

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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7. International Support for Iraq

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Provincial councilman and staunch Arab nationalist, Ismail Hadidi, comparing the chaos and violence in the Iraqi capital with the prosperity and peace in the three-province Kurdistan Regional Government area, has warmed to the idea of teaming up with the Kurds.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

U.S. and Civilian Fatalities Decrease Sharply:

- The numbers of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi civilians reported killed across the country last month fell to their lowest levels in more than a year, a sharp decrease in violent deaths that American military officials attribute in part to the thousands of additional soldiers who have arrived in Iraq via the “surge”.
- The death toll for Iraqi civilians fell sharply in September, according to Iraqi government and U.S. military figures. One count from Iraq's Health Ministry put the monthly death toll at 827 civilians, a 48% drop from the total in August.
- Fatalities among U.S. soldiers are also decreasing. By month's end, at least 66 U.S. soldiers were killed, the lowest monthly total since 65 died in August 2006, and about half the number who died during the deadliest month this year.
- U.S. military officials expressed optimism October 1 about the declining death tolls, particularly because the reduction comes during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, a time when violence has risen in past years. But they warned that insurgent groups such as al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) remain lethal and are likely to be planning for a counteroffensive of violent attacks.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Iranian Missiles Seized:

- The U.S. military in Iraq said September 30 that it had seized sophisticated Iranian-made surface-to-air missiles (Misagh-1s) that were being used by insurgents in Iraq. "We've said that we've found these things, we've seen them employed. That's significant in its own right," U.S. military spokesman Rear Admiral Mark Fox told reporters in Baghdad.

Coalition Forces Kill Successor to Abu al-Masri:

- Coalition forces positively identified a foreign terrorist killed in an operation September 25 in Musayyib as a senior AQI member. Abu Usama al-Tunisi was in the inner leadership circle of Abu Ayyub al-Masri, the leader of AQI, and was likely to serve as his successor. Al-Tunisi was the military emir of Baghdad's southern belt and took over the role of emir of foreign terrorists when al-Masri became the leader. Al-Tunisi facilitated foreign terrorists and helped equip them for IED attacks, car-bombing campaigns and suicide attacks throughout Baghdad.



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

Iraqi Security Force Defenders Save Dozens in Mazraah:

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) defended their post against a Suicide Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (SVBIED) in Mazraah village (Ninewah province) September 24. Soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 3rd Iraqi Army (IA) Division working with Iraqi police at a command post between Mosul and Tal Afar, opened fire on the driver of the SVBIED after he failed to slow down as directed with verbal and visual signals. The resulting fire from ISF caused the vehicle to immediately explode, killing three ISF and three local Iraqi civilians nearby.

Ameriya Conducts Iraqi Police Recruiting Drive:

- Residents in the western Ameriya neighborhood of Baghdad took another step this week to secure their community, as a local recruiting drive resulted in more than 300 applicants for the new Ameriya Iraqi Police Force. The recruits underwent a series of physical tests, mental evaluations and literacy assessments. Successful completion certified them as qualified Iraqi Police candidates to represent more than 30,000 citizens of Ameriya. To date, Ameriya does not have a police force to protect and serve residents like other communities in western Baghdad.
- “Allowing residents to take a stake in providing their own security for their neighborhood will go a long way toward denying al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) the ability to move back into Ameriya,” said Major Chip Daniels, the operations officer for 1-5 Cavalry. “This is a good move on the part of the Iraqi government. The IA did a fantastic job running this recruiting drive.”



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

Raid on Iraqi Military Academy to Root Out Insurgents:

- Iraqi and U.S. special forces have arrested at least 59 army officers and enlisted men accused in killings, bombings and kidnappings in the latest case linking elements of the Iraqi Army (IA) to sectarian militias and criminal gangs, authorities announced September 26.
- The U.S.-Iraqi raid on the Defense Ministry's military academy in the east Baghdad neighborhood of Rustamiya provided the latest evidence of the IA's continuing struggle to weed out lawless elements. Authorities said the academic dean was the ringleader of a criminal gang on campus. The group was wanted in connection with killings, bombings and kidnappings, including the slaying two years ago of the school's director, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. The present director, kidnapped several weeks ago, was freed September 25.



[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 Parliament to Discuss Key Oil Law:

- Iraq's parliament will begin debate on the Hydrocarbon law this October, needed to regulate how wealth from the world's third largest oil reserves will be shared by its various communities. The legislation, which had been expected to pass before the end of 2006, was delayed due to disagreements over control of oil reserves, much of which is in the country's south.

Shia Political Alliance Criticizes U.S. Outreach to Sunnis:

- The Shia United Iraqi Alliance (UIA), the largest political bloc in the Iraqi Council of Representatives, said that the American military's recruiting of Sunnis in sensitive areas in and around the capital amounted to empowering men with histories of militancy. They also said that Sunnis from militant backgrounds should not be allowed into official police forces.



