

The West's responsibility to the people of Cambodia

THIS and future British governments must do everything in their power to ensure that the present followers of Pol Pot never come to hold any political power in Cambodia again. No government Minister or Prime Minister in Britain should believe that it can do business with moderate leaders of the present Khmer Rouge, since no 1945 post-war British government could ever have said that it could do business with the Nazi Party if it came back to power.

If this government continues its present policy towards Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge, regains political power in the future, the history books of the future may say that Western governments, including this British Government, were partly responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent Cambodian people.

I hope that this and future British governments will listen to what the Cambodian people want and how they feel about the return of the Pot Pol regime before formulating any policy towards the country.

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