

SUMMARY OF HEAVY SNOWFALLS IN THE WORLD (NON UK) 2006

Sunday 1 January 2006 – Tuesday 3 January 2006

Heavy snow affected Pakistan's Kashmir earthquake hit area of the 8 October 2005. Seventy people were injured when heavy snow destroyed a tent village erected in Hattia Bala for earthquake survivors. Most of Kashmir was isolated from the rest of Pakistan as avalanches blocked roads and killed 1 villager in Balkote. Other villages in the area, including Tangdhar and Kandi received 25cm of snow, while the Sadhna Pass sustained 150cm. The holiday destinations of Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg and Patnitop, sustained so much snow, that exuberant tourists who had arrived to celebrate New Year became stranded. Gulmarg sustained 180cm of snow, while Patnitop received 60cm. Many places in the Doda district adjoining Chamba in Himachal Pradesh also sustained heavy snowfall of up to 60cm in depth. The snow also severed the power supply in Paten, North Kashmir. Flights in and out of Srinagar's International Airport were also affected. The 300km Srinagar-Jammu national highway was also forced to close due to 60cm high snowdrifts around the Jawahar tunnel area in Qazigund.

Monday 2 January 2006

Heavy snow in southern Germany caused the roof of an ice rink to collapse killing at least 14 people. The ice rink was located in the town of Bad Reichenhall. In only a few hours, 30cm of snow fell. In a separate incident in nearby Unterjettenberg, 10 walkers were engulfed by an avalanche. In Munich, a 40-year-old warehouse collapsed due to snow, wrecking several vehicles, however no-one was injured. In Salzburg, Austria, a bowling alley and a trade fair pavilion collapsed due to the weight of snow on the roof; fortunately no one was injured.

Tuesday 3 January 2006

In the eastern city of Ostrava in the Czech Republic, a supermarket collapsed under the weight of snow, leaving 1 woman injured.

In the U.S.A., heavy snow forced schools to close across Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York. Snowfall amounts included 35cm in Granville, Massachusetts and over 20cm in Lichfield, Connecticut.

Wednesday 4 January 2006

A blizzard swept across Russia's Sakhalin Island; resulting in several avalanches occurring. One of which blocked a road near the settlement of Gornozavodsk. Many roads in the region of Tomari, Ilyinsky and Shebunino were also forced to close due to the adverse conditions. The snow also closed the ferry link between Vanino and Holmsk and the airport at Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.

Wednesday 4 January 2006 – Sunday 8 January 2006

In Japan, heavy snow fell in the northern and western districts of the country. By the morning of the 6th, Hakusan, a city approximately 295km north-west of Tokyo, sustained 152cm of snow. On the evening of the 5th, a 93-year-old woman and her 71-year-old daughter were crushed to death in Ishikawa Prefecture, 300km north-west of Tokyo. Their house collapsed under the weight of the snow. Also on the 5th, a 77-year-old man died in the Niigata Prefecture while shovelling snow from the roof of his house. Bullet trains between the cities of Akita and Morioka were also suspended on the 5th due to snowdrifts. By the 8th, the city of Tsunan recorded 357cm of snow, while Tsunanmachi, sustained a record 393cm. The Nagano and Niigata area was defined as a state of emergency; 200 Ground Self-Defence Force troops were dispatched during the 7-8th to shovel snow in the isolated areas. The death toll from the snowstorms since December 2005 had now exceeded over 100 and injured more than 1000.



A woman digs to create a pathway through heavy snow that has piled up to over 3m high in the northern Japanese town of Tsunan (Reuters)

Thursday 5 January 2006

Heavy snow fell across southern and south-western Poland causing the loss of electricity to many areas as power lines were brought down.

Sunday 8 January 2006

Heavy snow trapped approximately 220,000 people in the remote area of Xinjiang in China close to the Mongolian and Kazakhstan border. The snow isolated roads and forced the evacuation of approximately 100,000 people. Snow up to 1m fell across the region and also killed 9,000 livestock animals. Snow also blanketed the eastern province of Shandong.

Thursday 12 January 2006

Approximately 200 cars were trapped in western China after 5 avalanches hit the region. The avalanches occurred near to Gouzigou, a resort close to the border of Kazakhstan. Up to 50cm of snow fell across the region.

Saturday 14 January 2006

In the U.S.A., heavy snow fell across parts of Virginia and across the Sierra Mountains in Nevada.

