As of 19 April 2021

STATUS

MISSION MEMBERS as of 19 April 2021

TOTAL 1,320

International Monitors

717

National staff **

458

Other international staff *

145

* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, two Deputy Chief Monitors, advisors, analysts, etc.
** National staff includes assistants, advisors and administrative personnel.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania 7 Kyrgyzstan 30
Armenia 2 Latvia 4
Austria 7 Lithuania 1
Azerbaijan 1 Moldova 40
Belarus 5 Mongolia 1
Belgium 3 Montenegro 4
Bosnia and Herzegovina 55 Netherlands 4
Bulgaria 45 North Macedonia 24
Canada 27 Norway 9
Croatia 10 Poland 30
Czech Republic 10 Romania 32
Denmark 2 Russian Federation 36
Estonia 2 Serbia 16
Finland 18 Slovakia 14
France 12 Slovenia 1
Georgia 22 Spain 9
Germany 28 Sweden 11
Greece 20 Switzerland 3
Hungary 18 Tajikistan 13
Ireland 9 Turkey 11
Italy 14 United Kingdom 42
Kazakhstan 4 United States 61

TOTAL 717

Male 578 Female 139

Facts Matter

- Between 5 and 18 April 2021, the SMM recorded 3,828 ceasefire violations, compared with 3,922 in the previous two-week period. Of note, a spike of 1,745 ceasefire violations (more than 1,500 of them assessed as live-fire exercises in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region) was recorded on 15 April. This is the highest number of ceasefire violations on a single day since the entry into force of the measures to strengthen the ceasefire on 27 July 2020.
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrovskoe, recording no ceasefire violations inside any of the areas, but observing people in the latter two.
- The Mission continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including maintenance and repairs to power lines in Zaitseve and near Zolote-S/Mkyhailivka (alongside benefitting over 33,000 civilians).
- The SMM continued to observe civilians while crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line and their challenges. It again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use were near Stanytsia Luhanska (opened daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (twice a week, as the armed formations’ checkpoint there is only open on Mondays and Fridays).
- The Mission’s freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 20 times, all in non-government-controlled areas, including twice when members of the armed formations again conditioned passage through their checkpoints on the contact line on visual inspection of SMM vehicles (see Spot Reports 7/2021 and 9/2021).
- SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) were targeted 13 times by small-arms fire, all but three in non-government-controlled areas. The Mission’s UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming or jamming on 136 occasions on both sides of the contact line, including 12 cases when long-range UAVs were targeted, causing four flight cancellations, one inability to take off and one emergency landing of long-range UAVs (see Spot Reports 6/2021 and 8/2021). One mini-UAV was also lost due to jamming. Over the last two months, 82 per cent of SMM long-range UAV flights have encountered GPS signal interference. The Mission had to disable its camera system at the Oktiabr mine near Donetsk city on 19 April to avoid interference with its monitoring, after two men in camouflage-clothing had mounted two cameras on the SMM’s camera mast and the tower on which the mast is emplaced (see Spot Report 10/2021).
- 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 730 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.

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