



The SMM patrol crossing the M03 road between Svitlodarsk and Debaltseve on 8 August.
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LATEST NEWS

- Over the last two weeks, the SMM noted a decrease in the number of ceasefire violations recorded. Following the announcement of the 25 August recommitment to the cease-fire, this number dropped to 47 violations on 26 August. The level of violence decreased by 45% in the week from 28 August to 3 September as compared with the week before.
- The use of high-calibre weapons fell dramatically between 28 August and 3 September, with three cases recorded – this is the lowest number recorded in a week since the Addendum to the Package of Measures came into force at the beginning of October 2015.
- The Mission registered also fewer civilian casualties. Between 28 August and 3 September, the SMM confirmed one case of injury to civilians (as opposed to one fatality and four injuries the week before).
- The OSCE SMM monitors continued to contribute to the improvement of the humanitarian situation. The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to local ceasefires, co-ordinated by the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination, to enable repairs to the power plant in Shchastia, the Petrivske water pumping station near Artema, the Karbonit water pumping station near Zolote, a water pipeline in Pivdenne, the Vesela Hora-Khrystove power transmission line, and the water wells in Krasnyi Lyman. In the past two weeks, from 21 August to 3 September, the SMM conducted 28 patrols on both sides of the contact line to support such activities.
- The OSCE monitors' freedom of movement was restricted due to the presence of mines in the disengagement areas and elsewhere. Repeatedly, the Mission was also denied access to locations in the southern areas of the Donetsk region. The SMM's remote observation capabilities were also impeded. On two separate occasions, on 26 and 30 August in Yasynuvata, armed persons prevented the SMM from conducting an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight over the Donetsk Filtration Station, threatening to shoot down the UAV and citing orders from superiors. Aerial imagery on 20 August revealed the extension of a trench line south-south-east of the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: <http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports>.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 6 SEPTEMBER 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.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	11	Latvia	3
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	23
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	30	Norway	18
Canada	13	Poland	33
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	13	Romania	26
Denmark	3	Russian Federation	36
Estonia	5	Serbia	8
Finland	19	Slovakia	9
France	11	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	10
Georgia	7	Sweden	11
Germany	22	Switzerland	9
Greece	20	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	24	Turkey	9
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	46
Italy	16	United States	59
		TOTAL	616
Male	529	Female	87

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

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