

Brazilian ^{N.M.} UFO scare

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THE Brazilian Government scrambled fighter planes to chase multicoloured UFOs the size of ping-pong balls that sped over three Brazilian cities, the head of Brazil's air force said last night.

The objects showed up on the radar screens of the Government's Air Space Defence Centre, said Air Force Minister Otavio Moreira Lima.

"I can't give an explanation for this," said Moreira Lima, a Brigadier General, "because we don't have any.

"Since they had saturated our radar system in Sao Paulo and were interfering with air traffic, we decided to send up planes to pursue them," he said.

A pilot described the UFOs as "the shape and size of ping-pong balls flying at a speed of 840mph."