



OSCE SMM monitors patrolling Stanytsia Luhanska area, Luhansk region, September 2016. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

LATEST NEWS

- The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) continued to monitor the security situation, noting that it remained highly volatile, unpredictable and highly tense with occasional flare-ups. The Donetsk airport-Yasynuvata-Avdiivka triangle remained the epicentre of violence. The level of violence in Luhansk region remained relatively low with some isolated spikes in ceasefire violations occurring in Stanytsia Luhanska area and in parts of western Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued to note the presence of the risk factors such as weapons in violation of withdrawal lines, and armed forces and formations positioned dangerously close to one another.
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement process in the general areas of Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote/Pervomaisk and Petrivske/Bohdanivka through patrolling and remote observation, as foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016. The SMM has noted some hardware and personnel moving away from the contact line.
- At the same time, however, monitors still lack unfettered access to the three disengagement areas with the sides having failed to remove mines or the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination failing to facilitate their removal.
- Addressing the OSCE Permanent Council on 5 October, Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan said that disengagement is a key step towards a full and sustainable ceasefire in Ukraine and that more needs to be done to make it a reality on the ground. Read at: www.osce.org/cio/272236
- Overall, the SMM's freedom of movement continues to be restricted, particularly in areas not controlled by the Government. On 7 October a man threatened monitors at the SMM camera site at Oktiabr mine. Read more: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/273171
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 12 OCTOBER 2016



MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	15
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	15	Lithuania	2
Azerbaijan	1	Luxembourg	1
Belarus	7	Moldova	24
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32	Netherlands	6
Bulgaria	28	Norway	11
Canada	16	Poland	31
Croatia	11	Portugal	5
Czech Republic	15	Romania	38
Denmark	12	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	19	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	14
Georgia	8	Sweden	20
Germany	33	Switzerland	11
Greece	19	Tajikistan	3
Hungary	26	Turkey	12
Ireland	10	United Kingdom	43
Italy	21	United States	65
Kazakhstan	4	TOTAL	693
Male	583	Female	110

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 based in the east;
- From 45 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.