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'UFO' gives fighter jet planes the slip

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TOP ZIMBABWE air force officers are convinced they have had a visit from outer space that showed them a clean pair of heels when chased by air force jets.

Air force fighter planes were scrambled last week after a "bright flying object" was sighted over southern parts of the country.

Air force commander Azim Daudpota said: "This was no ordinary unidentified flying object and scores of people saw it".

Two air force Hawk jets

moved to intercept the UFO, which streaked from 7,000 feet in less than a minute.

The orange-coloured UFO was tracked from the southern border town of Beitbridge to the southern city of Bulawayo, where air force and aviation and meteorological experts kept it in sight.

Daudpota said he was quite prepared to believe the UFO might have been a remote-controlled airship.

Bulawayo Airport control tower officials said the UFO seemed rounded with a short cone above it. No one managed to capture it on film.