



~~Oil~~ Fuel pipeline explosion outside Lagos

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[Reuters](#):

A pipeline explosion killed up to 200 people on the outskirts of Nigeria's biggest city Lagos on Friday, police said.

The Red Cross said the pipeline blew up while vandals were tapping into it to steal petrol, igniting about 500 nearby jerrycans full of fuel. Theft of fuel or crude oil from pipelines is common in Nigeria.

Hat tip: [Leanan](#).

Update [2006-5-12 11:49:31 by Super G]: MEND [denies involvement](#).

[editor's note, by Prof. Goose] Also, we should bring back Dave's (really great) post on Nigeria, which [you can find here](#); I would also direct you to John Robb's piece [here](#). Both are pretty prescient.

This comes on the heels of a threat by MEND [to attack the NLNG plant](#):

Militants threatened on Friday to destroy a \$13 billion natural gas export plant in Nigeria.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said in an email to Reuters they were conscious of the potential for an attack on the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas plant to hurt nearby communities, and would launch a warning raid on an oil facility beforehand.



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