

# *The saga of the syndrome in a notorious election year*

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As in soap operas, what were once called "sonic attacks" in Cuba break out in chapters in the hegemonic press, and now an additional one emerges.

The government of the largest of the Antilles reacted swiftly and forcefully to the publication of a journalistic investigation in three Western media, in which it is claimed that Russia is responsible for the alleged incidents.

It referred to alleged health eventualities primarily of U.S. diplomats in Havana from 2016.

Its exposure to the public light served as a pretext for former President Donald Trump to halt the normalization of relations with the Caribbean country, initiated during the Obama era.

Cuba described as an unfounded political operation the report on what is now presented as "Havana syndrome", linked to Russian intelligence, according to the new invention.

Such accusation comes, according to a CBS program, from retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Greg Edgreen.

The deputy director for the United States of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, Johana Tablada, considered that the publication seeks to revive conspiracy theories that only serve to justify the blockade and other sanctions against the Caribbean archipelago.

The current move, like a new chapter in the saga, seems to be aimed at inscribing it in the global Western anti-Russian campaign.

Secondly, it is suspicious to bring up a topic already exhausted in an election year, in which political interests are seeking the votes of the extreme right of the Cuban emigration.

And it is an exhausted topic because personalities and entities in the North American country and in Cuba ruled out that the exposed health incidents were sonic attacks.

A report by several U.S. intelligence agencies in March 2023 concluded that it was unlikely that a foreign power was behind it.

A renowned Cuban scientist, Mitchell Valdes-Sosa, investigated the strange symptoms and ruled out that diplomats in this capital were attacked.

Valdes-Sosa said that the most recent alleged journalistic investigation does not provide serious elements to think of a new disease caused by a mysterious energy.

The conclusions have been formulated and introducing other tendencies only favors political interests bent on asphyxiating Cubans.

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