

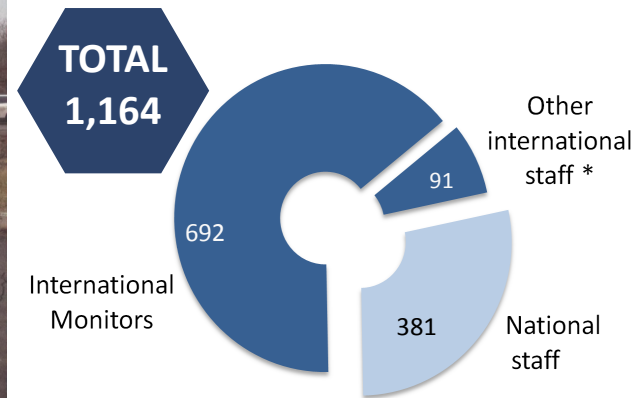


The OSCE SMM monitors an exchange of detainees on 27 December 2017. Photo: Evgeniy Maloletka, OSCE

## FACTS MATTER

- From 25 December 2017 to 7 January 2018, the OSCE SMM recorded over 5,800 ceasefire violations. Overall, this constituted an almost 80 per cent decrease compared to the previous two-week reporting period, following the recommitment to the ceasefire on 23 December 2017.
- As with previous recommitments to the ceasefire, the Mission has already noted deterioration, with the first week of 2018 seeing a significant increase in the number of ceasefire violations compared to the previous week.
- Ceasefire violations were mostly observed around Svitlodarsk, in the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area and in areas east and north-east of Mariupol.
- In the last days of December 2017 three civilians were injured, which brings the 2017 total for civilian casualties to 476, including 86 fatalities. From 1 to 7 January 2018, the SMM did not record any casualties.
- On 27 December 2017, the SMM monitored, with mirror patrols on both sides of the contact line, and facilitated on the spot an exchange of detainees at the entry-exit checkpoint in government-controlled Maiorsk (45km north-east of Donetsk) and at a checkpoint in non-government controlled Horlivka (39km north-east of Donetsk). This was the first exchange of detainees since September 2016.
- From 25 December 2017 to 7 January 2018, the Mission monitored and facilitated three “windows of silence” – localized adherence to the ceasefire – which allowed for inspection, repair and maintenance work on three critical civilian infrastructure facilities on both sides of the contact line. On 29 December 2017, the SMM facilitated and monitored repairs to power lines near Betmanove. It was informed that power had been restored to the village. It also facilitated and monitored maintenance works in Zalizne.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports)

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 10 JANUARY 2018



\* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, Principal Deputy Chief Monitor, Deputy Chief Monitor, advisors, analysts, etc.

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	3	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	22
Austria	11	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	3
Belarus	7	Moldova	26
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	40	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	30	Norway	13
Canada	21	Poland	37
Croatia	9	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	16	Romania	29
Denmark	4	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	5	Serbia	11
Finland	20	Slovakia	12
France	14	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	25	Spain	14
Georgia	11	Sweden	15
Germany	23	Switzerland	8
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	25	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	United Kingdom	53
Italy	20	United States	57
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>692</b>
Male	580	Female	112

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine
- Almost 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