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Genocide in Cambodia under the Pol Pot Regime

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0. The Object of This Report

To report the genocide in Cambodia under the Pol Pot regime (1975/04/17-1979/01/06) and the reconciliation efforts of Cambodian people after the collapse of the Pol Pot regime.

1. Until Pol Pot Came to Power

1930, Establishment of Indochinese Communist Party (ICP)

1951, Establishment of Khmer People's Revolutionary Party (KPRP) from ICP

mid-end of 1960's, KPRP's political power and membership became very limited

= a factor that younger member like Pol Pot rose to the party's top

1970, “Lon Nol coup d'etat”

→ Sihanouk declared the establishment of National United Front of Kampuchea (NUFK)

1975/04/17, NUFK troops entered in Phnom Penh

1976/04, Sihanouk resigned as head of state

Pol Pot was announced as new prime minister of Democratic Kampuchea

2. Death under the Pol Pot Regime

Estimated tolls under the Pol Pot regime (during three years eight months and twenty days)

= 100 million to 200 million (150million to 170million ?)

= about 13% to 29% of the population at 1970

2-1. Classification Based on Place and Way of Death

- (1) persons imprisoned in S-21
- (2) persons killed at rural area
- (3) death from disease or weakening

2-2. Classification Based on Reasons

- (1) because of different ethnic group (non-khmer)
- (2) because of 'New People'
- (3) because of 'Enemy'

3. Reconciliation Efforts after Pol Pot regime

1978/12, Establishment of United Front for National Salvation of Kampuchea
(UFNSK)

1979/01, Top members of Pol Pot regime fled into Cambodia-Thai border area
UFNSK / Kampuchea People's Revolutionary Party (KPRP) declared
the formation of People's Republic of Kampuchea (PRK)

3-1. KPRP/PRK's anti-campaign to 'Pol Pot, Ieng Sary group'

1979/08 People's Revolutionary Trial of 'Pol Pot, Ieng Sary group'

political control of novels and journalism

'Pol Pot, Ieng Sary group' who continued anti-government guerrilla war

= Enemy which PRK nationals should fight in union to keep the national unity

3-2. Confession of Former 'New People'

Written in English or French by former 'New People' settled as a refugee

3-3. Reconstruction of Relationship among People in PRK, esp. in Villages

4. Concluding Remarks

4-1. Research activities about the genocide in Cambodia have concentrated in S-21.

Prisons in rural have been hardly revealed.

4-2. Existing image about the Pol Pot era should be reexamined.

Existing image have been formed almost all from confession of former 'New People.'

4-3. Reconciliation efforts under KPRP/PRK regime should be more concerned.

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