

SUMMARY OF HEAVY SNOWFALLS IN THE WORLD (NON UK) 2007

Monday 1 January 2007

Heavy snow of up to 30cm affected the Canadian province of Manitoba. The snow forced the closure of the Trans-Canada highway.

Wednesday 3 January 2007 – Thursday 4 January 2007

Heavy snow of approximately 100cm affected the state of Kansas, U.S.A. The snow caused power loss to approximately 60,000 people and the fatality of a number of livestock. Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius declared a state of emergency, particularly across the north-west and south-west districts of the state. Heavy snow also affected the US state of Alaska. Up to 35cm of snow fell across the city of Anchorage resulting in a significant number of traffic accidents.

Saturday 6 January 2007

Heavy snow affected parts of South Korea injuring twelve people. Approximately 7cm of snow affected the capital city Seoul leading to transport chaos and flight cancellations.

Saturday 6 January 2007 – Sunday 7 January 2007

Heavy snow caused travel chaos in northern Japan. More than 170 flights were cancelled out of Chubu Airport in Aichi, near Nagoya. The heavy snow also forced the 'bullet trains' to halt as the snow buried the railway tracks. Villages and towns in the Hokkaido region were also isolated due to the wintry conditions.

Tuesday 9 January 2007

Heavy snow affected the states of New Mexico and Colorado, U.S.A.

Wednesday 10 January 2007

Heavy snow affected many districts of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in Canada causing the death of two people. The snow forced flights in and out of Edmonton, Prince Albert and Saskatoon Airports to be delayed or cancelled. At Dawson Creek, British Columbia, snowdrifts of up to 4.5m high stranded motorists. An avalanche forced the Trans-Canada Highway between Revelstoke and Golden through the Selkirk Mountains to close.

Sunday 14 January 2007

Much of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Canada experienced heavy snow.

Monday 15 January 2007

Two men were killed in a road traffic accident in Wisconsin, U.S.A. as a result of the snow conditions.

Tuesday 16 January 2007

The lack of snow in Romania drove Romanian snowboarders to halt traffic in front of the country's weather institute, and would only budge when weather officials agreed that their complaints of a lack of snow "would be passed on to a higher authority".

Saturday 20 January 2007

Approximately 5,000 people were evacuated from the ski resort Hermon, Israel due to blizzard conditions.

Sunday 21 January 2007

Heavy snow affected eastern districts of Colorado, U.S.A. The snow closed a stretch of Interstate 70, from near Denver International Airport almost to the Kansas state line.

Monday 22 January 2007

In Iran, a snowstorm grounded a flight from Khorramabad to Tehran. Many roads, in the eastern parts of the Lorestan province, were blocked due to heavy snow. In northwest Spain, the Galacia area saw 5cm of snow forcing schools to close and many main roads were blocked.

Monday 22 January 2007 – Tuesday 23 January 2007

Austria, experienced heavy snowfall, especially in the southern regions forcing nearly 300 lorries to be stranded and causing tailbacks of over 8km in the Drau Valley, near the border with Italy. Up to 100cm of snow fell across the area resulting in thousands of homes to lose their electricity. Heavy snow also fell across the Czech Republic resulting in the main highway between Prague and the eastern city of Brno to close. In the U.S.A., snow up to 24cm fell in parts of western Texas causing the closure of 320km of several interstate roads.

Wednesday 24 January 2007 – Thursday 25 January 2007

Heavy snow of 20cm affected Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. The snowfall led to closure of a significant number of schools and universities. Government offices, banks and businesses were also forced to closed, while many flights out of St John's International Airport were either cancelled or delayed. In Europe, snow affected Switzerland disrupting the start of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) annual meeting in Davos. The wintry conditions forced the cancellation of flights at Zurich Airport, while VIPs in helicopters were unable to land at the resort. In Germany, seven people died and dozens were injured in snow-related incidents as up to 30cm of snow fell in places. Airline flights were also grounded because of the heavy snow, leaving around 1,000 passengers stranded at Stuttgart Airport and 600 passengers at Munich Airport. The snow in Hamburg caused 100 traffic accidents alone. In eastern France, heavy snow caused 85,000 households to lose electricity, while 5,000 vehicles were stranded on a snow-covered motorway. In Austria, 100cm of snow fell in some districts causing power loss to some 12,000 homes. In Warsaw, Poland, 18cm of snow fell disrupting road traffic which caused several accidents that killed twelve people. The snow also damaged houses and left 800,000 people without electricity across the country. Blizzards in Moscow, Russia forced the closure of two airports, while in Prague, Czech Republic, 401 flights were cancelled and planes were grounded for almost 30 hours.

