

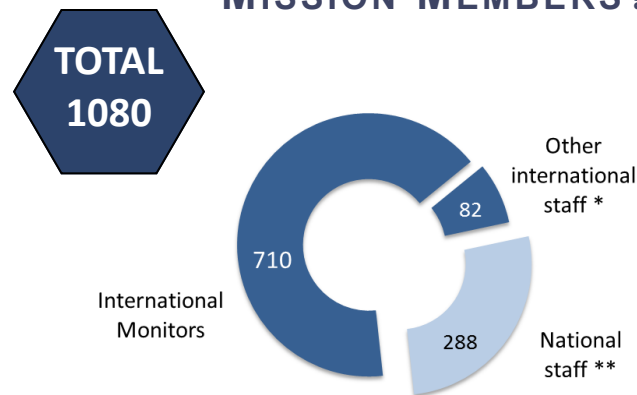


OSCE SMM monitors conducting a foot patrol in eastern Ukraine. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

LATEST NEWS

- There were continued violations of the ceasefire by both sides. The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) recorded the most violent breaches west of Donetsk city and around Donetsk airport, in and around Horlivka – in particular, in the Svitlodarsk/Debaltseve area – and in areas north-east of Mariupol, around Kominternove. In Luhansk region, the overall security situation remained relatively calm, with daily ceasefire violations numbering in the low double-digits – most of these were attributable to live-fire exercises.
- The SMM noted a slight decrease in the use of artillery and mortars. Worryingly, however, monitors observed a greater use of multiple launch rocket systems and noted their presence within the respective withdrawal lines as defined by the Minsk Package of Measures.
- The Mission noted an increased presence of other proscribed weapons inside the security zone. The SMM also continued to record weapons as missing from permanent storage sites and heavy weapons holding areas.
- The SMM Forward Patrol Base in Stanytsia Luhanska is temporarily not operational due to security concerns.
- On 3 March the Chief Monitor of the OSCE SMM Ertugrul Apakan welcomed the decisions on mine action and the prohibition of live-fire exercises by the Trilateral Contact Group. See: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/225566. The SMM will impartially and objectively monitor and report on the progress made in implementing these decisions.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports

MISSION MEMBERS as of 09.03.2016



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

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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	14
Armenia	2	Latvia	7
Austria	15	Lithuania	4
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	21
Belarus	8	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	26	Netherlands	10
Bulgaria	23	Norway	13
Canada	19	Poland	30
Croatia	12	Portugal	6
Czech Republic	18	Romania	44
Denmark	15	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	27	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	18	Spain	14
Georgia	6	Sweden	28
Germany	30	Switzerland	12
Greece	19	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	28	Turkey	13
Ireland	15	United Kingdom	38
Italy	24	United States	60
Kazakhstan	4	TOTAL	710
Male	596	Female	114

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- More than 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 590 of whom are based in the east;
- Staff come from more than 40 countries.

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.