Sunday 15 January 2006

Parts of Saskatchewan, Canada, sustained a snowfall up to 20cm.

Sunday 15 January 2006 - Monday 16 January 2006

Heavy snow fell across the Kashmir area of northern Pakistan isolating it from the remainder of Pakistan. The snow blocked the 300km Srinagar-Jammu National Highway. Up to 30cm of snow fell, forcing the cancellation of flights out of Srinagar.

Wednesday 18 January 2006 – Friday 20 January 2006

Central and southern parts of China received 10cm of snow. The snow caused 19 southern-bound trains to Chengdu, Kunming and Chongqing to be delayed at Zhengzhou, a key transport connection point on the Beijing-Guangzhou railway. On the 19th, the snow stranded 100,000 passengers in Beijing and 60,000 in Zhengzhou, the capital of the Henan Province.

Friday 20 January 2006

South-western parts of Norway sustained heavy snow blocking roads and forcing many districts to lose their electricity supply.

In Denmark, heavy snow forced Copenhagen's International Airport to suspend flights during the evening.

In the U.S.A., the city of Chicago experienced a snowstorm bringing traffic to a near standstill. Snow accumulations up to 25cm occurred in the Lake Zurich area of the city. The snow also caused 100 flights to be cancelled at O'Hare International Airport. Heavy snow also occurred in Alaska.

Saturday 21 January 2006

The heaviest snow in Tokyo, Japan for 5 years caused flight cancellations and delays to the famously reliable bullet train services. Up to 7cm of snow fell across the Otemachi area of Tokyo. In neighbouring Yokohama, snow fell to a depth of 10cm.

Monday 23 January 2006

Parts of Scandinavia saw heavy snow, while in Poland, snowstorms cut off electricity to several villages in the north-east of the country. Heavy snow also affected parts of Greece, isolating villages in mountainous areas and causing travel chaos linking the capital Athens and the seaport of Thessaloniki.

In north-eastern parts of the U.S.A., heavy snow closed schools and caused road-closing traffic accidents. Up to 25cm of snow occurred across New Hampshire.

Tuesday 24 January 2006

Blizzards swept through many districts of Turkey. The snow claimed the lives of more than 30 people. The snow also isolated villages in the northern regions of the country. Traffic in both the capital Ankara and Istanbul were severely disrupted, as 21cm of snow fell across the capital, while 7cm occurred in Istanbul.

Wednesday 25 January 2006

Snow fell in the Ohio Valley and parts of NE U.S.A. Snow accumulations up to 20-25cm were reported in some parts of the State of New York.

Thursday 26 January 2006

A catastrophic blizzard depositing 30cm of snow enveloped the Altay Prefecture of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Thursday 26 January 2006 – Friday 27 January 2006

Heavy snow fell across northern Italy. The snow closed Milan's Linate Airport during the afternoon of the 27th. The airports in Bergamo, Parma and Genoa also were also closed as up to 90cm of snow fell across the region, the heaviest snowfall across the area for more than 30 years. The snow closed schools and disrupted public transport.

Friday 27 January 2006

In Mariazell, Austria, heavy snow caused the roof of a town hall to collapse.

Friday 27 January 2006 – Saturday 28 January 2006

Heavy snow occurred across the Basque region of northern Spain and south-western districts of France. The snow caused several traffic jams and accidents across the mountainous passes causing the fatality of several people.

Saturday 28 January 2006

In the states of Idaho and Washington, U.S.A., heavy snow up to 60cm affected many districts.

In Katowice, Poland, an exhibition roof collapsed due to heavy snow. The roof collapsed on an international pigeon fair, killing 20 people and injuring over 100.

Sunday 29 January 2006 - Tuesday 31 January 2006

Heavy snow killed 17 people in the north-eastern Afghanistan province of Badakhshan. The snow also injured 4 people, killed 1,000 animals and completely or partially damaged 100 houses.

Monday 30 January 2006

Heavy snow of up to 50cm fell across many districts of British Columbia and Alberta, Canada. The snow caused a stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway along the British Columbia-Alberta border to close due to an avalanche. The avalanche occurred on Mount Bosworth in Yoho National Park during the evening near to the town of Golden.

Wednesday 1 February 2006

An avalanche in Tajikistan killed at least 12 people in their sleep when it engulfed an apartment block in the Jirgital region, 250km north-east of the capital Dushanbe.

