

# Daily Report 49/2022

2 March 2022<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- One national Mission member was reported killed by shelling in Kharkiv.
- During the evening of 1 March and morning of 2 March, the SMM continued to hear multiple explosions and heavy machine-gun fire in and around Kherson city. It also observed the movement of Russian Federation Armed Forces equipment and troops in the city.
- Following the 24 February decision to temporarily evacuate all SMM international mission members, the Kharkiv Monitoring Team continued its evacuation westwards through Ukraine, while the Kherson Monitoring Team remained sheltered in place awaiting a window to evacuate safely.
- The Chief Monitor and senior management will remain in Ukraine until the evacuation process is complete.

## Kharkiv region

On 1 March, a relative of an SMM national Mission member from Kharkiv reported that she had been killed near her home as a result of shelling.

## Kherson region

On the evening of 1 March, the Mission heard numerous explosions assessed as caused by multiple launch rocket systems, and several bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire in areas north-east of Kherson city and in the city centre. It also saw armoured vehicles with the insignia of the Russian Federation Armed Forces moving on the street next to its office, heading towards the centre of Kherson city.

On the morning of 2 March, the Mission heard eight undetermined explosions in areas north-east of Kherson city. It later saw five armoured combat vehicle (BRDM-type) moving on Ushakova Avenue towards Kherson city centre.

## SMM evacuation

The Mission continued evacuation activities as per the 24 February decision to temporarily evacuate all international mission members.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 17:00, 1 March 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time. The SMM is deployed to ten locations throughout Ukraine – Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Luhansk and Kyiv – as per Permanent Council Decision 1117 of 21 March 2014.

On 2 March, the evacuation of the Kharkiv Monitoring Team westward through Ukraine continued, joined by some national Mission members formerly stationed in Kramatorsk and Dnipro.

Due to ongoing kinetic activity, including continued shelling and reports of fighting as well as the dynamic movement of front lines, the Monitoring Team located in Kherson city continues to shelter in place. The Team continues conducting dynamic security risk assessment to establish a window to allow them to move safely.

The Chief Monitor and senior management will remain in Ukraine until the rest of the evacuation process is complete.