# As of 2 December 2015 STATUS Report



The SMM monitors visiting permanent weapon storage site, November 2015. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## LATEST NEWS

- The SMM has noted numerous ceasefire violations in Donetsk region, particularly in the areas around Donetsk airport. On 24 November alone the SMM registered over 570 explosions only in the Donetsk region. The security situation in Luhansk region has also been volatile.
- The SMM registered ceasefire violations on both sides of the contact line involving weapons ranging from small arms to heavy artillery including weapons that should have been withdrawn according to the Minsk Addendum.
- On 19 November, the OSCE SMM facilitated the retrieval of a Ukrainian Armed Forces soldier's body near Zolote, Luhansk region. Full story here: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/202346
- Starting from 20 November the SMM followed up on the consequences of the explosions that damaged power supply pylons and the disruption of power supply from Kherson region to Crimea.
- On 28-29 November the SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan travelled to eastern Ukraine and visited Kramatorsk (Donetsk region), Sievierodonetsk and Novoaidar (Luhansk region) as well as a permanent weapons storage site in Luhansk region. Read more here: <a href="http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/204981">www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/204981</a>
- The SMM works to raise awareness of pupils in Donetsk and Luhansk regions about the threat of mines.

Learn more here: <u>www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/2</u>03446.

- On 3-4 December the Chief Monitor Apakan and Principal Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug will participate in the OSCE Ministerial Council in Belgrade, Serbia.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: <u>www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports</u>.



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine



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

\*\* National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

### SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

#### Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 650 monitors throughout Ukraine;
- Over 500 of which in the East;
- Representatives from more than 40 countries.

#### What we do?

- Report the facts as we see and hear them;
- Gather information and report on the security situation;
- Report on humanitarian situation and people's needs and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid by other organizations;
- Help to establish dialogue and localized ceasefires.

#### Important to understand:

- We do not conduct investigations, but report on facts;
- We do not deliver, but facilitate delivery of humanitarian aid;
- It's up to the sides to stop shelling!

## MISSION MONITORS

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