



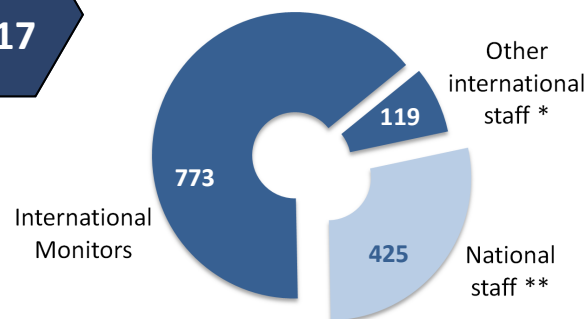
A student at school close to the contact line, Donetsk region (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

FACTS MATTER

- In the past two weeks, the SMM recorded an increase in the number of ceasefire violations in eastern Ukraine as compared to the relatively low levels of violence observed over and immediately after Orthodox Easter. Between 6 and 19 May, monitors recorded around 7,000 ceasefire violations per week (around 4,000 had been recorded the week before).
- The second week of May saw a significant increase in the use of weapons that should have been withdrawn in accordance with the Minsk agreements (around 1,000 instances). In total, from 6 to 19 May monitors observed 277 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (216 in areas not controlled by the Government).
- Shelling and small-arms fire continued to impact civilian infrastructure. In particular, the SMM observed fresh gunfire damage to two functioning schools in Troitske and in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka. In Troitske, monitors were told that students had been at school when the damage occurred. The school in Zolote has been hit nine times since December 2018. The area around the Donetsk Filtration Station, which supplies potable water to nearly 380,000 people on both sides of the contact line, continued to experience shelling. In one instance on [15 May](#), the SMM, while facilitating and monitoring adherence to the ceasefire to enable the operation of the facility, heard three outgoing explosions less than 300 metres from their position.
- The Mission confirmed two civilian casualties, bringing the total number registered by the SMM in 2019 to 35 (six deaths and 29 injuries). In one instance, a man died after a metal object he had found in the outskirts of Velyka Novosilka exploded.
- The SMM continued to observe people applying for passports of the Russian Federation in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region and started to observe the same in Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued to enable repairs to critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line. In particular, repairs to power lines between Zolote-5/Mykhailivka and Yuzhna-Lomuvatka, and to almost 150 damaged houses in Marinka and Krasnohorivka.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: <https://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports>.

TOTAL
1,317

MISSION MEMBERS as of 20 MAY 2019



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

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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	6	Kyrgyzstan	23
Armenia	1	Latvia	8
Austria	10	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	38
Belarus	7	Montenegro	3
Belgium	1	Netherlands	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	47	North Macedonia	27
Bulgaria	42	Norway	13
Canada	27	Poland	35
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	13	Romania	30
Denmark	10	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	2	Serbia	12
Finland	25	Slovakia	10
France	15	Slovenia	1
Georgia	22	Spain	12
Germany	36	Sweden	26
Greece	20	Switzerland	7
Hungary	21	Tajikistan	13
Ireland	9	Turkey	10
Italy	22	United Kingdom	56
Kazakhstan	4	United States	57
		TOTAL	773
Male	614	Female	159

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 800 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.