



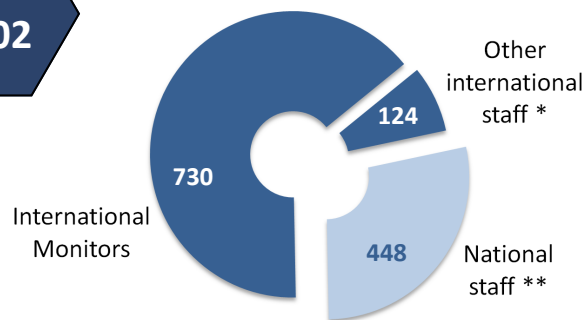
SMM monitoring officers in Lebedynske, Donetsk region (OSCE/Anna Andrusenko)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 5 and 18 October, the SMM recorded 215 ceasefire violations, compared with 429 in the previous two-week period.
- The recent reduction in violence, following the Trilateral Contact Group's adoption of additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire on 22 July, shows once again that with political will, concrete results can be achieved on the ground, said Yaşar Halit Çevik, Chief Monitor of the SMM, in his address to the OSCE Permanent Council on 8 October.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three pilot disengagement areas, recording no ceasefire violations, but noting the regular presence of people within, or close to, former military and military-type positions inside the areas near Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM corroborated reports of eight civilian casualties – including one fatality – all resulting from the detonation of explosive devices. This brings the total number of civilian casualties since the beginning of 2020 to 87: 14 fatalities and 73 injuries. For the twelfth consecutive week, the Mission received no reports of civilian casualties due to shelling or small-arms fire.
- The Mission continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line. This included repairs to water infrastructure near Pankivka and Krasnyi Lyman providing water to around 250,000 civilians, and inspection of power lines near Zolote-4/Rodina and between Travneve and Hladosove, providing electricity to several thousand civilians.
- Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the SMM continued to note reduced numbers of civilians crossing the contact line at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and observed that some civilians continued to stay overnight near the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP). From 15 October onwards, the Mission noted that the EECP was closed, with crossing allowed only in exceptional circumstances.
- In Donetsk region, where EECPs remain operational, the only corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations that is operational is the one near Olenivka and it is open only two days a week, resulting in severely restricted movement and hardship for the civilian population.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted seven times on the ground, all in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 10 occasions while flying on both sides of the contact line, including twice over the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- Crossing difficulties at the contact line continue to hinder the SMM's monitoring of non-government-controlled areas.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

TOTAL
1,302

MISSION MEMBERS as of 19 October 2020



* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, two Deputy Chief Monitors, advisors, analysts, etc.

** National staff includes assistants, advisors and administrative personnel.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	7	Kyrgyzstan	22
Armenia	2	Latvia	5
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	41
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	53	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	45	North Macedonia	26
Canada	30	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	32
Czech Republic	11	Romania	35
Denmark	5	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	16
Finland	22	Slovakia	14
France	13	Slovenia	1
Georgia	21	Spain	11
Germany	30	Sweden	13
Greece	20	Switzerland	3
Hungary	17	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	7	Turkey	10
Italy	16	United Kingdom	45
Kazakhstan	4	United States	57
		TOTAL	730
Male	592	Female	138

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 720 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 550 based in the east;
- From 44 OSCE participating States.

What we do

- Report the facts as we observe and establish them;
- Gather information and report on the security situation;
- Report on the humanitarian situation and people's needs, and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid of other organizations;
- Help to establish dialogue and local ceasefires.

Important to understand:

- It is up to the sides to stop the fighting;
- We do not conduct investigations, but report on facts;
- We do not deliver but facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid.