

Oil well rupture leaves Niger Delta residents hungry and homeless

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Niamey, November 30 (RHC)-- In Nigeria, residents of the Niger delta say another massive oil spill is poisoning their land and water and threatening their livelihoods.

The latest spill began in southern Bayelsa state on November 1st, after a high-pressure oil well ruptured, spewing noxious fumes into the air and sending yellow-brown clumps of waste into the nearby mangrove forests and surrounding river.

Residents say the oil well rupture has killed off fish and other wildlife and forced them to evacuate their homes. Benson Daniel, who lives near the spill, told reporters: "Now we are sick because of this gas exploration, we can't even cook in our house because we are scared we may start a fire."

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