

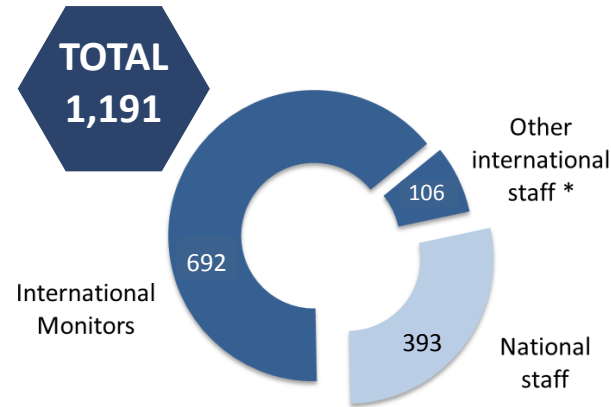


The staffs of OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine demonstrate demining equipment during Mine Awareness Day, Kyiv, 4 April. Photo: OSCE/ Andrii Kravchenko

FACTS MATTER

- The recommitment to the ceasefire on 30 March has yielded insignificant results, with a 7 percent decrease in the number of ceasefire violations (9,300) recorded by the OSCE SMM between 2 and 15 April, compared with the previous reporting period. Violence increased notably during the second week of this reporting period, particularly in and around Staromykhailivka and in the Kuibyshevskiy district of Donetsk city on 10 and 11 April, resulting in the injury of at least five civilians. The joint statement by the OSCE Chairperson's Special Representative Martin Sajdik and the OSCE SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan called on the sides to fully adhere to the ceasefire, saying the senseless shelling of residential areas served only to endanger civilians. (See: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/377692).
- The Chief Monitor, along with the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine Vaidotas Verba, in marking International Mine Awareness Day on 4 April, also called on the sides to fulfil their mine action commitments. Their failure to do so has resulted in 11 civilian deaths and 18 civilian injuries so far this year. (See: www.osce.org/project-coordinator-in-ukraine/376852).
- Mines and unexploded ordnance continued to impede SMM patrols. Members of the armed formations in Luhansk region also continued to restrict SMM access to border areas near the Russian Federation not controlled by the Government. For the ninth consecutive week, SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) continued to be subject to small-arms fire and the recently re-launched long-range SMM UAVs were subject to jamming on a number of occasions. Of particular concern was an incident on 5 April, when a member of an armed formation, with a charged assault rifle, threatened SMM monitoring officers. (See: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/377194).
- SMM 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 April 2018



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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	5	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	21
Austria	11	Latvia	8
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	5	Moldova	29
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	33	Norway	12
Canada	25	Poland	34
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	26
Denmark	9	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	2	Serbia	10
Finland	19	Slovakia	12
France	15	Slovenia	1
FYR of Macedonia	25	Spain	14
Georgia	12	Sweden	10
Germany	24	Switzerland	7
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	22	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	UK	55
Italy	19	USA	61
		TOTAL	692
Male	576	Female	116

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