

Urban Exodus Complete,  
Cambodia Refugees Say

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At least a dozen participants in the march have managed to break away and make their way to the Thai-Cambodian border in the last two weeks.... In interviews with Western and Thai intelligence officers ... they described life in Cambodia following the capture of Phnom Penh by Communist forces on April 16.

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Enough food, particularly rice, had been stored\*at various points along the line of march to feed the millions who had taken to the highways. This was confirmed by the Western journalists who had left in the caravan from Phnom Penh and took a similar route in trucks to the Thai border.

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The refugees who were interviewed said that they had been well treated and never wanted for basic food, principally rice.

And they said they had never seen evidence of brutality on the part of the communist officers.

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[by the Khmer Rouge]

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SFEEx 25 May 75.

"Starvation in Cambodia," by William  
Goodfellow, NYT 14 Jul 75.