

Ogoniland (Nigeria)

Over 50 years of destruction and pollution by Shell

“the rights to **food, housing, work, clean drinking water and health care**, have been violated daily for decades”

“**In 2020**, a joint study by Amnesty and other NGOs showed that **less than 11% of the polluted areas** from the UN report (2011) had been addressed. **No place had been completely cleaned up.**”

Source: Amnesty



MOSOP movement in Ogoniland (1993)



Complicit in rapes, tortures, murders

Shell knowingly provided encouragement and motivation to the military authorities to stop the MOSOP protests, even after the authorities repeatedly committed human rights violations - including **killings, rape, torture, and the burning of villages - in Ogoniland and specifically targeted Ken Saro-Wiwa and MOSOP.**

"Sometimes Shell played a more direct role in the bloodshed – for example by **transporting armed forces to break up protests**, even when it became clear what the consequences would be."

Source: Amnesty

Fracking on invaded Mapuche Land (Indigenous, Ancestral Lands)

Source: boell.de



Fracking tower beside fruit plantations. Allen, Río Negro, Argentina. Credit: Jorge Ariza.



Conventional and tight gas extraction in working-class neighborhood Valentina Norte, outskirts of Neuquén City. Credit: Vaca Bónsai.



Platform Against Fracking of Neuquén mobilizing against Comarsa oil landfill (2015).

Mapuche land, in so-called Argentina, is also exploited by fracking projects, which produce large wealth to Big Oil. For local communities, fracking brings **respiratory disease, earthquakes, leukemia, contaminated water, barren land and death**. All this is financed by European institutions and the extraction often performed by oil companies from the Global North.

Read their letter: 350.org/ecb_vacamuerta/

The pattern keeps repeating: much like colonizers, Big Oil invades communal and Indigenous lands and all over the world to **steal and profit from their so-called "resources"** with no care for people's livelihoods, health, ways of living, land, relations and culture. Big Oil is also connected to murdered and missing indigenous women and other forms of violence. Big Oil exploits people and ecosystems for the sake of short-term profit.



Kofan people, northern "Amazon"



South Africa

We must stand in solidarity with frontline communities and land defenders who have been suffering the horrors of Big Oil for decades, and who now suffer the worst of the climate and ecological crisis we live in. **We must stop legitimizing Big Oil and their pollution, death and their destructive practices.** We must cut all ties with these corporate (neo)colonizers.



Wet'suwet'en lands, so-called Canada



Lakota and Dakota nations (Standing Rock), in so-called USA

Big oil: not here, not anywhere

Besides all that was shown, Big Oil has been **lying about climate change and stopping climate policy since the 70s**, all the while causing ecological destruction, which results in horrors like floods, droughts, reduced food production etc. Not to mention spying on peaceful protesters.

How can universities legitimize an industry that does all of this?

And for my colleague scientists who think that the climate crisis is only a matter of technological innovation, I leave you with a question:

how much “scientific achievement” does it take to wash away all the blood spilled by Big Oil?

Sources and more: tinyurl.com/bigoilharm



Apartheid South Africa



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