



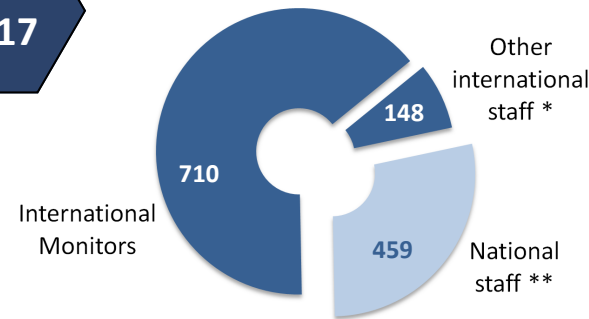
SMM monitoring officers in Donetsk region (OSCE/Alfred Kueppers)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 19 April and 2 May 2021, the SMM noted a reduction in the number of ceasefire violations – recording 3,135 of them, compared with 3,828 in the previous two-week period.
- In an [address](#) to the OSCE Permanent Council on 22 April, the SMM Chief Monitor stated that the Mission had over the previous few months observed intensification and “a broadening of kinetic activities along the contact line,” and increased numbers of civilian casualties and damaged or destroyed civilian infrastructure. As these developments unfold, the Mission is facing near-unprecedented restrictions and impediments to its ability to operate, many of which appear both deliberate and targeted.
- Over the past two weeks, the SMM corroborated seven civilian casualties, including three fatalities due to the detonation of hand grenades in Donetsk region. This brings the total number of civilian casualties that occurred since the beginning of 2021 to 16 (seven fatalities and nine injuries).
- The Mission’s freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 14 times, 11 in non-government-controlled areas, including once when members of the armed formations again conditioned passage through their checkpoints on the contact line on visual inspection of SMM vehicles (see Spot Report [12/2021](#)).
- SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) were targeted 12 times by small-arms fire, seven times in government-controlled areas, four times in non-government-controlled areas and once over a contested area near Zaitseve (50km north-east of Donetsk). The Mission’s UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming or jamming on 146 occasions, including 10 instances when long-range UAVs were affected (forcing one cancelled flight and one emergency landing (see Spot Report [11/2021](#))).
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, observing people in the latter two areas and recording one ceasefire violation inside the disengagement area near Zolote and 12 inside the one near Petrivske.
- The SMM continued to observe civilians while crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line and their challenges. It again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use were near Stanytsia Luhanska (opened daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (twice a week, as the armed formations’ checkpoint there is only open on Mondays and Fridays).
- 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 maintenance of the phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove) and emergency repairs to a water installation near Yasynuvata.
- 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
1,317

MISSION MEMBERS as of 3 May 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	30
Armenia	2	Latvia	4
Austria	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	40
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	45	North Macedonia	24
Canada	27	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	30
Czech Republic	9	Romania	32
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	36
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	18	Slovakia	14
France	12	Slovenia	1
Georgia	22	Spain	9
Germany	28	Sweden	9
Greece	20	Switzerland	3
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	13
Ireland	9	Turkey	11
Italy	14	United Kingdom	42
Kazakhstan	4	United States	61
		TOTAL	710
Male	572	Female	138

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.