

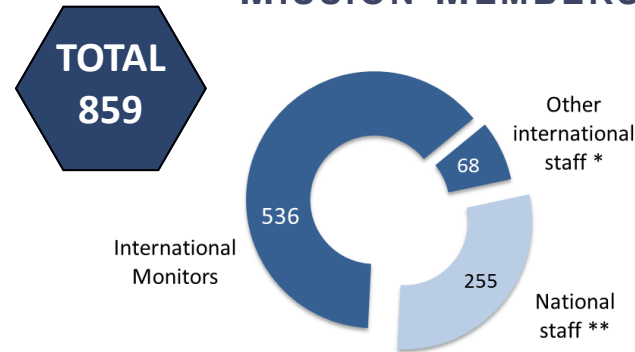


SMM observed a significant decrease in ceasefire violations in Donbas, but the situation remained tense

## LATEST NEWS

- The SMM noted significant decrease in ceasefire violations, violence was mostly observed at or around Donetsk airport. No ceasefire violations were observed in Luhansk region on a number of days.
- The SMM facilitated local ceasefires that allowed for gas pipeline and electrical lines repairs in the Luhansk region.
- Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan and Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug took part in meetings in Minsk of the Trilateral Contact Group's working group on Security issues. The SMM continues to serve as co-ordinator of this group.
- Chief Monitor Apakan urged sides to heed ceasefire appeal provided by the Trilateral Contact Group at school year start. On 1 September the SMM monitored a peaceful beginning of the school year in numerous schools. However, the ceasefire didn't hold completely.
- The SMM issued a Spot Report with observations of a protest outside the national Parliament on 31 August that resulted in the death of three guardsmen and injury of many people.
- On 31 August contact with SMM UAV was lost while flying south of "DPR"-controlled Sontseve, where it observed concentrations of military hardware in "DPR"-controlled areas close to the contact line. The UAV was declared lost and has not been found since.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm).

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 09.09.2015



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

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

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	12
Armenia	2	Latvia	8
Austria	15	Lithuania	2
Belarus	2	Moldova	16
Belgium	1	Mongolia	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	13	Montenegro	1
Bulgaria	15	Netherlands	3
Canada	14	Norway	8
Croatia	12	Poland	27
Czech Republic	18	Portugal	5
Denmark	13	Romania	30
Estonia	7	Russian Federation	26
Finland	26	Serbia	6
France	9	Slovakia	7
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12	Slovenia	1
Georgia	4	Spain	11
Germany	20	Sweden	19
Greece	12	Switzerland	10
Hungary	23	Tajikistan	1
Ireland	11	Turkey	10
Italy	22	United Kingdom	26
Kazakhstan	4	United States	50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>536</b>
Male	438	Female	98

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian mission;
- Over 500 monitors throughout Ukraine;
- Over 400 of whom in the east;
- Representatives from more than 40 countries.

### What we do

- Report the facts as we see and hear them;
- Gather information and report on the security situation;
- Report on humanitarian situation and people's needs and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid by other organizations;
- Help to establish dialogue and local ceasefires.

### Important to understand

- It's up to the sides to stop fighting;
- We do not conduct investigations, but report on facts;
- We do not deliver, but facilitate delivery of humanitarian aid.