



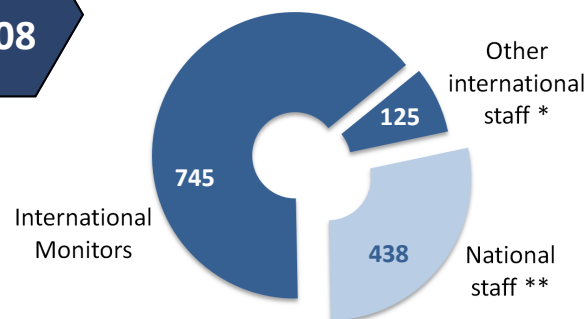
SMM monitoring officers in Zolote, Luhansk region (OSCE/Baiysh Kalchaev)

## FACTS MATTER

- Between 14 and 27 October, the SMM recorded about 16,200 ceasefire violations, including about 3,500 explosions. This compares with about 17,000 ceasefire violations, including about 3,200 explosions, in the previous two-week period.
- The Mission confirmed reports of 14 civilian casualties, all injuries, including five boys and two girls injured by mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO). Children, especially boys, are often drawn to mines and UXO, mistaking them for toys or objects of value. Since the beginning of 2019, the SMM has confirmed 137 civilian casualties (16 killed, 121 injured).
- The SMM saw damage caused by small-arms fire to two functioning schools in Oleksandrivka and Zolote. Since the beginning of the year, the SMM has observed damage to 14 operational educational facilities, including 11 schools and three kindergartens, on both sides of the contact line due to shelling and small-arms fire. Other civilian properties in settlements located along the contact line also continue to be exposed, including in Dokuchaievsk, where in 2019, the SMM has seen damage from shelling and gunfire to 50 civilian properties.
- The SMM continued facilitating the repair and maintenance of essential civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including repairs ensuring the supply of water to more than 150,000 civilians.
- The SMM recorded no ceasefire violations inside or within the 5km periphery of the Stanytsia Luhanska disengagement area. Inside the area, the Mission continued to observe workers from government-controlled areas repairing the broken section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.
- On 29 October (outside the reporting period), the SMM saw that disengagement from the Zolote disengagement area had begun. Additional SMM patrols, assisted by static cameras and unmanned aerial vehicles, observed the launch of flares by the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the armed formations, signalling both sides' readiness to disengage, and subsequently Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel and members of the armed formations exiting the disengagement area, together with their weapons.
- On 25 October, in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odessa and Zaporizhzhia, the SMM observed peaceful gatherings of about 80-150 people (mostly men), expressing messages critical of the recent developments concerning certain areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- 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**  
1,308

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 28 October 2019



\* 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	23
Armenia	1	Latvia	8
Austria	10	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	38
Belarus	5	Montenegro	3
Belgium	2	Netherlands	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	51	North Macedonia	27
Bulgaria	45	Norway	11
Canada	27	Poland	33
Croatia	10	Portugal	1
Czech Republic	13	Romania	29
Denmark	8	Russian Federation	35
Estonia	2	Serbia	12
Finland	24	Slovakia	11
France	15	Slovenia	1
Georgia	20	Spain	11
Germany	33	Sweden	21
Greece	20	Switzerland	7
Hungary	20	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	9	Turkey	10
Italy	20	United Kingdom	51
Kazakhstan	4	United States	52
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>745</b>
Male	597	Female	148

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 750 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.