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//((CTK REPORT: "DESTRUCTION OF A SATELLITE?"))

((TEXT)) UHERSKY BROD -- SINCE SATURDAY ((19 JANUARY))

OBSERVATORIES IN SOUTH MORAVIA HAVE BEEN RECEIVING REPORTS ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS PHENOMENON. EYEWITNESSES CLAIM THAT ON FRIDAY 18 JANUARY BETWEEN 2317 AND 2320 ((2217 AND 2220 GMT)) THEY NOTICED A SHINING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IN THE SKY. IT LOOKED LIKE A COMET'S TAIL FROM WHICH BURNING PIECES WERE OCCASIONALLY FALLING. THE OBJECT WAS RELATIVELY HIGH UP AND MOVED QUICKLY, ROUGHLY FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. IT GLOWED LIKE THE FULL MOON. THE FLIGHT WAS ALSO OBSERVED BY ASTRONOMERS WHO ASSUME THAT THIS PHENOMENON INVOLVED THE DESTRUCTION OF A SATELLITE OR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, PART OF ONE WHICH BURNED UP WHEN IT REACHED THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE.

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