

Triple Sunrise Dazzles Northern Russia, in Pictures

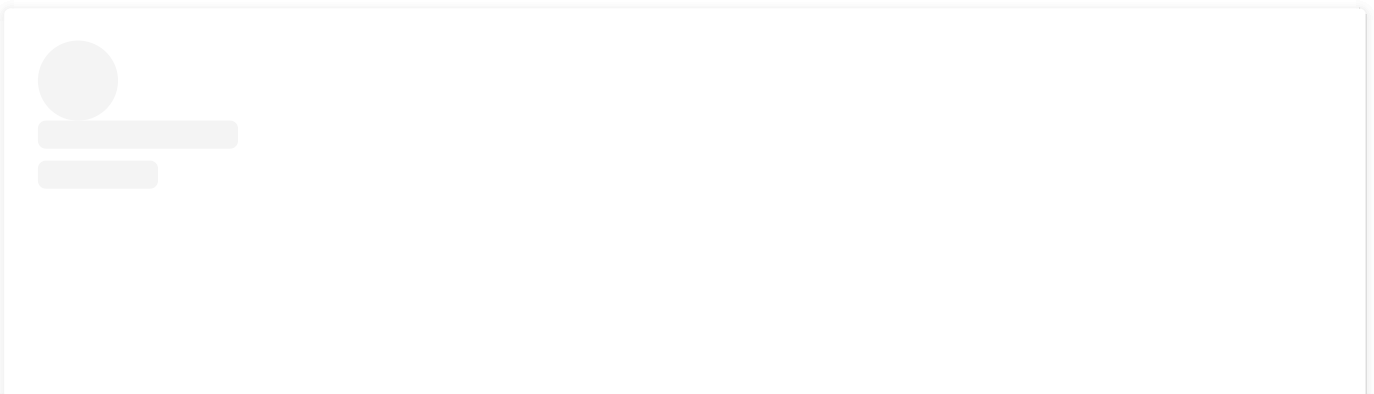
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Early risers in the Yamal–Nenets autonomous district were treated to an enchanting illusion of three glowing suns on Wednesday morning.

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The phenomenon is caused by tiny ice crystals refracting the light into the sky.

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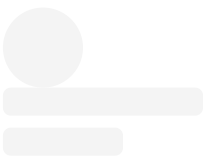
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Local residents captured the optical illusion — also known as sundog and parhelion — and shared it on Instagram.

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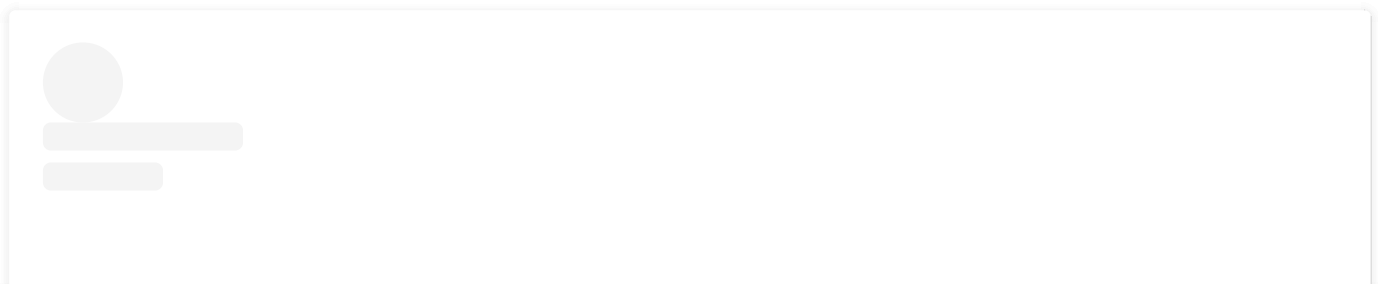
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