

UFOs Play Pingpong With Brazil's Jets

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Multicolored UFOs the size of pingpong balls were seen in the skies over Brazil on Monday and the government sent fighter jets to chase them, the air force minister said yesterday.

"Because they saturated our radar system in Sao Paulo and because they were interfering with air traffic, it was decided to send up planes to pursue them," said Brigadier General Otavio Moreira Lima.

One of the F-5 pilots reported seeing multicolored objects, Moreira Lima said, adding, "He reported that 13 of these objects accompanied his aircraft, seven on one side of his jet and six on the other side."

Another pilot described the objects as "the shape and size of a pingpong ball," reported TV Globo, the country's leading news network.

The jets, which also picked up the UFOs on their radar screens, tracked them for almost three hours but had to turn back when the planes started to run out of fuel, reported TV Manchete, another news network.

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