

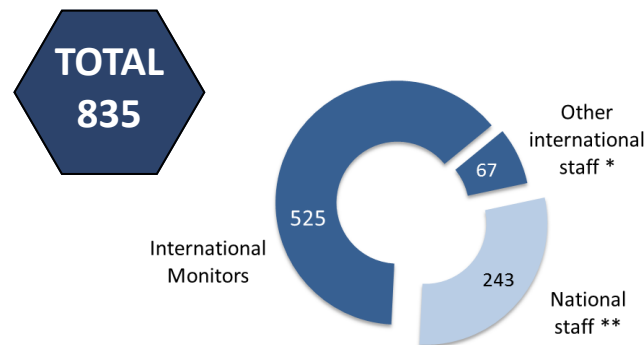


Seventh round of negotiations of the Security Working Group, 5 August 2015.

LATEST NEWS

- On 5 August 2015 the SMM Chief Monitor Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan and the Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug returned from the seventh round of negotiations of the Security Working Group within the Trilateral Contact Group in Minsk. The sides discussed the plan for the withdrawal of tanks and smaller caliber weapons for two days.
- The SMM has continued to observe ceasefire violations, including use of heavy weapons, tanks and smaller caliber weapons.
- Most of the violence SMM observed occurred in residential areas. Military positions in residential areas continued to endanger civilian lives.
- The SMM continued to facilitate repair works on a major water pipeline between Maiorsk and Horlivka as well as in Spartak. Several times the works were however interrupted by shelling. Repair works in Spartak were completely finished on 11 August.
- On 9 August, four OSCE armoured vehicles were destroyed by fire at SMM Donetsk residence. SMM monitors were not injured. More in the Spot Report: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/176256
- On 9 August a peaceful demonstration took place outside the SMM office in Luhansk city. Participants, who arrived together and seemed to have been co-ordinated by a number of people using radios, accused the SMM of what they alleged was a lack of objectivity.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm

MISSION MEMBERS AS OF 12.08.2015



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

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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	11
Armenia	2	Latvia	8
Austria	14	Lithuania	2
Belarus	2	Moldova	15
Belgium	1	Mongolia	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14	Montenegro	1
Bulgaria	14	Netherlands	3
Canada	16	Norway	9
Croatia	13	Poland	27
Czech Republic	17	Portugal	5
Denmark	13	Romania	30
Estonia	7	Russian Federation	26
Finland	26	Serbia	6
France	10	Slovakia	7
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	10	Slovenia	1
Georgia	4	Spain	11
Germany	21	Sweden	17
Greece	11	Switzerland	9
Hungary	23	Tajikistan	1
Ireland	10	Turkey	10
Italy	21	United Kingdom	22
Kazakhstan	3	United States	50
		TOTAL	525
Male	428	Female	97

WHAT IS THE SMM?

- The Special Monitoring Mission of **unarmed civilian monitors** operates at the invitation of the Ukrainian Government and by consensus decision of all 57 participating States of the OSCE.
- The SMM aims to **gather information and report** on the security situation, **establish and report facts**, throughout Ukraine. It is not up to the SMM to draw conclusions or conduct any investigations.
- The SMM **facilitates dialogue and access**; talks to various community groups - including but not limited to authorities at all levels, civil society, ethnic and religious groups and local communities.
- The SMM is **not a humanitarian mission** but it does monitor and report on the human rights and humanitarian situation throughout Ukraine.
- The SMM monitors are from more than 40 OSCE participating States. All SMM members operate under the principles of **impartiality and transparency**.