

CURSE OF THE BLACK GOLD

50 YEARS OF OIL IN
THE NIGER DELTA



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(previous spread left) A worker subcontracted by Shell Petroleum Development Company cleans up an oil spill from an abandoned well in Oloibiri, Niger Delta. Closed in 1977, Wellhead 14 has been leaking for years, and in June 2004 it finally released an oil spill of over 20,000 barrels of crude oil.

(previous spread right) Gas flares in the oil town of Afiesere are an everyday sight for this Urhobo woman.

(left) Tanker drivers wait for work in the Tanker Park of PTD (Petroleum Tanker Drivers) in Warri. Due to the crisis in the Niger Delta, the refinery in Warri has been shut down for production. Many of these drivers have been waiting for three months at this park to get oil products to deliver around Nigeria.