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A breathtaking natural phenomenon recently turned Iran's Hormuz Island into a global talking point, as its coastlines transformed into a surreal blood-red landscape overnight.

About Hormuz Island

- It is a **hilly island of Iran** on the **Strait of Hormuz**, between the **Persian Gulf** and the **Gulf of Oman**, 8 km off the coast.
- It covers an area of 41.9 sq. km.
- It is known for its unique scenery and **colorful soil**, which has earned it the **nickname, "Rainbow Island"**.
- It is covered by **sedimentary rock and volcanic ash**.
- Because of the **lack of precipitation**, the **soil and water** on the island are **salty**.
- The **landscape** of Hormuz Island is **mostly red in color**. This is due to a **high concentration of iron oxide**, especially a mineral called **hematite**.
- **Whenever waves** from the ocean **hit the sands** of Hormuz Island, those **waves turn pink**.

- But although the island is well-known for its red landscape, it is **also known for various other colors**.
- **Colors to be seen** in the island's **sand and soil include red, gold, silver, and white**.
- It is **mostly barren**. **Hormuz village** is the **only permanent settlement**.
- **Fishing** is the **main source of income** on the island.
- **People native** to the island belong to an ethnic group known as the **Bandari**.

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