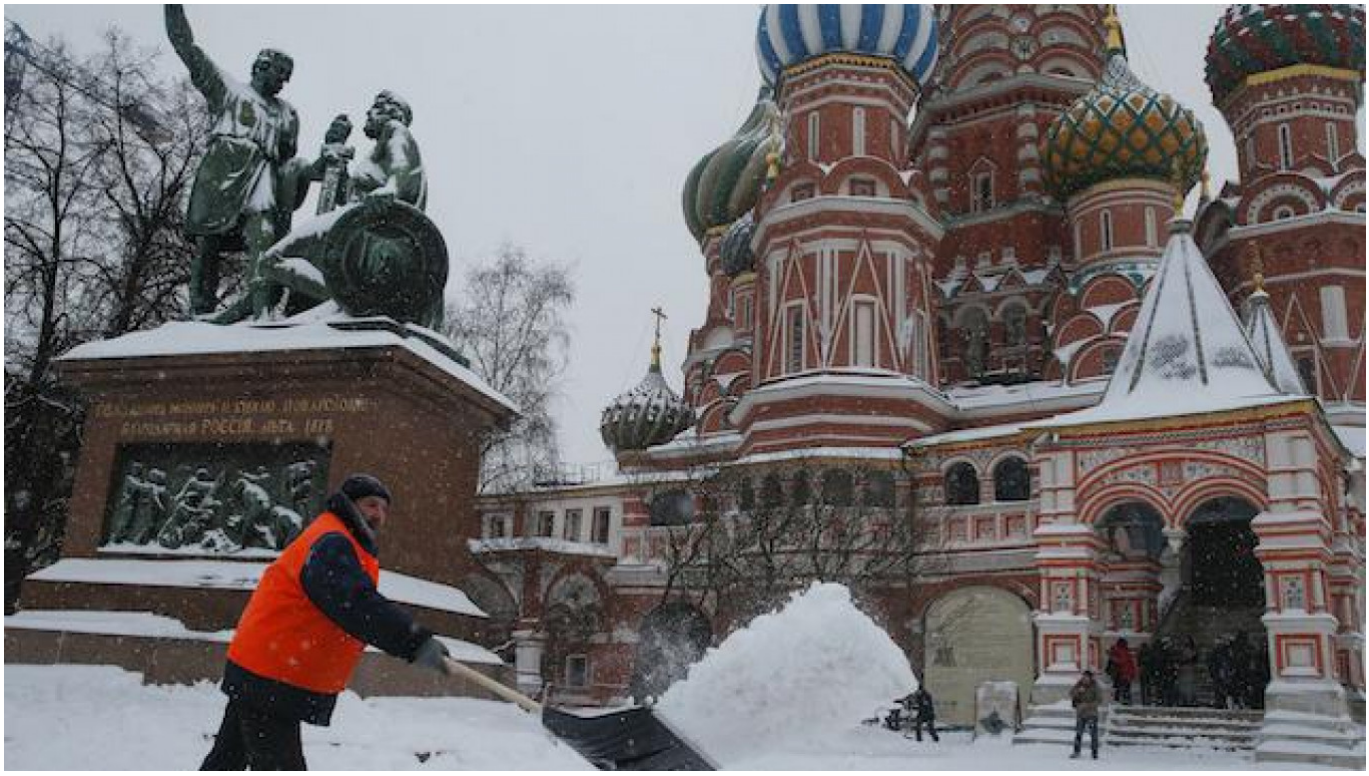
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Moscow Braces for Fresh Snowstorms

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Moscow is bracing for further snowfall after a weekend of☒early winter storms.

Russia's official weather agency Rosgidromet expects more snow to hit the capital on Monday evening, with temperatures☒plunging to minus 6 degrees Celsius.

Heavy snow first arrived in Moscow on Sunday evening, with a third of the city's average monthly snowfall falling in a single night. Some areas of the capital reported up to 17mm of snow. Moscow's average November snowfall is just 58mm.

While temperatures in the capital have since hit a balmy 1 degree☒Celsius, drivers could face reduced visibility throughout Monday☒morning,
according to Russia's Emergency Situations
Ministry. Some 560 traffic accidents occurred during the snowstorm on Sunday, killing 4 people, the TASS news agency reported.

To add insult to injury, Moscow's weekday traffic jams — awful under normal weather

conditions — could get worse due to damaged power lines, trees and billboards, the ministry said in a press release. Authorities have urged Muscovites to remain cautious and to take care of vulnerable neighbors.

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