# Report

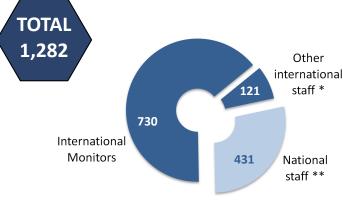


The SMM near Zolote in Luhansk region (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

#### **FACTS MATTER**

- Between 23 March and 5 April, the SMM recorded about 8,700 ceasefire violations, including about 2,700 explosions. This constitutes a 23% and 50% reduction, respectively, on the previous two-week period.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three disengagement areas. The SMM observed a calm situation inside the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska and Zolote. It again recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM recorded 25 weapons in violation of their respective withdrawal lines, compared with 89 in the previous two-week period: 10 in government-controlled areas and 15 in non-government-controlled areas.
- The Mission confirmed three civilian casualties (one fatality and two injuries), bringing the total since the beginning of the year to 28 (four killed and 24 injured).
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to
  enable repairs to and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of
  the contact line. The Mission also facilitated activities related to demining near
  Krasnyi Lyman and Vyskryva, as well as at two cemeteries in Katerynivka and
  Zolote-4/Rodina ahead of Easter.
- In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the SMM noted that entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) and corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations remained closed to civilian traffic. The Mission observed civilians attempting to travel through the contact line in both directions.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Overall, the
  Mission's freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 39 times (all but
  one in areas not controlled by the Government). SMM UAVs were subjected to
  signal interference on both sides of the contact line on 15 occasions, and were
  targeted by small-arms fire seven times (four in government-controlled areas,
  three in non-government-controlled areas).
- 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>.

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 6 April 2020



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

#### **SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE**

#### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors:
- Around 750 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 based in the east;
- From 45 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 MONITORS

Albania	6	Latvia	7
Armenia	2	Lithuania	1
Austria	7	Moldova	41
Azerbaijan	1	Mongolia	1
Belarus	5	Montenegro	3
Belgium	2	Netherlands	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52	North Macedonia	25
Bulgaria	46	Norway	8
Canada	25	Poland	32
Croatia	10	Portugal	1
Czech Republic	11	Romania	28
Denmark	8	Russian Federation	41
Estonia	3	Serbia	15
Finland	24	Slovakia	12
France	14	Slovenia	1
Georgia	20	Spain	10
Germany	33	Sweden	14
Greece	21	Switzerland	5
Hungary	19	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	7	Turkey	10
Italy	19	United Kingdom	46
Kazakhstan	5	United States	54
Kyrgyzstan	23	TOTAL	730
Male	595	Female	13!





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