

## **The Multiple Jeopardy of Oil Producing Communities and the Incessant Militancy in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria**

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**ABSTRACT** This paper examines the role of the Niger Delta ruling elites in the worsening of development of the region. Through a series of semi-structured interviews with stakeholders having knowledge about the region, and using the elite capture theory, this paper found out how the elites have contributed immensely to the exacerbation of social crisis through several corrupt channels. The cocktail of environmental degradation and elites actions have pushed the people to double jeopardy, because it has obliterated the sources of their livelihood. Hence, this is fueling more grievances and the endless crisis of militancy in the region despite the existence of Amnesty Program.