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In Photos: Wagner Memorials Appear on Mutiny's First Anniversary

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On June 23, 2023, Prigozhin launched a shocking, short-lived mutiny against the Russian military leadership, whom he accused of incompetence in the war in Ukraine. He would die in a plane crash just two months later. Prigozhin, who was long known as "Putin's chef," underwent a significant transformation following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 as his Wagner mercenary group took a leading role on the front line. He made headlines with his frequent criticisms of the Defense Ministry and pioneered the practice of recruiting prisoners to fight for Russia — and despite his and Wagner's reputation for atrocities in war zones, he was supported by many Russians. Despite the Kremlin's fury over the mutiny, memorials dedicated to him and his military company continue to draw visitors and the attention of passersby. Here's a look at makeshift memorials in Moscow and St. Petersburg on Friday:



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