

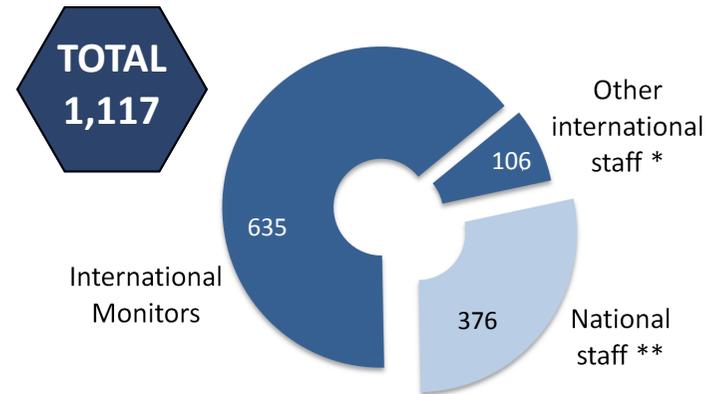


OSCE SMM on patrol between Zolote and Pervomaisk, 10 October 2017. Photo: Ievgen Maloletka/OSCE

FACTS MATTER

- The security situation in eastern Ukraine during the last two weeks remained tense with the SMM recording 11,425 ceasefire violations in total along the contact line. The Mission noted escalation in a number of areas, notably in the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area from 30 October to 5 November and in areas east and north-east of Mariupol from 6 to 12 November.
- Factors contributing to such violence – namely the sides’ refusal to fully cease fire, withdraw heavy weapons, disengage forces and formations, and de-mine – were evident throughout the reporting period. The Mission observed 310 heavy weapons that should have been withdrawn according to the Minsk agreements; an increased number of ceasefire violations within the Petrivske disengagement area towards the end of the reporting period; and mines and unexploded ordnance in many areas, including in and around entry-exit checkpoints used by civilians.
- The plight of the civilian population in eastern Ukraine has been exacerbated as winter sets in, with many areas without electricity, water and gas supply. The Mission over the reporting period monitored and facilitated 42 “windows of silence” allowing for inspection, repair and maintenance work to 12 infrastructure facilities on both sides of the contact line. For example, on 10 November the SMM continued to facilitate and monitor repairs and maintenance work, co-ordinated by the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC), to the power plant in Shchastia, high-voltage lines between Troitske and Novozvanivka, power lines between Dovhe and Slovianoserbsk, water wells near Stanytsia Luhanska, and the phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove).
- SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan called on the sides to prioritize the safety of the civilian population on 9 November. His full statement is available at: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/355621
- 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 15 NOVEMBER 2017



* 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.

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 600 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 500 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.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	18
Austria	11	Latvia	6
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	3
Belarus	7	Moldova	24
Belgium	3	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	39	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	28	Norway	16
Canada	15	Poland	35
Croatia	9	Portugal	1
Czech Republic	13	Romania	25
Denmark	3	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	5	Serbia	10
Finland	15	Slovakia	11
France	14	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	24	Spain	11
Georgia	9	Sweden	15
Germany	22	Switzerland	8
Greece	23	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	8	United Kingdom	44
Italy	15	United States	57
		TOTAL	635
Male	540	Female	95