencies Launch \$85-million Appeal to Aid Iraqi Refugees:

- On September 18 United Nations humanitarian agencies - the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Population Fund (UNFPA), UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Food Program (WFP) - launched a joint \$84.8-million appeal to meet the health and nutrition needs of an estimated 2.2 million Iraqis who have been displaced to neighboring countries. The funds are required to support host governments in meeting the health and nutrition needs of the refugees until the end of next year.

Georgia to Cut Iraq Contingent by 2008:

- The Republic of Georgia will cut the size of its military contingent in Iraq from 2,000 soldiers and other personnel to around 300 by next summer as part of a previously reached agreement with U.S. military officials.

UN Voices Concern Over Northern Iraq Shelling:

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Special Representative Ashraf Qazi voiced concern over the intermittent shelling of areas in the northern region of Kurdistan. Mr. Qazi recently discussed the issue with all relevant parties and urged them to use their good offices to ensure an immediate end to the shelling. He called on all concerned parties to refrain from activities that "can lead to further destabilization of the political and humanitarian situation in Iraq."



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

25 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to U.S.)

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

TOTAL ~ 12,279 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

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

*33 includes the 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey



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

Assassination of Abu Risha:

- In a front page editorial entitled “Under the Light of Assassinating Abu Risha”, the independent al-Mada newspaper examined the assassination and discussed the penetration of al-Qaida and how it had previously attempted to assassinate Deputy PM al-Zubai. Al-Mada focused on the necessity of using patriotism as the sole standard for members of the Iraqi Security Forces.

Ramadan Television Series Spoofs Morbid Reality in Iraq:

- In its much-hyped political comedy "Anba al-Watan," al-Sharqiya satellite channel has roped in popular Iraqi actor Rasim al-Jumaili to play a political leader in an Arab country not unlike Iraq.

Famous Norwegian Coach to Lead Iraq's Football Team:

- The Iraqi Football Association signed a contract with the famous Norwegian Coach Egel Roger Olsen, nicknamed “Drillo,” September 16. An Iraqi coach said that the contract is for three years and renewable.

Iraqi Wins First Gold Medal in World Paralympics:

- An Iraqi swimmer with special needs won his country its first gold medal in the 100 meters freestyle in the international Paralympic games in Taiwan, upping the number of Iraq's medals to eight.



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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