[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)

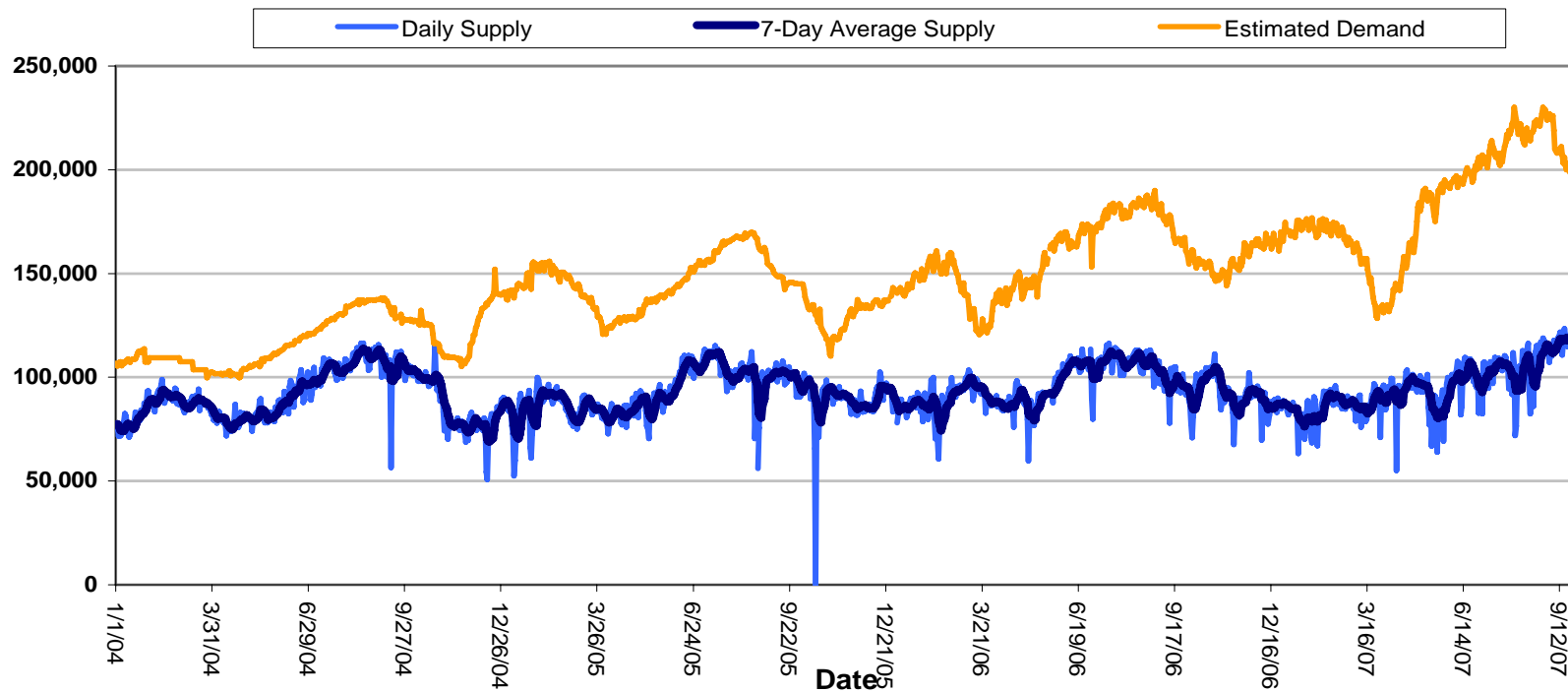
Sector			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportioned	Unapportioned	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,984.74	\$19.88	\$4,961.23	\$4,961.23	\$0.00	\$4,959.95	\$4,959.95	\$0.00	\$4,816.89	\$4,816.89	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,283.59	\$24.07	\$2,259.62	\$2,259.60	(\$0.02)	\$2,253.73	\$2,253.71	(\$0.02)	\$2,077.11	\$2,077.11	\$0.00
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	\$422.94	\$422.94	\$0.00	\$422.86	\$422.86	\$0.00	\$380.06	\$380.06	\$0.00
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$210.60	\$2.40	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$209.95	\$209.95	\$0.00	\$204.54	\$204.54	\$0.00
Total	\$18,322.47	\$126.48	\$17,906.24	\$17,906.22	(\$0.02)	\$17,671.89	\$17,671.87	(\$0.02)	\$16,230.79	\$16,230.79	\$0.00
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,702.98	\$7,702.96	(\$0.02)	\$7,696.14	\$7,696.12	(\$0.02)	\$7,282.27	\$7,282.27	\$0.00
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	\$20,379.54	\$20,379.52	(\$0.02)	\$19,904.19	\$19,904.17	(\$0.02)	\$18,369.79	\$18,369.79	\$0.00

Data as of September 26, 2007

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



DAILY ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED AND ESTIMATED DEMAND IN IRAQ SINCE JANUARY 2004



- For September 26-October 2 daily electricity demand was 20% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the grid was 22% above the year-earlier period and met 57% 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 6.3 and nationwide 11.9. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 3.1 and nationwide 10.7.