Friday 26 January 2007 – Saturday 27 January 2007

In Spain, snow disrupted traffic on a motorway near Almería and Puerto Lumbreras. The heavy snow caused 30,000 homes to suffer electricity shortages in Andalucia, while Murcia saw a snowfall of 50cm.

Thursday 1 February 2007

A 69-year-old woman was killed after losing control of her car and crashing into a tractor on a snow covered road in Arkansas, U.S.A. In the Swiss Alps, three mountaineers, all from Bulgaria, were killed by an avalanche climbing the summit of the Matterhorn.

Thursday 7 February 2007 – Friday 8 February 2007

In Ohio, U.S.A., snow up to 20cm caused the death of two people. Furthermore, 25cm of snow fell across West Virginia causing the death of nineteen people. Heavy snow also affected Kentucky causing flight delays at Cincinnati International Airport.

Wednesday 13 February 2007

Heavy snow approximately 10cm fell across Colorado, U.S.A. The snow led to a number of traffic accidents in the Avon and Vail districts.

Wednesday 13 February 2007 - Thursday 14 February 2007

Snowstorms affected the southern areas of Canada, particularly across Ontario, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. The snow caused serious disruption with a significant number of schools were forced to close. Certain flights at Toronto Pearson Airport were also cancelled. In Montreal, 53cm of snow fell. Heavy snow also affected portions of the eastern United States of America. Over 100cm of snow fell across the northern district of the state of New York. The heavy snow caused the death of thirteen people across the eastern districts of the U.S.A. Snow approximately 30cm caused a massive 80km traffic jam in Pennsylvania. The snowstorm also forced airports to close and cancelled hundreds of flights from New York City's three main airports along with flights to and from Portland, Boston, Maine and Washington D.C.

Thursday 14 February 2007

In Nepal, the capital Katmandu saw its first snowfall in 62 years. Snow had drifted across the country from northern India and a number of areas in Nepal's western and central regions reported record levels

of snowfall for the first time since 1944. National reports claimed that children running out of schools greeted the snowfall. This led to disruptions to the Nepalese mobile phone network as thousands of people tried to contact each other. Despite living almost in the shadows of the snow-capped Himalayas, the majority of people living in Nepal had rarely seen such a sight.

Thursday 14 February 2007 – Saturday 16 February 2007

A group of tourists traveling through Russia were rescued after their bus became trapped in snow. The party of twenty-five South Koreans were travelling through a mountainous part of the Hasan district of Primorye.

Thursday 15 February 2007

Heavy snow affected south-western Ontario, Canada. Up to 30cm of snow fell across the Ottawa, Kingston and Cornwall areas.

Friday 16 February 2007

Blizzards across the U.S.A. led to the deaths of thirteen people. Deaths also occurred in Nebraska, Indiana, New Jersey, Delaware, Missouri, Ohio and Virginia. The snowstorms led to some travel disruption, with flights from major cities including New York being cancelled. Many schools and businesses in various states were forced to close due to the snowy conditions.

Sunday 18 February 2007

An 11-year-old girl was killed in a freak snow-related accident in Montreal, Canada. The child was playing outside her family's holiday home in the Laurentians when she slid on ice and fell into the road. A snowplough was on the street clearing snow at the time and she slid underneath the vehicle's tyres killing her instantly.

Monday 19 February 2007

Five people were killed in a series of avalanches across the U.S.A. In Montana, two people in their late twenties were caught up in an avalanche after their vehicle became trapped in the snow. Two more people died in separate snow incidents in Utah, despite taking precautions such as wearing an avalanche beacon. Authorities also confirmed that a man died in an avalanche in Idaho.

