



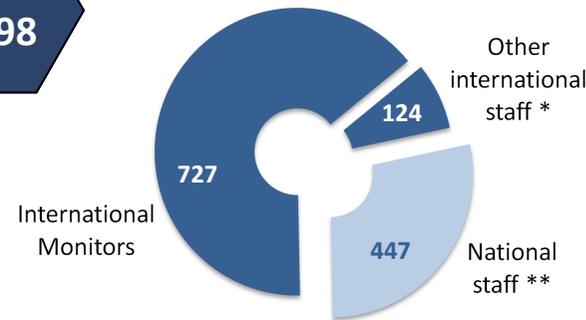
SMM monitoring officer near Lebedynske, Donetsk region (OSCE/Anna Andrusenko)

FACTS MATTER

- For the tenth week in a row, the security situation remains relatively calm following additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire, which took effect on 27 July. Between 21 September and 4 October, the SMM recorded 429 ceasefire violations, compared with 120 in the previous two-week period. At 71 days, the Mission marked the longest period after a recommitment to the ceasefire where ceasefire violations did not reach pre-recommitment levels.
- The SMM continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three pilot disengagement areas, recording no ceasefire violations, but noting again the regular presence of people within, or close to, former military and military-type positions inside the areas near Zolote and Petrivske. The Mission's ability to access and monitor the latter area remains hindered due to the destruction of the SMM camera system in Petrivske by gunfire on 2 June, as well as a lack of demining to provide access to the Bohdanivka-Viktorivka-Petrivske road.
- The Mission corroborated reports of nine civilian casualties – including three fatalities – resulting from the detonation of explosive devices, two of which took place prior to the additional measures coming in to effect on 27 July. This brings the total number of civilian casualties since the beginning of 2020 to 79: 13 fatalities and 66 injuries. For the tenth consecutive week, the Mission received no reports of civilian casualties due to shelling or small-arms fire.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure. This included repairs to power lines near Zolote-4/Rodina, Dovhe, Zhovte, Kruta Hora, Raivka and Vesela Hora, benefiting several thousand residents on both sides of the contact line.
- Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the SMM continued to note reduced numbers of civilians crossing the contact line at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and observed that some civilians continued to stay overnight near the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP). On 1 October, the Mission noted that the EECP was closed due to a wildfire. It reopened on 5 October.
- In Donetsk region, where EECPs remain operational, the only corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations that is operational is the one near Olenivka and it is open only two days a week, resulting in severely restricted movement and hardship for the civilian population. In some cases, people had to stay overnight, some spending their nights without shelter or adequate facilities, as they waited for permission to cross.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 16 times on the ground, all in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles were twice targeted by small-arms fire and experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 15 occasions while flying on both sides of the contact line, including twice over the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- Crossing difficulties at the contact line continue to hinder the SMM's monitoring of non-government-controlled areas.
- 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
1,298

MISSION MEMBERS as of 5 October 2020



* 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	22
Armenia	2	Latvia	5
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	41
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	45	North Macedonia	26
Canada	29	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	32
Czech Republic	11	Romania	35
Denmark	5	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	16
Finland	21	Slovakia	14
France	14	Slovenia	1
Georgia	21	Spain	11
Germany	30	Sweden	13
Greece	20	Switzerland	3
Hungary	17	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	7	Turkey	10
Italy	16	United Kingdom	46
Kazakhstan	4	United States	55
		TOTAL	727
Male	590	Female	137

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 720 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.