



OSCE SMM monitor on patrol in Verkhnohyrokiivske, 13 October 2017. Photo: Evgeniy Maloletka/OSCE

FACTS MATTER

- The security situation in eastern Ukraine has slowly but steadily deteriorated despite the sides' recommitment to the ceasefire in late August. Notably, during the week of 23 to 29 October the SMM recorded more than 5,000 ceasefire violations, an increase of 80 per cent over the previous week. Most violations were recorded in the areas of Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport and Svitlodarsk-Debaltseve.
- At the same time, the Mission recorded a decrease of more than 50 per cent in the use of Minsk-proscribed weapons in the week of 23 to 29 October, compared to the week before.
- From 16 to 29 October, the Mission confirmed nine civilian casualties, including one fatality. A 25-year-old man died from a bullet wound, which he had sustained in the Trudivski area of Donetsk city. This brings the total number of civilian casualties recorded this year to 411.
- The SMM, in co-ordination with the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination, also contributed to the improvement of the humanitarian situation by facilitating and monitoring localized adherence to the ceasefire. From 16 to 29 October, these "windows of silence" allowed for inspection, repair and maintenance work to 15 infrastructure facilities.
- In the past two weeks the SMM facilitated and monitored repairs and maintenance work to the water wells near Krasnyi Lyman, the power lines in Druzhba, the Donetsk Filtration Station, the thermal power plant in Shchastia, the Petrivske water pumping station, and other essential civilian infrastructure. In total, the Mission conducted at least 32 patrols in support of repairs and maintenance of infrastructure facilities.
- The SMM's access remained restricted in multiple locations on both sides of the contact line, in particular in areas outside of government control close to the border with the Russian Federation. At a "DPR"-controlled checkpoint near Verkhnohyrokiivske armed men in military-style clothing pointed a heavy machine-gun at an SMM patrol: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/352556.
- The SMM has also monitored public gatherings across the country, including one in front of the national parliament building in Kyiv.
- 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 01 NOVEMBER 2017



* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, Principal Deputy 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;
- Over 600 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 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.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	12	Latvia	5
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	3
Belarus	7	Moldova	22
Belgium	3	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	36	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	28	Norway	16
Canada	13	Poland	34
Croatia	10	Portugal	1
Czech Republic	13	Romania	25
Denmark	3	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	5	Serbia	10
Finland	15	Slovakia	10
France	13	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	24	Spain	11
Georgia	9	Sweden	9
Germany	22	Switzerland	8
Greece	21	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	24	Turkey	8
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	44
Italy	16	United States	57
		TOTAL	619
Male	531	Female	88