Journal of a Cambodian Genocide victim

It was only a few months ago that Pol Pot gained control over the Khmer Rouge. He has decided to make Cambodia into Communist society. A society with no religion, family, or money. He says he is ridding us of ‘social evils’. Anyone well educated is to be executed. They are taking all of us and our families to killing centers. My mother and father were taken from their homes just yesterday. I can’t imagine where they are right now. I know that I will most likely never see them again. I am so afraid of what may happen to my children. My friend had her children taken from her just last week. I have seen one of these killing fields. They shoot the children and throw their bodies into deep holes. They burn people alive. They torture them. These hopeless souls are dying for no apparent reason at all. I hold a deep despise for the ruler of our country. I will never understand what could possibly convince anyone to do this to their people. What could make them think this is okay? Every day I live in fear, and I know in my heart that this is only the beginning. I pray every day that I will soon awake this nightmare in Cambodia, because I am not sure how much longer I can last.