

# Offshore Platform No. 10

## Case study from Azerbaijan

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A devastating fire on offshore Platform No.10

in the Gunashli field  
owned and run by  
the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic  
(SOCAR)

As a result of the incident  
among oil and gas workers

12 persons died

19 persons are  
still missing

# The Rights-holders

- **The workers who died or those who are missing, and their heirs and families**
- **Workers who are still working at the Guneshli field**
- **Workers in other fields of SOCAR**

# The Stakeholders

- **'28 May' OGPD**
- **Relevant NGOs, local authorities and potentially also emergency services**
- **Complex Drilling Trust**
- **Transportation Department**
- **Caspian Catering Service**
- **Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Population (Labour Inspectorate)**
- **Oil and Gas Industry Workers Union.**

# Human rights risks inherent in the company business model

Right to a  
healthy  
environment

Right to  
health, life  
& work

Right to  
land,  
housing &  
property

Right to  
freedom of  
expression

Right to  
water

The rights of  
oil and gas  
workers at  
risk of being  
adversely  
affected:

- the right to life
- the right to work in a safe and healthy environment
- the right to freedom from discrimination
- the right to an adequate standard of living
- the right to life
- the right to a fair trial/an effective remedy

The rights of  
of the  
families of  
workers at  
risk of being  
adversely  
affected:

- the right to respect for family life
- the right to an adequate standard of living
- the right to an effective remedy

1.

What should have been done to prevent the adverse impact:

- **Conduct a human rights impact assessment**
- **Develop and implement a human rights policy**
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- **Engage with affected communities and stakeholders**
- **Monitor and report on human rights impacts**
- **Grievance mechanisms**

2.


Steps  
that the  
company could  
have taken to  
minimise the  
adverse impact  
of the situation:

- **Conducting regular risk assessments**
- **Improving emergency response and evacuation plans**
- **Ensuring the maintenance of lifeboats**
- **Providing regular training to workers**
- **Engaging with affected communities and stakeholders**

3.

Steps that the company could have been taken to mitigate the impact and avoid similar incidents in the future:

- **Providing adequate compensation and support to affected individuals**
- **Improving emergency response and evacuation plans**
- **Ensuring the maintenance of lifeboats**
- **Providing regular training to workers**
- **Engaging with affected communities and stakeholders**



The case study of the fire  
on Platform No. 10  
in the Guneshli field in Azerbaijan  
highlights the importance  
of human rights considerations  
in the operations of companies.

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