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In Photos: Artist Pavel Krisevich's Prison Drawings Go On Display in Amsterdam

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Pavel Krisevich is an imprisoned Russian performance artist and activist whose provocative works challenge the Kremlin and address issues such as censorship, human rights abuses and political repression. The 24-year-old was sentenced to five years in prison last year for staging a mock suicide on Red Square in which he fired blanks into his head after reading a manifesto condemning political repression. The Nobel Peace Prize-winning rights organization Memorial has designated Krisevich as a political prisoner. Krisevich continues to create art in prison, using his own blood, coffee, toothpaste and paint scraped from cell walls to draw on scraps of prison bedsheets. The scenes in his drawings reflect the bleak reality of his surroundings. The Moscow Times visited a recent exhibition of Krisevich's drawings at Galerie de Schans in Amsterdam:



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