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Winter Weather Creates Dangerous Driving Conditions All Over Bulgaria

3 January 2009, Saturday



The cold winter weather and snow had created treacherous driving conditions in many parts of Bulgaria. Photo by Nadya Kotseva (Sofia Photo Agency) | buy photo |

Northeast and some areas in the North.

In the area of the Rhodopi Mountains, heavy duty trucks are mandated to travel with chains and without trailers.

In the area of the city of Kurdzhali there is heavy fog and very low visibility.

Many mountain passes such as Etropole-Zlatitsa, Troyan-Kurnare and the Vurbitsa pass are closed, but cars and trucks can cross the border checkpoints without problem.

The cold weather has brought temperatures down all over Bulgaria. The weather is the coldest in the Northwestern parts, with the city of Vidin registering a temperature of minus 7 degrees Celsius. The temperature in Sofia is minus 5 degrees Celsius and it is expected to reach a maximum of minus 3 degrees.

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The cold winter weather and snow had created treacherous driving conditions in many parts of Bulgaria.

In the lower, flat areas, the roads are dry, however, in areas with higher elevations, there are numerous snowy and icy spots, the National Agency "Road Infrastructure" informed on Saturday, warning drivers to use extreme caution.

The Agency's crews are cleaning and treating the dangerous road sections.

There light snow, already covering many areas of the country, is expected to continue into Sunday and gradually taper off on time for the work week.

Snow is expected all over Bulgaria, except in the

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