

SUMMARY OF HEAVY SNOWFALLS IN THE WORLD (NON UK) 2001

Monday 1 January 2001

Heavy snowfall brought down power lines in north-east Poland, cutting electricity to some 12,000 homes. Up to 40 cm of snow fell across many parts of the country. Also a blizzard affected northern China killing 20 people, with thousands more snowed in and cut off from food supplies. Up to 35 cm of snow fell in Mongolia, blocking roads and disrupting communications.

Sunday 7 January 2001

Heavy snow affected South Korea. Up to 43 cm of snow fell across many areas causing numerous travel delays. In Seoul, 15 cm of snow fell making it the worst snowstorm to hit the country in more than 20 years.

Saturday 20 January 2001 - Sunday 21 January 2001

Heavy snow occurred across Mongolia. The snow left 29 people dead and 800 others injured. The snow also left thousands of livestock dead threatening the livelihood of thousands in this agriculturally based country. Heavy snow also occurred across north-eastern districts of the U.S.A. Snow accumulations totalled 8 cm in both Baltimore and Washington D.C., while New York City saw a snowfall of 20 cm. Up to 25 cm of snow occurred across the Cape Cod area.

Thursday 25 January 2001

Up to 5 cm of snow fell across many districts of Iran. The snow even affected the capital of Tehran causing numerous traffic accidents.

Saturday 27 January 2001

Heavy snow affected many parts of Japan. In Tokyo, 10 cm of snow fell, resulting in traffic chaos, causing 20 injuries and the cancellation of 200 flights. In the Yamanashi Mountain region, up to 60 cm of snow fell.

Tuesday 30 January 2001

Heavy snow fell across the Northern Plains, U.S.A.

Wednesday 31 January 2001

In Kabul, Afghanistan, heavy snow up to 20 cm fell across the city.

Monday 5 February 2001

Heavy snow fell across north-eastern districts of the U.S.A. The snow caused massive traffic delays resulting in the death of several people. Snowfall totals included 76 cm in Charleston, New Hampshire, 64 cm in Westfield, Massachusetts, 48 cm in Oxford, New Jersey and 27 cm in Hartford, Connecticut.

Thursday 15 February 2001

Heavy snow affected South Korea with 24 cm of snow falling across the capital of Seoul. The Korean Meteorological Administration reported it was the heaviest snowfall for the country since the 28 January 1969. The snowfall cancelled flights, caused traffic delays and halted ferry services.

Friday 16 February 2001

Seven people were killed when a factory roof collapsed under the weight of heavy snow in Kostroma, Russia. The accident occurred after several days of wet snow accumulated on the roof of the building. Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. had a snowstorm that deposited 13 cm of snow. Mountain areas outside the city sustained up to 30 cm. The snow knocked out power to more than 10,000 customers and closed schools early for President's day weekend. Seattle last experienced a snowstorm on this magnitude in 1995.

Thursday 22 February 2001

Heavy snow fell across Washington D.C., U.S.A. causing a traffic accident that involved 130 cars and trucks. One person was killed and 11 other people were injured. The accident backed up traffic more than 14 miles on Interstate 95.

Friday 23 February 2001

Very heavy snow fell across many mountainous areas of Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Snowfalls up to 35 cm were recorded.

Wednesday 28 February 2001

Snowstorms in the Italian region of Liguria caused traffic jams along all the highways leading to Genoa.

Monday 5 March 2001 - Wednesday 7 March 2001

Heavy snow fell across eastern districts of the U.S.A. Up to 60 cm of snow fell across parts of New England. The snow disabled the electricity supply to over 18,000 homes in the Boston area of Massachusetts alone. In certain districts of New Hampshire, 90 cm of snow fell.

Friday 9 March 2001 - Saturday 10 March 2001

Heavy snow fell across Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire, U.S.A. Snow accumulation amounted to 25 cm in places.

Monday 19 March 2001

Heavy snow affected parts of North Germany, South Denmark and Sweden. In the German States of Schleswig-Holstein and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, there were more than 500 road accidents, leading to three deaths. In Germany, Flensburg reported 16 cm of snow, while Eggebek reported 18 cm.

Wednesday 4 April 2001

Heavy snow shut down major highways, halted air travel and closed schools across Newfoundland, Canada.

Wednesday 11 April 2001

Up to 30 cm of snow fell across Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. Major roadways were blocked and Denver Airport was forced to shut down for a time.

Wednesday 24 October 2001

Heavy snow blanketed the Northern Plains of the U.S.A. In Grand Forks, North Dakota, 27 cm of snow fell.

Saturday 24 November 2001

In North Dakota, U.S.A., a blizzard stranded hundreds of cars, cancelled flights and closed schools. Up to 27 cm of snow fell in places.

Saturday 24 November 2001 – Sunday 25 November 2001

Heavy snow fell across the Rockies in the U.S.A., while Park City, in the state of Utah sustained a snowfall up to 90 cm.

Sunday 16 December 2001 - Monday 17 December 2001

Heavy snow left several villages on the island of Corsica completely isolated and without electricity. Heavy snow also fell across many districts of Greece, particularly across north-western parts, forcing all schools to close. Up to 40 cm of snow fell in places. Heavy snowfall also caused traffic chaos in Switzerland, southern France, Italy, Bulgaria and Spain. Spain suffered the worst snowfall in 15 years. Up to 50 lorry drivers were reported to have been forced to sleep in their cabs while trapped in the tunnel of Bruc due to snowdrifts in the province of Barcelona, Spain. In Bulgaria, the Black Sea port of Varna was virtually isolated as many roads across the area were closed by heavy snow and snow drifts.

Tuesday 18 December 2001

A train bound for Istanbul, Turkey was trapped in blowing and drifting snow leaving 1,000 passengers stranded for several hours.

Friday 21 December 2001 – Saturday 22 December 2001

In Germany, heavy snow caused massive traffic jams in the country. Many motorists were forced to shelter in their cars in Bavaria when they were caught in a 90-mile long traffic jam for up to 14 hours. Up to 120 cm of snow fell in Bavaria. During Saturday, heavy snow also caused the cancellation of

approximately 40 flights in and out of Zurich airport in Switzerland, while Berlin's Tegel Airport in Germany, and was forced to close for a period of time. In Spain, snow fell in Madrid, while snow brought chaos to Greece causing thousands of villages to be isolated. Heavy snow also affected parts of Poland.

Monday 24 December 2001 – Thursday 27 December 2001

Heavy snow affected the Buffalo area of New York State, U.S.A. with 62.5 cm of snow falling on Christmas Eve. By the 27th, over 140 cm of snow had fallen.

Sunday 30 December 2001

Heavy snow affected many districts of NE France.

Monday 31 December 2001

Heavy snowfall occurred in southern Sweden, where more than 12,000 households greeted in the New Year without heating or electricity as power transmission lines were damaged. Up to 60 trains were cancelled because of snowdrifts.