



OSCE SMM facilitates and monitors localized adherence to the ceasefire to enable demining activities in the area of the gas distribution station near Marinka. Photo: Evgeniy Maloletka/OSCE

LATEST NEWS

- The security situation in eastern Ukraine has slowly but steadily deteriorated following an initial decrease in the number of ceasefire violations when the sides recommitted to the ceasefire in late August. During the week of 9 to 15 October in the areas between Avdiivka, Yasynuvata and the Donetsk airport area and around Horlivka, the levels of armed violence reached the daily number of ceasefire violations recorded before the recommitment.
- The SMM also recorded the use of weapons that should have been withdrawn under the Minsk agreements – 351 times over the period from 2 to 15 October. On 10 October, for the first time in two months, the SMM recorded the use of multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS).
- From 2 to 15 October, the mission confirmed three civilian casualties, including one injured, a sixteen year-old boy. This brings the total number of civilian casualties recorded this year to 400.
- SMM monitors, in co-ordination with the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination, contributed to improving of the humanitarian situation by facilitating and monitoring localized adherence to the ceasefire. From 2 to 15 October, these “windows of silence” allowed for inspection, repair and maintenance work to more than ten infrastructure facilities, including powerlines, water pipelines, a pumping station, and water wells. On 12 October the SMM facilitated and monitored demining activities in the area around a gas distribution station near Marinka to restore local gas distribution. An engineer and a technician were able to enter the station for the first time since April 2015. In total, the Mission conducted at least 86 patrols in support of repairs and maintenance of essential infrastructure facilities on both sides of the contact line.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 18 OCTOBER 2017



* 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.

MISSION MONITORS

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|---------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|------------|
| Albania | 1 | Kazakhstan | 4 |
| Armenia | 1 | Kyrgyzstan | 16 |
| Austria | 12 | Latvia | 4 |
| Azerbaijan | 1 | Lithuania | 2 |
| Belarus | 7 | Moldova | 21 |
| Belgium | 3 | Montenegro | 2 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 32 | Netherlands | 2 |
| Bulgaria | 29 | Norway | 16 |
| Canada | 13 | Poland | 31 |
| Croatia | 10 | Portugal | 3 |
| Czech Republic | 13 | Romania | 24 |
| Denmark | 3 | Russian Federation | 35 |
| Estonia | 5 | Serbia | 8 |
| Finland | 15 | Slovakia | 10 |
| France | 11 | Slovenia | 1 |
| former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 20 | Spain | 10 |
| Georgia | 8 | Sweden | 9 |
| Germany | 22 | Switzerland | 8 |
| Greece | 20 | Tajikistan | 6 |
| Hungary | 23 | Turkey | 8 |
| Ireland | 9 | United Kingdom | 44 |
| Italy | 15 | United States | 58 |
| | | TOTAL | 595 |
| Male | 509 | Female | 86 |

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 600 monitors across Ukraine;
- Almost 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.