

IT'S MANNA FROM A UFO IN THE HEAVENS

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STARVING Ethiopian refugees in the Sudan have been fed by food dropped from a flying saucer.

Well, so says a Japanese UFO research group, which has flown to the Sudan to interview the refugees.

The problem is the Japanese have no idea who or where the "lucky" refugees are.

The hunt was sparked off after reports reached Tokyo that a group of 5,000 refugees were on the brink of starvation when a UFO appeared overhead on Christmas Eve night, opened its cargo doors, and dumped bread on them.

Trekking

The nine-man Japanese team headed by Koza Kawal, an engineer from Tokyo is being assisted by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Kartoum.

The team represents the Tokyo-based special UFO Research Corps, a group of amateur and professional UFO watchers.

The hunt, called Project Cherry Blossom, has already taken the team to Ethiopia in search of the refugees who supposedly had a close encounter of the first kind while trekking across the desert.

The UFO Research Corps has donated about £100,000 to the UNHCR and other refugee relief organisations such as the Japanese Relief Centre in exchange for permission to hunt down the refugees in UNHCR camps in eastern Sudan.

Floated

"It will be hard work to track these people down, but we must go to the camps to find these people," said team spokesman Koji Kimura, a student from Tokyo.

"We have no idea where to find them, but we must try."

Kimura said reports reaching Japan about the incident have ruled out suggestions that the Christmas Eve food drop was done by helicopter or any other known craft.

"It was not an ordinary food drop because we understand from our sources the food floated down. It defied gravity," Kimura said.