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Stalin Center Opens in Central Russia

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Former Soviet leader Josef Stalin

A culture center dedicated to Josef Stalin has opened in the central Russian city of Penza by local Communist Party (KPRF) activists, local party branch head Georgy Kamnev said, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday.

“The Center's goal is to popularize and implement the practices that were in use during Stalin times and are still relevant today,” Kamnev said.

At the center, Communists will host scientific conferences and public discussions to study Stalin's legacy and share it, the local KPRF leader told Interfax.

In September, Penza's Communist Party placed a Stalin monument in its office courtyard. The monument resulted in public outrage — locals filed a petition to the mayor demanding the monument be removed. However, the local authorities failed to take action because the monument was on private property.

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