



Civilians passing through the entry-exit checkpoint near Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region
(Photo credit: Victor Konopkin/OSCE)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 14 and 27 January, the SMM recorded almost 9,500 ceasefire violations (compared with over 6,500 in the previous two-week period) and 170 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (53 in areas not controlled by the Government). It also noted hardware in or close to residential areas, placing civilians in danger. For example, it observed three self-propelled howitzers in residential areas in government-controlled Vidrozhennia and three tanks near residential houses in non-government-controlled Zaichenko.
- The SMM confirmed that one civilian was injured. This brings the total number of civilian casualties since 1 January 2019 to four (all injured).
- The SMM observed fresh damage caused by small-arms fire to a functioning kindergarten, an apartment block and two single-storey houses in government-controlled Chermalyk, and to a functioning school building, a hospital and two apartment blocks in non-government-controlled Zolote-5/Mykhailivka.
- The SMM continued to observe difficult conditions for civilians crossing the contact line, particularly long queues in adverse winter conditions. In the reporting period, it learned that four elderly people had died of natural causes while crossing the contact line, bringing the total this winter to 12.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to the ceasefire to enable repairs to 15 civilian infrastructure facilities along the contact line and continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- On 15 and 16 January, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Slovakia's Minister of Foreign and European Affairs Miroslav Lajčák, visited Ukraine (<https://www.osce.org/chairmanship/409241>). After engagements at the SMM head office in Kyiv, where he prioritized the alleviation of humanitarian distress caused by the conflict, Lajčák, accompanied by SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan, visited Sievierodonetsk, Luhansk Regional Children's Hospital in Lysychansk, and Stanytsia Luhanska entry-exit checkpoint, where he was briefed by monitors and observed the challenging security and humanitarian situation on the ground.
- The SMM's 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 28 JANUARY 2019



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

** National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	6	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	23
Austria	11	Latvia	8
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	39
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	48	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	43	Norway	14
Canada	29	Poland	38
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	15	Romania	31
Denmark	9	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	3	Serbia	12
Finland	24	Slovakia	12
France	17	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28	Spain	13
Georgia	23	Sweden	27
Germany	34	Switzerland	7
Greece	23	Tajikistan	13
Hungary	23	Turkey	10
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	59
Italy	24	United States	63
		TOTAL	812
Male	644	Female	168

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 800 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.