

# Chinese pilot encounters UFO while trying to land

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AN alarmed Chinese pilot trying to land his plane in south-western Guizhou last month found himself on a collision course — not with another aircraft, but a brightly-coloured UFO, a report seen yesterday said.

The Boeing 737's anti-collision system detected a strange object two nautical miles from the plane and flying directly towards it as the pilot flew at 4,000 metres while preparing to land at Guiyang airport, the *Nansang Daily* said.

Before the pilot's eyes, the object mutated from a lozenge to a round shape and changed colour from yellow to red as it came within a nautical mile of the plane. Turning off the 737's alarm system, the report said.

The pilot quickly changed direction and landed safely at the airport, but the object re-

mained on the plane's radar screen for another hour before disappearing into the Dushan mountains on Guizhou's border with southern Guangxi, it said.

The airport control tower reported no other planes in the area at the time and, after consulting with the relevant departments, the local authorities concluded that the pilot had met with an unidentified flying object (UFO), the newspaper said. The incident happened one morning in February, it said.

A similar mutating UFO was spotted in a forest north of Guiyang in November, it said.

China has recorded more than 5,000 sightings of UFOs, or one eighth of all those spotted around the world.

The country hosted its first international conference on the subject here last August, urging closer monitoring of the skies for extraterrestrial spacecraft.