

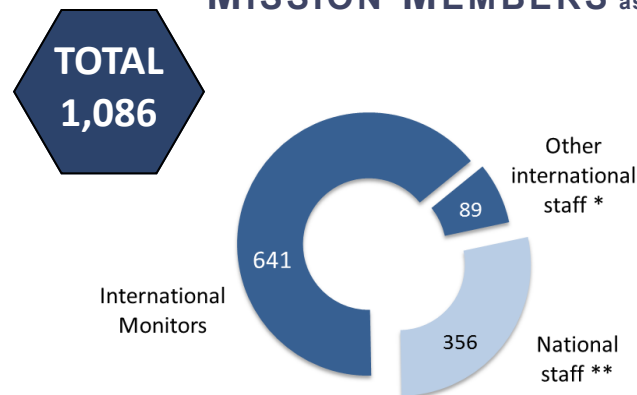


SMM monitors in conversation with civilians in Krasnohorivka, Donetsk region, 21 June 2017 (OSCE/Mariia Aleksevych)

LATEST NEWS

- The SMM noted a slight overall decrease in the level of violence in eastern Ukraine during the period from 26 June to 9 July. The situation, however, remained volatile, with violence erupting in a number of areas: SMM monitors at the Popasna forward patrol base recorded 100 mortar impacts around Popasna-Pervomaisk on 27 June, at least 50 artillery and 10 mortar rounds near Svitlodarsk on 28 June, and approximately 500 explosions in just three hours in Yasynuvata on 29 June.
- Continued violence and potential escalation remain as the sides, at best, only partially adhere to their commitments. The disengagement process remains stalled with no progress made around the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and an increasing number of ceasefire violations recorded in and around the Zolote disengagement area. Heavy weapons continue to be seen in violation of withdrawal lines, with, for example, the SMM noting 10 multiple launch rocket systems near so-called “LPR”-controlled Khrustalnyi on 6 July, and self-propelled howitzers near government-controlled Novookhtyrka on 8 and 9 July (four and two, respectively).
- The violence resulted in a number of civilian casualties with two people killed and eight injured during the period from 26 June to 9 July, most UXO/mine-related and one involving a child. This brings the total number of civilian casualties confirmed by the SMM in 2017 to 306, including 56 fatalities.
- The SMM’s freedom of movement has remained restricted in multiple areas, in particular in border areas close to so-called “DPR”-controlled Novoazovsk, where armed men have systematically prevented the Mission from patrolling for the entire reporting period. Denial of access, in areas not controlled by the Government, has sometimes been accompanied by threats to the SMM with, for example, an armed so-called “DPR” member pointing a rifle at SMM monitors near Kremynets on 7 July.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 12 JULY 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.

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.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	13	Latvia	3
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	9	Moldova	23
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	33	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	30	Norway	18
Canada	14	Poland	33
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	14	Romania	26
Denmark	3	Russian Federation	36
Estonia	6	Serbia	8
Finland	25	Slovakia	9
France	12	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	11
Georgia	7	Sweden	12
Germany	22	Switzerland	10
Greece	20	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	24	Turkey	9
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	49
Italy	18	United States	62
		TOTAL	641
Male	551	Female	90