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Abstract: The Niger Delta conflict has come into global limelight for some time. The peoples have been agitated over the sordid acts of ecocide by the oil multinationals, resulting from oil explorations without expected economic vantages and physical development in turn. The recent occurrences of militia formations, their attacks of oil installations and kidnap of expatriates working in the oil wells, have added an interesting but dangerous twist to the crisis in the region. This paper curiously questions the failure of government to tackle the environmental issues that have culminated in the dangerous twist of nationalism, and counts the economic costs of this on Nigeria. The major recommendations in this study include- the consideration of people-based interests in the conduct of Nigeria's foreign policy, and the shifting of presidential power to the oil-producing states, which have never produced Nigeria's president.