

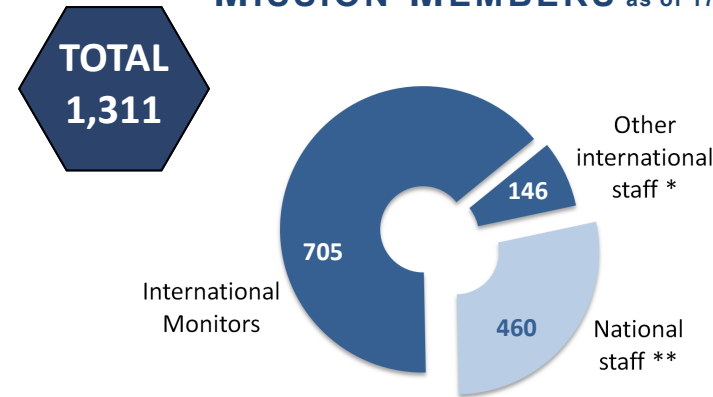


An SMM patrol near Orlyvske in Donetsk region (OSCE/Germain Groll)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 3 and 16 May 2021, the SMM noted an increase in the number of ceasefire violations – recording 4,848 of them, compared with 3,135 in the previous two-week period.
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, recording increased kinetic activity inside or near the latter two areas and noting the presence of people inside the latter two areas.
- Over the past two weeks, the SMM corroborated eight civilian casualties, including two fatalities. This brings the total number of civilian casualties that occurred since the beginning of 2021 to 24 (nine fatalities and 15 injuries).
- The Mission saw damage to 14 private properties and civilian infrastructure sites on both sides of the contact line, including to a functional hospital in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and a functional school in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. Since the beginning of the year, the Mission confirmed damage to 30 private properties and civilian infrastructure sites.
- On both sides of the contact line in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) continued spotting mines, including 4,165 anti-tank mines, about 100 probable anti-personnel mines and three pieces of unexploded ordnance.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 13 times, all in non-government-controlled areas. SMM UAVs were targeted six times by small-arms fire on both sides of the contact line. The Mission's UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming or jamming on 105 occasions, including 34 instances when long-range UAVs were affected (forcing one emergency landing, see Spot Report [13/2021](#)).
- The SMM continued to observe civilians while crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line and their challenges. It again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use were near Stanytsia Luhanska (opened daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (twice a week, as the armed formations' checkpoint there is only open on Mondays and Fridays).
- The Mission continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including maintenance of water infrastructure near Novotoshkivske and near Holmivskyyi, altogether providing water to around 9,000 civilians.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 17 May 2021



* 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	30
Armenia	1	Latvia	4
Austria	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	40
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	44	North Macedonia	24
Canada	27	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	28
Czech Republic	9	Romania	32
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	35
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	18	Slovakia	14
France	12	Slovenia	1
Georgia	22	Spain	10
Germany	28	Sweden	9
Greece	20	Switzerland	3
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	13
Ireland	9	Turkey	11
Italy	14	United Kingdom	42
Kazakhstan	4	United States	61
		TOTAL	705
Male	567	Female	138

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 500 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.