ABIDJAN TOXIC WASTE: THE BBC GAGGED

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Carter Ruck, the solicitors for Trafigura, the people responsible for dumping toxic waste in Abidjan have obtained an injunction forcing the BBC to withdraw all references to a Newsnight report on the affair from their website. Carter Ruck are the solicitors who attempted to gag reporting about questions on this subject in the British Parliament a couple of months ago. On that occasion, they withdrew their injunction after a campaign on twitter and blogs (story here and my thoughts here).

The people of Abidjan who suffered from the dumping of toxic chemical waste in the open across a large, densely populated city should not be forgotten just because a rich company can afford high-flying lawyers. Thankfully, the BBC Newsnight report on on the incident is available on YouTube (or you can read a transcript here).

Can I encourage other bloggers to post this video?

Update: Matt Wardman has the latest news on this (18 December 2009)