### OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) osce.org/ukraine-smm

# Report As of 8 February 2021 **STATUS**



An SMM monitoring officer flying a UAV in Avdiivka, Donetsk region (OSCE/Monika Olszewska)

## **FACTS MATTER**

- Between 25 January and 7 February 2021, the SMM recorded 1,697 ceasefire violations, compared with 966 in the previous two-week period. The SMM recorded a spike of ceasefire violations - 464 - on 28 January, most of which it assessed as a live-fire exercise.
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, observing people in the latter two areas and recording three ceasefire violations inside the area near Petrivske.
- During the two-week reporting period, the SMM corroborated one civilian casualty – a woman in her sixties injured due to shelling on 1 May 2020 in Donetskyi, Luhansk region.
- 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 to enable construction of power lines in Raihorodka (benefitting about 1,700 civilians) and between Lopaskyne and Lobacheve (benefitting about 180 civilians).
- The SMM continued to observe civilians facing challenges when crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line in both directions. It again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use continued to be near Stanytsia Luhanska (operational daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (twice a week as the armed formations' checkpoint there is only operational on Mondays and Fridays).
- The Mission's freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 22 times, all but once in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles were targeted three times by small-arms fire in non-government-controlled areas and once in government-controlled areas, and experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 33 occasions while flying on both sides of the contact line.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine



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

### 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.

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 8 February 2021

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