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Suspected oil spill seen on satellite images near Iran's Kharg Island export hub, Iran denies

The cause of the oil spill, which appears to cover the waters west of the 8-

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A satellite image shows likely oil spill covering dozens of square kilometers near Iran's Kharg Island, May 6, 2026.
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A suspected oil spill covering dozens of square kilometers of sea near Iran's main [oil](#) hub, Kharg Island, has been seen in satellite imagery this week, with *Maariv* on Friday citing an Iranian official as denying the report.

According to *Maariv*, the Iranian official said the claim was "false" and part of

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