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<BO> Strange sights over Shanghai <RO> [PAR]  
BEIJING (UPI) [MD] Shanghai residents say the city got its first visit of an

unidentified flying object but military officials who tried to track the mysterious spinning "plate" revealed no details of their findings, the Xinhua News Agency said Friday. [PAR]

Several witnesses claimed they saw a UFO passing over the city for around 40 minutes on Thursday evening, Xinhua said. [PAR]

"It was like an oval plate and sometimes a comet with a tail like an umbrella," the news agency quoted one onlooker as saying. [PAR]

Another witness said the object looked like a flying orange, but he saw it for only a few seconds before it spun clockwise and flew eastward, Xinhua said. [PAR]

A People's Liberation Army officer revealed that military aircraft took off to trace and observe the object, but he said no further information was available. [PAR]

Officials at a Shanghai meteorological station also reported sighting the UFO. [PAR]

"It was the first time for a UFO to visit the city," one meteorologist told Xinhua. [PAR]

Local newspapers quoted peasants in suburban counties as saying they also saw the object, Xinhua said. [PAR]

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