

Russians in Arctic Murmansk Welcome First Sunrise of 2021

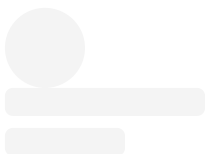
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Murmansk residents have developed the tradition of greeting the first sunlight of the year by heading to a local mountain. **Lev Fedoseyev / TASS**

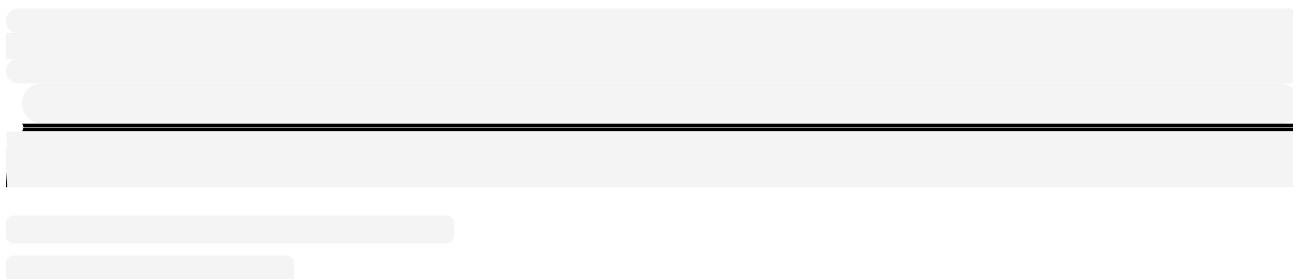
The first sunrise of the year dawned upon residents of Murmansk in Russia's Arctic as the 40-day-long polar night finally came to an end — if only for a brief 45 minutes.

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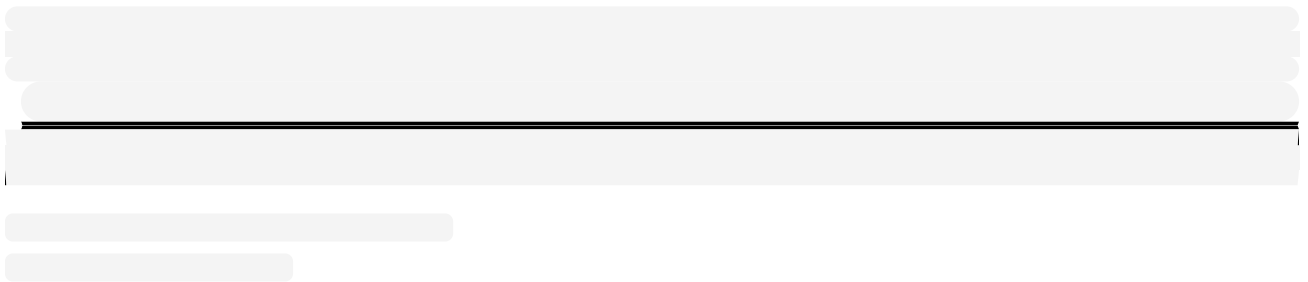
On Jan. 11, residents of Murmansk, the world's largest city above the Arctic Circle, rushed outside to greet the sunrise in what has become an annual tradition.

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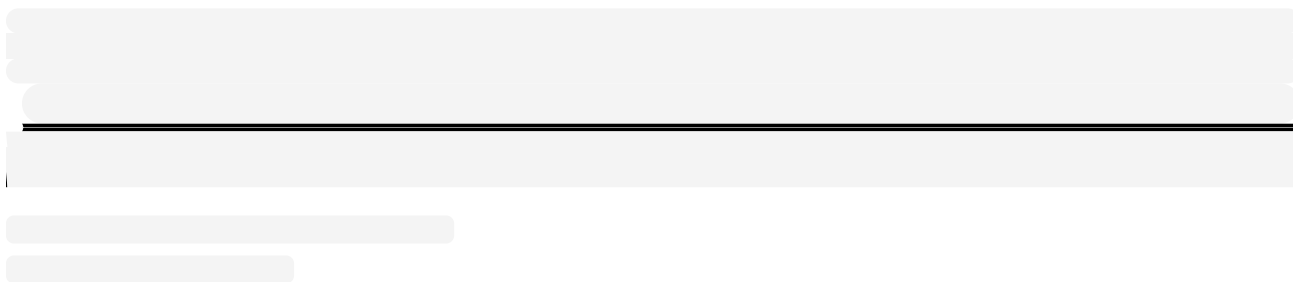
The sunrise looks even more stunning against the frozen northern landscape.

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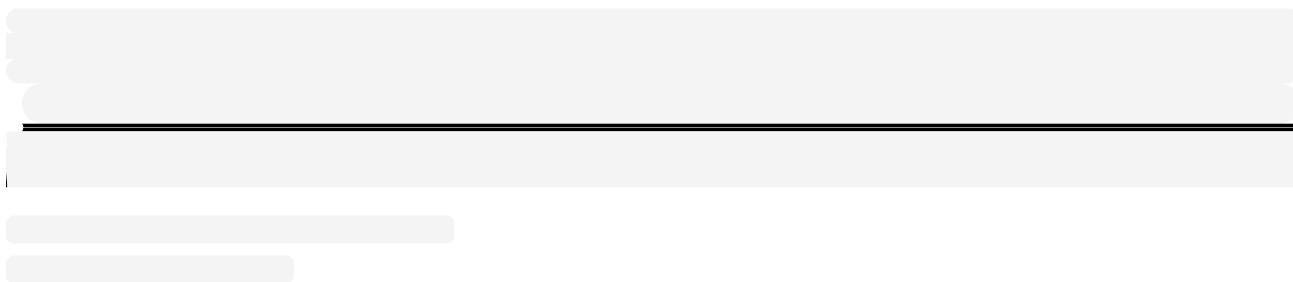
"Only a person living in the far north can appreciate and admire the first rays of the sun. The polar night ended in Murmansk today!"

