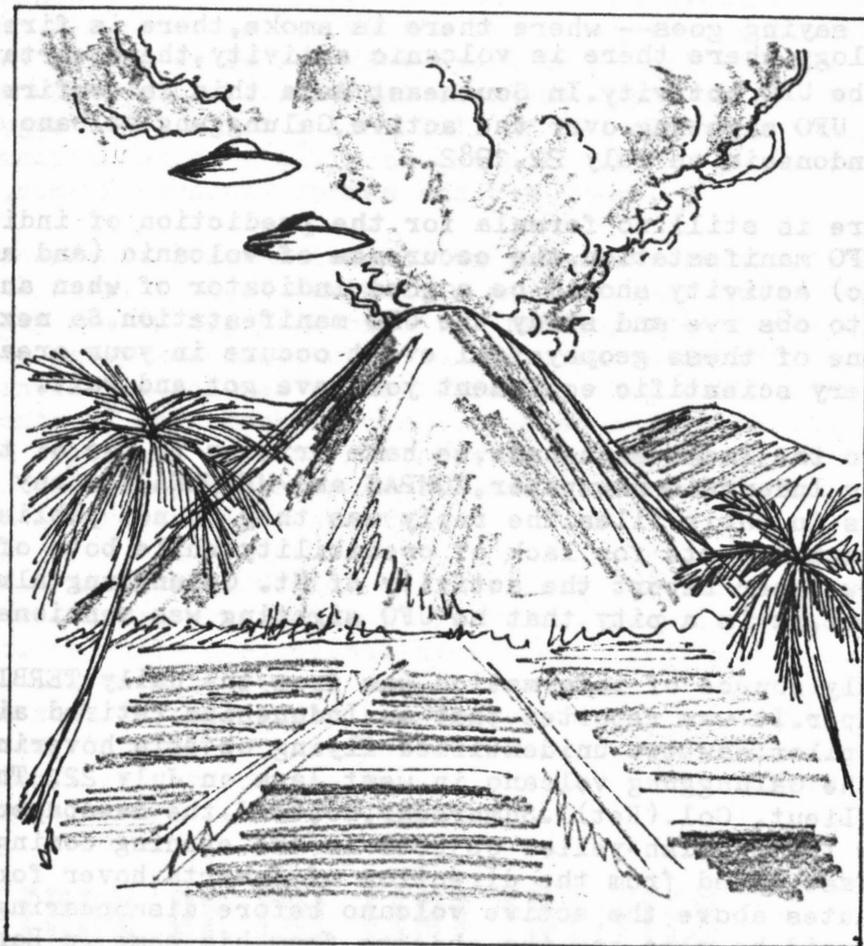


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# UFOs OVER GALUNGGUNG

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As the saying goes-- where there is smoke, there is fire. And in ufology, where there is volcanic activity, there certainly would be UFO activity. In Southeast Asia this is confirmed by the UFO sighting over the active Galunggung volcano in Java, Indonesia on July 22, 1982.

As there is still no formula for the prediction of individual UFO manifestation, the occurrence of volcanic (and also seismic) activity should be a good indicator of when and where to observe and study the UFO manifestation. So next time one of these geophysical events occurs in your area, get every scientific equipment you have got and wait.

Back to the Indonesian case, we have written to two of the leading Indonesian newspaper, KOMPAS and MERDEKA, for any UFO reports in their files. The reply was they do not publish or keep such reports for lack of credibility. While both of these newspaper report the activity of Mt. Galunggung almost everyday, it is a pity that no UFO sighting was mentioned.

The only source of information was from the daily TERBIT newspaper. It was reported that an Indonesian retired air force pilot saw two unidentified flying objects hovering over the Galunggung volcano in west Java on July 22. The pilot, Lieut. Col. (Ret) J. Sumarsono, 66, told the newspaper that he saw the reddish-yellow objects in the evening coming in at a fast speed from the direction of Jakarta, hover for about 10 minutes above the active volcano before disappearing quickly. He said he also saw the objects from his home in Bandung together with many people in the area.

# FIREBALL OVER EAST MALAYSIA

Documentation of UFO reports from East Malaysia has been a very slow process due to the fact that the population do not report or do not know where to report and the local press does not take interest on these types of events. But in August 1982, after a long lull of UFO sighting reports, the manifestation finally caught hold of the local residents, some government bodies and the press.

Our source of information is the press report. At 11.30 am at the small town of Sarikei in Sarawak, many people claimed they saw 'a big ball of fire' falling from the sky. A police party was despatched to the area to investigate. The investigation was unsuccessful as they could find no evidence of any crash. Checks were also made with the Aviation Dept. and private air charter companies but they did not receive any distress signal, had it been a helicopter crash as originally suspected.