In parts of Minnesota, U.S.A., heavy snow up to 15cm occurred.

Thursday 2 February 2006

Heavy snow up to 60cm fell across the Elkhead and Park Mountains, Colorado, U.S.A. The snow also affected travel along Interstate 70 close to the area of Georgetown.

Saturday 4 February 2006 – Sunday 5 February 2006

Heavy snow affected the Georgian Bay and Ontario area of Canada. The snow caused the loss of power up to 100,000 homes and caused several road closures.

Sunday 5 February 2006 – Monday 6 February 2006

Heavy snow affected Zhengzhou, in central China, causing major disruption to the railway system. Heavy snow also affected Beijing and other eastern and northern districts of China including the Shandong province. The snow interrupted flight schedules at the airports in Wuhan, Lanzhou and Shenyang.

In the U.S.A., 20cm of snow affected parts of Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania, while up to 30cm fell across many areas of New England.

Monday 6 February 2006

Heavy snow affected the southern Ghazni province of Afghanistan, resulting in the death of 10 people.

Monday 6 February 2006 – Tuesday 7 February 2006

Heavy snow of up to 18cm occurred across southern parts of the South Jeolla and Gyeongsang provinces of South Korea and as a result caused a significant number of traffic accidents. Furthermore, many flights were cancelled at Gwangju, Ulsan, Yeosu, Daegu and Pohang airports. Up to 4cm of snow was deposited across the city of Busan, while the capital Seoul received 6cm.

Tuesday 7 February 2006

Heavy snow affected central and southern regions of Italy. In Germany, the collapse of a supermarket roof under a significant weight of snow injured 10 people. The event took place in Toeving-am-Inn, 50km from the city of Munich.

Wednesday 8 February 2006

A number of avalanches swept away 12 homes in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush Mountains, killing 19 people. The majority of the dead were children, left exposed to the natural elements in Deh Murda, a small village in the Suri Pul province.

In Montana at Red Acre Lake, U.S.A., an avalanche killed 2 people, while heavy snow caused a number of accidents on the roads in the Lorain-Elyria region of Cleveland, Ohio. Snow depths across Ohio included 18cm across the city of Cleveland, while up to 40cm of snow occurred in some north-eastern districts of the state.

Thursday 9 February 2006

A 27-year-old fire fighter plunged 15m to his death through a skylight as fellow fire crews worked frantically to remove snow from the roof of a hall to prevent its collapse in Kotzing, Bavaria, Germany.

Friday 10 February 2006

Three hundred Japanese Bullet train passengers were evacuated on the Shinkansen service after the train hit an avalanche covering the track, 400km north of Tokyo. The driver had to make an emergency stop; however this did not prevent or avoid the first few carriages ploughing into the mound of snow. Fortunately, the train did not derail and no injuries were reported. Continuing within Japan, an

avalanche buried the resort of Akita, 450km north of Tokyo. Fifteen people were rescued and taken to hospital, yet sadly a 20-year-old man later died from his injuries.

Saturday 11 February 2006 – Sunday 12 February 2006

Heavy snow determined as a nor'easter blanketed the north-east coast of the U.S.A. from Virginia to Maine. In New York City, this was the heaviest snowfall since records began in the year 1869. Up to 68.3cm fell in New York Central Park, breaking the December 1947 single-storm record of 67.6cm. Also Hartford, Connecticut achieved a record heavy snowfall of 52.6cm, the heaviest snowfall since records began in the year 1905. Elsewhere, 54.1cm of snow fell in Columbia, Maryland, 48.3cm fell in Birdsboro, 34.3cm fell in Boston and 30.0cm fell in Pennsylvania. The snowstorm caused the cancellation of more than 2,000 flights across the region, causing the closure of Logan (Boston), LaGuardia, JFK, Newark-Liberty (New York City) and Ronald Reagan (Washington D.C.) airports. The heavy, wet snow and up to 60mph winds snapped tree branches and power lines, forcing thousands of homes to have no electricity in Maryland, New Jersey, Long Island, Washington D.C., Baltimore, New York City, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.



A woman skiing in Central Park, New York City after the first major snowstorm to hit the city in the year 2006 (Associated Press)

Sunday 12 February 2006

An avalanche killed a skier and placed another in hospital in the Peter Lougheed Provincial Park in the Rocky Mountains just west of Calgary, Canada.

