

# *Shell to pay \$111 million for Nigerian oil spills in 1970s*

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Lagos, August 16 (RHC)-- In southern Nigeria, Royal Dutch Shell has agreed to pay \$111 million to Ogoni communities whose land was ravaged by oil spills over a half-century ago. Shell's payment caps decades of legal wrangling in a case that was first brought in 1991 — over a pipeline that ruptured in 1970.

Environmental and social activists say that the \$111 million penalty is just a small fraction of Shell's annual profits, which totaled \$16.5 billion in 2019.

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