



Today in History

April 16, 1975

▲ **Khmer Rouge guerrillas seized the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, beginning a reign of terror in which around two million people died**

1883: Paul Kruger became president of the South African Republic

1943: In Mexico, Jacques Monard was sentenced to 20 years in jail for the murder of Leon Trotsky

2003: The World Health Organisation confirmed that a new coronavirus had caused the global SARS epidemic

2007: A gunman shot dead 32 people at Virginia Tech university in Blacksburg, Virginia, the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history