

## Havana Syndrome: What We Know Now

The Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)'s **Center for the Study of Intelligence and Nontraditional Warfare** welcomes you to a special one-day conference dedicated to unraveling the truth and implications of the Havana Syndrome.

This conference will gather **medical and national security experts, investigators, and actual victims** of the syndrome to examine the AHI attacks and consider what the national security community should learn from these incidents.

### We will examine the critical questions:

- **What happened?** Defining the clinical and operational reality of Anomalous Health Incidents (AHI).
- **How did it happen?** Assessing the competing theories—from directed energy attacks to environmental factors.
- **What are the national security implications?** Analyzing the impact on personnel, trust, and U.S. operations abroad.
- **What lessons should be learned?** Determining the necessary changes in threat detection and personnel care.

The United States Government has not officially named a culprit nor determined the causes of AHI. The FPRI conference will delve into this issue to consider what the national security community **should learn** from these incidents.

FPRI welcomes you to be part of the audience. This is a unique opportunity to listen as our distinguished participants examine the Havana Syndrome attacks and to **present your own questions** to the experts and victims during Q&A sessions.

- **Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026**
- **Time: Full Day Conference** (Details to follow upon registration)

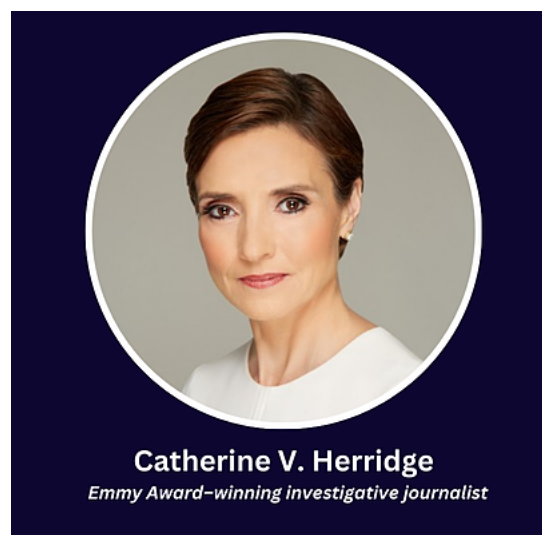
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For relevant background on this complex issue, we encourage you to read this article: **Havana Syndrome: The History Behind the Mystery** (<https://www.fpri.org/article/2024/04/havana-syndrome-the-history-behind-the-mystery/>)

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