

Interview 4 - Lee Pao Xiong (age 16)2.4 Interview - Lee Pao Xiong

Lee Pao Xiong, a sixteen year old Hmong male, was working in a field during the time of the attack. He did not see the aircraft but claimed that it was a jet from the sound of the engines. He did not see any substance descend to the ground but later noted small sticky yellow spots on nearby vegetation and on the ground. Although none of the substance had landed on him, Lee Pao Xiong thought that he inadvertently brushed against some contaminated material. He did not vomit or develop diarrhoea, but his eyes became swollen and runny, he had a sore throat and his nose felt irritated. He had some difficulty in breathing. Lee Pao Xiong developed small skin lesions on his front torso. More seriously, he developed small lesions like burns on his left leg. These lesions developed into a massive sore that has not healed. At the time of interview, it was still very painful and itchy. It continued to fester.

Lee Pao Xiong claimed that he saw sixteen people rapidly die in his village. Plants and animals in the area of the village also were affected with some pigs, chickens, ducks and water buffalo dying.