Sunday 12 February 2006 – Monday 13 February 2006

Heavy snow affected the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and the eastern Qinghai-Tibet Plateau of north-west China.

Wednesday 15 February 2006

Heavy snow slid off the roof of a school building, killing a 23-year-old student in the city of Ebetsu on the northern island of Hokkaido in northern Japan.

In Israel, heavy snow affected Mount Hermon and the Golan Heights region, causing the closure of local schools. Snow also affected the higher areas of Galilee and Jerusalem, where 5cm of snow was recorded.



Snow across the city of Jerusalem, Israel on Wednesday 15 February 2006 (Associated Press)

Wednesday 15 February 2006 – Thursday 16 February 2006

In the U.S.A., heavy snow affected Utah, particularly in the Wasatch Front region. The snow caused a significant number of traffic accidents and closed a large number of roads, including Interstate 15. In Snowbasin, 35cm of snow fell.

In Lebanon, heavy snow and blizzard conditions affected the higher parts of Sidon and Chouf. The snow damaged crops and property. Up to 25cm of snow fell in places, including Ain Zahalta, Barouk, Maaser, Khreibeh and Jbaa, however 50cm occurred in Bsharri causing traffic chaos.

Thursday 16 February 2006 – Friday 17 February 2006

Heavy snow, up to 30cm in places fell across parts of Michigan, U.S.A.

Friday 17 February 2006

More than 200 passengers were stranded on buses due to heavy snow that fell in Fuyun County of Altay Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in north-west China.

Sunday 19 February 2006

Heavy snow forced the postponement of the women's Olympic super-G race at San Sicario, Italy as 13cm of snow fell across the area.

In France, a British touring skier died after an avalanche occurred in the ski resort of Puy Saint-Vincent.

In northern Spain, Katherine Stokes and Robert Rippengal from the United Kingdom died after getting lost in a blizzard on the Picos de Europa Mountains in Cantabria.

Tuesday 21 February 2006

Two Hungarian cavers died when an avalanche occurred in the Alps in north-eastern Italy.

Thursday 23 February 2006

A snow-laden market roof in Moscow, Russia collapsed killing 56 people and injuring 32 people.

In the U.S.A., heavy snow fell in West Michigan.

Friday 24 February 2006 – Saturday 25 February 2006

Heavy snow blanketed the Liaoning province area of north-east China. The snow closed Shenyang's Taoxian International Airport for a time as up to 15cm was recorded.

Saturday 25 February 2006

Heavy snow affected many parts of Canada. Toronto, Ontario sustained 10cm of snow, and the city of Barrie accumulated 20cm. In Newfoundland and Labrador, a blizzard deposited up to 70cm of snow in places. The capital St John's at one point resembled a ghost town as up to 15cm of snow fell in a 1-hour period. Snow drifts up to 1.5m were also reported as the snow reduced visibility to near zero as winds gusted up to 130km/hr closing the local airport for a time. In the U.S.A., North Dakota and parts of Minnesota snow fell to a depth of 25cm. The North Dakota Department of Transportation recommended no travel in the Pekin locality on Highway 200 and Highway 15, as heavy snow and blowing snow had reduced visibility to zero.

Saturday 25 February 2006 – Sunday 26 February 2006

Up to 60-70cm of heavy snow isolated the villages of Djelfa and Medea, 270km and 80km respectively south of Algiers, Algeria.

Sunday 26 February 2006

Widespread snow of up to 30cm affected the Himachal region of northern India, particularly the areas of Lahaul and Spiti.

Monday 27 February 2006

Heavy snow affected the far eastern region of Primorye in Russia, particularly in the Vladivostok, Sakhalin and Kuril Islands area. The airport in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk was forced to close for a time due to the blizzard conditions. The snow also brought down power lines, severing electricity to many areas.

Tuesday 28 February 2006

Heavy snow fell in Alberta, Canada. The snow closed highways and stranded motorists particularly around the town of Ponka. The impact of the heavy snow caused an 80 year old woman to die after two vehicles collided on a road north of Sylvan Lake.

Wednesday 1 March 2006

Heavy snow of up to 30cm in places fell in North Dakota, U.S.A. The impact of snow caused the death of a 17 year old as she lost control of her vehicle on Interstate 94, 16km west of Mandan. In Idaho, U.S.A., a 47 year old man was killed by an avalanche while out snowmobiling in Butte County's Antelope Valley.

