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## Edo community suffocates under gas flaring

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**Inhabitants** of Gelegele, a riverine oil producing community in Ovia Norte East Local Government Area of Edo State, at the weekend, cried out to the Federal Government to urgently come to their aid by channelling a gas flare from the operation of Dubril Oil in the community.

They also called for the commencement of work on the Gelegele Seaport

The community alleged that **five of their kinsmen have lost their lives and many others suffering different illness owing to the environmental hazards they are daily exposed to.**

It would be recalled that in spite of Federal Government's assurance that gas flaring by multinational-national oil and gas companies operating in the Niger Delta region will end by December 31, 2013, the situation still persisted in Gelegele.

However, in a swift reaction, an official of the company who pleaded anonymity when contacted on telephone absolved the company of the allegations raised.