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100 Years After Death, Lenin Lives On for Some Russians

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Communist revolutionary and co-founder of the Soviet state Vladimir Lenin died at age 53 on Jan. 21, 1924, following a series of strokes. One hundred years later, the Soviet leader still looms large for some Russians. Several dozen Russian Communists gathered at Lenin's Mausoleum on Red Square to mark the 100th anniversary of the revolutionary leader's death, carrying flowers and banners with the poet Vladimir Mayakovsky's famous line "Lenin lived, Lenin lives, Lenin will live!" The scene in the Razliv neighborhood outside St. Petersburg, where Lenin sheltered amid the violence of the 1917 Revolution, was more sedate, with statues of the first head of the Soviet Union left quietly to the snow. Here are photos from Sunday's commemorations:



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