

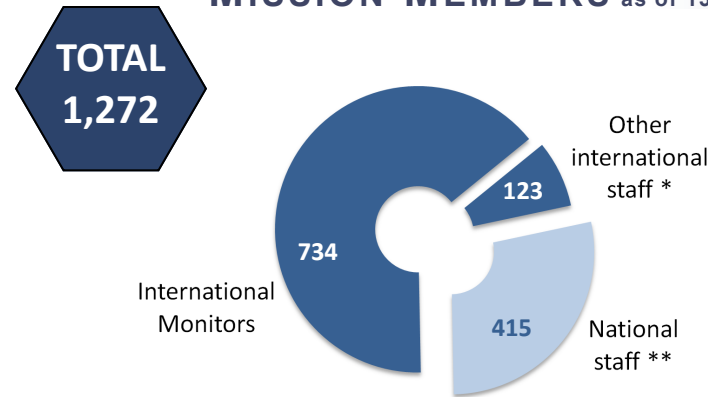


An elderly resident in her home in Novooleksandrivka, Luhansk region (Photo credit: OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 1 and 14 October, the SMM confirmed that two civilians were killed in shelling (a mother and daughter in Zolote), and two were injured (a boy hit by shrapnel in a field close to Zolote and a man caught in a mine blast near Lutuhyne), all in Luhansk region. The Mission also confirmed that a man had been injured by a mine in Maiorove, in Donetsk region, before the reporting period. Since the beginning of the year, the SMM has corroborated 204 civilian casualties (39 deaths and 165 injuries), including 29 children.
- The SMM recorded almost 19,000 ceasefire violations, compared with less than 9,000 in the previous two weeks. The intensity of violence was particularly pronounced in the last few days of the reporting period, with the daily ceasefire violation rate averaging over 2,300.
- The SMM continued to observe weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (55 over the two-week period (35 in areas not controlled by the Government)).
- Despite commitments by the sides to remove existing mines and not to lay new ones, the SMM observed recently-laid anti-tank mines in the Zolote area, including one in front of a house.
- The Mission noted the presence of personnel, hardware and trenches in disengagement areas.
- On three occasions (9, 10 and 11-12 October), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle spotted vehicles, including an anti-aircraft gun and an armoured personnel carrier, entering and exiting Ukraine in the middle of the night via an unpaved road near Manych, in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region near the border with the Russian Federation where there are no border crossing facilities.
- OSCE SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan, in response to the increased level of violence and civilian casualties, called for restraint, urging the sides to protect the population and to deliver on commitments to end the violence, specifically to withdraw weapons, disengage, demine and cease fire.
- 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 15 OCTOBER 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	8
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	6	Moldova	35
Belgium	2	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	37	Norway	11
Canada	25	Poland	36
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	14	Romania	27
Denmark	6	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	3	Serbia	12
Finland	22	Slovakia	12
France	17	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	27	Spain	14
Georgia	18	Sweden	19
Germany	24	Switzerland	7
Greece	21	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	United Kingdom	58
Italy	20	United States	59
		TOTAL	734
Male	606	Female	128

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 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.