

# Oil firm, community feud over teenager's death

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**T**HE death of a teenage girl identified as Emuobonuviie in a pipeline pit belonging to the Nigeria Gas Company (NGC) at Jedo, near Warri, Delta State has pitched the community against the firm.

The girl said to be 13 years old was believed to have accidentally fallen into the pit and drowned. Her body was found 24 hours after she was declared missing by the parents.

However there are suspicions surrounding the death of the girl as unconfirmed sources said she might have been killed and deposited there by her assailants.

The NGC has promised to investigate the incident to unravel the circumstances that led to her death.

Jedo community residents said the girl died because of the poor safety record of the firm handling the job, arguing that the ditch was left unguarded and without safety warning.