

Pussy Riot Lambasts Putin and Russia's Oil Industry in New Video

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Video: Pussy Riot's new action "Like a Red Prison"

Punk band Pussy Riot took aim at President Vladimir Putin and how he runs Russia's oil industry Tuesday in its first video for almost a year.

In the video posted on Youtube, four members of the feminist art performance group climb up gas flares and dance on oil pipelines, wearing their trademark brightly colored masks, short dresses and tights.

The band, two of whose members are in jail over a protest in Moscow's main Russian Orthodox cathedral in February last year, pour what appears to be oil over a portrait of Igor Sechin, head of state oil firm Rosneft, in the video called "Like a Red Prison."

Criticizing the close relationship between Putin and the Russian Orthodox Church —

the theme of their protest in Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral — they chant: "Your president is like an ayatollah in Iran and your church is like in the United Arab Emirates."

Group members accuse Putin of orchestrating a crackdown on dissent and persecuting political opponents since returning to the presidency in May of last year.

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