

**IMAGES OF THE FOUR “PEACE” WINDOWS,  
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The windows are a sequence of four, viewed from the same imagined place in rural Cambodia, and spanning seventy years. The recent history of Cambodia is symbolically expressed by what happened in and to that landscape in 1970, 1971, 1979 and imagine will happen by 2040.

Each window has the same elements....a sapling, a huge old fig tree, hills, a Khmer temple, a village, rice fields, and a playground.

The changes in each window become linking symbols and metaphors.

Each window is 92 cm high x 72 cm wide.

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## WINDOW 1

Title “Calm”

Date “December 9, 1970, 8.45 pm”

**Inscription** taken from a conversation in the White House, Washington, United States of America.

*US Secretary of State, Kissinger.* “And I will get the bombing campaign laid on for tomorrow”.

*US President, Richard Nixon.* “I want them to hit everything. I want them to use the big planes, the small planes.... and let’s start giving [the Cambodians] a little shock....”

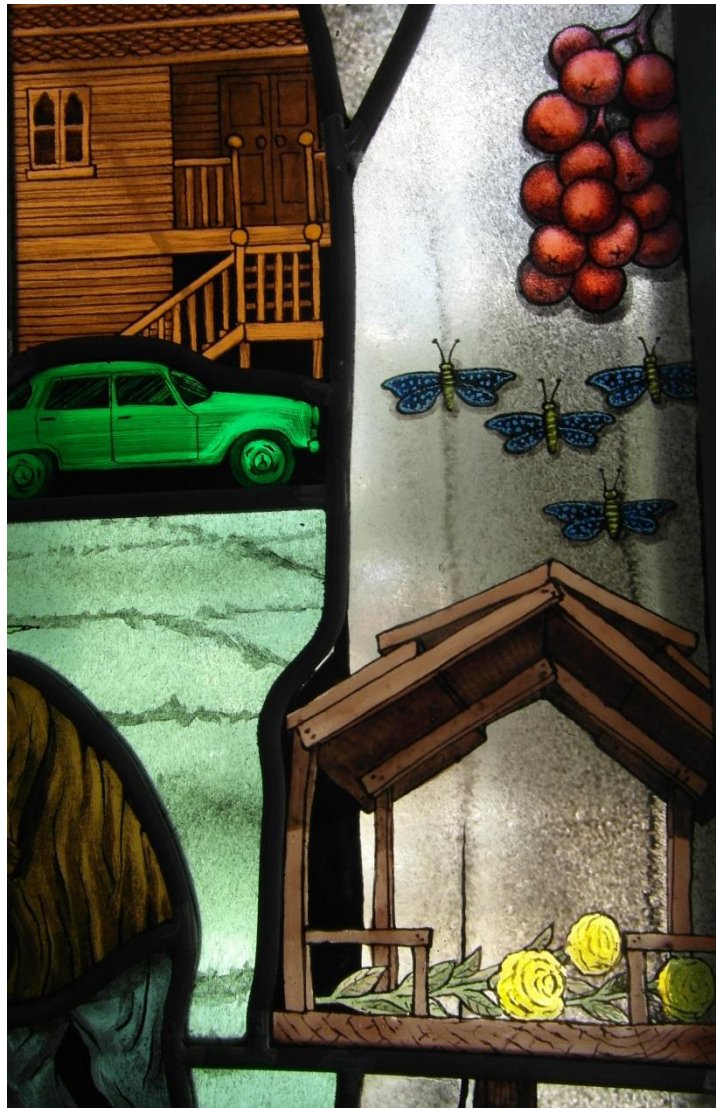
*Kissinger.* “Absolutely”.













## WINDOW 2

Title “Destruction”

Date 1970

Inscription. Text taken from Wikipedia.

“Only the pilots and navigators of the aircraft (who had been personally briefed by General Gillem and sworn to secrecy) knew of the true location of the targets. The bombers then flew on to their targets and dropped their bombs”.













### WINDOW 3

Title "Chaos"

Date 1979

Inscription

"Better to arrest ten innocent people by mistake than free a single guilty party".

"No gain in keeping, no loss in weeding out".

