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Death Toll From Ukraine Cold Spell Rises to 37

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KIEV — Cold has killed 37 people in Ukraine so far this month, as temperatures reached minus 23 Celsius in parts of the country, the government said.

The Health Ministry said 190 people had sought medical help and 162 had been hospitalized.

Nighttime temperatures are expected to drop to minus 28 C in northern, central and eastern Ukraine this week, weather forecasters say.

The cold snap followed heavy snowfall, which left some areas covered in as much as 53 centimeters of snow.

The Emergencies Ministry said this week that it was setting up hundreds of heated tents across the country where people could get hot drinks and receive first aid.

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