Wednesday 21 February 2007 – Thursday 22 February 2007

A snowstorm swept across Denmark and southern Sweden, causing major traffic disruptions and forcing Copenhagen's International Airport to cancel approximately 140 flights. A roof of a sports hall in Thisted, 330km northwest of Copenhagen, collapsed due to the weight of snow upon it. Authorities in both countries urged people to stay home and avoid the hazardous conditions. Many motorists were forced to abandon their cars after becoming trapped in 1m deep snowdrifts. On the 21st, a man died after his car collided with a bus south of Gothenburg due to the snowstorm. In southern Sweden, the heavy snow caused 5,000 homes to lose electricity, while all train services to and from Malmo was cancelled.

Thursday 22 February 2007

Heavy snowfall in Norway caused the complete closure of Highway E-18 between Kristiansand and Grimstad. Snow-clearing teams had been unable to carry out their work due to a line-up of stranded cars, prompting police to ban people from going onto the road. Several hundred people were trapped for up to 15 hours before police evacuated them, fortunately some local residents offered food and shelter to the trapped motorists.

Friday 23 February 2007

Heavy snow affected Utah, U.S.A. with 35cm of snow falling in Snowbird and Alta.

Saturday 24 February 2007 - Sunday 25 February 2007

A snowstorm left 250,000 homes without power across Iowa, U.S.A. The areas worst affected included Cedar Rapids, Burlington, Mason City, Marshalltown and Newton. Heavy snow of approximately 60cm fell across many other states of the U.S.A., including Kansas, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin. The snowstorm closed over 300km of Interstate 70 in Colorado, while the snow caused the fatality of seven people in Wisconsin. In Canada, heavy snow fell in Toronto causing traffic

disruption and power cuts across the city. The snow also led to hundreds of traffic accidents across the city, as drivers were caught off guard by the snowy conditions.

Tuesday 27 February 2007

Heavy snowfall of up to 25cm fell across Sierra, California, U.S.A. This snow caused chaotic driving conditions across the region.

Wednesday 28 February 2007

Police closed a 20km stretch of highway in Colorado, U.S.A. due to snow. The highway was closed for several hours after more than 15cm of snow fell in the region. Heavy snow also affected the State of Washington, U.S.A. causing cars to slide into one another and off the highways. No major injuries were reported, however a 30km stretch of Interstate 90 was closed to eastbound traffic.

Thursday 1 March 2007

Near blizzard like conditions affected Nebraska and Iowa, U.S.A. Up to 25cm of snow fell across many areas. Tokyo, Japan experienced the first winter without snowfall on record since 1876. The weather service's observatory in Otemachi, central Tokyo, did not record any snowfall from December to February. In Ontario, Canada, heavy snow caused electricity loss to some 80,000 homes around the Clinton, Walkerton and Strathroy districts.

Thursday 1 March 2007 - Friday 2 March 2007

Heavy snow affected New England, U.S.A. In Maine, a woman was critically injured when her car spun out of control and crashed into a canal in Lewiston. More than 30cm of snow fell in some districts, as thousands of homes and businesses lost power during the snowstorm. Approximately 2,700 New Hampshire customers were reported without electricity, including 900 homes in Litchfield. Also, heavy snow up to 30cm fell across eastern Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota. The snow caused three fatalities in two separate incidents. In Nebraska, the snow forced over 120km of interstate highway to be closed.

Sunday 4 March 2007

Avalanches killed five skiers in the Swiss and French Alps.

Sunday 4 March 2007 – Tuesday 6 March 2007

In China, heavy snow affected the Liaoning province. The snow caused disruption to air and road travel, with 2m deep drifts closing up to 11 highways. Three people died in the worst snowfall to hit the area in 50 years as snow-laden roofs failed on two market stalls. At Taoxian International Airport, a significant number of flights were cancelled due to the wintry conditions. Heavy snow also affected Vladivostok, Russia forcing businesses and schools to close. The snowstorm left 1m high snowdrifts bringing roads to a standstill as owners abandoned their cars. There was also disruption to other travel services including the cancellation of the ferry line between Popov and Russky. A state of emergency was declared over Russia's Primorsky territory on the 5th as the snow continued to build.

Monday 5 March 2007

Heavy snow affected the State of Alaska, U.S.A. In Juneau, the heavy snow closed schools, federal and local government offices.

Tuesday 6 March 2007

In Norway, two people died in separate snow slides. The first man was a holidaymaker from the Czech Republic who had gone skiing on the slopes in Orsta. The man was caught in a snow slide in the late afternoon after going out on the slopes earlier that day. Another man died after the snow scooter he was riding with a friend triggered a slide in Andoya. The man was found buried under the snow by search dogs.