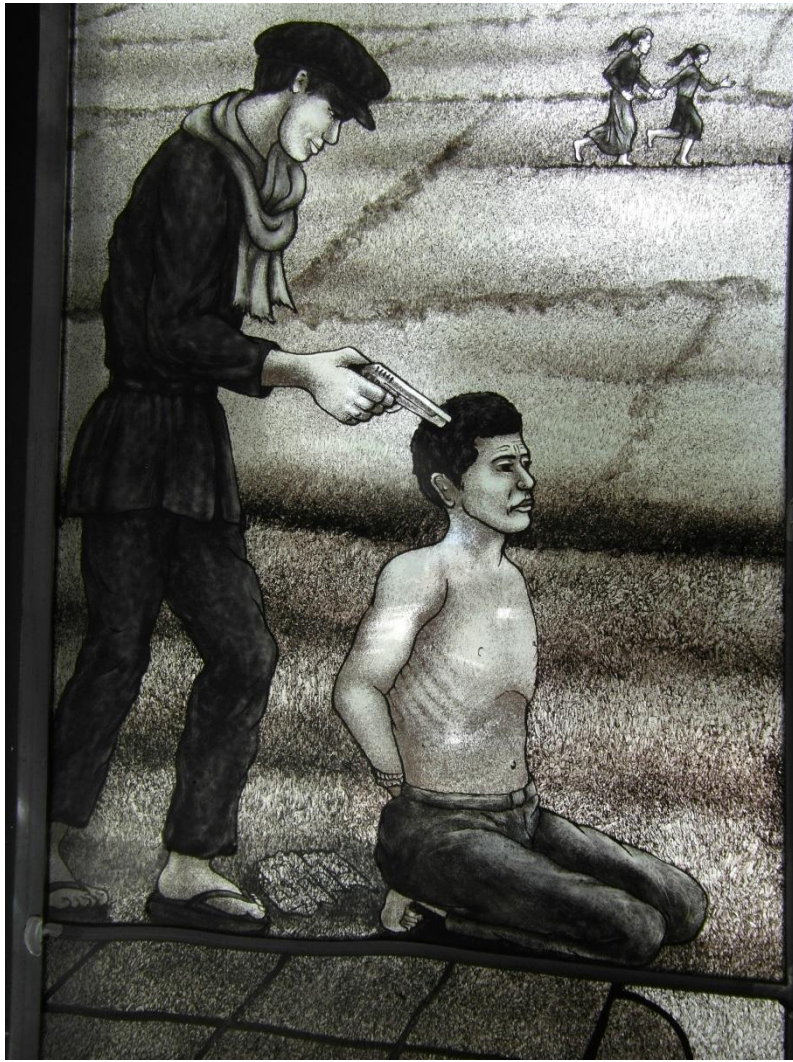
*Khmer Rouge sayings.*

















## WINDOW 4

Title “Recovery”

Date “2040”

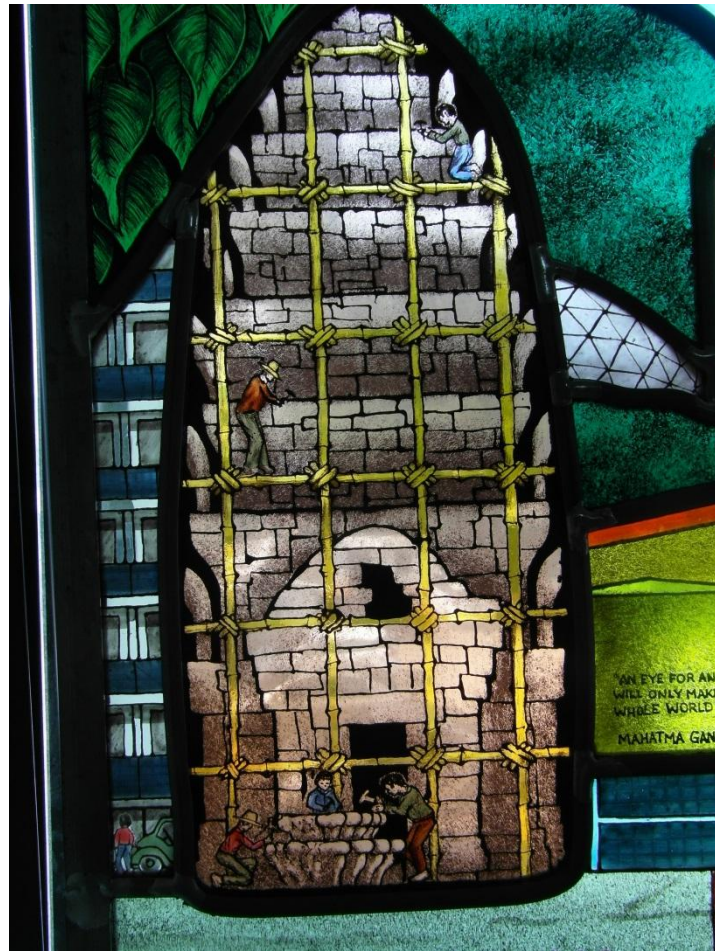
### Inscription

“Peace is very precious. National unity is very important. You cannot build democracy in just one or a few years, it takes generations.” 2016.

