



OSCE SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan greets OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Miroslav Lajčák at the SMM Head Office in Kyiv (Photo credit: Andrew Kravchenko /OSCE)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 24 December 2018 and 13 January 2019, the Mission recorded 10,919 ceasefire violations.
- Following the recommitment to the ceasefire on 29 December 2018, during the New Year and Christmas festivities, the Mission noted an initial decrease in the number of ceasefire violations.
- After almost two weeks, the number of recorded ceasefire violations returned to the average observed before the recommitment. On 13 January over 760 ceasefire violations were recorded by the Mission.
- The SMM confirmed that 13 civilians were injured; 10 prior to the reporting period. On 10 January 2019, three employees of Voda Donbassa water company were injured when their vehicle was hit by a projectile while clearing snow from a road near the First Pumping Station in Vasylivka.
- The Mission recorded 147 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (112 in areas not controlled by the Government). It also noted hardware in or close to residential areas, placing civilians in danger. For example, an armoured reconnaissance vehicle was observed about 30-40m from a house near Popasna and five armoured combat vehicles in Luhansk city.
- In 2018 the SMM observed about 3,800 weapons in violation of withdrawal lines; about six per cent fewer than in 2017. About 60 per cent of such weapons were observed in non-government-controlled areas.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to the ceasefire to enable assessments and repairs to 69 civilian infrastructure objects, including the Petrivske water pumping station near government-controlled Artema which provides approximately 150,000 people with water in mostly non-government-controlled areas.
- In 2018 the Mission deployed 28,000 patrols to monitor localized adherence to the ceasefire, allowing for about 100 infrastructure repair works to be carried out, providing electricity, water, gas and mobile communication to millions of civilians on both sides of the contact line.
- On 1 January 2009, Slovakia assumed the Chairmanship of the OSCE.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian)

MISSION MEMBERS as of 14 JANUARY 2019



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

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

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 800 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 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

Albania	6	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	23
Austria	10	Latvia	8
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	39
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	48	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	40	Norway	13
Canada	28	Poland	38
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	15	Romania	30
Denmark	7	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	3	Serbia	11
Finland	23	Slovakia	12
France	17	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28	Spain	13
Georgia	22	Sweden	27
Germany	29	Switzerland	7
Greece	23	Tajikistan	12
Hungary	23	Turkey	10
Ireland	8	United Kingdom	59
Italy	24	United States	63
		TOTAL	793
Male	630	Female	163