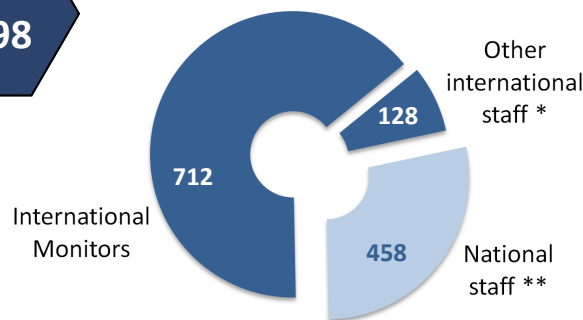An SMM patrol on the road near Bohdanivka, inside the Disengagement Area near Petrivske, Donetsk region (OSCE/Germain Groll)

FACTS MATTER

- For the 24th consecutive week, the security situation remained relatively calm following the additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire that took effect on 27 July 2020. Between 14 December 2020 and 10 January 2021, the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) recorded 2,123 ceasefire violations. For comparison, during a similar four-week period between 14 December 2019 and 10 January 2020, the Mission recorded about 15,500 ceasefire violations.

- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It observed people inside the latter two areas during daytime hours and recorded ceasefire violations inside the area near Petrivske for the first time since August 2020.

- During the four-week reporting period, the SMM corroborated reports of 12 civilian casualties. Of these, nine were caused by explosive objects. The other three casualties resulted from shelling or small-arms fire, and they occurred before additional measures took effect on 27 July 2020. The total number of civilian casualties in 2020 stands at 128: 23 fatalities and 105 injuries.

- The Mission continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure, including water infrastructure near Novotoshkivske, Berezove, Pivdenne, Zolote-5/Mykhailivka and Krasnyi Lyman, which altogether provide water to more than 165,000 people.

- The SMM continued to observe civilians facing challenges when crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line in both directions. It again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use continued to be Stanytsia Luhanska and Novotroitske/Olenivka. In each location, only a limited number of civilians travelling in both directions were observed.

- The Mission's freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 14 times, all in non-government-controlled areas. SMM UAVs were twice targeted by small-arms fire in non-government-controlled areas and experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 50 occasions while flying on both sides of the contact line.

- The SMM continued to follow up on developments in relation to the Hungarian community in the Zakarpattia region.

- 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 11 January 2021

TOTAL 1,298

- 712 International Monitors
- 128 Other international staff *
- 458 National staff **

* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, two Deputy Chief Monitors, advisors, analysts, etc.
** National staff includes assistants, advisors and administrative personnel.

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are
- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 700 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.

MISSION MONITORS

Country		Country	
Albania	7	Kyrgyzstan	22
Armenia	2	Latvia	4
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	39
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	53	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	44	North Macedonia	25
Canada	30	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	32
Czech Republic	11	Romania	35
Denmark	4	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	16
Finland	17	Slovakia	14
France	12	Slovenia	1
Georgia	21	Spain	10
Germany	28	Sweden	12
Greece	20	Switzerland	3
Hungary	17	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	8	Turkey	10
Italy	15	United Kingdom	42
Kazakhstan	4	United States	58
		TOTAL	**712**
Male	**574**	**Female**	**138**