



OSCE SMM monitors at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Novoazovsk, close to the Ukrainian-Russian border, where they were prevented from proceeding further, August 2018. OSCE/Liudmyla Palamar

FACTS MATTER

- Between 6 and 19 August, the SMM noted continued violence along the contact line, in particular in areas east and north-east of Mariupol. In all, the Mission recorded over 12,500 ceasefire violations.
- The SMM continued to observe weapons in violation of agreed withdrawal lines (155 over the two-week period (61 in areas not controlled by the Government)). It also noted large amounts of hardware being routed through government-controlled Kostiantynivka, and convoys of trucks entering and exiting Ukraine via a dirt track where there are no border crossing facilities in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region.
- In addition to the ongoing threats posed by the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance – which the sides are obliged to remove – SMM monitors faced other threats, including one incident involving shots being fired and explosions occurring in their vicinity (Spot Report, www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/390878). In another incident, a member of the armed formations, having first disengaged the safety of his assault rifle, pointed the weapon at SMM monitors (Spot Report, www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/390287).
- On 19 August the SMM monitored the “Odessa Pride March” organized by the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT) community in Odessa. The Mission is following up on a number of alleged hate crimes that occurred during the reporting period involving members of the LGBT community in Lviv and Mariupol.
- 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 20 AUGUST 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	33
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	36	Norway	11
Canada	28	Poland	36
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	14	Romania	27
Denmark	7	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	3	Serbia	12
Finland	20	Slovakia	12
France	14	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	26	Spain	14
Georgia	17	Sweden	9
Germany	21	Switzerland	7
Greece	21	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	United Kingdom	60
Italy	20	United States	60
		TOTAL	714
Male	595	Female	119

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.