Thursday 8 March 2007

Heavy snow and rain caused the death of one person and injured another in the Golran District of Afghanistan.

Friday 9 March 2007

Heavy snow affected north-eastern China, disrupting traffic and closing airports across the Heilongjiang province. Heavy snow also affected neighbouring provinces of Liaoning and Jilin.

Sunday 11 March 2007 – Tuesday 13 March 2007

Heavy snow affected the higher ground of northern India, particularly across the Kashmir Valley region. The snow forced the Srinagar-Jammu highway to close, while the capital, Srinagar, saw a snowfall of 60cm, which was unprecedented for the city.

Monday 12 March 2007

Wintry weather in the Canadian city of Saskatoon led to roads becoming increasingly hazardous, causing up to thirty separate traffic accidents.

Monday 12 March 2007 – Tuesday 13 March 2007

Heavy snow fell across northern and central Japan. Snow of up to 70cm fell across Hokkaido; 50cm fell across parts of Honshu, while 40cm fell across the Hokuriku and Tokai region. In China, heavy snow fell across the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

Thursday 15 March 2007

Residents in Marlborough, New Zealand experienced a surprise snowfall that began to fall and settle on the ground between 0900 and 1100 local time. The snow did not last long as rain during the afternoon washed the snow away.

Friday 16 March 2007

Tokyo, Japan experienced its first snowfall of the winter. This was the latest first snowfall in the city since weather records began in 1876. This beat the previous record for late-arriving snow, which was set back in February 1960.

Sunday 18 March 2007 – Monday 19 March 2007

An avalanche on Sunday buried several houses in the town of Chaghcharan, the capital of the western province of Ghor in Afghanistan. The avalanche killed at least twelve people.

Monday 19 March 2007 – Wednesday 21 March 2007

Heavy snow in Spain caused significant travel disruption in the province of Burgos. More than 1,000 lorries were trapped in the snow across the region as up to 20cm of snow fell. Heavy goods vehicles were not allowed to travel along the N1 road between Navarra and Vitoria. Minor and mountain roads in the north of the country also experienced travel disruption. Even in Tenerife, twelve people were trapped in their cars in Las Canada del Teide after heavy snow hit the area. In parts of Switzerland, 37cm of snow fell in a matter of hours during the afternoon of the 20th. In neighbouring Austria nearly half a metre of snow fell in some parts, cutting power to around 40,000 homes as power lines were felled.

Wednesday 21 March 2007

In northern India's Kashmir region, heavy snowfall and cold temperatures were blamed for at least fifty deaths.

Tuesday 3 April 2007

Ski resorts in the Canadian Rockies saw heavy snow. Approximately 30cm of snow fell across the region.

Wednesday 4 April 2007

In Marquette, Michigan, U.S.A., heavy snow of up to 50cm fell.

Thursday 5 April 2007

A freak spring storm blanketed parts of Maine, U.S.A. with approximately 30cm of snow, snarling traffic and forcing the governor to declare an emergency after at least 275,000 homes and businesses lost power.

Friday 6 April 2007 – Sunday 8 April 2007

Heavy snow fell across many areas of northern and eastern parts of the U.S.A. The Great Lake region saw approximately 120cm of snow. Snow even fell in North Texas; the first time in April since 1938.

Tuesday 10 April 2007

The head of a City investment fund in the UK died after getting caught in a freak snowstorm in Spain. Chris Phillips was walking along the Pilgrims' Way to Santiago de Compostela when the severe weather hit. Mr. Phillips was forced to spend the night in the Pyrenees mountain range, where he was eventually found suffering from hypothermia. After a snowplough cleared the path for an ambulance, Mr. Philips was rushed to hospital as he was still breathing. Regrettably, Mr. Philips died as a result of exposure six hours later.

Wednesday 11 April 2007 – Thursday 12 April 2007

In the U.S.A., heavy snow grounded nearly 600 airline flights at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Michigan. In parts of Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota, approximately 30cm of snow fell. Six people were killed in two separate accidents in Iowa, including a woman and her two children when their minivan collided with another minivan in the state's south-central region.

Thursday 12 April 2007

Two people died after the helicopter in which they were travelling crashed in the northern Japanese Alps at around 16:20 local time. It is understood that the tail rotor of the helicopter came into contact with a mound of snow that had built up, causing it to lose altitude and eventually crash.

