

**S2420 SAIGON - YEAR OF THE CAT (GREAT BRITAIN, 1983)**  
**[TV]**

**Credits:** director, Stephen Frears ; writer, David Hare.

**Cast:** Judi Dench, Frederic Forrest, E.G.Marshall.

**Summary:** War melodrama set in Saigon in early 1975 - the year of the cat. CIA agent Bob Chesnau (Forrest) cannot convince his superiors that an all out NVA offensive is imminent. He and his British girlfriend Barbara Dean (Dench) are forced to find a way out before their world goes up in flames. E.G. Marshall plays the American ambassador who waits too long for a negotiated settlement and ends up leading the final evacuation from the embassy roof.

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