



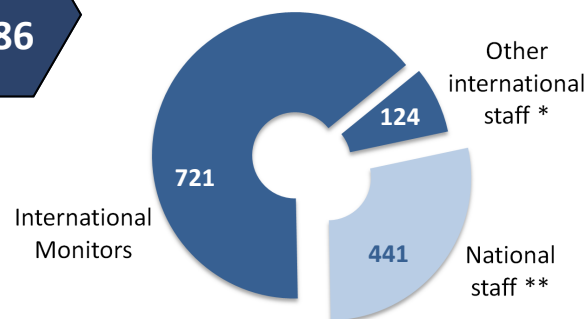
Monitoring officers in the vicinity of the disengagement area near Zolote in Luhansk region (OSCE/Anton Yermakov)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 13 and 26 July, the SMM recorded about 8,000 ceasefire violations, including about 2,100 explosions, compared with approximately 5,200 and 1,700, respectively, in the previous two weeks.
- The Mission corroborated reports of five civilian casualties, all injuries, bringing the total number since the beginning of 2020 to 60 – eight fatalities and 52 injuries.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three disengagement areas. While it observed a calm situation inside the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska, it recorded ceasefire violations and continued spotting the presence of people inside the disengagement areas near Zolote and Petrivske. The SMM also saw a new military position and improvements to a former military-type position in the latter area.
- On 20 July, explosions occurred close to SMM patrols near Zalizne (see [Spot Report 38/2020](#)) and Berezivske as they were monitoring adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to, as well as construction and maintenance of, critical civilian infrastructure in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. This included repairs to power lines between Novozhankivka and Troitske, as well as repairs to water infrastructure near Pankivka and Yashchukove, benefitting around 460,000 civilians on both sides of the contact line.
- Amid the COVID-19 outbreak, the SMM observed limited numbers of civilians crossing the contact line at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, with many refused entry because of residency requirements, the operation of a list system or difficulties in downloading a self-isolation application. In Donetsk region, where entry-exit checkpoints are mostly open, corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations – except one, which operated only two days a week – remained closed, resulting in severely restricted movement and hardship for the civilian population.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 13 times, all but two times in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles were subjected to signal interference on both sides of the contact line on 36 occasions, and were targeted by small-arms fire six times (four times in non-government-controlled areas and twice in government-controlled areas).
- 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
1,286

MISSION MEMBERS as of 27 July 2020



* 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	22
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	42
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	2	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	51	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	46	North Macedonia	25
Canada	27	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	33
Czech Republic	11	Romania	29
Denmark	4	Russian Federation	41
Estonia	3	Serbia	15
Finland	22	Slovakia	12
France	14	Slovenia	1
Georgia	21	Spain	10
Germany	32	Sweden	13
Greece	21	Switzerland	5
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	11
Ireland	7	Turkey	9
Italy	18	United Kingdom	45
Kazakhstan	4	United States	54
		TOTAL	721
Male	588	Female	133

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 720 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.