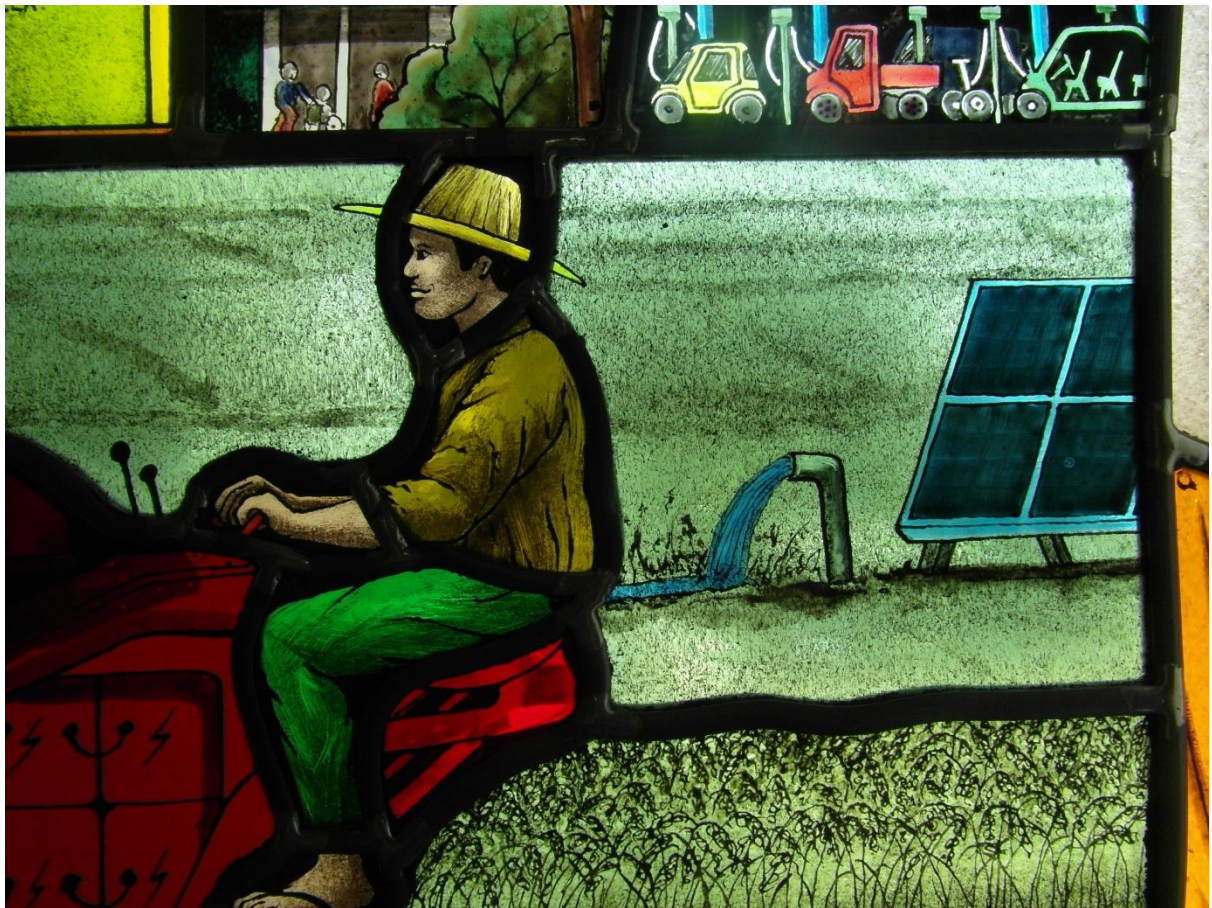
*His Excellency Mr. Ieng Mouly, Senior Cambodian Government Minister and Chairman of the National AIDS Authority.*















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