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Moscow condemns vandalism of Soviet WWII cemetery in the Netherlands

The gravestones were defaced with insults directed at the leaders of Russia and Ukraine

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Russia has condemned the defacing of gravestones at a Soviet World War II military cemetery in the Netherlands.

The war memorial and around 150 gravestones marking the graves of POWs killed by the Nazis were vandalized with red paint in the town of Leusden on Friday.



A monument at a Soviet World War II military cemetery in Leusden, the

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They were defaced with neo-Nazi, white supremacist and anti-Communist slogans, as well as insults directed at Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky.

Netherlands, after it was vandalized on July 10, 2026. © Stichting Sovjet Ereveld

"There is no justification for such acts of vandalism," the Russian Embassy in The Hague told RIA Novosti.

Dutch Defense Minister Dilan Yesilgoz-Zegerius denounced the vandalism as *"completely unacceptable."*

"War graves are a final resting place and deserve respect," she said on X.

Van oorlogsgraven blijf je af. Punt. De bekladding van het Sovjet-ereveld bij voormalig concentratiekamp Amersfoort is volstrekt onacceptabel. Oorlogsgraven zijn een laatste rustplaats en verdienen respect.<https://t.co/N8wTbFsBSjpic.twitter.com/qEdrZonUnZ>

— Dilan Yeşilgöz-Zegerius (@DefensieMin) [July 10, 2026](#)

A total of 865 Soviet soldiers are buried at the cemetery, including 101 POWs who died of starvation or were executed by the Nazis at the nearby Amersfoort concentration camp.

The cemetery in Leusden was previously targeted by vandals in November 2021.

Multiple monuments to Soviet soldiers have been vandalized or demolished across Europe since the Ukraine conflict broke out in February 2022. Russian embassies and consulates have also been targeted by vandals.

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Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called the destruction of the memorial “*unacceptable for a civilized country.*”

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Low-class Dutchie.

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The Russian Orthodox Christian Slavs suffered the most at the hands of the Jewish Bolsheviks who took over Russia. The Nazis were almost as bad for the Russians as the Jewish Bolsheviks who killed tens of millions of Russian Orthodox Christian Slavs. At least the Nazis didn't desecrate and destroy over twenty thousand churches like the Jewish Bolsheviks did. The Jewish Bolsheviks also killed over a hundred thousand Russian Orthodox Christian priests and nuns. Both should be condemned in Russia for their crimes. Unfortunately, the Jewish Bolsheviks are barely condemned in Russia today. If it wasn't for the Jewish Bolshevik slaughter of tens of millions of Russian Orthodox Christian Slavs during the so called Russian Revolution, the population of Russia today would be at least 500 million people, as Putin rightly noted.

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 **Riomhaire-Ruairi-2025** 7/11/2026 at 6:16 AM

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Somehow — I doubt those buried even noticed ...

Answer: what about the 95-99% of German POWs who were worked to death / starved by



Anyway – what about the 95-99% of German POWs who were worked to death / starved by Stalin's regime for 10 YEARS after WW2 was over ... out of a few million only about 5,000 ever made it back home to Germany.
Now THAT is barbarism

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 **George** 7/11/2026 at 7:03 AM ↗

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After the unspeakable horrors and savagery that Nazi Germany inflicted on Europe **and especially Russia (Soviet Union)** it is remarkable that Germany was allowed to exist at all. Stalin was brutal but so was Nazi Germany.
Be grateful for small mercies.

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Wait until you find out about the Jewish Bolsheviks and their slaughter of tens of millions of Russian Orthodox Christian Slavs including over one hundred thousand priests and nuns.

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Ukanians did it.

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NSWP? National Socialist Workers Party?

Unfortunately, there is no respect left in the West for anything decent. I often wonder if the behaviour we see today, is the same as that in the 1930s, because there is no doubt it assisted the Nazis to come to power in Germany.