



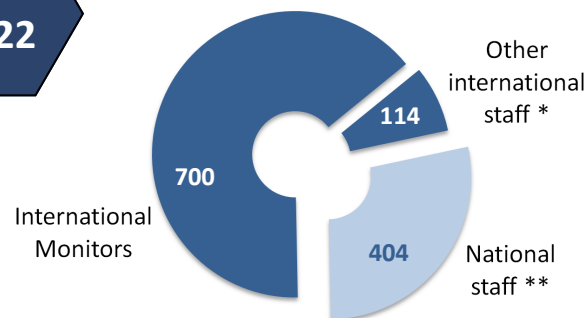
An SMM staff member speaks with a local resident of Yasynuvata, Donetsk region.
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FACTS MATTER

- Between 25 June and 8 July, the OSCE SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations along the contact line – around 9,700. This represents a 27 per cent decrease compared with the previous two weeks. The decrease in ceasefire violations was accompanied by a reduction in the number of civilian casualties; the SMM confirmed that three civilians had been injured compared with 15 injured in the previous reporting period.
- The reduction in the level of violence followed the renewed commitment to the ceasefire, on the occasion of the summer harvest. The recommitment was agreed in Minsk on 27 June and came into effect at 00:01 on 1 July.
- The Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group Martin Sajdik and SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan welcomed the recommitment to cease fire on 6 July. But they noted that it needed to be matched by a concrete set of actions to be sustainable including the withdrawal of heavy weapons (www.osce.org/chairmanship/386996).
- The Mission continued to observe violations of key provisions of the Minsk agreements and related commitments. In particular, it observed weapons in violation of withdrawal lines on both sides of the contact line – 107 in government- and 157 in non-government-controlled areas. In addition, it observed the presence of newly laid mines on both sides of the contact line and the presence of armed forces and formations in close proximity to each other as well as in residential areas.
- 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 09 JULY 2018

TOTAL
1,222



* 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	5	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	22
Austria	9	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	5	Moldova	29
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	34	Norway	10
Canada	28	Poland	35
Croatia	9	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	28
Denmark	8	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	2	Serbia	11
Finland	19	Slovakia	13
France	15	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	26	Spain	14
Georgia	15	Sweden	9
Germany	21	Switzerland	7
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	United Kingdom	59
Italy	20	United States	59
		TOTAL	700
Male	586	Female	114

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.