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051. Tethered helium balloon

An incident involving a large, tethered helium balloon attraction in Germany has been reported in which the balloon, flying hundreds of feet over Berlin, was blown back and forth by strong winds. 19 passengers and the ride operator were in the balloon basket at the time as the operator endeavoured to bring the balloon back down to the ground. The steel cables tethering the balloon slowly reeled it in and back to ground level. No injuries were reported but some passengers were treated for shock.

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2016/05/04/terrified-passengers-huddle-in-helium-balloon-as-winds-whip-popular-tourist-ride-over-city/>

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