



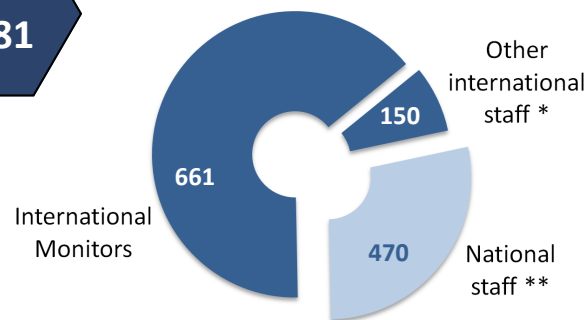
SMM patrol on the road in Donetsk region (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 4 and 17 October, the SMM recorded a slight decrease in the number of ceasefire violations – 4,193 compared with 4,324 in the previous two-week period.
- The SMM issued a [statement](#) regarding the incident which took place in the disengagement area near Zolote on 13 October.
- From the morning of 15 to 18 October (and continuing outside the reporting period), in front of the hotel where Mission members reside in the central part of non-government-controlled Donetsk city, the SMM observed a round-the-clock gathering of between ten and 350 people. As a result of this protest, the SMM was unable to deploy its regular patrols from that location to conduct its mandated tasks.
- Members of the armed formations prevented the SMM from leaving its Forward Patrol Base in non-government-controlled Horlivka, Donetsk region, from 17 to 18 October (outside of the reporting period). Since 18 October, the SMM resumed patrolling (see Spot Reports [20/2021](#) and [22/2021](#)).
- The patrolling from other SMM locations continued as normal.
- Overall during the two-week period, the Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 33 times, including 29 instances in non-government-controlled areas. In particular, on 17 October, at a checkpoint near Kremynets, members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas (see Spot Report [21/2021](#)). SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were assessed as targeted by small-arms fire twice: once in government-controlled and once in non-government-controlled areas. Mission UAVs experienced signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming on 144 occasions, including 39 instances experienced by long-range UAVs, while flying on both sides of the contact line.
- The Mission continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It again recorded ceasefire violations inside and close to the disengagement areas near Zolote and Petrivske as well as close to the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska.
- The SMM corroborated reports of six civilian casualties – four due to the detonation of explosive objects and two due to shelling. This brings the total number of confirmed civilian casualties since the beginning of 2021 to 78 (15 fatalities and 63 injured).
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs and operation of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including repairs to power lines near Luhanske and to a power substation in Pikuzy, as well as repairs to water infrastructure in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka and Katerynivka.
- 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 18 October 2021

TOTAL
1,281



* 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	30
Armenia	1	Latvia	3
Austria	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	37
Belarus	4	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	51	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	42	North Macedonia	22
Canada	27	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	23
Czech Republic	9	Romania	30
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	27
Estonia	2	Serbia	17
Finland	14	Slovakia	12
France	10	Spain	7
Georgia	22	Sweden	9
Germany	27	Switzerland	1
Greece	20	Tajikistan	14
Hungary	16	Turkey	13
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	43
Italy	15	United States	55
Kazakhstan	3		
		TOTAL	661
Male	531	Female	130

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 660 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 520 based in the east;
- From 43 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.