

2017 Hottest Year on Record in Russia

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The passing year was Russia's hottest in recorded history on the back of increasingly warm winters.

"The average temperature [in 2017] was the warmest of all these years," the state-run RIA Novosti news agency [cited](#) Roman Vifand, the head of Russia's meteorological center, as saying on Thursday.

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He forecast above-average temperatures in January, particularly in European Russia, with a cold spell in the Far East Chukotka autonomous district.

Meanwhile, the Fobos meteorological center forecasts cloudy weather with a chance of wet snow on New Year's Eve in Moscow. The temperature is expected to be around zero degrees

Celsius, which is around 6-8 degrees higher than normal at this time of the year.

"Nothing pleasant," its spokesperson [told](#) the RBC business portal.

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