



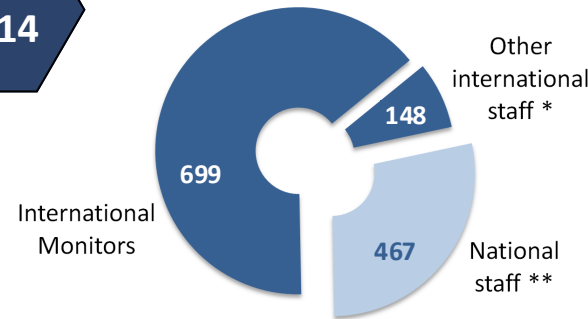
SMM patrol near Trokhizbenka, Luhansk region (OSCE/Kristina Babic)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 26 July and 8 August, the SMM noted a decrease in the number of ceasefire violations – 2,389, compared with 3,600 recorded in the previous two-week period.
- The Mission continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, again recording ceasefire violations in the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM corroborated reports of four civilian casualties, including one injury due to shelling in non-government-controlled Donetsk, Luhansk region. This brings the total number of civilian casualties that have been confirmed since the beginning of 2021 to 51 (12 fatalities and 39 injuries). Thirty-five of these casualties were due to mines, unexploded ordnance and other explosive objects, seven were due to small-arms fire and nine due to shelling.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 41 times, including 37 instances in non-government-controlled areas (see [Spot Report 19/2021](#)). SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were assessed as targeted by small-arms fire three times in non-government-controlled areas. SMM UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 74 occasions, while flying on both sides of the contact line.
- The Mission 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 (open daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (open twice a week, as the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations there is only open 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 power lines near Olenivka and Taramchuk (benefitting several thousand people on both sides of the contact line).
- The SMM monitored areas in east, south-east and south-west Kherson region, where it observed no change in the security situation.
- 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
1,314

MISSION MEMBERS as of 23 August 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	44	North Macedonia	24
Canada	29	Norway	8
Croatia	9	Poland	27
Czech Republic	10	Romania	28
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	33
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	17	Slovakia	13
France	13	Slovenia	1
Georgia	23	Spain	9
Germany	28	Sweden	11
Greece	20	Switzerland	2
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	14
Ireland	9	Turkey	12
Italy	15	United Kingdom	42
Kazakhstan	3	United States	59
		TOTAL	699
Male	559	Female	140

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.