

3.3 Evidence near Zaakpon shows that the dismantling of pipelines is done incompletely. Oil that has been spilled during the dismantling is clearly visible. MOSOP keeps Shell from accessing its abandoned facilities in Ogoni land. There are a number of reasons for this policy. The political factors are named in 6.8. Another reason is that agents who come to allegedly dismantle and clean up abandoned sites cannot be trusted (see 6.6). The dismantling of pipelines is done secretly by night or during conflicts when the residents are diverted from monitoring.³⁰ Both strategies result in an improper dismantling due to lack of time. Furthermore, there are various abandoned sites like the main Yorla manifold station that must be feared to induce serious environmental hazards.³¹



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The Shell major pipeline in Zaakpon across the road to Babbe Kingdom headquarters. Last row: The main Yorla manifold station.