

NY Post Doctor Has No Proof On Atrocity Charges

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BANGKOK, May 9 — A French doctor said today he could not substantiate statements attributed to him that former Cambodian leaders Long Boret and Sirik Matak were shot by a firing squad in Cambodia, that Kmer Rouge forces slit the throats of 300 persons and raped French women, then forced broken bottles into their vaginas.

Bernard Piquart, chief surgeon at a French-run hospital in Phnom Penh, reportedly made the remarks in an interview with French television that has not yet been broadcast. Le Figaro in Paris printed an account. Piquart, interviewed here by Agence France-Presse today, said that he talked too much and had "never seen all that."

The firing squad report came to him second hand, he said, and he was "mistrustful" of it. He had seen no bodies, he said, and he knew of only one or two women who had been raped. He did not repeat the charge about the broken bottles.