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# Shanghai's first UFO: a 'plate' in the sky

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BEIJING — Shanghai residents say the city got its first visit from an unidentified flying object, the Xinhua News Agency said. Military officials who tried to track the mysterious spinning "plate" revealed no details of their findings.

Several witnesses claimed they saw a UFO passing over the city for about 40 minutes Thursday evening, Xinhua said.

"It was like an oval plate and sometimes a comet with a tail like an umbrella," one onlooker told the

news agency.

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

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.

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

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

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