

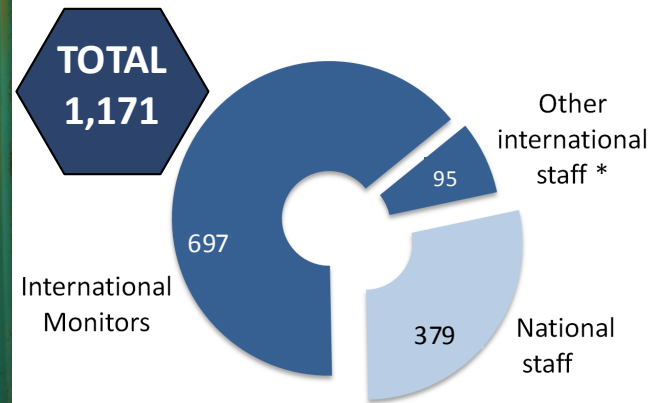


OSCE SMM on patrol in Travneve, 15 December 2017. Photo: Mariia Alekseyevych, OSCE

FACTS MATTER

- Between 11 and 22 December 2017, the SMM OSCE recorded over 26,000 ceasefire violations - a 25 percent increase compared to the previous two weeks. On 11 December the SMM recorded over 3,500 ceasefire violations alone.
- The majority of recorded ceasefire violations were concentrated in five known “hot-spots” along the contact line; the violence was particularly heavy in the areas of Avdiivka, Yasynuvata and Donetsk airport; areas south and south-east of Svitlodarsk and the Popasna -Pervomaisk area.
- Following the [recommitment to cease fire](#) from 00:00 on 23 December the SMM recorded 328 ceasefire violations throughout the first 24 hours. On 24 December the Mission recorded a significant decrease – 64 ceasefire violations.
- From 11 to 24 December the violence resulted in a number of civilian casualties, with one person killed and 20 injured. This brings the total number of civilian casualties confirmed by the SMM from the beginning of this year as of 24 December 2017 to 470, including 85 fatalities.
- From 11 to 17 December, the Mission monitored and facilitated 30 “windows of silence” – localized adherence to the ceasefire – which allowed for inspection, repair and maintenance work on ten critical civilian infrastructure facilities on both sides of the contact line. On 14 December, the SMM facilitated and monitored repairs of essential infrastructure near Zalizne, Artema and Vesela Hora. However, following the withdrawal of the Russian Federation Armed Forces officers of the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC) on 18 December, no such works were conducted between 18 and 24 December.
- SMM 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 27 DECEMBER 2017



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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	3	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	22
Austria	12	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	3
Belarus	7	Moldova	26
Belgium	2	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	40	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	30	Norway	16
Canada	21	Poland	37
Croatia	9	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	16	Romania	28
Denmark	4	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	5	Serbia	11
Finland	21	Slovakia	12
France	14	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	25	Spain	14
Georgia	11	Sweden	15
Germany	22	Switzerland	8
Greece	22	Tajikistan	7
Hungary	25	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	United Kingdom	53
Italy	20	United States	59
		TOTAL	697
Male	585	Female	112

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine
- Over 500 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