# As of 23 February 2017 Report **STATUS**



OSCE monitor operates an SMM mini-UAV in Dolomitne village (Donetsk region), 23 January 2017 (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## **LATEST NEWS**

- The SMM noted a de-escalation at the contact line following a flare-up of violence in the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area.
- The situation remained relatively tense and volatile with occasional deterioration in some areas. In the week of 6 to 12 February, the SMM noted a 20% increase in ceasefire violations in areas east and north-east of Mariupol. Similarly, there was a significant number of ceasefire violations in areas south-west of Horlivka.
- From 6 to 12 February, the SMM observed 94 weapons in violation of withdrawal lines. As of 21 February, it has not received the information necessary to verify the weapons to be withdrawn.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored localized adherence to the ceasefire to enable repair to essential infrastructure along the contact line, including a gas pipeline in "DPR"-controlled Pikuzy, a high-voltage power line near governmentcontrolled Luhanske, water pipelines near government-controlled Artema and Zolote/Karbonit.
- On 20 February, the SMM in co-ordination with the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination facilitated and monitored adherence to the ceasefire to enable successful repairs to power lines damaged in shelling on 18 February which supply electricity to around 22,000 residents of Avdiivka, and to the Donetsk filtration station which provides potable water to around 400,000 people on both sides of the contact line. See: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/301111
- The SMM has been monitoring blockades at railway tracks that cross the contact line in Hirske, Bakhmut and Shcherbynivka, observing tents and unarmed men in military-style clothing. See: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/300761.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.



- \* 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;
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 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	Mon	NITORS	
Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	2	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	16	Latvia	5
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	9	Moldova	25
Belgium	5	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	34	Netherlands	5
Bulgaria	33	Norway	20
Canada	16	Poland	35
Croatia	11	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	17	Romania	35
Denmark	12	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	8
Finland	25	Slovakia	10
France	13	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	21	Spain	12
Georgia	7	Sweden	20
Germany	27	Switzerland	11
Greece	22	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	27	Turkey	11
Ireland	10	United Kingdom	48
Italy	20	United States	64
		TOTAL	718
Male	614	Female	104



