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A French doctor who worked in Phnom Penh said yesterday that Prince Sirik Matak and Premier Long Boret were shot after the Khmer Rouge took over the Cambodian capital.

Dr. Bernard Piquart, chief surgeon at the Calmette Hospital in Phnom Penh, also said that he had seen 300 bodies with throats cut in the capital's central market.

Piquart made his comments on French state television soon after crossing the Thailand border with the last batch of foreign refugees.

"Sirik Matak and Long Boret were shot at the sporting club of Phnom Penh opposite the Phnom Hotel. I saw 300 bodies with their throats cut in the central market place in Phnom Penh," he said.

The doctor, who continued to work in the hospital after the city fell to the Khmer Rouge on April 17, said: "I looked after Khmers hurt in the back by grenades. They told me 'you've had it if you make a mistake.'"

He said that he had also treated French women raped by communist troops.

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