Friday 13 April 2007

Heavy snow fell across Kansas, U.S.A. forcing some schools to close. Kendall in southwestern Kansas recorded a snow depth of 25cm.

Tuesday 17 April 2007

In Canada, a surprise snowstorm created dangerous driving conditions. In Montreal, the snowstorm caused a head-on collision between a truck and a mini-van, in which three people died and eleven were injured. Ontario and Quebec were covered in almost 40cm of heavy wet snow, which brought down power lines and left many homes without electricity. All the major airports in the region were forced to either cancel or delay most flights. In the U.S.A., the higher elevations of northern New York, Vermont and New Hampshire received a snowfall accumulation of approximately 43cm.

Friday 20 April 2007

Thousands of homes in Canada were left without power after wet snow affected power lines around Edmonton. More than 5,000 homes experienced power outages as a result of high winds and sticky snow. Among the affected areas were Camrose, Tofield, Holden and Ryley.

Monday 23 April 2007

Late spring snow of approximately 45cm fell in Nevada, U.S.A. The snow gave an unexpected boost to winter sports fans in the area.

Tuesday 22 May 2007

Snow in the south of Lesotho hindered the work of missionary pilots working in the area. The snow made it difficult for planes to take off from some airstrips. In South Africa, twelve trucks and a bus carrying forty-five passengers were stranded at the high point on the Lootsberg Pass near Middelberg. Although there were signs saying the pass was closed, many drivers apparently ignored the warning and tried to pass through. Police had to use off-road vehicles to rescue trapped people.

Thursday 24 May 2007

The city of Calgary, Alberta, Canada a snowfall of 10cm occurred. Other communities in west-central Alberta saw the downing of power lines and trees in Red Deer.

Sunday 27 May 2007

Heavy snow left mountain roads and passes closed in southern Switzerland. The Grand Saint-Bernard tunnel was closed and the road to the Loetschberg rail tunnel blocked after heavy snow fell down to 1,200 metres. A number of mountain passes including the Gothard and Simplon were also impassable.

The heavy snowfalls brought down trees and caused a power cut disrupting the Jungfrau and Bernese Oberland railways linking Interlaken with the Jungfrau plateau.

Tuesday 29 May 2007

Sixteen people died in the mountainous district of Dolpa in north-west Nepal after a freak snowstorm. In Katmandu, the heavy snow stranded more than 1,000 people.

Friday 8 June 2007

Parts of New Zealand were blasted by heavy snow including 15cm at Southland and Otago. The snow led to power cuts to 140 homes, as the snow was so heavy it brought down power lines.

Wednesday 13 June 2007

A snowstorm blocked more than 6,000 trucks on the slopes of the Cristo Redentor pass on the border of Argentina and Chile.

Thursday 14 June 2007

North-western Sweden experienced an unpredicted snowfall of 10cm in the province of Harjedalen. In New South Wales, Australia some areas saw a snowfall of approximately 15cm, particularly in districts east of Canberra, such as Captains Flat and Bungendore.

Friday 22 June 2007

Heavy snowfall on New Zealand's South Island led to an area being cut off from the rest of the region. Access to the central Otago region was made difficult by a snowfall of 30cm that blocked roads travelling in and out of the area. The snow caused one fatality being recorded after a car skidded off a local road and into Lake Wanaka.

Tuesday 26 June 2007

Heavy snow forced the Monaro Highway near to the New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory border to close.

Wednesday 27 June 2007

The South African city of Johannesburg was covered in snow for the first time in more than a quarter of a century and prompted many children to play outside during the night. The snow however resulted in one fatality, as a homeless man was found dead near a taxi rank in the early hours.

Friday 29 June 2007

A woman from Canberra, Australia was treated in hospital suffering from asthma and hypothermia after her house was submerged in snow.

Monday 9 July 2007

Snow fell in the Argentinean capital for the first time since 1918. Buenos Aires received a sustained snowfall for several hours after a mass of air from Antarctica reacted with a system of low pressure. The snow prompted many local children to play outside and throw snowballs.

Friday 13 July 2007

Six soldiers died after they were caught in an avalanche in Switzerland. All of the victims had been climbing the Jungfrau in the Swiss Alps as part of a training exercise when fresh snow began to give way. The men were scaling the south side of the peak when the snow crumbled at 3,800 metres.

