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VIET CONG MURDER TELLECTUALS, CAMBODIAN PROFESSOR CHARGES (222)

CANBERRA -- EVERY TEACHER IN CAMBODIA HAS A PRICE ON HIS HEAD, AND THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE KILLED MORE THAN 80 MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, A PHNOM PENH UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR CHARGES.

"TEACHERS ARE INTELLECTUALS AND THE VIET CONG DO NOT WANT ANY INTELLECTUALS TO SURVIVE," DOCTOR LY KIM LONG EXPLAINED TO A CANBERRA CONVENTION OF THE "CONCERNED" ASIAN SCHOLARS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

"THEY HAVE KILLED MORE THAN 87 TEACHERS, INCLUDING MY OWN TWO NEPHEWS -- YOUNG MEN OF 22 AND 23 YEARS OF AGE -- WHO WERE MURDERED LAST NOVEMBER," THE CAMBODIAN HISTORY PROFESSOR CHARGED.

CAMBODIANS WERE STUNNED, DR. LONG SAID, WHEN THE VIET CONG LAUNCHED OVERT ATTACKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AFTER THE OUSTER OF HEAD OF STATE PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK EARLY LAST YEAR.

"THEN THE AMERICANS CAME AND CLEANED OUT THE COMMUNIST SANCTUARIES, AND WE SOON REALIZED THAT THE AMERICANS HAD HELPED SAVE OUR COUNTRY FROM COMMUNIST DOMINATION," DR. LONG SAID.

DURING SIHANOUK'S REGIME, DR. LONG SAID, THERE WERE "MANY VIET CONG" IN CAMBODIA, AND SIHANOUK'S POLICY OF PROVIDING FOOD TO THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS CAUSED A RICE SHORTAGE.

THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA, DR. LONG SAID, "IS VERY POPULAR BECAUSE IT IS REALLY ROOTING OUT CORRUPTION. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH CORRUPTION THERE WAS UNDER SIHANOUK."

THERE IS VERY LITTLE POPULAR SUPPORT OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN CAMBODIA, DR. LONG SAID. "EVEN THE KHMER

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(CAMBODIAN COMMUNISTS) ARE DESERTING THE VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE AND ARE BEGINNING TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM," HE NOTED.

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