### OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM)

**Facts Matter**

- Between 4 and 17 May, the SMM recorded about 10,500 ceasefire violations, including approximately 2,000 explosions. This compares with about 9,800 and 2,750, respectively, in the previous two-week period.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three disengagement areas, observing a calm situation inside the one near Stanitsia Luhanska, continued ceasefire violations inside the one near Petrivske, and the presence of persons inside the ones near Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission corroborated reports of nine civilian casualties, all injuries, including five children, bringing the total since the beginning of 2020 to 44 (six fatalities and 38 injuries).
- The SMM continued to see mines and unexploded ordnance, including 865 anti-tank mines near Staromykhailivka and at least 50 anti-tank mines near Lebedynske.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to, and construction and maintenance of, critical civilian infrastructure. This included repairs to the South Donbass Water Pipeline near Vasylivka, which provides water to 1.2 million civilians on both sides of the contact line.
- On 15 May, explosions occurred within approximately 20 metres of SMM patrol members, who were at the time monitoring adherence to a localized ceasefire and conducting an announced unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight close to Berezivske (see Spot Report 24/2020).
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions (see Spot Report 20/2020, Spot Report 21/2020 and Spot Report 22/2020). Overall, the Mission’s freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 38 times (all but one in areas not controlled by the Government). In particular, on 8 May, armed members of the armed formations stopped an SMM patrol in Horlivka and prevented its departure for almost three hours.
- SMM UAVs were subjected to signal interference on both sides of the contact line on 30 occasions, and were targeted by small-arms fire six times (all but one in non-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.

### Mission Members as of 18 May 2020

**TOTAL 1,280**

- **National staff** **723**
- **International monitors** **436**
- **Other international staff** *** 121**

* 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 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.

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**STATUS**

A shell-damaged civilian house in Avdiivka, Donetsk region (OSCE/Valentin Iliev)