

TRANS AMADI SLAUGHTERHOUSE

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IMAGE 1

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IMAGE 2

Trans Amadi Slaughter is the largest abattoir in the delta. They kill thousands of animals a day, roast them, cut them up and prepare the meat for sale throughout Rivers State and the rest of the delta. Nearly all of the workers here, especially the meat handlers, are Hausa and Yoruba, mostly muslim too. In the delta fish was traditionally the main source of protein, but as fish stocks have dwindled due to pollution from oil and over fishing, meat is becoming more common in the delta.

IMAGE 3

Cows bleed out as they are tied up in restraints.

IMAGE 4

A worker stands in a pool of blood from the nearby animal carcass.

IMAGE 5

The carcasses of freshly killed goats are roasted by the flames of burning tires at Trans Amadi.

IMAGE 6

A young worker carries the body of a goat through the smoke filled grounds of the Trans Amadi Slaughterhouse.

IMAGE 7

A worker stands amongst the dead bodies of recently killed animals. Nearly all of the workers here, especially the meat handlers, are Hausa and Yoruba Muslims.

IMAGE 8

A boy selling drinks at the slaughterhouse.

IMAGE 9

A worker carries a fresh goat carcass to the fire pit for roasting.

IMAGE 10

Workers labor amongst the heavy clouds of smoke polluting the air.

IMAGE 11

Piles of horns and bones are testament to the number of animals slaughtered daily at Trans Amadi.

IMAGE 12

A Muslim worker stands in a pool of animal blood at the Trans Amadi Slaughterhouse.

IMAGE 13

Slaughterhouse workers crudely dismember the freshly killed animals.

IMAGE 14

Workers skin the carcasses of freshly killed livestock at the Trans Amadi Slaughterhouse.

IMAGE 15

A group of workers at the slaughterhouse who work in cooking the skins of animals.

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