



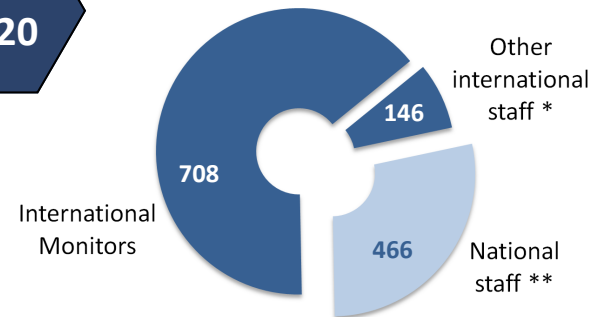
SMM long-range UAV base in Stepanivka (OSCE)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 28 June and 11 July 2021, the SMM noted a decrease in the number of ceasefire violations – 3,975, compared with 4,726 recorded in the previous two-week period.
- In an address to the OSCE Permanent Council, Ambassador Y. Halit Çevik, Chief Monitor of the SMM, [stressed](#) that the security situation in eastern Ukraine is not improving and challenges are becoming acute, calling on the sides to return to a constructive approach.
- The Mission continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, again recording ceasefire violations inside the latter area.
- Over the past two weeks, the SMM corroborated reports of seven civilian casualties, including a civilian who died due to an explosion in Donetsk city. This brings the total number of civilian casualties that have been confirmed since the beginning of 2021 to 46 (12 fatalities and 34 injuries).
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 36 times, 34 of which were in non-government-controlled areas. 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. The Mission's UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming or jamming on 114 occasions on both sides of the contact line, including one instance when a long-range UAV was lost due to dual GPS signal interference assessed as jamming (see [Spot Report 16/2021](#)).
- The SMM camera at the Oktiabr mine near non-government-controlled Donetsk city was damaged due to small-arms fire (see [Spot Report 17/2021](#)).
- During the reporting period, the SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including the maintenance of power lines near Olenivka (providing electricity to a couple thousand civilians) and repairs to a water pipeline near Berezove (providing water to about 8,000 civilians).
- The Mission 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 (open daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (open twice a week, as the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations there is only open on Mondays and Fridays). 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 12 July 2021



* 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	31
Armenia	1	Latvia	3
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	39
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	44	North Macedonia	24
Canada	28	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	28
Czech Republic	11	Romania	31
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	33
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	17	Slovakia	14
France	13	Slovenia	1
Georgia	23	Spain	9
Germany	29	Sweden	11
Greece	20	Switzerland	2
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	14
Ireland	9	Turkey	12
Italy	14	United Kingdom	43
Kazakhstan	3	United States	59
		TOTAL	708
Male	566	Female	142

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 700 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.