

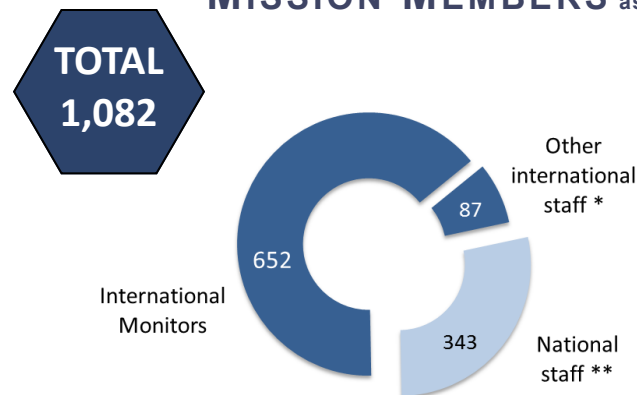


OSCE SMM monitors with local residents at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, 13 May 2017

LATEST NEWS

- After five consecutive weeks of decrease in levels of violence, the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) observed a deterioration of the security situation with a 75 per cent increase in the number of ceasefire violations recorded from 8 to 14 May. The SMM monitors noted an increased use of weapons proscribed by the Minsk agreements, in particular multiple launch rocket systems. After intensive shelling on 13 and 14 May the SMM confirmed multiple civilian casualties, with five killed and four injured on both sides of the contact line. A lull in fighting followed on 15 May.
- The SMM's freedom of movement remains restricted. During the period from 1 to 14 May its access was restricted on 31 occasions: 22 in non-government controlled areas and nine in government-controlled areas. In addition, the Mission's patrolling remains restricted to asphalt and concrete roads, following the death of one OSCE SMM member and the injury of two others when their vehicle hit what was probably a mine near Pryshyb on 23 April. The restrictions on the implementation of the SMM's mandate are under regular review but are likely to remain in place until the sides take measures to remove mines or mark or fence them off.
- The Chief Monitor of the SMM, Ertugrul Apakan, addressed the OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna on 12 May. He emphasized that the safety and security of the SMM's unarmed civilian monitors – and of the wider civilian population in eastern Ukraine – must be prioritized by the sides to the conflict. See: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/317031
- Ambassador Apakan has also condemned the sexual harassment of a female SMM patrol member by an armed man in the non-government controlled area of Donetsk region on 5 May (see: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/315891).
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 17 MAY 2017



* 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.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	13	Latvia	2
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	9	Moldova	23
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	34	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	30	Norway	20
Canada	12	Poland	34
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	28
Denmark	3	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	7	Serbia	8
Finland	25	Slovakia	10
France	12	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	21	Spain	11
Georgia	7	Sweden	14
Germany	23	Switzerland	10
Greece	20	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	25	Turkey	9
Ireland	10	United Kingdom	49
Italy	17	United States	61
		TOTAL	652
Male	556	Female	96

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 650 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.