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



Electricity:

- On Thursday, September 27, a member of the Basrah Governate Council Electricity Committee said that technical and financial constraints have delayed the completion of power projects in the city of Basrah, referring to the lack of investment projects by foreign firms because of the security situation. Ghazi Smair went on to explain in the press conference that the obstacles are due to the lack of specialized companies to implement electrical projects as well as the highly speculative cost of these projects.
- The city of Erbil established a system of government-subsidized private generators to provide electricity to meet the region's power shortages after Saddam cut power in 1998. The Kurdistan Regional Government's Ministry of Electricity has now licensed two private power plants in this same tradition. Its plan depends on setting prices for electricity from the grid based on consumers' proven willingness to pay near-market prices to the private generators. The key to success will be providing reliable power from the grid and implementing an efficient system for collecting fees.

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



Healthcare:

- Hospitals in Kirkuk are reporting up to 100 new cases of cholera a day as the bacterial disease continues to spread across the country. Doctor Amir al-Khuzai has been selected as the Ministry of Health's point man on the crisis. He said the number of infections in Kirkuk stood at 2,069, up from 1,671 earlier in the week. Twelve Iraqis are confirmed to have died of cholera since the outbreak was first detected August 23. World Health Organization spokeswoman Fadeal Chaib told journalists in Geneva last month that the spread of cholera into Baghdad was expected because of the intense movement of people and goods between the northern provinces and the capital.

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



Anbar:

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released the solicitation for the \$4.8 M renovation and expansion of Hadithah Hospital September 21. This project will be funded using Anbar's remaining FY 06 Supplemental Economic Support Fund allocation. In conjunction with the release of this solicitation, the USACE Resident Office at al-Asad and MNF-W Regional Reconstruction Operations Center provided training to Hadithah area contractors on proposal writing and government contracting rules. Contract awards are expected by October 31.

Kirkuk:

- The Kirkuk Center for Business and Professional Women obtained needed approval from the Provincial Government for approximately 3,653 short term public works jobs and approximately 540 youth to participate in vocational education courses. 2,477 youths participated in CSP sponsored program activities this week.
- Regional power plants operated normally during the reporting period. The national grid supplied 12-14 hours per day to the province, with households seeing 6-8 hours per day. Residential consumers are receiving the bulk of their power during evening and night hours during the month of Ramadan. Consumers in Kirkuk City, with 80% of the population, received 12-14 hours of water per day, while consumers outside of the city received 9-12 hours of water per day, depending on the area.



[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 28 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$74.624/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$78.222/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$81.774/ barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$75.872/barrel

Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	23,591	23,591	0.00%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	72,092	72,092	0.00%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	3,416	3,416	0.00%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	6,716	6,178	-8.01%
Grand Total	105,815	105,277	-0.51%