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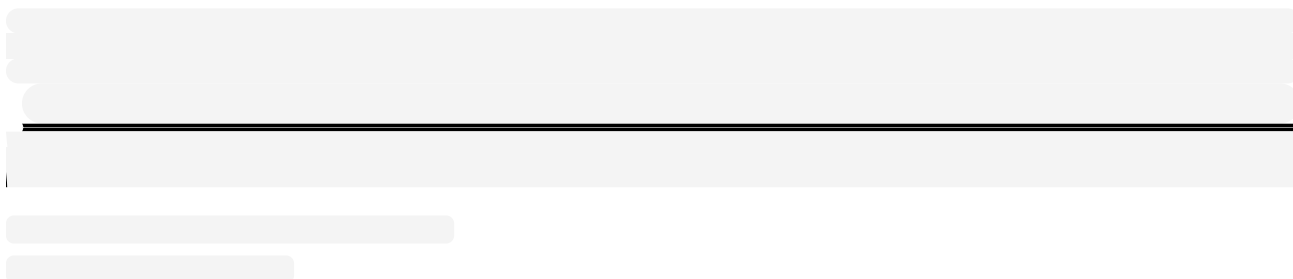
The Murmansk region is famous for its natural scenery: tundra, mountains and snowy taiga.

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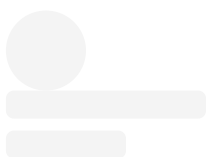
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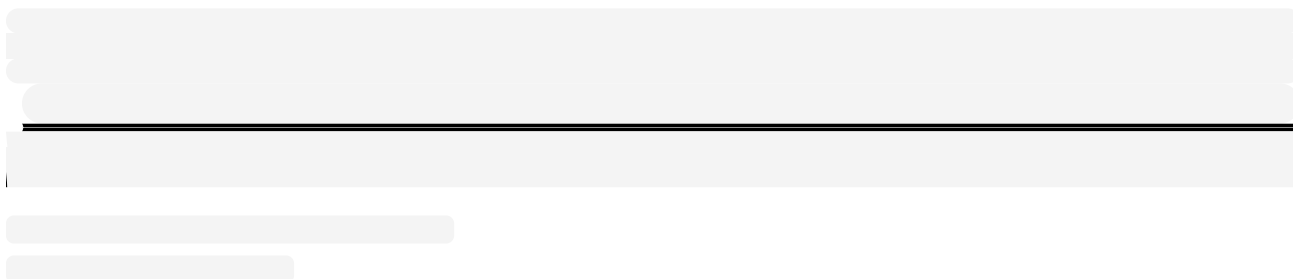
The rose-colored sky over the Murmansk region's steppe greets the end of the polar night.

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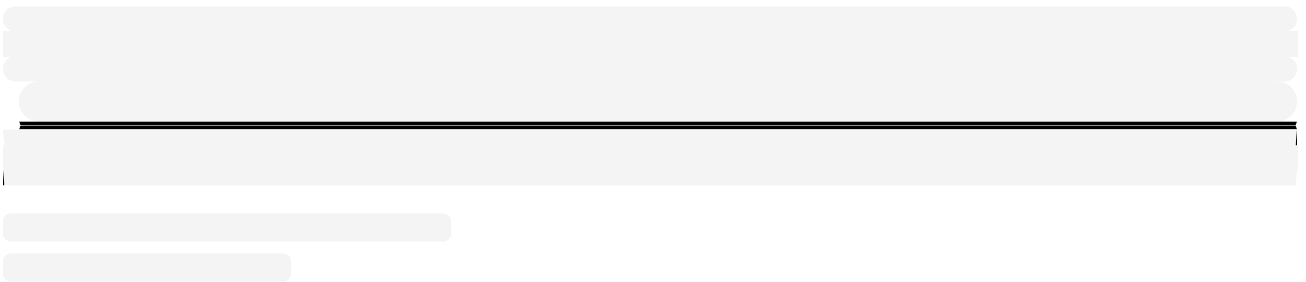
Greeting the end of the polar night with traditional wooden sculptures at a farmstead not far from the city.

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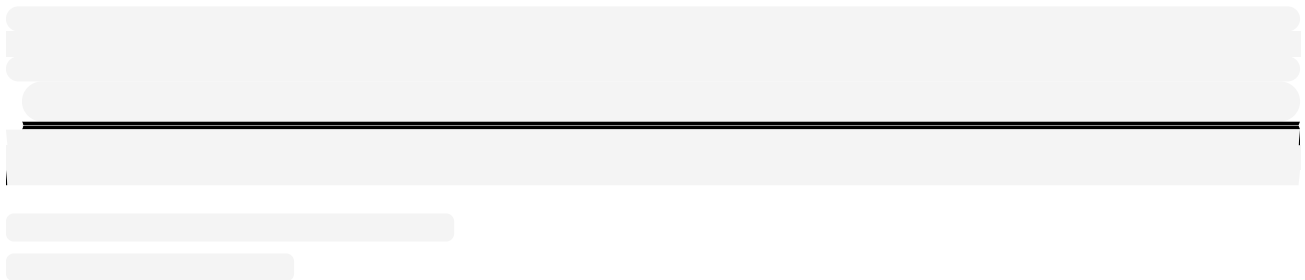
After 40 pitch-dark days, Murmansk residents get to start the first work week of the year under the sun.

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