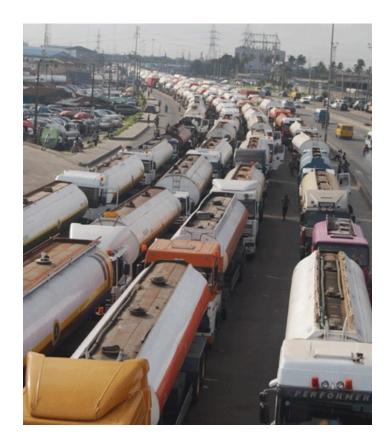
## It's beginning to look a lot like Lagos



It's beginning to look like Lagos especially without snow In the English town of Dover, the people have come to see how gridlock inevitably follows when their roads are tuned into giant serpent-shaped lorry parks.

A tiny virus sits atop a metaphorical Trumpean wall We don't see it or hear its voice In the chorus of laughter flooding in from around the world The Lagos tankers wait patiently to load up with petrol.
Our politicians and business people have ensured that the oil we insist on sucking up from below we can spill on the soil but must ship thousands of miles away to be refined before being sold back to us.



It makes no sense until you remember that a few grow stupendously rich in the process.
You can count them all on the fingers of a few hands: in Lagos, London, New York, Paris, and all those other great cities.

They all know each other, and we know many of them. In Lagos and Abuja, they don't care that they are known, for they are brazen and shameless, and they have friends in those other cities, to help them hide our wealth

Those friends are different, not just in skin colour, but in the sense that they at least have the decency – (excuse me)

 they at least make an effort to be discreet, to appear honourable.

But now, even that is changing.

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They give contracts to their cronies, and we are forced to buy health care from those who only yesterday were selling weapons of mass destruction, who care nothing for the hundreds of thousands who die, whether from the virus or the bullet.

They care not either that we see them, that we know who they are that we know that they know that we know.
They too are brazen They too are shameless.

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But they are blind.
They are deaf, and they are also fools.
For as the virus lays waste to the lives of many and more wealth flows into the coffers of a few a tipping point, a bursting point will surely arrive and the boil will explode again

Yes, it's beginning to look a lot like Lagos even when there's snow.