

Havana syndrome linked to Russian unit

The mysterious Havana syndrome ailment that has afflicted U.S. diplomats globally may be linked to a Russian intelligence unit, a joint media investigation has found

WHAT IS HAVANA SYNDROME?

■ Illness gets its name from Cuba's capital Havana – where staff at U.S. embassy (*right*) first reported falling ill in 2016 – though new evidence suggests first cases occurred in Frankfurt, Germany, in 2014

■ **Symptoms:** Include nausea, dizziness, headaches and ear pain. More than 1,000 cases reported worldwide

■ **2022:** Report by U.S. intelligence community finds some cases of illness may be caused by “directed energy” fired from hidden devices



HAVANA SYNDROME OCCURRENCES (selected)



LINKS TO RUSSIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

■ **Mar 31, 2024:** Joint media investigation alleges that brains of U.S. diplomats may have been targeted by Russian sonic weaponry

■ Evidence suggests that members of Russia's **Unit 29155** were placed at scene of reported health incidents involving U.S. personnel

■ Investigation also concludes that senior members of Unit 29155 were rewarded for efforts related to “non-lethal acoustic weapons”