

2,000 Flee to Thailand From Cambodian Town

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27 (AP) — More than 2,000 Cambodians who lived in the little town of Pailin crossed into Thailand during the last four days because they could not endure forced labor, torture and starvation, a Thai doctor taking care of them said today.

Dr. Thongyai Sawasdichai, in charge of a refugee camp in Chanthaburi Province about 130 miles southeast of Bangkok, said Thai border policemen seized a large number of rifles from the barefoot refugees when they arrived.

The newcomers, who were put in a new camp in Chanthaburi, bring the total number of Cambodian refugees in Thailand to more than 8,000.

Pailin, in Battambang Province, is near the border. Dr. Thongyai said some of the refugees told him they got Communist guards drunk, killed them and fled.