



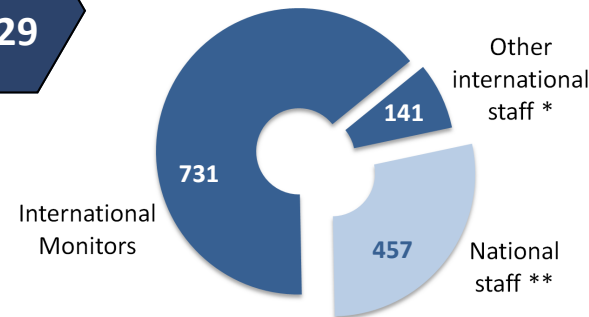
SMM monitoring officers preparing to launch a UAV near Hnutove, Donetsk region (OSCE/Germain Groll)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 22 February and 7 March, the SMM noted a 54% reduction in the number of ceasefire violations, recording 944, compared with 2,048 in the previous two-week period.
- On 7 March, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) crashed near Romanivka, Donetsk region. The aircraft had experienced dual GPS technical failure about an hour before crashing (see [Spot Report 2/2021](#)).
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, observing people in the latter two areas during daytime. Inside the area near Petrivske, it observed previously seen mines and recorded two ceasefire violations.
- During the two-week reporting period, the SMM corroborated no civilian casualties; it has recorded only one injury that occurred since the beginning of 2021 (on 3 January).
- The Mission continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including repairs to power lines near Shchastia, Stepanivka and Almazna, altogether providing electricity for several hundred thousand civilians.
- The SMM continued to observe civilians facing challenges when crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line. It again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use were near Stanytsia Luhanska (operational daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (twice a week as the armed formations' checkpoint there is only operational on Mondays and Fridays).
- The Mission's freedom of movement on the ground was restricted nine times, all in non-government-controlled areas. SMM UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 35 occasions while flying on both sides of the contact line.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

TOTAL
1,329

MISSION MEMBERS as of 8 March 2021



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

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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	7	Kyrgyzstan	28
Armenia	2	Latvia	4
Austria	8	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	40
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	46	North Macedonia	24
Canada	29	Norway	7
Croatia	11	Poland	33
Czech Republic	11	Romania	35
Denmark	3	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	17
Finland	19	Slovakia	14
France	11	Slovenia	1
Georgia	23	Spain	10
Germany	28	Sweden	12
Greece	21	Switzerland	3
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	13
Ireland	8	Turkey	10
Italy	14	United Kingdom	41
Kazakhstan	4	United States	62
		TOTAL	731
Male	591	Female	140

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 730 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 550 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.