

Apology broadcast by the BBC on BBC2's "Newsnight" programme,
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"In May of this year we reported on the oil trading company Trafigura and the disposal of waste in Abidjan in the Ivory Coast. We claimed that the waste caused a number of deaths, miscarriages and other serious and long-term injuries. Following the settlement of a personal injury action brought by residents of the Ivory Coast, we have reviewed the evidence and Trafigura's response to our allegations. We accept that the independent experts who have considered this matter in detail were unable to establish any link between the waste and these serious consequences. We withdraw those allegations and apologise to Trafigura."