



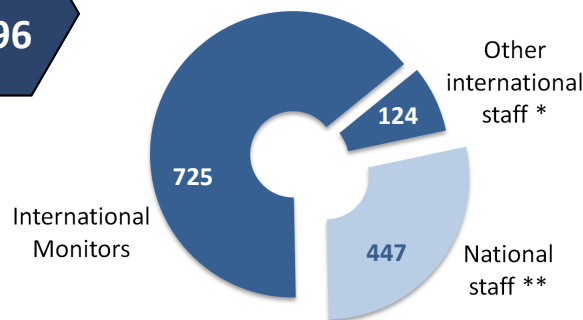
SMM monitoring officers near Olenivka, Donetsk region (OSCE/Alfred Kueppers)

## FACTS MATTER

- For the sixth week in a row, after additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire took effect, the level of armed violence continues to remain low. Between 24 August and 6 September, the SMM recorded 254 ceasefire violations.
- 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 ones near Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission corroborated reports of three civilian casualties – including one fatality – resulting from the detonation of explosive objects, bringing the total number since the beginning of 2020 to 64: nine fatalities and 55 injuries. For the sixth consecutive week, the Mission received no reports of civilian casualties or damage to civilian properties 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 water infrastructure between Toretsk and Horlivka, providing water to about 150,000 people on both sides of the contact line.
- The SMM continued to observe the presence of mines on both sides of the contact line, some seen for the first time, including 10 anti-tank mines in the outskirts of Donetsk city and 22 near Opytne.
- Amid the COVID-19 outbreak, 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) there. In Donetsk region, where EECPs are mostly open, corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations – except one, which operated only two days a week – remained closed, resulting in severely restricted movement and hardship for the civilian population. In some cases, people had to stay overnight, without shelter or adequate facilities, as they waited for permission to cross.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 15 times on the ground, all in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 20 occasions while flying near the contact line in government- and non-government-controlled areas, including three times over the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- Crossing difficulties at the contact line continue to hinder the operations of the SMM in 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](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

**TOTAL**  
1,296

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 7 September 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	6	Kyrgyzstan	22
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	42
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	2	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	45	North Macedonia	25
Canada	29	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	32
Czech Republic	11	Romania	33
Denmark	4	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	15
Finland	22	Slovakia	13
France	14	Slovenia	1
Georgia	22	Spain	10
Germany	32	Sweden	13
Greece	20	Switzerland	5
Hungary	17	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	7	Turkey	10
Italy	18	United Kingdom	45
Kazakhstan	4	United States	53
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>725</b>
Male	588	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.