

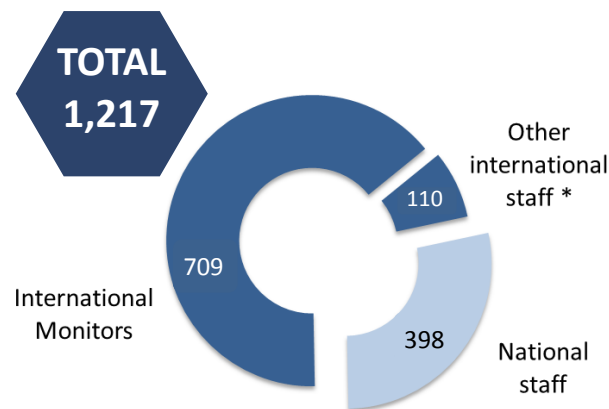


The OSCE SMM on patrol at Donetsk Filtration Station, 2018. Photo: OSCE/ Evhgeniy Maloletka

FACTS MATTER

- Between 30 April and 13 May, the security situation along the contact line in the east of Ukraine remained volatile. The OSCE SMM recorded almost 10,900 ceasefire violations – a 20 per cent increase since the previous two-week reporting period. In one day, on 3 May, the Mission recorded more than 2,000 ceasefire violations – the highest number recorded since March.
- The Mission continued to observe weapons in violation of withdrawal lines on both sides of the contact line. Many weapons in violation were seen at military-style parades in Donetsk and Luhansk cities on 9 May, including nine MLRS (BM-21, *Grad*), nine self-propelled howitzers (2S1) and 18 towed howitzers (nine D-30 and nine 2A65). In another instance, on 8 May, the SMM saw a surface-to-air missile system (9K35) parked between two civilian houses in Pobeda, a government-controlled area.
- From 30 April to 13 May, the SMM corroborated 1 civilian death and 4 civilian injuries. This brings the total number of civilian casualties confirmed by the SMM since the beginning of the year to 79 casualties, including 19 fatalities.
- The SMM continued to facilitate the daily access of Voda Donbassa employees to and from the Donetsk Filtration Station to keep the station operational and to monitor the security situation. Despite explicit security guarantees in place, the SMM recorded ceasefire violations during the two-week reporting period, which posed a threat to the employees and to the SMM. On 3 May the Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan in his statement emphasised that ongoing failure to implement the Minsk agreements jeopardizes Donetsk Filtration Station's work, puts at risk civilians on both sides of the contact line and the SMM monitoring officers facilitating their access. <http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/379429>
- 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 13 May 2018



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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	5	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	22
Austria	11	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	5	Moldova	29
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	34	Norway	11
Canada	27	Poland	36
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	28
Denmark	9	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	2	Serbia	11
Finland	19	Slovakia	13
France	15	Slovenia	1
FYR of Macedonia	26	Spain	14
Georgia	14	Sweden	10
Germany	24	Switzerland	7
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	UK	58
Italy	19	USA	62
		TOTAL	709
Male	592	Female	117

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 humanitarian aid