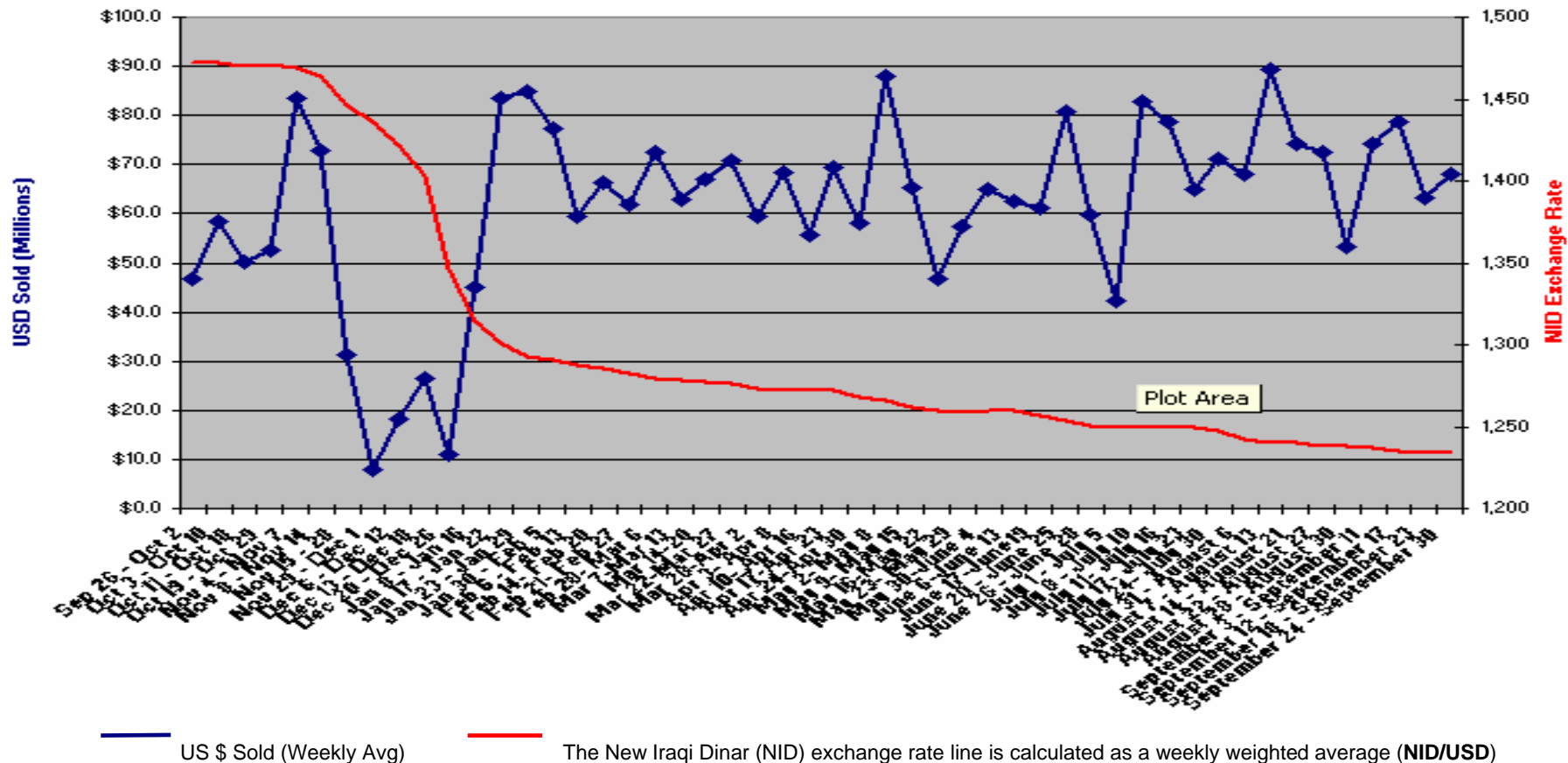


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

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. Year-to-date inflation through August is 11.2% and the year-on-year inflation rate dropped to 20%, as monthly inflation for August 2007 was lower than for August 2006. Historically, prices tend to rise in the latter part of the year, and August's increase may reflect that pattern.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: September 3, 2006 – September 30, 2007**



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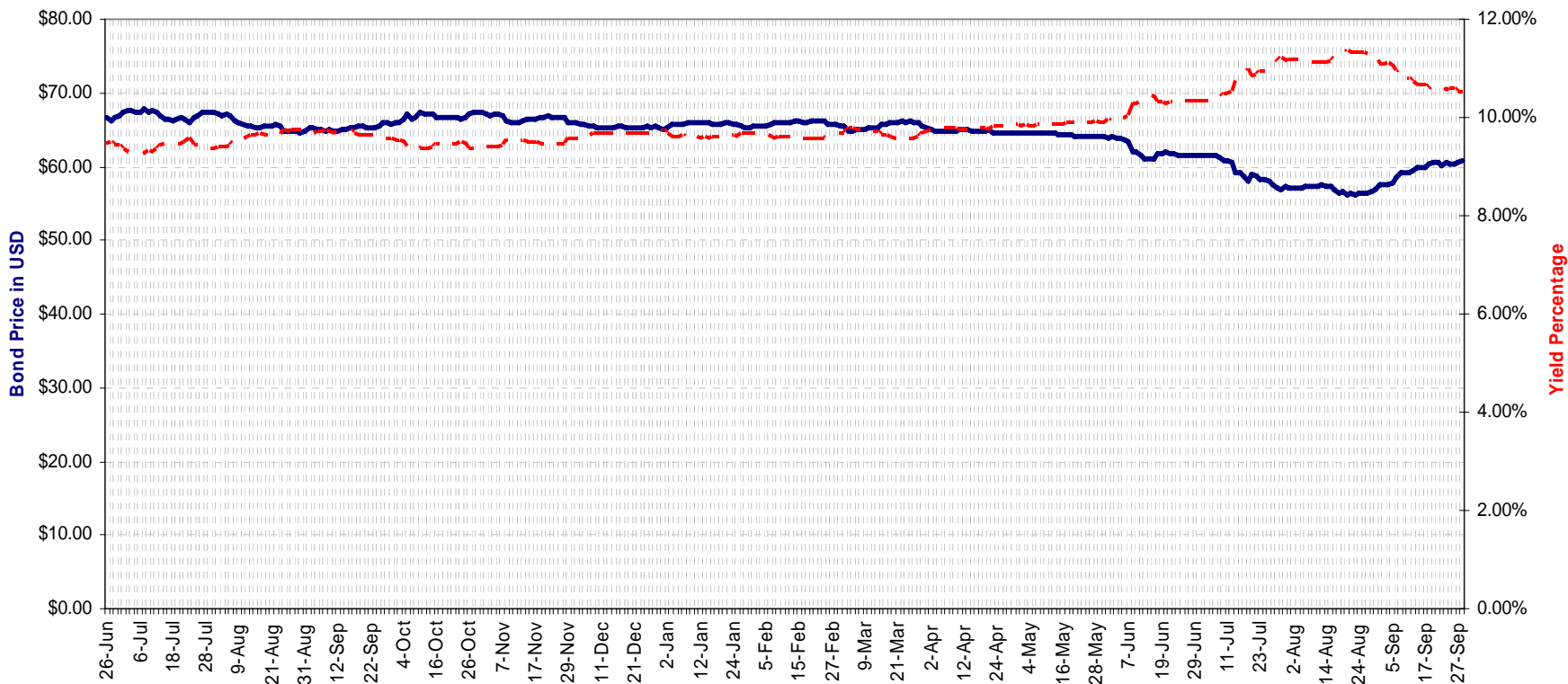