The Meteorological Office believe that the fireball could be a meteorite even though it is seldom seen in broad daylight. Meanwhile one government official travelling in the area claimed that it was a distress signal fired by an express boat. Unfortunately there were no one on distress on that day. So what was the unidentified fireball doing over the small pepper town on 16 August 1982? The answer came one week later.....

## RETURN OF THE TINY ENTITIES

The following is the newspaper account of 26 August 1982 relating to a UFO encounter case in the same area as the 'fireball' incident.

..Police have quashed rumours that several small men were seen near an unidentified spacecraft in a durian(a type of tropical fruit)plantation about 20 km. from Sarikei over the weekend.

The rumours started after it was reported that residents here had seen a 'fireball'last week.However,the fireball was later identified as a flare signal.Police said following that,several primary 3 pupils said several 'midgets' with exceptionally large heads were seen in a durian plantation near the school.

At least two of the pupils stuck to their story when interviewed by their teacher.Two days later,more of the 'beings' were seen near a spacecraft to be as large as a classroom. However,police believe that the story could have been made up by the pupils because the durian plantation is out of bounds to the children and the headmaster had heard that some of them had been there.

It is understood that the pupils could have been looking for the durians when they saw the 'little people'.....

## UFO OVER IPOH?

On January 24,1982,five witnesses saw a strange light while jogging early in the morning.This sighting occurred in the town of Ipoh,a place that has its share of the UFO manifestations on several occasion in the past.

The UFO was described as looking like the planet Saturn with three rings around it.It was first sighted near a red star then it was seen descending slowly and at the same time revolving.

On the three rings,the witnesses saw 3 bright lights shining like starlight.They observed the object for some time until it disappeared at 6:38 a.m.

SOURCE: The Sunday Times 24 March 1982.

## UNIDENTIFIED FALLING OBJECT IN THAILAND

A major UFO wave strike the Southeast Asian region in 1979.Most of these sightings were concentrated during the first half of the year.During this same period came an interesting report from Thailand.

According to an AP report,an unidentified object landed near the Gulf of Thailand causing panic among the residents who thought it was part of the American Skylab falling to earth.

A resident reported that a cylindrical object made a loud whistling noise before it hit the ground.Residents also said several other pieces fell into the water.

SOURCE:The New Straits Times,19 June 79.

### FOREIGN UFO REPORT IN THE MALAYSIAN PRESS

## UFOs in Perth

PERTH — Two Australian families are convinced that they have seen the same big, unexplainable flying object moving in a brilliant ball of light over a similar point on Great Eastern Highway.

Both say that the object was moving only at treetop height and was big enough to straddle the road.

They also claim that it was moving at no more than 20kmh and made no sound.

By coincidence, the families say that the sightings were made almost a year apart to the day and were both about 47km from Perth — about half way to Northam.

An Air Force spokesman confirmed that a detailed report of the latest "sighting" has been made to the RAAF base at Pearce. The report was being investigated by the "unusual aerial sightings officer".

He said that he was impressed by the manner in which the report had been detailed.

The report was made to the RAAF by Mr Andrew Potocznyj, who had been driving his family home to Northam, east of Perth.

He said that he was accompanied by his wife Glennis, and three children.

"It started off in the sky some distance ahead and looked like a brilliant star, then it dropped down in altitude and came slowly directly above the highway," he said.

The other sighting was reported by Mr Gary Carter who was with his wife Cheryl and three children.

He described the object as "like a Hercules plane . . . glowing brilliantly . . . but without wings, a tail or a nose." — WAN.



