



Crossing the destroyed Stanytsia Luhanska Bridge, 19 July 2017. Photo: OSCE / Evgeniy Maloletka

LATEST NEWS

- Over the last two weeks, the SMM registered a decrease in the number of ceasefire violations and considerably fewer cases of the use of weapons that should have been withdrawn in accordance with the Minsk agreements. Between 7 and 13 August, the SMM recorded about 15 % fewer ceasefire violations compared with the previous week. From 14 to 20 August, the number of ceasefire violations decreased by some 45 % compared with the week before.
- Violence resulted in a number of civilian casualties with two people killed and seven injured from 7 to 20 August. This brought the total number of civilian casualties confirmed by the SMM in 2017 to 357, including 66 fatalities.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted due to the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance, in particular at Shchastia Bridge and on the road between Pikuzy and Mariupol. The Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination has, however, on some occasions successfully co-ordinated between the sides to ensure de-mining, notably along the Svitlodarsk-Debaltseve road.
- Continued attacks on technical monitoring equipment, namely unmanned aerial vehicles and cameras, also impacted the Mission's ability to monitor. On 10 August, the Mission's newly installed thermal camera at the Donetsk Filtration Station near Yasynuvata was destroyed by small-arms fire. The SMM Chief Monitor condemned the incident (see: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/335046).
- Threats and intimidation – used also to undermine the Mission's work – continued: on 13 August an armed man at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge threatened to shoot SMM patrol members (see Spot Report: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/335566).
- On 19 August, the OSCE SMM resumed 24/7 presence at its forward patrol base in Stanytsia Luhanska (see more: www.facebook.com/oscesmm/posts/872956019522771)
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports

MISSION MEMBERS as of 20 AUGUST 2017



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

** National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	12	Latvia	3
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	23
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	30	Norway	18
Canada	13	Poland	33
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	13	Romania	26
Denmark	3	Russian Federation	36
Estonia	5	Serbia	8
Finland	19	Slovakia	9
France	12	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	10
Georgia	7	Sweden	11
Germany	22	Switzerland	10
Greece	20	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	24	Turkey	9
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	48
Italy	16	United States	59
		TOTAL	621
Male	534	Female	87

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- About 650 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.