



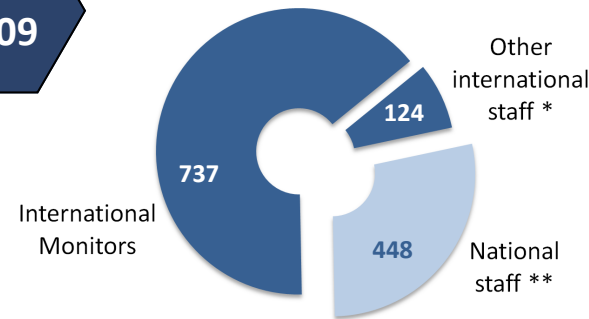
SMM monitoring officer near Lebedynske, Donetsk region (OSCE/Anna Andrusenko)

## FACTS MATTER

- For the eighth week in a row, the security situation remains relatively calm following additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire, which took effect on 27 July. Between 7 and 20 September, the SMM recorded 120 ceasefire violations, compared with 254 in the previous two-week period.
- The SMM continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three pilot disengagement areas, recording no ceasefire violations but noting again the regular presence of people within, or close to, former military and military-type positions inside the areas near Zolote and Petrivske.
- On 15 September, during regular maintenance, the SMM saw that its camera near Berezevo was disconnected from its power supply and the system was operating on a backup power supply (see [Spot Report 39/2020](#)).
- The Mission corroborated reports of six civilian casualties – including one fatality – resulting from the detonation of explosive objects. This brings the total number of civilian casualties since the beginning of 2020 to 70: 10 fatalities and 60 injuries. For the eighth consecutive week, the Mission received no reports of civilian casualties or damage to civilian properties due to shelling or small-arms fire.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure. This included repairs to water infrastructure near Pankivka and Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, providing water to about 150,000 people on both sides of the contact line.
- Amid the COVID-19 outbreak, the SMM continued to note reduced numbers of civilians crossing the contact line at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and observed that some civilians continued to stay overnight near the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP). In Donetsk region, where EECPs remain operational, the only checkpoint of the armed formations that is operational is the one near Olenivka and it is open only two days a week, resulting in severely restricted movement and hardship for the civilian population amid deteriorating weather conditions. In some cases, people had to stay overnight, some spending their nights without shelter or adequate facilities, as they waited for permission to cross.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 34 times on the ground, all but two in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 17 occasions while flying on both sides of the contact line, including twice over the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- Crossing difficulties at the contact line continue to hinder the SMM's monitoring of non-government-controlled areas.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

TOTAL  
1,309

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 21 September 2020



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

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

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	7	Kyrgyzstan	22
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	41
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	53	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	45	North Macedonia	26
Canada	29	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	32
Czech Republic	11	Romania	35
Denmark	5	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	16
Finland	22	Slovakia	14
France	14	Slovenia	1
Georgia	22	Spain	11
Germany	33	Sweden	13
Greece	20	Switzerland	5
Hungary	17	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	7	Turkey	10
Italy	17	United Kingdom	45
Kazakhstan	4	United States	53
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>737</b>
Male	597	Female	140

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 720 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 550 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.