TOXIC WASTE IN ABIDJAN

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John James of the BBC has just written a good piece on the aftermath of the toxic waste scandal that hit Abidjan two years ago.Â I visited Abidjan a few months after the toxic waste was dumped at sites around the city, and on the way out to a friend's house, I caught a smell of the revolting stuff. It caught in my throat, made me cough and generally felt pretty awful. And I was just driving withing a kilometre or so of one of the dumps. I know a number of people who were pretty seriously ill because of the chemicals and there were a number of deaths.

It is horrific to realise that two years on, the waste still hasn't been cleaned up and the people who are suffering from the effects have not yet been compensated.

Read John's report here.