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

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 Bond Sales
June 26, 2006 - September 24, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



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

Inflation Rose in August:

- According to the GOI's August Consumer Price Index, headline inflation rose 5.8%, putting year-to-date inflation at 11.2% through August, up from 5.0% through the end of July. This increase was largely due to increases in fuel (14.9%) and food (4.8%) prices. However, the year-on-year headline inflation rate decreased from 30.2% in July to 20.0% in August, as monthly inflation in August 2007 was lower than for August 2006. Year-on year core inflation (excluding fuel transport prices) was 16.3% through August, down from 16.5% through July. Historically, prices tend to rise in the latter part of the year and August's increase may reflect that pattern.

Iranian Border Closure:

- Some 35,000 people have lost their jobs as result of Iran's decision to close its border crossings with the Kurdish region of Iraq. Hassan Baqi, President of Sulaimaniyah's Chamber of Commerce, told the news agency Azzaman September 26 that long lines of trucks laden with goods sit on both the Iraqi and Iranian side of the border.
- Despite this closure, Iran and Iraq signed a \$730 million agreement to boost bilateral trade. Iran has emerged as one of Iraq's top trading partners since 2003.



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

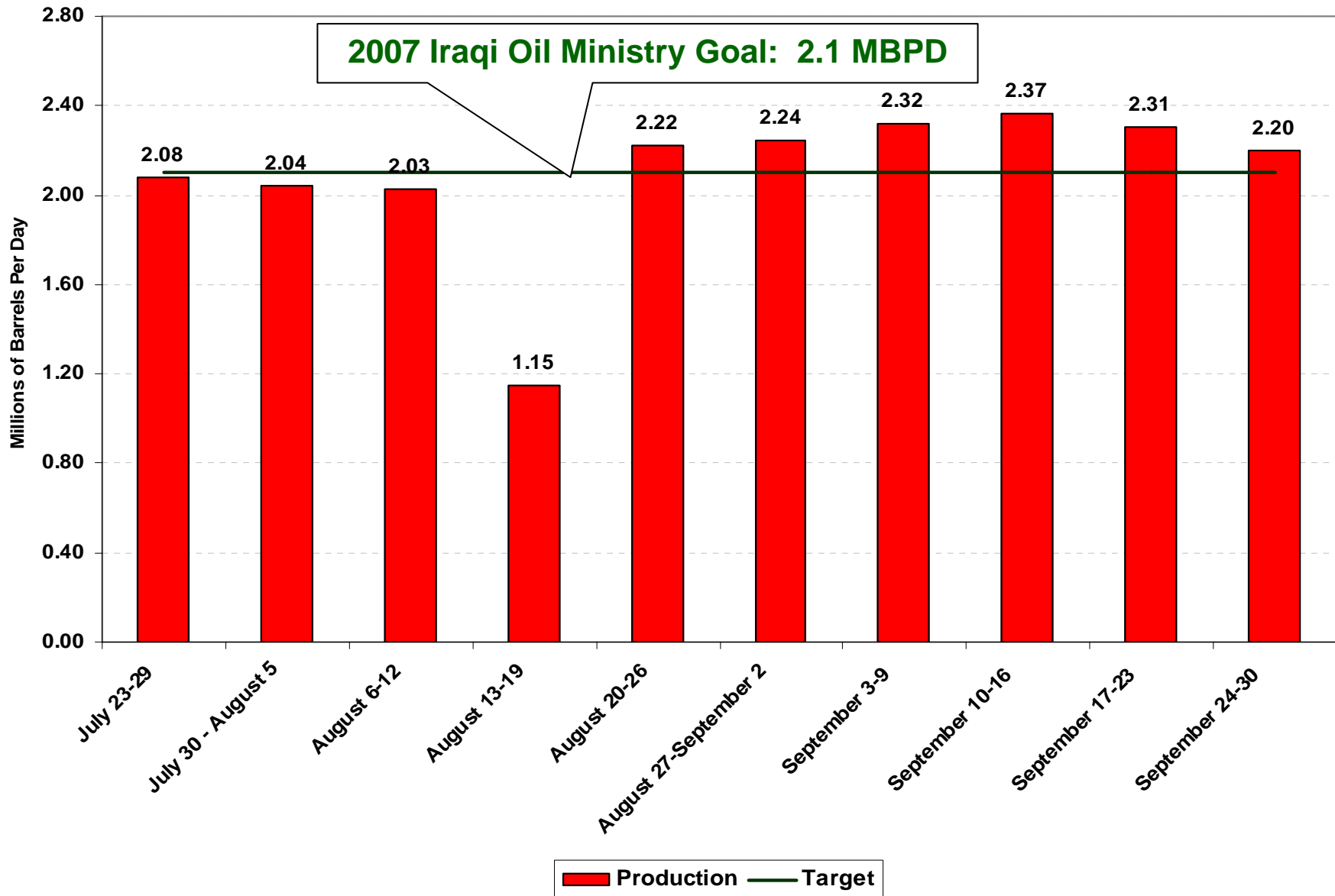
Deputy Prime Minister Brings Tidings and Money to Babil:

- Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih led a Baghdad contingent to Babil province September 30 to reward the province with \$40 million in reconstruction aid for allocating 100% of its 2007 capital budget. Traveling with Salih were the Ministers of Finance, Defense, Industry and Minerals, Municipalities, and Electricity, as well as several members of the Council of Representatives. They met with key provincial leaders and spoke with Babil citizens and members of the press.



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

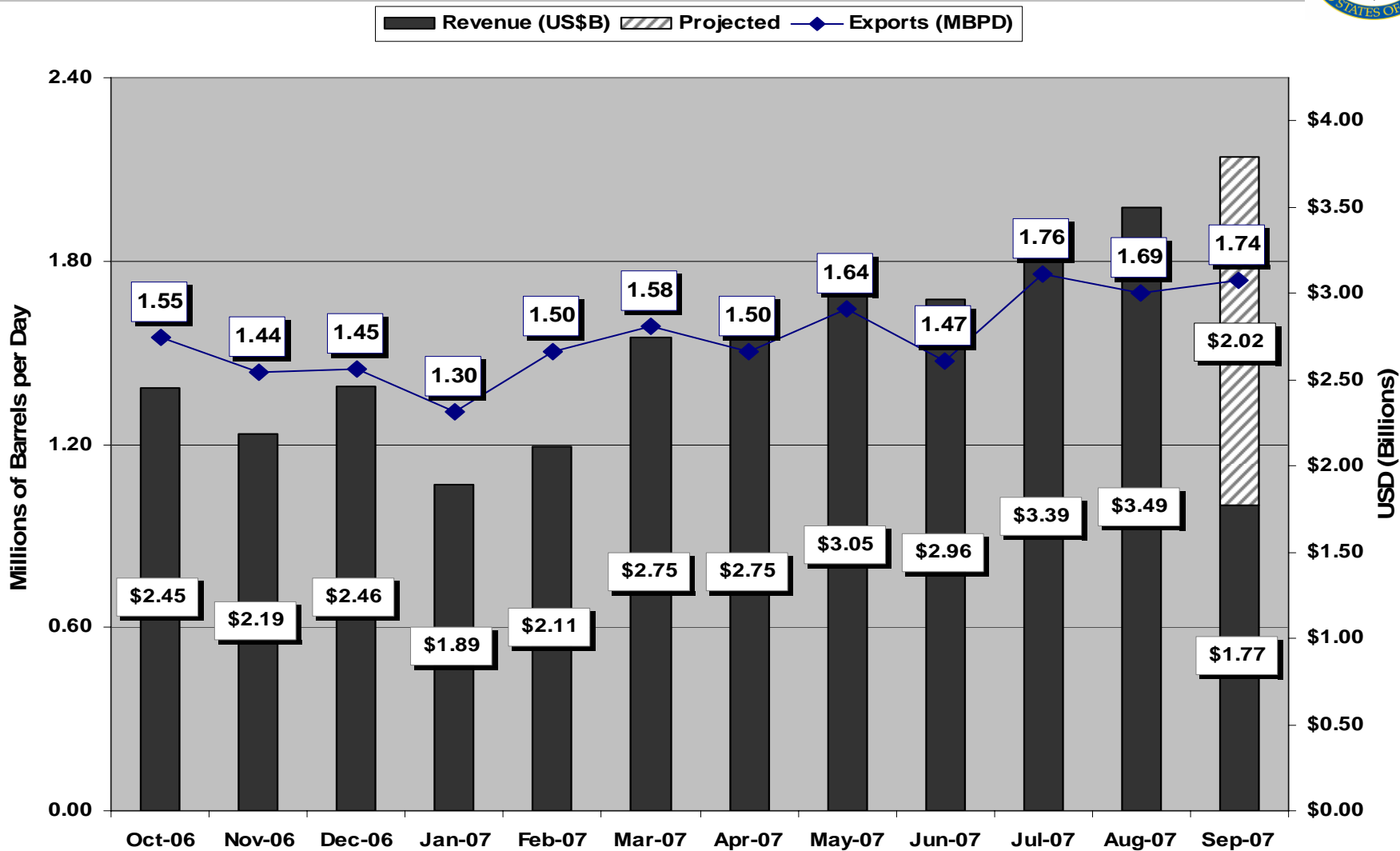
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[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export

