



OSCE SMM monitors crossing Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, Luhansk region, May 2016. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

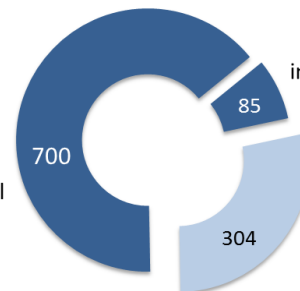
## LATEST NEWS

- The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) observed a high level of ceasefire violations in Donetsk region with violence concentrated around the usual hotspots: the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport triangle; the western and northern outskirts of Horlivka; areas around Shyrokyne and Kominternove; and the Svitlodarsk-Debal'tseve road.
- Since 9 July the SMM have seen a sharp increase of ceasefire violations in Luhansk region. A major rise in violence was noted in Stanytsia Luhanska – at the only authorized route for crossing the contact line in the entire Luhansk region. Violence also erupted around Shchastia where significant clashes were recorded on the night of 16-17-July.
- The SMM observed numerous weapons missing from storage sites and the presence of weapons in violation of withdrawal lines, quite often in or near residential areas.
- Freedom of movement of SMM monitors continued to be restricted, particularly in areas not controlled by the Government. The restrictions included: denial of access, jamming of SMM Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, a lack of security guarantees from the sides, and direct threats to monitors' security through the positioning and firing of weapons close to an SMM forward patrol base.
- On 12 July OSCE SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan called for a full and sustainable ceasefire. See: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/253131](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/253131)
- On the second anniversary of the MH17 tragedy on 17 July, Apakan said the disaster is a reminder that civilians pay a heavy toll in armed conflict. See: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/254506](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/254506)
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 20 JULY 2016

**TOTAL**  
**1089**

International  
Monitors



Other  
international  
staff \*

National  
staff \*\*

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

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

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 590 based in the east;
- From 45 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.

## MISSION MONITORS

|                                       |            |                    |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Albania                               | 1          | Kyrgyzstan         | 14         |
| Armenia                               | 2          | Latvia             | 6          |
| Austria                               | 15         | Lithuania          | 2          |
| Azerbaijan                            | 1          | Luxembourg         | 1          |
| Belarus                               | 7          | Moldova            | 22         |
| Belgium                               | 4          | Montenegro         | 2          |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina                | 30         | Netherlands        | 9          |
| Bulgaria                              | 26         | Norway             | 12         |
| Canada                                | 17         | Poland             | 30         |
| Croatia                               | 11         | Portugal           | 5          |
| Czech Republic                        | 16         | Romania            | 41         |
| Denmark                               | 13         | Russian Federation | 40         |
| Estonia                               | 7          | Serbia             | 9          |
| Finland                               | 22         | Slovakia           | 8          |
| France                                | 16         | Slovenia           | 1          |
| former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 19         | Spain              | 13         |
| Georgia                               | 7          | Sweden             | 24         |
| Germany                               | 32         | Switzerland        | 13         |
| Greece                                | 18         | Tajikistan         | 3          |
| Hungary                               | 26         | Turkey             | 12         |
| Ireland                               | 11         | United Kingdom     | 43         |
| Italy                                 | 24         | United States      | 61         |
| Kazakhstan                            | 4          | <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>700</b> |
| <b>Male</b>                           | <b>587</b> | <b>Female</b>      | <b>113</b> |