Facts Matter

- Between 29 October and 11 November, the SMM recorded over 18,000 ceasefire violations (slightly more than in the previous two-week period) and 89 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (58 in areas not controlled by the Government). The SMM observed the continued presence of mines and unexploded ordnance, including recently-laid anti-tank mines near government-controlled Orikhove and an anti-personnel mine near non-government-controlled Verkhnyoshyrokivsky.
- The Mission also registered limited compliance with the Triateral Contact Group’s Framework Decision on Disengagement of Forces and Hardware. As indicated by ceasefire violations, the lack of compliance was observed in all three disengagement areas, new positions and reinforced existing positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the armed formations in the Zolote disengagement area as well as new extensions of positions in the Petrivske disengagement area.
- About three quarters of all ceasefire violations were recorded in the Avdiivka lines (58 in areas not controlled by the Government). The SMM observed the continued presence of mines and unexploded ordnance, including recently-laid anti-tank mines near government-controlled Orikhove and an anti-personnel mine near non-government-controlled Verkhnyoshyrokivsky.
- In the reporting period, the Mission experienced 77 restrictions to its freedom of movement, including 54 instances in areas not controlled by the Government, with many occurring close to the border with the Russian Federation.
- On 4 November, the SMM monitored a public gathering held in Kyiv following the death of Kateryna Handziuk, an anti-corruption activist and Kherson city council member. She died from injuries sustained in an acid attack in Kherson on 31 July.
- The SMM’s daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 700 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.

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