

'Blizzard of the Century' Blankets Far East Russia's Amur Region

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The capital city of Far East Russia's Amur region was blanketed under heavy snow on Wednesday, in what officials are [calling](#) the "blizzard of the century."

Authorities in Blagoveshchensk [declared](#) a state of emergency after a total of 36 millimeters of precipitation — or [roughly](#) 36cm (14 inches) of snow on the ground — had fallen in the city since Monday. That amount of snowfall beat the city's previous single-day [record](#) of 18 millimeters set in 1935.

"This level of snowfall hasn't been seen here in 100 years," city authorities in Blagoveshchensk [said](#).

Amur region Governor Vasily Orlov [canceled](#) all public events and suspended dozens of bus routes. He also urged employers to follow schools and universities in switching to remote work.

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Although flights at Blagoveshchensk airport remain operational, authorities [warned](#) of potential delays.

Meteorologists [reported](#) up to 66 millimeters of precipitation across parts of Russia's Far East, including the Jewish Autonomous Region, with snowbanks in the Amur region reaching a [record](#) 38 centimeters (15 inches) — well above the November average of 4 centimeters.

The blizzard is expected to continue through Thursday, with emergency services [predicting](#) it may not subside until Friday.

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