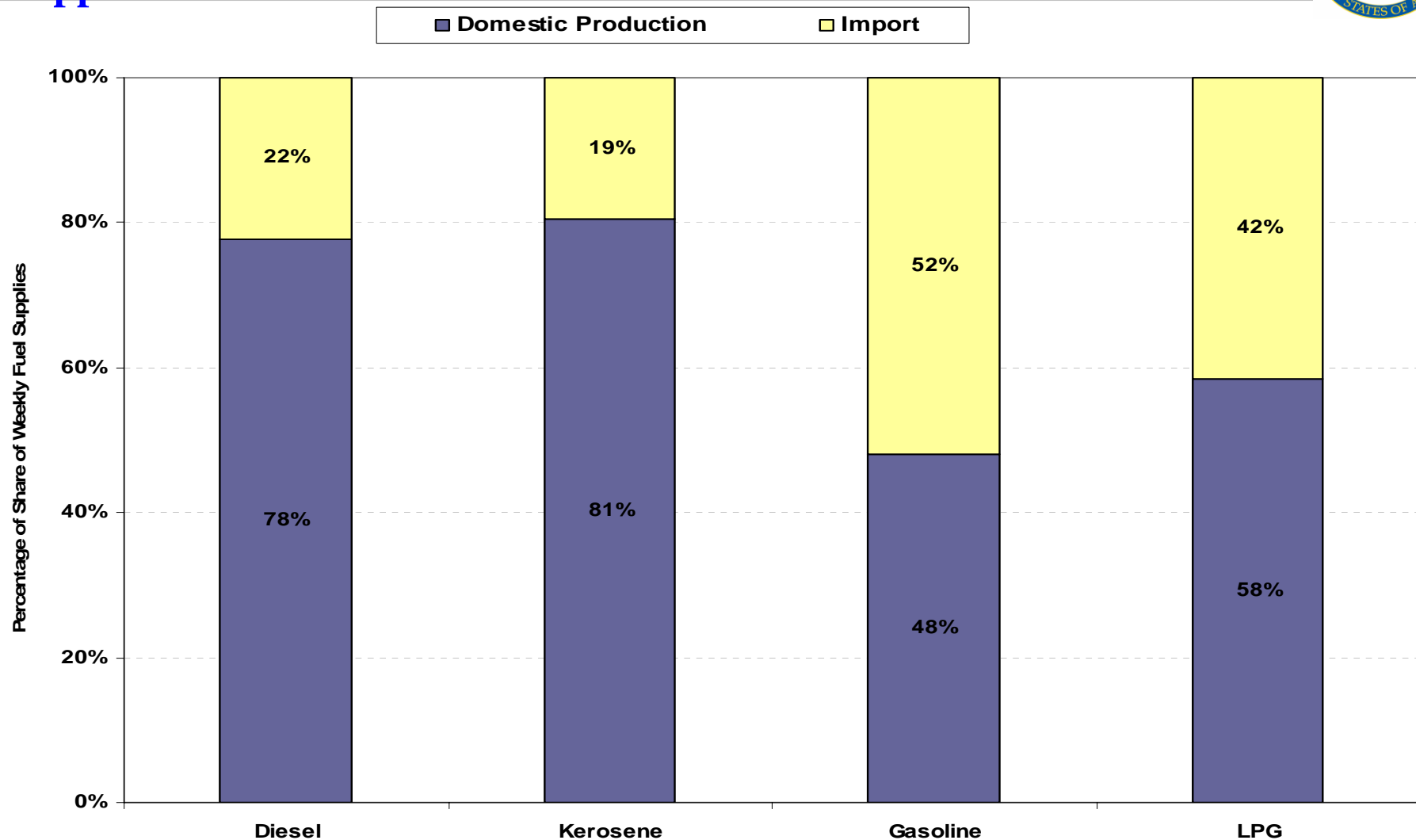
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- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$24.2 Billion (Year to Date)