Mr Potocznyj showing a sketch of the UFO. He is with his wife and children

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# MALAYSIAN IFOs

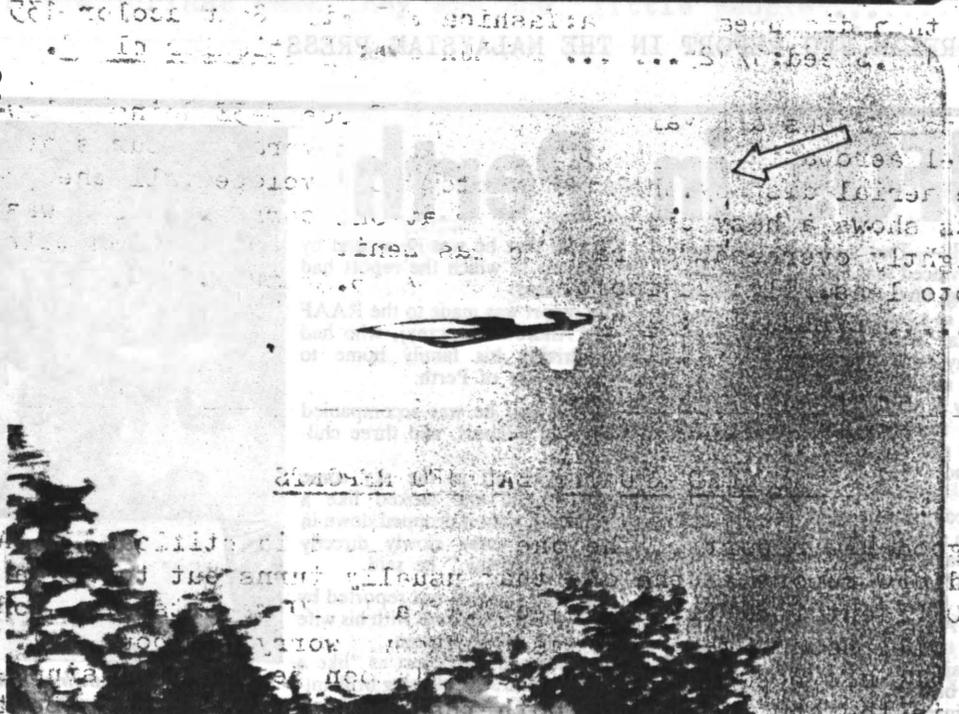
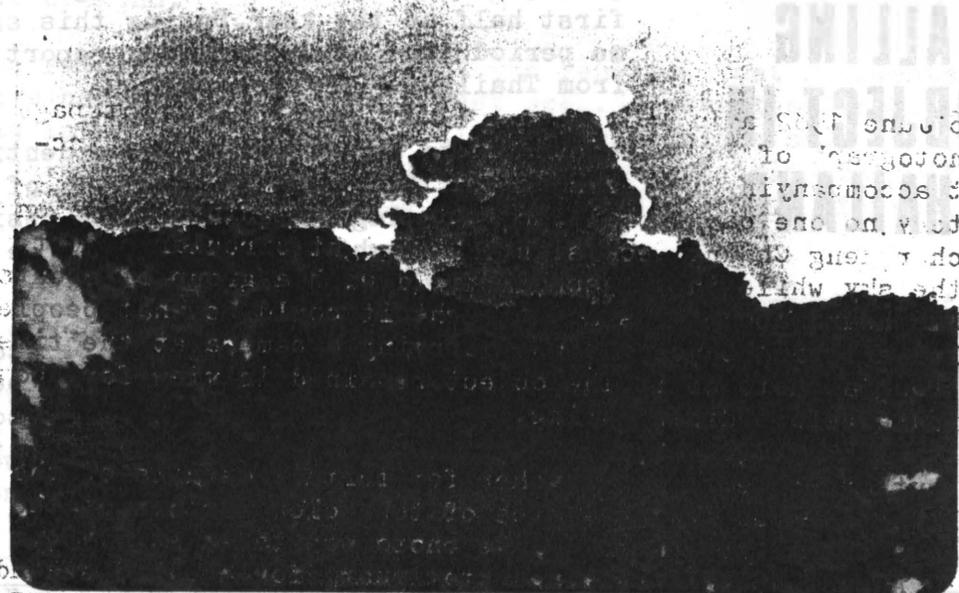
On 6 June 1982 a local newspaper carried on its front page a photograph of an anomalous bright object. The short account accompanying it reads as follows: This UFO is still a mystery no one can explain. In Raub's Chung Ching School, one teacher, Heng Chiang Teck, sighted a bright circular object in the sky while in the school field with a group of scouts. He has heard about UFOs and thought it could be what is called a flying saucer. He was carrying a camera at the time and took a photo of it. The object remained in view for about 1 minute before disappearing.

The author wrote to the teacher for further details of the sighting and received 2 copies of the colour prints of the strange thing (see photo 1). The photo was taken at 6.15 pm on 30 August 1981. It remained stationary for about 6 seconds and then disappear. Camera: Yashica FX3. Film: Sakuracolor 135 ASA 100. Speed: 1/125. .... EVALUATION: Lenticular cloud.

Photo 2 shows a Royal Malaysian Air Force F-5E doing a low-level aerobatic. The photographer took several pictures of the aerial display. When the photo was developed, all the prints shows a hazy circular image at one corner. The sun was slightly overhead. Camera used was Zenith E with 300mm telephoto lens. Film: Fujicolor. Speed: 1/125. Aperture: f 11. .... EVALUATION: Lens flare.

## THE GOOD AND THE BAD UFO REPORTS

A good UFO report is the one that resist identification. A bad UFO report is the one that usually turns out to be an IFO (identified flying object). If all UFO reports are good, we will soon have a nervous breakdown (worrying about it). If all UFO reports are bad, we will soon be out of business. It is the combination of both that keeps us all going. I wish to all.....



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