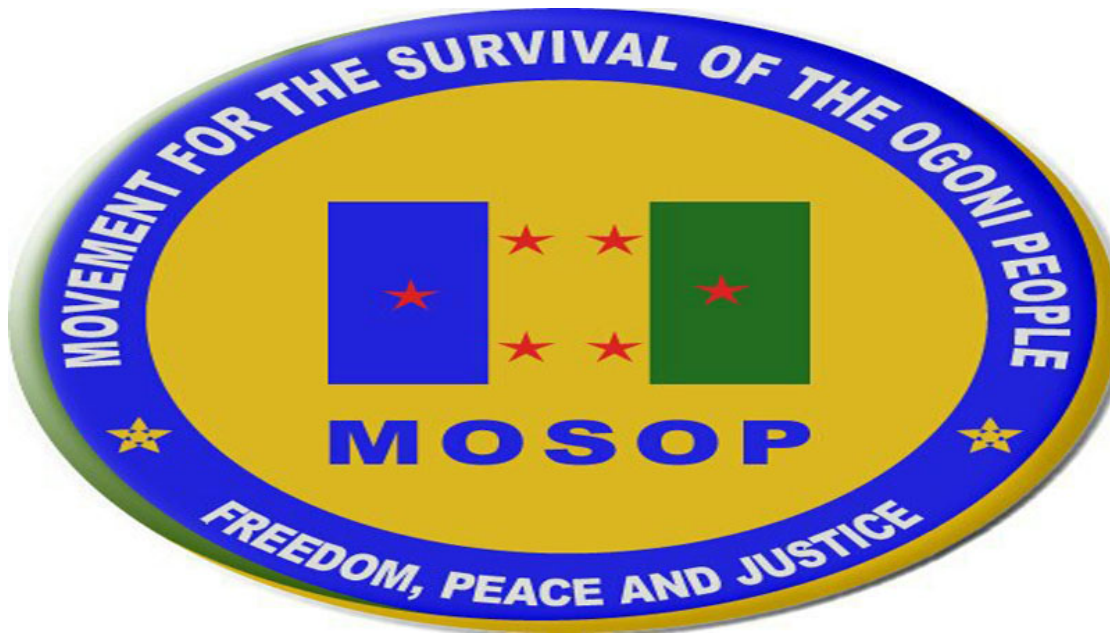


MOSOP Worried Over Increased Death Toll In Ogoniland

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P/Harcourt – The Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP), at the weekend, expressed worry over a possible increase in the deaths of its people following the delay of the Federal Government and the Shell Petroleum Development Corporation (SPDC) to implement the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Report on Ogoni Land.

The Movement has, therefore, called on the world leaders to put pressure on the Nigerian Government and SPDC to expedite action in the implementation of the report, which will see to the cleaning of Ogoni Land and consequently avoid what might be an increase in deaths in the land.

MOSOP explained that between March 2 and March 17, 2018, Bodo Community in Gokana Local Government Area alone buried 33 persons, while 29 persons died in K-Dere, also in Gokana Council Area. Similar reports, MOSOP said, were also coming from other Ogoni villages.

“We are concerned that Shell and the Federal Government of Nigeria are doing little or nothing about the restoration of Ogoniland and the immediate provision of water for the people even as communities record increasing death rates”, the group said in a statement signed by its

government has failed to provide an agreed sum of \$200 million annually for five years to save the lives of over one million people in Ogoniland.

“We note that in the midst of these terrible conditions, government remained silent about the threats posed by Belema Oil Producing Limited and Robo Michael Limited, both Nigerian oil firms, who are currently sponsoring rival groups in the hope to force a resumption of oil production in Ogoniland despite our repeated notification and firm position expressing our disapproval to oil production without the implementation of the UNEP report and other condition.”

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