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

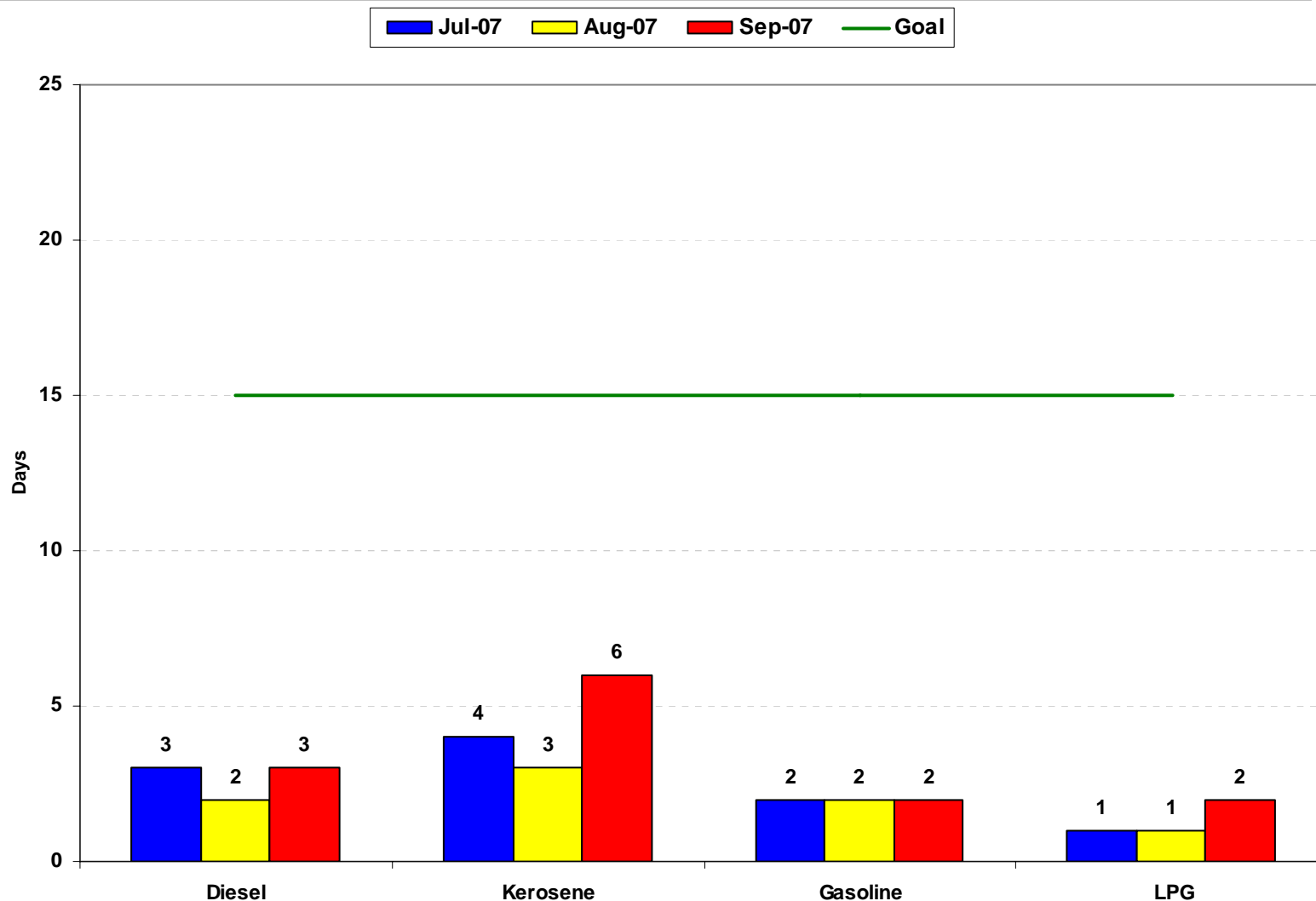


Note: This is a daily average for September 24 – 30

- Diesel: 12.4 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.8 ML supply of 11.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.3 ML supply of 23.1 ML target
- LPG: 3,815 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



583 Detainees Released During Ramadan Program:

- MNF-I spokesman Major General Kevin Bergner stated that Coalition forces and the Government of Iraq continue to review cases and release eligible detainees. The release program is an effort to foster goodwill and reconciliation during the observance of the holy month of Ramadan.
- In Multinational Force West, 75 men were released last week. All of them pledged to renounce violence and misconduct, and both provincial political and tribal leaders were on hand to help receive and help reintegrate the detainees back into their communities.
- Since Ramadan began, 583 detainees have been released, and the program is continuing.



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

UK Prime Minister Announces Further Troop Reductions:

- Gordon Brown announced in Baghdad that the UK will pull 1,000 troops out of Iraq by the end of the year. The departure of 500 of these forces had already been revealed last month.

UAE Donates \$10 Million for Iraqi Refugees:

- The president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al-Nahayan, donated \$10 million to the UN refugee agency for programs aimed at helping Iraqis and alleviating some of the burdens shouldered by host countries such as Syria, which is sheltering more than 1.4 million Iraqis who have fled violence in their country.

Syria Reinstates Visa Requirements for Iraqis:

- UNHCR reported on October 1 that Syria reinstated visa requirements for Iraqi refugees. Syria had originally announced that it would not begin enforcement of the new rule until the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan around October 12.



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

Poland Remains Committed to Mission:

- Polish Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski said October 3 Poland would not withdraw a 1,000-strong troop contingent from Iraq after Poland's ambassador was injured in an attack on his convoy in Baghdad. "Desertion is always the worst option," Kaczynski told reporters. "This is a difficult situation, but those who became engaged and were there for years and then withdrew are making the worst possible mistake."



[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			UK

TOTAL ~ 11,603 Forces

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

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

*35 includes the 27 countries listed above, Fiji, New Zealand and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

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



Security May Trump Ethnicity in Kirkuk:

- Provincial councilman and staunch Arab nationalist, Ismail Hadidi, comparing the chaos and violence in the Iraqi capital with the prosperity and peace in the three-province Kurdistan Regional Government area, has warmed to the idea of teaming up with the Kurds. He is even considering buying some property in the Kurdish enclave. "The people of Kirkuk were afraid of this," said Hadidi, a Sunni Arab tribal leader. "But given the situation, I believe most people will move toward being part of Kurdistan, because what the people want above all is security."



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