

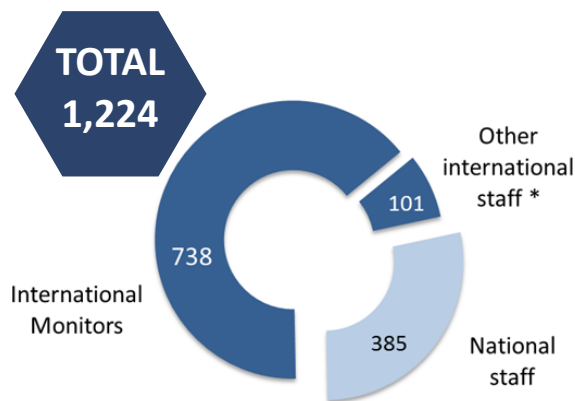


OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Angelino Alfano (l) and OSCE SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan close to the entry-exit checkpoint near government-controlled Pyschchevyk, eastern Ukraine, 31 January 2018. Photo: OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka

FACTS MATTER

- Between 22 January and 4 February, the security situation in eastern Ukraine remained tense and volatile. During the two-week reporting period, the SMM recorded around 11,000 ceasefire violations in total – a 15 per cent decrease compared to the previous two weeks. There was, however, an uptick in armed violence in the latter half of this period, with 25 per cent increase in ceasefire violations compared to the previous week.
- The vast majority of violations were concentrated in five hotspots: the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area, the areas located south-west, south and south-east of Svitlodarsk, the Popasna-Pervomaisk area, the eastern and north-eastern sector of Mariupol and the western and south-western outskirts of Horlivka.
- Between 22 January and 4 February, the SMM confirmed eight civilian casualties, which brings the total number since the beginning of 2018 to 14 persons: four killed and ten injured.
- The SMM faced 24 restrictions to its freedom of movement: 3 times in government-controlled areas and 21 times in areas outside government control. On 2 and 3 February, while conducting mini-UAV flights in government-controlled areas the SMM heard small-arms fire assessed as directed towards its unmanned aerial vehicles
- On 2 February, an SMM patrol in a non-government-controlled area near Yasynuvata heard the hissing sound of three bullets flying west to east over their heads and saw one of the bullets land 10-15m east of its location. Read more in the Spot Report of 3 February www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/369771.
- Between 22 January and 4 February, the Mission facilitated and monitored 11 “windows of silence” – localized adherence to the ceasefire – which allowed for repairs and maintenance work on two critical infrastructure facilities on both sides of the contact line. They include water wells near non-government-controlled Krasnyi Lyman and at the Petrivske pumping station near government-controlled Artema.
- On 31 January, Angelino Alfano, the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Ertugrul Apakan, Ambassador, Chief Monitor of the OSCE SMM visited Mariupol area to learn more about security situation and the Mission’s activities in eastern Ukraine. They also met with the Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Pavlo Klimkin and other officials.
- 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 7 FEBRUARY 2018



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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	4	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	22
Austria	13	Latvia	8
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	3
Belarus	7	Moldova	30
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	34	Norway	13
Canada	27	Poland	37
Croatia	9	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	17	Romania	29
Denmark	10	Russian Federation	40
Estonia	5	Serbia	11
Finland	19	Slovakia	12
France	16	Slovenia	1
FYR of Macedonia	25	Spain	14
Georgia	12	Sweden	14
Germany	26	Switzerland	8
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	27	Turkey	8
Ireland	8	UK	58
Italy	20	USA	64
		TOTAL	738
Male	617	Female	121

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are?

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