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Benalmádena ice rink manager says he was unaware of any anomalies in refrigeration towers

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As the Torremolinos court continues its investigation into the Legionnaires outbreak in Benalmádena which killed three people in 2007, Adolfo Giménez, the director of the ice rink complex which proved to be the source of the disease, is reported to have told the court on Tuesday that he was unaware of any anomalies in the refrigeration towers.

A lawyer for the Spanish patients' association told reporters that Giménez, who declined to make any comments to journalists himself, said in court that the complex was closed down following a health inspection on the last Friday in June 2007. An order then came from Benalmádena Town Hall on the Monday ordering provisional closure to determine the source of the outbreak. It was found to be the refrigeration towers.

Representatives from the company responsible for the towers' maintenance are called to court next month.

The complex was closed for more than a year 18 people were taken ill with Legionnaires Disease. Three of them – two Britons and a Spanish man from Asturias – later died.