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War planes chase mystery UFOs

FIGHTER planes scrambled to chase multicoloured UFOs the size of ping-pong balls that sped over three Brazilian cities, Brazil's air force chief has revealed.

The objects showed on radar screens at the Government's Air Space Defence Centre, said air

force minister Otavio Moreira Lima.

Brigadier General Moreira Lima said: "I can't give an explanation for this, 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."

The air force dispatched four jets, two French-made

Mirages and two US-made F-5s, to pursue the UFOs, which were detected over Sao Paulo, Sao Jose Dos Campos and Rio de Janeiro.

The general said: "One of the F-5 pilots reported seeing objects that were multicoloured."

"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, interviewed by TV Globo, described the UFOs as: "The shape and size of ping-pong balls flying at a speed of 840 mph."

The jets chased the UFOs for almost three hours, according to TV Manchete, a news network, but had to turn back because they were running out of fuel.