

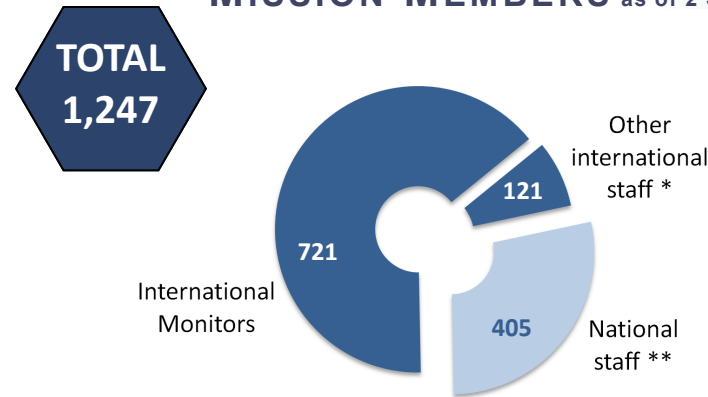


An OSCE SMM monitor talking to a civilian in eastern Ukraine. (Photo credit: OSCE/Tetiana Tesliuchenko)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 20 August and 2 September, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations (around 8,000), compared with the previous two weeks. The SMM noted a decrease in the number of ceasefire violations following the recommitment to the ceasefire on the occasion of the beginning of the school year, which began at 00:01hrs on 29 August. Until 2 September, however, it registered around 600 ceasefire violations.
- The SMM continued to observe weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (43 over the two-week period).
- The SMM followed up on an explosion in the Donetsk city centre on the afternoon of 31 August. Two people were reported dead, including a senior member of the armed formations, and at least nine other people were injured.
- In addition to the ongoing threats posed by the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance – which the sides have undertaken to remove – the Mission continued to encounter restrictions of its freedom of movement. This was particularly the case at checkpoints in non-government-controlled areas of the southern Donetsk region and in areas near the border with the Russian Federation outside government control.
- The SMM followed up on temporary closures of entry-exit checkpoints, including near Maiorsk (due to armed violence in the area), Stanytsia Luhanska (due to construction work), as well as near Novotroitske and a checkpoint near Berezove (due to a wildfire in the area).
- Civilians, particularly those living close to the contact line, continued to face hardship as a result of ongoing hostilities. Between 1 January 2018 and 2 September 2018 the SMM corroborated 179 civilian casualties (34 killed and 145 injured).
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports

MISSION MEMBERS as of 2 SEPTEMBER 2018



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

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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	5	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	23
Austria	10	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	6	Moldova	35
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	36	Norway	11
Canada	27	Poland	36
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	14	Romania	27
Denmark	7	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	12
Finland	21	Slovakia	12
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	27	Spain	14
Georgia	18	Sweden	9
Germany	21	Switzerland	7
Greece	21	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	United Kingdom	60
Italy	20	United States	59
		TOTAL	721
Male	598	Female	123

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 700 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.