



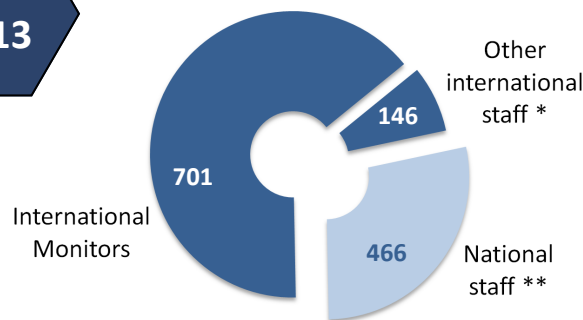
SMM patrol launching a UAV in Luhansk region (OSCE/Kristina Babic)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 23 August and 5 September, the SMM recorded a decrease in the number of ceasefire violations – 2,494 compared with 2,966 in the previous two-week period.
- The Mission continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, recording 53 ceasefire violations inside the area near Petrivske.
- The SMM corroborated reports of five civilian casualties, including a fatality, bringing the total number of confirmed civilian casualties since the beginning of 2021 to 62 (15 fatalities and 47 injuries). Thirty-six of these casualties were due to mines, unexploded ordnance and other explosive objects, nine due to small-arms fire and 17 due to shelling.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 30 times, including 27 instances in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were assessed as targeted by small-arms fire on 12 occasions: two times in government-controlled and ten times in non-government-controlled areas. The Mission's UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 107 occasions, while flying on both sides of the contact line.
- On 31 August, a SMM patrol of five Mission members heard projectiles passing above their heads and impact explosions nearby in non-government-controlled Oleksandrivka, Donetsk region. The patrol safely left the area (see [SMM Daily Report of 1 September 2021](#)).
- The Mission continued to observe civilians while crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line and the challenges they face. The SMM again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use were near Stanytsia Luhanska, open daily, and Novotroitske/Olenivka, open twice a week, as the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations is open for crossing only on Mondays and Fridays.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure, including repairs to the phenol sludge reservoir near Nelipivka, as well as to power lines near Nevelske, Novoluhanske and in Krasnohorivka, all in Donetsk region. Since the beginning of the year, the Mission has facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs and maintenance of 75 public infrastructure sites on both sides of the contact line (43 in Donetsk region and 32 in Luhansk region), providing water, electricity, gas and mobile communications to about five million civilians. The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

TOTAL
1,313

MISSION MEMBERS as of 6 September 2021



* 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	31
Armenia	1	Latvia	3
Austria	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	39
Belarus	4	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	46	North Macedonia	24
Canada	28	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	26
Czech Republic	10	Romania	32
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	32
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	15	Slovakia	13
France	12	Slovenia	1
Georgia	23	Spain	9
Germany	28	Sweden	11
Greece	20	Switzerland	2
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	14
Ireland	9	Turkey	13
Italy	15	United Kingdom	42
Kazakhstan	3	United States	59
		TOTAL	701
Male	564	Female	137

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 700 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.