

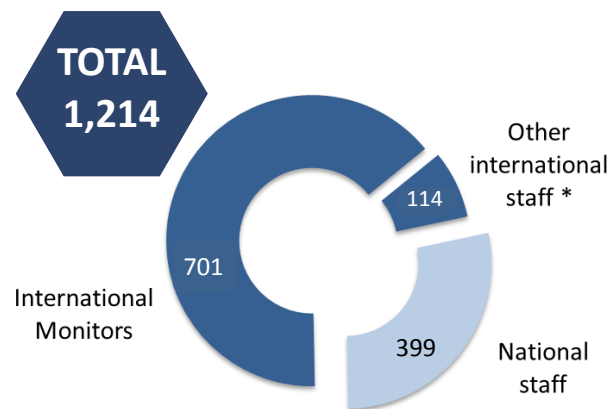


An SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle. Photo: OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka

FACTS MATTER

- Between 11 and 24 June, the security situation in eastern Ukraine remained volatile. The Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations along the contact line – around 13,000, representing a 10 per cent decrease compared with the previous two-week reporting period. Also, the use of weapons that should have been withdrawn in accordance with the Minsk agreements decreased by 30 per cent.
- The SMM corroborated 16 civilian casualties due to armed violence, all of whom were injured. This brings the total number of civilian casualties confirmed by the Mission this year to 144, including 29 fatalities. Other cases are pending verification.
- The Mission's unarmed civilian monitors continued to face a host of restrictions, risks and threats. In one incident on 14 June, in non-government-controlled Pikuzy, warning shots were fired 50m from SMM monitors (Spot Report: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/384540). On 23 June, in non-government-controlled Petrivske, a member of the armed formations with an assault rifle (AK-74) forced the SMM to drive on a mine-contaminated road (Spot Report: www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/385626). In addition, ground patrols were actively restricted 31 times; denied or delayed access, or only granted access conditionally – 29 times by members of the armed formations and twice by Ukrainian Armed Forces' soldiers.
- The Mission's aerial monitoring was subject to restrictions as well. On 15 June, over non-government-controlled Betmanove, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) was fired at by a surface-to-air missile system and an anti-aircraft gun. (Spot Report: <https://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/384642>). On 18 June, small-arms fire was directed at an SMM mini-UAV near Petrivske. On nine occasions, control over SMM UAVs was temporarily lost, most probably due to electronic jamming, on both sides of the contact line.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 24 June 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	22
Austria	9	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	5	Moldova	29
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	34	Norway	11
Canada	28	Poland	35
Croatia	9	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	28
Denmark	8	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	2	Serbia	11
Finland	19	Slovakia	13
France	15	Slovenia	1
FYR of Macedonia	26	Spain	14
Georgia	14	Sweden	10
Germany	21	Switzerland	7
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	UK	58
Italy	20	USA	60
		TOTAL	701
Male	585	Female	116

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors
- Over 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