



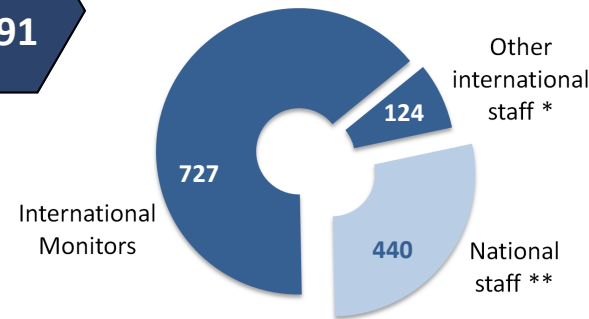
Monitoring officer near Berdianske, Donetsk region (OSCE/Anna Andrusenko)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 10 and 23 August, the SMM recorded 440 ceasefire violations, including 49 explosions, compared with 256 and 45, respectively, in the previous two weeks. No recorded ceasefire violations were attributable to the use of weapons that should have been withdrawn in accordance with the Minsk agreements.
- Over the last two weeks, the Mission neither confirmed nor received any reports about civilian casualties or damage to civilian properties due to shelling or small-arms fire. The total number of civilian casualties since the beginning of 2020 is 61 – eight fatalities and 53 injuries.
- The SMM continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three pilot disengagement areas, noting continuously the presence of people within or close to former military and military-type positions inside the ones near Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded one ceasefire violation inside Petrivske disengagement area.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure. This included repairs to water infrastructure near Pivdenne and Kleban Byk as well as near Pankivka, Olenivka and Yashchukove, altogether providing water to over 3.4 million people on both sides of the contact line.
- The SMM continued to observe the presence of mines on both sides of the contact line, including 12 probable anti-tank mines in a field near the Petrovskiy district of Donetsk city and 62 in and near Pisky.
- Amid the COVID-19 outbreak, the SMM continued to note reduced numbers of civilians crossing the contact line at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and observed that some civilians continued to stay overnight near the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) there. In Donetsk region, where EECPs are mostly open, corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations – except one, which operated only two days a week – remained closed, resulting in severely restricted movement and hardship for the civilian population.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted nine times on the ground, all but once in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 33 occasions while flying near the contact line in government- and non-government-controlled areas, including twice over the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- Contact line crossing difficulties continue to hinder the operations of the SMM in areas not controlled by the Government.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

TOTAL
1,291

MISSION MEMBERS as of 24 August 2020



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

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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	6	Kyrgyzstan	22
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	42
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	2	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	46	North Macedonia	25
Canada	29	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	32
Czech Republic	11	Romania	33
Denmark	4	Russian Federation	40
Estonia	3	Serbia	15
Finland	22	Slovakia	13
France	14	Slovenia	1
Georgia	22	Spain	10
Germany	31	Sweden	13
Greece	20	Switzerland	5
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	7	Turkey	10
Italy	18	United Kingdom	45
Kazakhstan	4	United States	53
		TOTAL	727
Male	591	Female	136

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 720 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.