Thursday 2 March 2006

Parts of New York State, U.S.A. received up to 25cm of snow in places particularly in the Southern Tier area. The snow forced many schools to close and caused the death of three people.

Friday 3 March 2006

Heavy snow forced more than 100 flight cancellations at Frankfurt's International Airport, Germany as up to 20cm of snow fell. Snow also caused problems at a school in Boda, Sweden. The flat roof of the school canteen collapsed at 20:00 local time due to weight of lying snow. Fortunately no-one was injured. In Nevada, U.S.A. heavy snow affected the Lake Tahoe and Reno-Carson City region.

Saturday 4 March 2006

The Bo Ohlsson supermarket in Tomelilla, Sweden, was forced to close after the roof was damaged by the weight of wet snow that had accumulated. In Alaska, U.S.A., the Iditarod Trail dog sleigh race was forced to change its route due to a lack of snow.

Saturday 4 March 2006 - Sunday 5 March 2006

Heavy snow up to 50cm fell across Munich, Germany, closing roads and cancelling train and flight services. The snow also severed power to many households across the region. In eastern France, the impact of heavy snow caused chaos around the region of Grenoble as well as parts of Switzerland and northern Italy. Up to 17 people were killed by weather-related accidents and avalanches across the area. During Sunday evening, an ice rink in Kallinge, southern Sweden was evacuated after snow on the roof led beams to be dislodged.

Monday 6 March 2006

Parts of Blue Canyon, California, U.S.A. received up to 30cm of snow.

Tuesday 7 March 2006

Heavy snow affected parts of Romania. The snow left several villages without power and blocked many roads.

Wednesday 8 March 2006

Two people died in avalanches in Praebichl, Austria.

Thursday 9 March 2006 – Friday 10 March 2006

Parts of California, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Washington, U.S.A., received up to 30cm of snow in places. The snow and impact generated the need for avalanche warnings to be broadcasted. The snow caused the closure of Interstate 90 across Snoqualmie Pass in Washington State.

Monday 13 March 2006

Heavy snow of up to 30cm fell across Minnesota and western Wisconsin, U.S.A. In South Korea, yellow snow fell across the capital Seoul and other regions of the country. The snow was tinted yellow due to the snow containing dust and/or sand from the desert regions of northern China.

Tuesday 14 March 2006

In Les Acres, France, a British snowboarder was killed by an avalanche in the Aiguille Grive area. Heavy snow also fell across Nevada; U.S.A. Up to 45cm fell across the ski resort of Lake Tahoe.

Thursday 16 March 2006

A FedEx cargo plane slid off a runway at Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport, U.S.A., when it landed on the runway covered in snow. Fortunately no-one was injured.

Friday 17 March 2006 – Monday 20 March 2006

Heavy snow fell across the USA Great Plains. Heavy snow affected a large area from parts of Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Kansas. In Nebraska, up to 75cm of snow fell. The snow caused many travel disruptions and closed many schools and businesses across the State.

Monday 20 March 2006

Eight people spent the night lost and stranded in the snowy mountain region of Idyllwild, California, U.S.A. The people were rescued after making an emergency call from a mobile phone after getting their truck stuck in the snow.

Monday 20 March 2006 – Tuesday 21 March 2006

Heavy snow of up to 60cm fell across Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, Kansas, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio U.S.A., leaving many schools and roads closed. The heavy snow claimed the death of two lives.

Sunday 26 March 2006

Heavy snow affected Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, U.S.A.

Wednesday 5 April 2006

More than 50 school children became stranded on a mountain after heavy snow of up to 15cm fell. The pupils, along with seven teachers, were stranded in a hut in Victoria's Alpine National Park, Australia.

Thursday 6 April 2006

A family of five and two teenage resort workers had a lucky escape after the vehicle they were travelling in was hit by an avalanche. The avalanche approximately 2m in height and 100m wide occurred near Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

Saturday 8 April 2006

One man was killed when an avalanche occurred at a ski resort just outside Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Sunday 9 April 2006

Heavy snow affected the Srinagar-Gurez highway in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Tuesday 18 April 2006 – Wednesday 19 April 2006

In the U.S.A., heavy snow fell on the Black Hills of South Dakota and adjacent states. In Lead, South Dakota, 151cm of snow fell.

