

## Reflection Paper

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### Episode 1

This radio program is a great platform where people, especially, the young people who born after KR could understand more about the situation at the time. Plus, they can get to know the basic background which benefits for their study as well as general information.

More importantly, the program has also mentioned about the case 002 at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal which included the penalty on beating and starving humans in KR. Comparing to my generation, I could feel how hard it is to live at that time, or even dead is easier. Starving is a kind of cruel penalty; however, it is ignored in the court while it tends to focus more on direct physical violence.

All Cambodian people are forced to work hard to gain more yield of rice, yet they all are not allowed to have enough food to eat. To this point, it keeps me a doubt. I always wonder why KR leaders decide to do such thing. To me, starving kills people indirectly and silently.

### Episode 2

According to the second 2, I happen to know that a million of Cambodian people were killed because of starvation during KR. That's not the small amount; therefore, having enough and balance food is very important to humans to survive.

I was shocked once I listen to the story in part two called "Once the Starvation Comes". Human ate human. It scared me, and I almost dare not to finish this episode.

Having born in this generation, I have never ever thought of such a cruel performance. People don't want to do so, but they have to. Else they choose to dead in starvation. Mrs. Krouch Sam An's story has been revealed. I guess, there must be more cases happened. I did ask my mom about this case, she said she used to hear about that too.

### Episode 3

Come to episode 3, another corner of KR I have learnt.

People just want food to eat; therefore, they dare to do everything. In that situation, people have to make a very tough decision whether or not to eat what they were provided or to find something else to eat secretly. However, to find food themselves is banned; once they are caught, they'll be punished or even killed.

The KR leaders can't even mange their followers. Instead of reforming their policy to fit the situation, those leaders choose to blame their followers.

Move to Sao Van's story which is about her kindness. Van is totally different from the others in KR. She is very helpful to her surrounding people. Honestly speaking, for what I have known before, I hardly heard there such a kind-hearted person because her kindness might kill her, instead.

#### Episode 4

Go through this episode 4, I get to know about elements of crime of genocide and what performances will be judged as the genocide.

According to this part, the writer linked and compared the starvation to genocide. And the starvation is counted as a main part of genocide under the conditions and the will made by KR leaders.

People in almost every corner of Cambodia are forced to work without giving enough food. The KR leaders seem to ignore the point that starvation could kill people day by day. However, these performances are judged as crimes against humanity.

Do all the people in KR are bad? It is what we all are wondering; therefore, the answer could be found in this episode. "No" is the response to this question. Just like Sao Van in episode 3, Pouch is kind and helpful person. Though he lived in a very hard time, he dared to help his surrounding people.

#### Episode 5

This part is also talking about the starvation. It means that starvation during KR is the main focus at that time. This starvation is counted as a crime against humanity. The crime against humanity refers to whatever ways that kill the huge amount of people, and it's seen during KR.

Having gone through those 5 episodes of Radio program produced by DC-Cam, I have known many things I have never known before. I find out that this radio program focused on famine; therefore, I hope the famine will be consider to judge on court since famine could kill people eventually and indirectly.