



Children who disappeared and were likely murdered at the Khmer Rouge prison S-21.
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'It's hard to tell you the story because it brings back the feeling of helplessness... people need to know in order to avoid genocide happening again.'

*Var Hong Ashe,
survivor of the Genocide in Cambodia.*

Genocide in Cambodia 1975-1979

The fate of Cambodia shocked the world when the radical Communist Khmer Rouge entered Phnom Penh in April 1975. Attempting to create 'year zero', the Khmer Rouge forced those who lived in cities into the countryside – what we now call 'The Killing Fields'. Children were separated from their parents, and those considered educated were murdered. Doctors, lawyers, teachers and even those who wore glasses were targeted by the regime. In the space of four years, over two million people were murdered in Cambodia.
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