Monday 22 May 2006

Three men, aged between 19 and 22 were rescued after getting caught in heavy snow on Mount Madison in New Hampshire, U.S.A. The three hikers called for help on their mobile phones after reportedly getting into difficulties due to being under prepared for their expedition. In South Africa, snow fell in the higher elevations of the country. Some mountain passes in the Karoo region were

forced to close. The slopes of the Eastern Cape around Tiffindell Ski Resort sustained 10-15cm of snow. Heavy snow also affected the Maluti Mountain Range in Lesotho.

Wednesday 7 June 2006

Heavy snow impact closed roads and caused road traffic accidents around Punta Arenas, Chile.

Sunday 11 June 2006

Hundreds of pilgrims were temporary halted by heavy snow on their trip to a Himalayan cave to celebrate the Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage.

Sunday 11 June 2006 - Monday 12 June 2006

The Tekapo village community near Canterbury, New Zealand were cut off due to heavy snowfall of up to 75-90cm. The snowfall severed communications within the area, as the weight of the snow brought down electricity poles and closed roads. As many as 19,000 homes lost their power and telephone links. Other areas affected were Twizel, near Mount Cook and the Mackenzie and Waimate districts. The heavy snow also claimed the lives of two rare wading birds in Twizel. The birds in question, kaki, were killed when the aviary they were housed in collapsed under the weight of the snow. Certain areas of South Island experienced the heaviest snowfall since August 1973. The snow also caused Christchurch Airport to close for a time.

Saturday 17 June 2006 – Monday 19 June 2006

Further heavy snow caused chaos across New Zealand. A man died in a car accident due to the snow between Stratford and Inglewood on the 19th. The snow caused many areas to lose their power and roads were closed, for example, State Highway 48.

Friday 23 June 2006

Heavy snow affected the eastern region of North Island, New Zealand. The snow impact closed many schools and roads in the mountain range around the Gisborne and Hawkes Bay area.

Tuesday 4 July 2006

More heavy snow caused problems to farmers in particularly in South Island, New Zealand. Up to 50cm of snow fell in the Whakapapa and Turora region stranding snowboarders and skiers alike for a time on Mount Ruapehu.

Friday 21 July 2006

In New Zealand, heavy snow of up to 10cm fell across the Queenstown and Arrowtown districts causing the closure of schools, the local airport and several roads.

Friday 21 July 2006 – Sunday 23 July 2006

Heavy snow up to 50cm fell across the Boland and Hex River Mountains, South Africa on Friday and Saturday causing the closure of the roads near Ceres, Touws River and Calvinia. Heavy snow also fell across the high ground of the Eastern Cape and the Swartberg mountains.

Wednesday 2 August 2006

Heavy snow fell across the Eastern Cape of South Africa and Lesotho trapping several residents across the region of Thaba-Tseka.

Monday 7 August 2006

Heavy snow across North Island, New Zealand resulted in the closure of the Desert Road.

Wednesday 16 August 2006 – Friday 18 August 2006

Heavy snow fell across the Eastern Cape of South Africa blocking roads and forcing many motorists to abandon their vehicles. Several roofs of houses and buildings across the area collapsed due to the weight of snow upon them.

Thursday 17 August 2006

Heavy snow killed a US student close to the peak of Mount Kenya, Kenya.

Tuesday 22 August 2006

Heavy snow fell in the hillier districts of Christchurch, Otago and Southland, New Zealand disrupting transport, farmland and schooling.

Thursday 21 September 2006 - Friday 22 September 2006

Heavy snow up to 60cm in places fell across the higher mountainous regions of Colorado, U.S.A. The snow forced an 80km stretch of Interstate 70 to close between Vail and Georgetown for a time on Friday.

Wednesday 27 September 2006

In South Africa, heavy snow affected the Carletonville and Westonaria area in Gauteng for the first in 25 years.

Monday 9 October 2006

Heavy snow of up to 30cm fell across the high ground of south-central Montana, Canada. The heaviest snow fell across the Nye region.

Monday 9 October 2006 – Tuesday 10 October 2006

Heavy snow fell across many higher districts of South Island, New Zealand. The areas that saw the heaviest snowfalls of up to 15cm were Fiordland, Southland and South Otago.

Tuesday 10 October 2006

Heavy snow fell across the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, U.S.A.

Wednesday 11 October 2006

Heavy snow fell across Manitoba, Canada. The snow caused many roads to close around the city of Winnipeg.

