



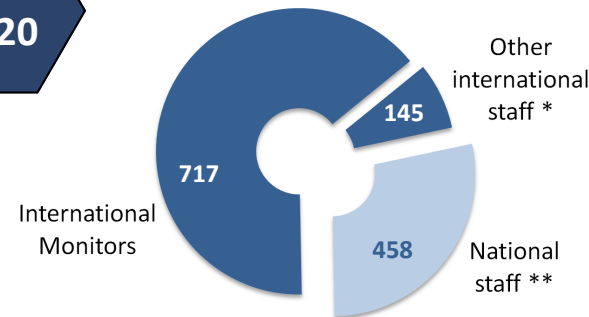
SMM long-range UAV base in Stepanivka (OSCE)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 5 and 18 April 2021, the SMM recorded 3,828 ceasefire violations, compared with 3,922 in the previous two-week period. Of note, a spike of 1,745 ceasefire violations (more than 1,500 of them assessed as live-fire exercises in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region) was recorded on 15 April. This is the highest number of ceasefire violations on a single day since the entry into force of the measures to strengthen the ceasefire on 27 July 2020.
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, recording no ceasefire violations inside any of the areas, but observing people in the latter two.
- The Mission continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including maintenance and repairs to power lines in Zaitseve and near Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (altogether benefitting over 33,000 civilians).
- The SMM continued to observe civilians while crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line and their challenges. It again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use were near Stanytsia Luhanska (opened daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (twice a week, as the armed formations' checkpoint there is only open on Mondays and Fridays).
- The Mission's freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 20 times, all in non-government-controlled areas, including twice when members of the armed formations again conditioned passage through their checkpoints on the contact line on visual inspection of SMM vehicles (see Spot Reports [7/2021](#) and [9/2021](#)).
- SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) were targeted 13 times by small-arms fire, all but three in non-government-controlled areas. The Mission's UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming or jamming on 136 occasions on both sides of the contact line, including 12 cases when long-range UAVs were targeted, causing four flight cancellations, one inability to take off and one emergency landing of long-range UAVs (see Spot Reports [6/2021](#) and [8/2021](#)). One mini-UAV was also lost due to jamming. Over the last two months, 82 per cent of SMM long-range UAV flights have encountered GPS signal interference. The Mission had to disable its camera system at the Oktiabr mine near Donetsk city on 19 April to avoid interference with its monitoring, after two men in camouflage-clothing had mounted two cameras on the SMM's camera mast and the tower on which the mast is emplaced (see Spot Report [10/2021](#)).
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

TOTAL
1,320

MISSION MEMBERS as of 19 April 2021



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

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

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 730 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 550 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.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	7	Kyrgyzstan	30
Armenia	2	Latvia	4
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	40
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	55	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	45	North Macedonia	24
Canada	27	Norway	9
Croatia	10	Poland	30
Czech Republic	10	Romania	32
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	36
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	18	Slovakia	14
France	12	Slovenia	1
Georgia	22	Spain	9
Germany	28	Sweden	11
Greece	20	Switzerland	3
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	13
Ireland	9	Turkey	11
Italy	14	United Kingdom	42
Kazakhstan	4	United States	61
		TOTAL	717
Male	578	Female	139