



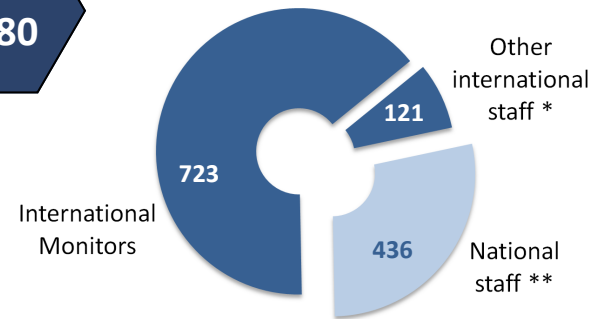
A shell-damaged civilian house in Avdiivka, Donetsk region (OSCE/Valentin Iliev)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 4 and 17 May, the SMM recorded about 10,500 ceasefire violations, including approximately 2,000 explosions. This compares with about 9,800 and 2,750, respectively, in the previous two-week period.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three disengagement areas, observing a calm situation inside the one near Stanytsia Luhanska, continued ceasefire violations inside the one near Petrivske, and the presence of persons inside the ones near Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission corroborated reports of nine civilian casualties, all injuries, including five children, bringing the total since the beginning of 2020 to 44 (six fatalities and 38 injuries).
- The SMM continued to see mines and unexploded ordnance, including 865 anti-tank mines near Staromykhailivka and at least 50 anti-tank mines near Lebedynske.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to, and construction and maintenance of, critical civilian infrastructure. This included repairs to the South Donbass Water Pipeline near Vasylivka, which provides water to 1.2 million civilians on both sides of the contact line.
- On 15 May, explosions occurred within approximately 20 metres of SMM patrol members, who were at the time monitoring adherence to a localized ceasefire and conducting an announced unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight close to Berezivske (see [Spot Report 24/2020](#)).
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions (see [Spot Report 20/2020](#), [Spot Report 21/2020](#) and [Spot Report 23/2020](#)). Overall, the Mission's freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 38 times (all but one in areas not controlled by the Government). In particular, on 8 May, armed members of the armed formations stopped an SMM patrol in Horlivka and prevented its departure for almost three hours (see [Spot Report 22/2020](#)).
- SMM UAVs were subjected to signal interference on both sides of the contact line on 30 occasions, and were targeted by small-arms fire six times (all but one in non-government-controlled areas).
- 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
1,280

MISSION MEMBERS as of 18 May 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	23
Armenia	2	Latvia	7
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	41
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	2	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	46	North Macedonia	25
Canada	25	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	32
Czech Republic	11	Romania	28
Denmark	5	Russian Federation	41
Estonia	3	Serbia	15
Finland	22	Slovakia	12
France	14	Slovenia	1
Georgia	20	Spain	10
Germany	32	Sweden	13
Greece	21	Switzerland	5
Hungary	19	Tajikistan	11
Ireland	7	Turkey	10
Italy	18	United Kingdom	46
Kazakhstan	5	United States	54
		TOTAL	723
Male	589	Female	134

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 750 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.