Thursday 12 October 2006 – Friday 13 October 2006

A rare early October snowstorm left parts of western New York State and Michigan, U.S.A. with up to 60cm of snow in places, forcing schools to close and halting traffic. The snow downed tree branches and toppled power lines severing electricity to 380,000 homes and businesses. The snow forced Buffalo's Niagara International Airport in New York to close for two hours late Thursday evening. Buffalo also saw its snowiest October day since records began some 137 years ago when 20cm of snow fell. In Chicago and Detroit, Michigan, the snowstorm on Thursday caused brief white-out conditions and marked the earliest measurable snow on record. The snowstorm claimed three lives across New York State, two in traffic accidents and one person was killed by a falling tree branch while shovelling snow.

Sunday 15 October 2006

Up to 13cm of snow fell across the state of Oregon, U.S.A.

Tuesday 17 October 2006

Heavy snow fell across many districts of central and southern Utah and North Dakota, U.S.A. Cedar City in Utah and Trotters, North Dakota received nearly 15cm of snow, while the mountain area of Utah received nearly 40cm.

Wednesday 18 October 2006

Heavy snow affected the state of Colorado, U.S.A. The impact of the snow actually killed an individual, downed power lines and led to several traffic accidents.

Saturday 21 October 2006

Further heavy snow affected the state of Colorado in the U.S.A.

Wednesday 25 October 2006 – Thursday 26 October 2006

Heavy snow affected many northern states of the U.S.A. The snow caused power lines to snag and resulted in power loss to many districts across Indiana and Michigan. In Alaska, Deirdra Higgins was killed after her car left a snow covered road after 7cm of snow fell. In Utah and Colorado, heavy snow fell across some districts, particularly across the Rockies. The snow forced many schools and roads to

close including Interstate 25 and 70. Approximately 100 flights were cancelled at Denver Airport, while the town of Evergreen, Colorado received 65cm of snow.

Saturday 28 October 2006 – Sunday 29 October 2006

Snow fell in Bicheno, Tasmania, for the first time in over 30 years. Snow also affected the Australian states of New South Wales and Victoria, while the capital city Canberra also experienced some snow flurries.

Sunday 29 October 2006

Heavy snow affected northern districts of New York State, U.S.A. Up to 25cm of snow fell at Old Forge in Herkimer County.

Wednesday 1 November 2006 – Thursday 2 November 2006

Heavy snow affected Sweden, particularly the capital Stockholm, where public transport was radically restricted during Wednesday evening. Road traffic accidents brought roads to a standstill and railway services were also disrupted.

Thursday 2 November 2006 – Friday 3 November 2006

Heavy snow affected Finland, the Baltic States and Poland. The snow caused 200 reported traffic accidents across Latvia and Estonia.

Saturday 4 November 2006

Heavy snow affected Ohio, U.S.A., causing several traffic accidents across the area.

Friday 10 November 2006 – Saturday 11 November 2006

Up to 40cm of snow fell across southern Minnesota, north-eastern Iowa and south-western Wisconsin, U.S.A. The areas that saw the heaviest snow were Albert Lea, Mantorville and Rochester in Minnesota and Osseo in Wisconsin. The snow's impact caused 24 traffic accidents within the state of Wisconsin, causing one fatality of an 84-year-old.

Sunday 12 November 2006

Up to 30cm of snow fell in places across eastern Pakistan and Kashmir.

Sunday 12 November 2006 – Monday 13 November 2006

Heavy snow up to 30cm in places fell across the Cascades in Washington, U.S.A.

Monday 13 November 2006

In Juneau, Alaska, U.S.A., heavy snow caused the postponement of a special legislative session on state benefits for same-sex partners. Only approximately a dozen of the 60 lawmakers due to attend the meeting arrived in the capital city before the snowstorm forced the airport to close during the morning.

Tuesday 14 November 2006

Parts of Colorado, U.S.A. saw heavy snow. The snow caused the closure of Interstate 70 between Vail and Georgetown for 8 hours due to snow related accidents. Up to 30cm of snow fell at Eisenhower Tunnel, 80km west of Denver.

Tuesday 21 November 2006

Sleet fell at approximately 2100 local time in central Florida, U.S.A. according to the National Weather Service. The last time the region saw snow was in 2003, when snowflakes fell over Brevard and Volusia counties. It was Florida's first November snowfall since 1912 when Tallahassee received snow flurries on the 27-28th November.

