

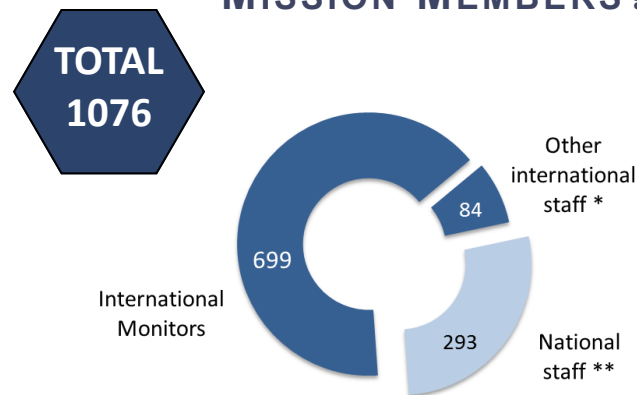


OSCE SMM installed two cameras: one in Avdiivka and another one at Oktiabr mine, April 2016. (OSCE/Iryna Gudyma)

LATEST NEWS

- The number of ceasefire violations registered by the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) in Donetsk region remained high. The use of mortar fire hit a new high with around 970 explosions recorded between 11-17 April. Fighting concentrated around three hotspots: the area between Avdiivka and Yasynuvata, and also Donetsk airport; the northern and western outskirts of Horlivka; and the area south and south-east of Svitlodarsk.
- On 15 April in Luhansk region the SMM recorded an increase in ceasefire violations with more than 100 explosions around Stanytsia Luhanska.
- The SMM notes more and more weapons absent from the sites they were previously withdrawn to. Monitors consistently see weapons in use and in violation of respective withdrawal lines - often positioned inside populated areas - on both sides of the contact line.
- The SMM's freedom of movement is increasingly restricted.
- Recently the SMM monitors faced serious security incidents: an SMM vehicle was hit by a bullet near Snizhne on 7 April while hours later monitors were threatened at gunpoint near Smile (see: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/231901). On 9 April an SMM patrol came under fire in Zhovanka (see: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/232326).
- On 15 April the OSCE SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan expressed his dismay at the increase in fighting in the east of the country. Read more at: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/233936
- On 16 April two additional SMM cameras – one in government-controlled Avdiivka and another at the “DPR”-controlled Oktiabr mine – were installed and now operate 24/7.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 20.04.2016



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

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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	13
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	13	Lithuania	2
Azerbaijan	1	Luxemburg	1
Belarus	8	Moldova	22
Belgium	5	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30	Netherlands	9
Bulgaria	26	Norway	14
Canada	18	Poland	31
Croatia	11	Portugal	4
Czech Republic	16	Romania	42
Denmark	13	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	6	Serbia	9
Finland	24	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	19	Spain	13
Georgia	6	Sweden	24
Germany	33	Switzerland	13
Greece	19	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	26	Turkey	12
Ireland	13	United Kingdom	41
Italy	22	United States	60
Kazakhstan	4	TOTAL	699
Male	582	Female	117

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 570 of whom are based in the east;
- Staff come from more than 40 countries.

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.