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Minecraft Lenin Statue Riles Russia's Communists

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Russia's Communist Party wants to tear down a statue of Lenin in Siberia built in the style of a character from the popular Minecraft video game.

An art collective erected the cardboard monument in the city of Krasnoyarsk as part of a modern art project at a local state museum on Thursday.

The "Minecraft" Lenin stands atop one of the platforms — left arm extended — at the snowy entrance to the Krasnoyarsk Museum Center. The center was named after Lenin until the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

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The leader of Krasnoyarsk's Communist Party expressed outrage over what he took as a disrespectful depiction of the mastermind of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

He told the Govorit Moskva radio station that he planned to form a commission tasked with demolishing the cardboard statue and punishing its creator.

“This, of course, is a nightmare,” Pyotr Medvedev was cited as saying. “It’s blasphemy.”

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