Thursday 23 November 2006

Parts of Oregon and Washington, U.S.A. experienced heavy snow.

Friday 24 November 2006 – Saturday 25 November 2006

Heavy snow fell in northeast and northwest China. The worst hit areas were central and eastern Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and parts of the provinces of Qinghai, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Liaoning, Jilin and Heilongjiang. Snow also fell across the north and east of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region,

eastern and north-western parts of the Qinghai-Tibet plateau, as well much of north China and southern and eastern parts of northeast China. The heavy snow caused significant disruption to traffic and damage to property as up to 70cm of snow fell in places.

Saturday 25 November 2006 – Monday 27 November 2006

Parts of British Columbia, Canada received up to 45cm of snow. A Harbour Air seaplane flying 13 Rolling Stones fans from Victoria to Vancouver was forced to make an emergency landing due to the blinding snowstorm at Tsawwassen. During Monday, the heavy snow forced at least 65,000 primary and secondary school pupils to stay at home in Vancouver.

Sunday 26 November 2006

In Kashmir, heavy snow claimed the death of two people trying to walk across the Zojilla Pass in the Himalaya Mountains.

Tuesday 28 November 2006 – Wednesday 29 November 2006

Up to 30cm of snow fell in parts of Nevada and Washington, U.S.A. The snowstorm caused significant traffic chaos.

Friday 1 December 2006

Snowstorms affected many U.S.A. states from Texas to Michigan causing the death of 13 people. Most of the victims who died were involved in car crashes or were crushed by falling trees. The snow also caused the loss of electricity to over 2.5 million residents at some point during the day. Up to 45cm of snow fell in some districts forcing airports and schools to close.

Tuesday 5 December 2006

Heavy snow fell in parts of Illinois and Missouri, U.S.A. The snow caused power lines to fall, resulting in power loss to over 300,000 people.

Wednesday 6 December 2006

Heavy snow fell in northern India. The snow caused the closure of several roads and mountain passes across the states of Jammu and Kashmir, as up to 210cm of snow fell. The heavy snow caused avalanches to occur that resulted in the death of 6 people. In Europe, the first significant snowfall of December occurred across the Pyrenees. Up to 15cm of snow fell across the Aragon, Sierra Nevada and Catalonia region of Spain.

Thursday 7 December 2006

Cheryl Cassatt of Philadelphia, U.S.A crashed into a tree and died as she travelled in a snowstorm across the city. In many southern districts of Ontario, Canada, many hours of blizzard conditions occurred. Up to 40cm of snow fell across London. The snow forced many schools and colleges to close on the 8th December. The snow also caused a 20 car pile up on one of the highways across the city.

Saturday 9 December 2006

Up to 20cm of snow fell across the State of Maine, U.S.A. causing 70 traffic accidents.

Tuesday 12 December 2006

Heavy snow fell across Oregon, U.S.A., particularly over the Rocky Mountain region.

Monday 18 December 2006

A snowstorm affected the states of Utah and Nevada in the U.S.A. Salt Lake City, Utah received 60cm of snow. Only minor injuries to property and people were reported, however over 100 traffic accidents were recorded due to the inclement weather.

Wednesday 20 December 2006

Heavy snow disrupted much of Colorado, eastern New Mexico and parts of Texas, U.S.A. The snow forced the Governor of Colorado, Bill Owens to declare a state of emergency and mobilize the National Guard to rescue any stranded motorists. The snow also closed Denver and Albuquerque International Airports for several hours. Up to 30cm of snow fell across New Mexico, while 60cm fell across the higher regions of Colorado.

Thursday 21 December 2006

Across the Valencia region of Spain, heavy snow closed several roads. The snow also forced 10,000 children across the district to stay at home after schools were forced to close.

Monday 25 December 2006

In Australia, snow fell on Victoria's Mount Buller and Tasmania's Mount Wellington.

Tuesday 26 December 2006

Snow fell across the US state of California. The Sierra Nevada Mountain region reported a fresh snowfall of 60cm.

Wednesday 27 December 2006

The Turkey region of Antolian saw heavy snow causing several villages across the area to be isolated.

Sunday 31 December 2006

Heavy snow affected the US state of Colorado. An avalanche occurred trapping a father and son hiking in the Loveland Pass area.