

UFO was rocket — exper

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A "UFO" passing over Johannesburg this week was in fact the upper stage of a Russian rocket, a British academic said this week.

The flaming, south-moving object caused alarm as it streaked from Zaire to Johannesburg on Wednesday night. Weather officials called its appearance "inexplicable".

Speculation on what it might range from an alien spacecraft to a meteorite. However, a re British teacher and acknowledged expert on the Russian space programme said it was neither.

Mr Geoffrey Perry, speaking in the Daily Telegraph in London said: "This so-called UFO was of a Zenit rocket which was launched from Baikonur on August 26."