

## Environmental Injustice: The Niger Delta Experience



© AI ***An oil spill devastates farmland  
in Rivers State, Nigeria***  
*The spill occurred in December 2003;  
when Amnesty International visited the site in  
March 2004, the damage remained extensive and  
there were no signs that a clean-up had begun.*

Over forty years of oil company exploitation have devastated the Niger Delta region, leaving large parts of it uncultivable, many people displaced, and communities riven with grievances. Easy availability of small arms has made the situation even more alarming, with thousands of violent deaths attributable to rival armed groups but also to excessive use of force by Nigerian security forces or police, often against peaceful protesters.

Find out

- what's happening in this troubled region, and what it means for the rest of the world
- what needs to be done to change the way the Nigerian government and multinational oil companies interact, in order to protect human rights, livelihoods, and resources
- what we can learn from valiant efforts of Nigerian environmental defenders

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