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UFOs as tiny as pingpong balls chased in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Multicolored UFOs the size of pingpong balls were seen in the skies over Brazil and the government sent fighter jets to chase them, the air force minister said on television.

"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," Brigadier Gen. Otavio Moreira Lima said Wednesday.

The air force immediately dispatched four fighter jets — two Mirages and two F-5s — to find the unidentified flying objects, which the Air Space Defense Center had located over the cities of Sao Paulo, Sao Jose dos Campos and Rio de Janeiro.

One of the F-5 pilots reported seeing objects that he said were multicolored, 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 "the shape and size of a pingpong ball flying at a speed of (840 miles)," TV Globo, the country's leading news network, reported Wednesday.