

In Photos: The Remote Arctic Settlement Where Alexei Navalny Spent His Final Weeks

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The late opposition leader Alexei Navalny spent his final weeks in the IK-3 prison colony (also known as Polar Wolf) in the town of Kharp, some 2,000 kilometers northeast of Moscow. He was transferred there in December from a prison in the Vladimir region in secret, with his whereabouts unknown for three weeks. His allies said the transfer to IK-3 — the most restrictive type of prison colony in the country — was an attempt to further disconnect Navalny from society as he served his 19-year sentence. The Moscow Times traveled to Kharp to photograph the remote town where IK-3 is located:



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