



Artillery pieces in eastern Ukraine (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## FACTS MATTER

- Between 22 April and 5 May, the SMM confirmed that two civilians were injured. This brings the total number of civilian casualties since 1 January 2019 to 33 (five deaths and 28 injuries).
- The SMM recorded almost 12,000 ceasefire violations (over 13,000 in the previous two-week period); and observed 224 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (206 in areas not controlled by the Government).
- Placing civilians and their property at risk, weapons remain in or close to residential areas, including in this reporting period, three towed mortars or howitzers in Paraskoviivka and multiple launch rocket systems in Luhansk city.
- Although the SMM facilitated and monitored demining activity by the Ukrainian Armed Forces at a number of cemeteries, access to and Easter-related activities at cemeteries along the contact line were curtailed for many civilians.
- The Mission continued to observe hardship faced by civilians at checkpoints along the contact line. An additional two deaths from natural causes at checkpoints were recorded, bringing the total so far this year to 19.
- In addition to the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance, the Mission's freedom of movement was actively restricted by the armed formations 43 times and by the Ukrainian Armed Forces three times. SMM mini- and mid-range unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) continued to experience signal interference, assessed as jamming, while flying over government- and non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region. In one case, the Mission lost contact with a mid-range UAV shortly after the aircraft had experienced signal interference near non-government-controlled Azov. Small-arms fire was twice directed at an SMM mini-UAV sent to locate the lost aircraft.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: <https://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports>.

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 6 MAY 2019



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

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

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	6	Kyrgyzstan	23
Armenia	1	Latvia	8
Austria	10	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	38
Belarus	7	Montenegro	3
Belgium	1	Netherlands	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	47	North Macedonia	27
Bulgaria	42	Norway	13
Canada	27	Poland	34
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	13	Romania	30
Denmark	10	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	2	Serbia	12
Finland	24	Slovakia	10
France	15	Slovenia	1
Georgia	22	Spain	12
Germany	36	Sweden	26
Greece	20	Switzerland	7
Hungary	21	Tajikistan	13
Ireland	9	Turkey	10
Italy	22	United Kingdom	56
Kazakhstan	4	United States	57
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>771</b>
Male	612	Female	159

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 800 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.