



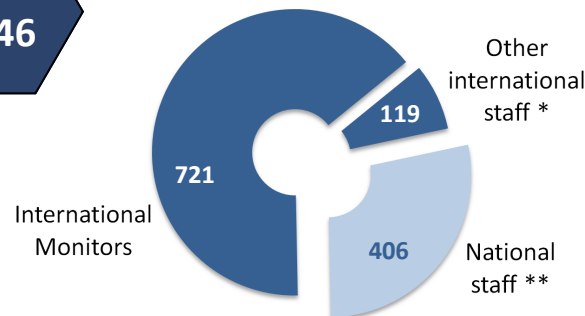
OSCE SMM monitoring officers on patrol in eastern Ukraine. (Photo credit: OSCE/Kevin Adams)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 3 and 16 September, the SMM recorded over 30 per cent more ceasefire violations (over 10,000), compared with the previous two weeks. The increase came despite the recommitment to the ceasefire, which began at 00:01hrs on 29 August, for the beginning of the school year.
- The SMM continued to observe weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (93 over the two-week period (56 in areas not controlled by the Government)).
- In an area of Donetsk region outside of government control near the border with the Russian Federation where there are no border crossing facilities, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), during a night-time flight, spotted a convoy of 10 KamAZ canvas-covered cargo trucks. Similar observations were made by an SMM long-range UAV on 8 August in the same area.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to the ceasefire to enable repair and maintenance to critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line.
- In addition to the ongoing threats posed by the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance – which the sides have previously pledged to remove – the Mission continued to encounter restrictions of its freedom of movement, particularly at checkpoints in non-government-controlled areas of southern Donetsk region and in areas near the border with the Russian Federation outside government control. In all, SMM patrols were actively restricted 47 times by the armed formations and three times by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.
- Since the beginning of the year, the SMM corroborated 182 civilian casualties (34 deaths and 148 injuries).
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

TOTAL
1,246



* 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.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	5	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	23
Austria	10	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	6	Moldova	35
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	36	Norway	11
Canada	27	Poland	36
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	14	Romania	27
Denmark	7	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	12
Finland	21	Slovakia	12
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	27	Spain	14
Georgia	18	Sweden	9
Germany	21	Switzerland	7
Greece	21	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	United Kingdom	60
Italy	20	United States	59
		TOTAL	721
Male	598	Female	123

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 700 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.