

Pol Pot Quotes

*People, Mistake, Struggle, Country, Enemy, Wish, Looks, Disease, Leader,
Cambodia, Pot, Savages, Sick, Want, Gains, Loss, Grass, Dies, Hurt,
Medication*

Better to kill an innocent by mistake than spare an enemy by mistake.

~Pol Pot

I did not join the resistance movement to kill people, to kill the nation. Look at me now. Am I a savage person? My conscience is clear.

~Pol Pot

He who protests is an enemy; he who opposes is a corpse.

~Pol Pot

Since he is of no use anymore, there is no gain if he lives and no loss if he dies.

~Pol Pot

We will burn the old grass and the new will grow.

~Pol Pot

To kill the grass you must also remove the root

~Pol Pot

If you have a disease of the old society, take a dose of Lenin as medication.

~Pol Pot

Exterminate the 50 million Vietnamese and purify the masses of the [Cambodian] people.

~Pol Pot

I want you to know that everything I did, I did for my country.

~Pol Pot

Hunger is the most effective disease.

~Pol Pot

No gain in keeping, no loss in weeding out.

~Pol Pot

When I die, my only wish is that Cambodia remain Cambodia and belong to the West. It is over for communism, and I want to stress that.

~Pol Pot

In Khmer we have a saying that when one is both quite sick and old there remains only one thing, that you die.

~Pol Pot

If you wish to live exactly as you please, the Angkar will put aside a small piece of land for you.

~Pol Pot

The first time I heard of Tuol Sleng, it was on the Voice of America. I listened twice.

~Pol Pot

I came to join the revolution, not to kill the Cambodian people. Look at me now. Am I a violent person? No. So, as far as my conscience and my mission were concerned, there was no problem.

~Pol Pot

I'm quite modest. I don't want to tell people I'm a leader.

~Pol Pot

Even now, and you can look at me, am I a savage person? My conscience is clear.

~Pol Pot

I do not reject responsibility - our movement made mistakes, like every other movement in the world. But there was another aspect that was outside our control - the enemy's activities against us.

~Pol Pot

The Vietnamese... wanted to assassinate me because they knew without me they could easily swallow up Cambodia.

~Pol Pot

The sick are victims of their own imagination.

~Pol Pot

If someone is very hungry, the Angkar will take him where he will be stuffed with food.

~Pol Pot

It's up to history to judge.

~Pol Pot

I'm quite satisfied on one thing: If we had not carried out our struggle, Cambodia would have become another Kampuchea Krom in 1975.

~Pol Pot

I came to carry out the struggle, not to kill people.

~Pol Pot

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