



OSCE monitors crossing the contact line in Stanytsia Luhanska area—the only official entry-exit checkpoint in Luhansk region, 16 December 2016. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

LATEST NEWS

- The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) reported that the levels of ceasefire violations fluctuated but remained high, with hundreds of violations recorded on a daily basis.
- Around half of all ceasefire violations recorded by the SMM were registered in the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area. The remainder were spread among four other hotspots: areas east and north-east of Mariupol; the western and northern outskirts of Horlivka; in the western part of Luhansk region and along the Svitlodarsk-Debaltseve road.
- Starting from 18 December the SMM observed an increase in ceasefire violations in the areas around Svitlodarsk and Debaltseve.
- In the week of 12-18 December the use of the weapons proscribed by the Minsk agreements tripled compared with the previous week.
- Freedom of movement of SMM monitors continued to be restricted, in particular in and around disengagement areas – where the sides refuse to remove mines and unexploded ordnance – and sometimes at weapons storage sites.
- Civilians continued to be endangered as the sides placed positions close to residential buildings and civilian infrastructure, exposing them to shelling. Passing checkpoints along the contact line also remained dangerous for civilians who had to wait for lengthy periods in areas that often lack adequate shelter, water or sanitary resources, and occasionally come under fire.
- 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 21 DECEMBER 2016



* 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	2	Kyrgyzstan	15
Austria	17	Latvia	6
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	23
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	30	Norway	17
Canada	16	Poland	34
Croatia	11	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	34
Denmark	12	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	25	Slovakia	10
France	13	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	21	Spain	11
Georgia	7	Sweden	18
Germany	30	Switzerland	11
Greece	19	Tajikistan	4
Hungary	27	Turkey	11
Ireland	10	United Kingdom	41
Italy	21	United States	66
		TOTAL	693
Male	587	Female	106

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 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.