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Russians Mourn 500,000 Buried in Mass Grave After Siege of Leningrad

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Russia marked the 76th anniversary of the Siege of Leningrad on Monday, Jan. 27. Mourners brought flowers to the Piskaryovskoye Cemetary, a mass grave where up to 500,000 victims of the siege are buried. Nazi troops encircled Leningrad – now St. Petersburg — for 872 days between 1941 and 1944, cutting of the city's residents from transport routes. Up to 1 million people died during the blockade from hunger, disease and enemy shelling.



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