MISSION MONITORS

# As of 26 November 2018 Report



Unexploded ordnance in eastern Ukraine (Photo credit: OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## FACTS MATTER

- On 26 November, the OSCE Chairperson's Special Representative in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group, Martin Sajdik, and the Chief Monitor of the OSCE SMM, Ertugrul Apakan, called for restraint, following incidents at sea near the Kerch Strait that had raised tensions between Ukraine and the Russian Federation (see <a href="www.osce.org/chairmanship/404225">www.osce.org/chairmanship/404225</a>).
- Between 12 and 25 November, the SMM confirmed that four civilians were injured. This brings the total number of civilian casualties since 1 January to 220 (43 deaths and 177 injuries).
- The SMM recorded over 11,900 ceasefire violations (compared with over 18,000 in the previous two-week period) and 122 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (102 in areas not controlled by the Government).
- The SMM observed the continued presence of mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO), including 31 recently-laid mines near Vodiane and 12 mines near Pikuzy. The Mission facilitated security guarantees, enabling demining activities near Nyzhnoteple and the clearance of UXO near Marinka. On 12 and 13 November, the Mission held mineawareness outreach events in Stanytsia Luhanska and Shchastia, respectively, for more than 200 school children.
- On 25 November, the Mission monitored events dedicated to the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign. The Chief Monitor, along with the Senior Project Officer of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, kicked off the campaign on 23 November (see www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/403709).
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: <a href="https://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports">www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports</a>.



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

# **SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE**

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors:
- Around 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 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.

| MISSION                                     | MON | IITORS                |     |
|---|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Albania                                     | 5   | Kazakhstan            | 4   |
| Armenia                                     | 1   | Kyrgyzstan            | 23  |
| Austria                                     | 10  | Latvia                | 8   |
| Azerbaijan                                  | 1   | Lithuania             | 2   |
| Belarus                                     | 8   | Moldova               | 36  |
| Belgium                                     | 1   | Montenegro            | 3   |
| Bosnia and<br>Herzegovina                   | 45  | Netherlands           | 4   |
| Bulgaria                                    | 38  | Norway                | 11  |
| Canada                                      | 27  | Poland                | 36  |
| Croatia                                     | 10  | Portugal              | 2   |
| Czech<br>Republic                           | 15  | Romania               | 27  |
| Denmark                                     | 7   | Russian<br>Federation | 38  |
| Estonia                                     | 3   | Serbia                | 11  |
| Finland                                     | 20  | Slovakia              | 12  |
| France                                      | 16  | Slovenia              | 1   |
| former Yugoslav<br>Republic of<br>Macedonia | 28  | Spain                 | 14  |
| Georgia                                     | 22  | Sweden                | 26  |
| Germany                                     | 28  | Switzerland           | 6   |
| Greece                                      | 21  | Tajikistan            | 9   |
| Hungary                                     | 23  | Turkey                | 9   |
| Ireland                                     | 8   | United<br>Kingdom     | 58  |
| Italy                                       | 22  | United States         | 60  |
|   |     | TOTAL                 | 759 |
| Male  | 614 | Female                | 145 |





<sup>\*\*</sup> National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.