Friday 20 July 2007

Heavy snow allowed the skiing resorts of Thredbo and Perisher Blue in Australia to flourish. Many areas received more than 20cm of snow.

Wednesday 8 August 2007

Chile's capital Santiago received a snowfall for the first time in eight years. Parts of Santiago lost power and schools were forced to close. The snowfall also led to the Libertadores Mountain Pass, connecting Chile with Argentina to close.

Tuesday 6 November 2007

Parts of the Midwest U.S.A. experienced their first flurry of snow this season, blanketing a number of towns surrounding Lake Erie. Approximately 20cm of snow was recorded in the 12 hours in the north-western town of Waterford, covering roads and causing hundreds of traffic accidents.

Tuesday 13 November 2007

Heavy snow of approximately 20cm fell across the Soderton region of Sweden causing chaos on the roads. Slippery conditions forced some cars off the road, while other drivers abandoned their vehicles when they became stuck in the snow.

Wednesday 14 November 2007 - Thursday 15 November 2007

Austrian ski resorts opened two weeks earlier this season as heavy snow fell across the region of Zell am See, Saalbach-Hinterglemm and Mayrhofen. Langem am Arlberg recorded a snowfall of 112cm over 48 hours. Some areas suffered serious damage due to the snow. The Tirol area of Austria measured 40cm of new snow while Salzburg had approximately 70cm; however there were reports of up to 150cm in places. The onset of the heavy snow prompted the closure of roads, some because of the quantity of snow, however others were closed as a precaution due to the risk of avalanches.

Thursday 15 November 2007

Ski resorts in the U.S.A. state of Utah had to postpone their planned openings due to a lack of snowfall.

Thursday 15 November 2007 - Friday 16 November 2007

Heavy snow up to 40cm blocked roads and severed power supplies to many parts of the Yunman Province, China.

Thursday 22 November 2007

A snowstorm in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec brought transport links to a standstill after 15-30cm of snow fell in places. The wintry conditions resulted in more than two hundred traffic accidents. The heavy snow also resulted in the closure of schools.

Saturday 1 December 2007 - Sunday 2 December 2007

Heavy snow fell across eastern and western Canada with certain districts seeing snowfalls up to 20cm.

Monday 3 December 2007

Certain areas of the Eastern U.S.A. saw heavy snow causing the death of 17 people. Numerous schools were forced to cancel classes from New York to Maine.

Thursday 13 December 2007 - Friday 14 December 2007

Many schools and businesses were forced to close as up to 30cm of snow fell across many central and north-eastern state of the U.S.A. Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts were particularly worst hit.

Sunday 16 December 2007

The transport network in eastern Canada was left in chaos by a major snowstorm. The cities of Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal received a snowfall of nearly 40cm. The heavy snow resulted in more than 600 traffic accidents in Toronto alone. The snow also forced 100 flights from airports in Toronto and Montreal to be cancelled.

Monday 17 December 2007

Many eastern areas of Spain experienced heavy snow, particularly in the Jijona and Taragona district. The snow blocked dozens of roads and several mountain passes, some which were subsequently closed or left only accessible by the use of snow chains. The motorway linking Madrid and Barcelona was also closed temporarily near Zaragoza.

Thursday 20 December 2007

Parts of Maine and New Hampshire, U.S.A. saw up to 30cm of snow. The heavy snow closed schools and caused traffic problems.

Saturday 22 December 2007

At least 16 people died who had been trapped in their cars after an avalanche covered a busy road in Tajikistan. The avalanche occurred after heavy snow fell across the region. The road affected by the avalanche ran between the capital Dushanbe and the city of Khudjand.

Saturday 22 December 2007 – Sunday 23 December 2007

Heavy snow again affected many states of the U.S.A., particularly in Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. Snow amounts up to 70cm were recorded across these areas, with 22 people dying as a result of the wintry conditions. The snow caused chaos on the roads with many accidents reported, including one 50 plus vehicle pile-up on Interstate 40 in Texas. Nearly 300 flights were cancelled at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, while more than 400,000 homes in Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin were left without electricity.

Friday 28 December 2007

Five people died after a snowstorm caused chaos on the roads of the Altai region of Russia. The snowstorm also forced the closure of Barnaul Airport for most of the day.