

LATEST NEWS

- The security situation along the contact line in eastern Ukraine has seriously deteriorated with the SMM registering over 1,000 ceasefire violations daily with recent spikes over 2,000. Shelling was concentrated in the traditional hotspots of the Donetsk airport-Yasynuvata-Avdiivka area, west and north of Horlivka, on the Debaltseve-Svitlodarsk road, areas east and north-east of Mariupol, and in western Luhansk region.
- Weapons proscribed by the Minsk agreements continued to be used in high numbers and the SMM registered an increase in the use of mortars, artillery and multiple launch rocket systems. The SMM continued to observe weapons missing from storage sites as well as the presence of weapons in violation of withdrawal
- The sides continued to endanger civilians by shelling populated areas as well as areas close to crossing routes. Civilian lives were also jeopardized by the positioning of weapons and hardware close to residential and civilian infrastructure. Consequently the SMM observed an increase in civilian casualties following a reduction in early September.
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement process in Stanytsia Luhanska. Zolote and Petrivske, although its access remained restricted in all three areas.
- On 27 October a SMM vehicle was struck by a bullet near the contact line southwest of Donetsk city. Read the Spot Report at: www.osce.org/ukrainesmm/277796
- On the 16th anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan highlighted the importance of engaging women to assist in stabilizing and normalizing the situation in Ukraine. See: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/278361
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.



- * Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, Principal Deputy Chief Monitor, Deputy Chief Monitor, advisors, analysts, etc.
- ** National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 based in the east;
- From 45 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.

MISSION MONITORS			
Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	2	Kyrgyzstan	15
Austria	16	Latvia	6
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	7	Moldova	24
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	28	Norway	11
Canada	16	Poland	32
Croatia	11	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	36
Denmark	12	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	19	Slovakia	9
France	13	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	13
Georgia	8	Sweden	19
Germany	32	Switzerland	11
Greece	19	Tajikistan	3
Hungary	25	Turkey	12
Ireland	10	United Kingdom	42
Italy	21	United States	67
		TOTAL	682
Male	576	Female	106