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SALLE :

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DUREE : 1h

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Nigeria, a former British colony that turned forty last October as an independent state, is experiencing a severe mid-life crisis which may yet lead to national suicide. *This House Has Fallen*¹ is a diagnosis of the malaise that is currently afflicting the country following one civil war, seven military regimes and three failed democratic experiments. In some cases, external actors have also played a dishonourable role in Nigeria's continued downward spiral.

Perhaps the most pernicious external operators are the foreign oil companies, led by Shell, who have approached the oil-producing areas of Eastern Nigeria with a ruthless disregard for the well-being of their inhabitants. Shell's use of substandard and environmentally unfriendly equipment and methods has resulted in a reported 40 per cent of its oil spills occurring in Nigeria, though it is present in a hundred countries worldwide. The livelihood of the people in these areas has been destroyed by polluted rivers and forests and oil-strewn fields. Farmlands have been seized without adequate compensation. Skin and respiratory diseases have been frequently reported.

TLS, February 2, 2001.

¹ *This House Has Fallen* is the title of a book about the crisis in Nigeria.