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People queuing at the entry-exit crossing point near Marinka, Donetsk region, 2 August 2016.

LATEST NEWS

- The SMM continued to monitor the situation at three crossing points at the administrative boundary line between the mainland and Crimea. The Mission monitors observed that the situation was calm and all three crossing points at Kalanchak, Chaplynka and Chonhar had re-opened. The SMM did not observe increased military movements at the three crossing points and in adjacent areas.
- The SMM observed that the situation remained tense and volatile in Donetsk region with violence concentrated around the usual hotspots: Avdiivka-Yasynuvata -Donetsk airport triangle; western and northern outskirts of Horlivka; areas around Shyrokyne and Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove): and the Syitlodarsk-Debaltseve
- In Luhansk region the SMM noted a relatively high level of violence, with areas around Stanytsia Luhanska and Pervomaisk-Popasna still the worst affected.
- The SMM observed numerous weapons missing from storage sites and the presence of weapons in violation of withdrawal lines, quite often in and around residential areas. For instance, on 9 August it observed the presence of multiplelaunch rocket systems in violation of the respective withdrawal line on both sides of the contact line.
- Freedom of movement of SMM monitors continued to be severely restricted, particularly in areas not controlled by the Government.
- Spot reports issued in this period noted SMM monitors being threatened at gunpoint near Lobacheve in Luhansk region (www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/257546) and an explosion in Luhansk city allegedly targeting a senior "LPR" member (www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/258051).
- Enhancing the participation of women in conflict resolution and peace-building efforts was the focus of a new article published by the SMM: www.osce.org/ ukraine-smm/251946
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.



- * Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, Principal Deputy Chief Monitor, Deputy Chief Monitor, advisors, analysts, spokesperson etc.
- ** National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 570 based in the east;
- From 45 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 MONITORS

MISSION	MONITORS		
Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	14
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	16	Lithuania	2
Azerbaijan	1	Luxembourg	1
Belarus	7	Moldova	22
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30	Netherlands	9
Bulgaria	27	Norway	12
Canada	16	Poland	32
Croatia	11	Portugal	5
Czech Republic	16	Romania	40
Denmark	13	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	22	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	19	Spain	13
Georgia	8	Sweden	22
Germany	32	Switzerland	13
Greece	19	Tajikistan	3
Hungary	26	Turkey	12
Ireland	11	United Kingdom	43
Italy	23	United States	67
Kazakhstan	4	TOTAL	706
Male	590	Female	116





