

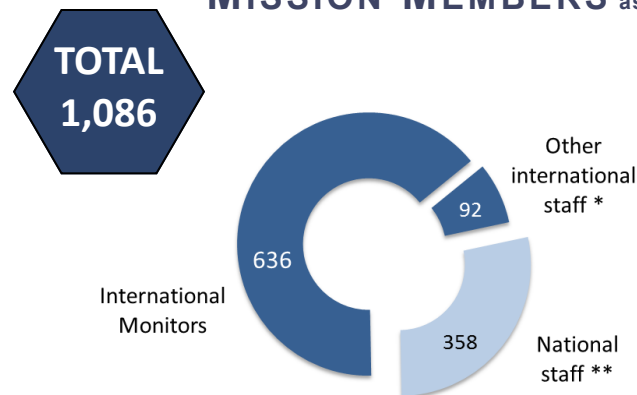


OSCE SMM has once again been denied access to Novoazovsk (40km east of Mariupol) by the so-called "DPR", 22 July 2017. Photo: OSCE / Maria Alekseyevych

LATEST NEWS

- The situation in eastern Ukraine remained tense with the SMM registering an increase in the number of ceasefire violations over the last two weeks. The violence was concentrated around five areas: the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area; the area east of Mariupol; the area south-west, south and south-east of Svitlodarsk; the western, south-western and northern outskirts of Horlivka; and around Popasna-Pervomaisk.
- The recorded use of weapons that should have been withdrawn more than doubled between 10-16 July (481 instances) compared to the week before (157 instances). It then decreased in the week of 17-23 July (at least 88 instances).
- The violence resulted in a number of civilian casualties with three people killed and eighteen injured from 10 July to 25 July. This brings the total number of civilian casualties confirmed by the SMM in 2017 to 330, including 59 fatalities.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. The SMM continued to be denied access around "DPR"-controlled Novoazovsk, an area close to the border with the Russian Federation.
- The SMM's unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) were targeted on several occasions. On the evening of 20 July while a patrol was conducting a UAV flight in the Trudivskiy area of Petrovskiy district (15km south-west of Donetsk city centre), 17 shots of small-arms fire were heard 300-400m south-south-west of the patrol's position, assessed as aimed at the UAV. On 21 July an SMM patrol launched a mini UAV in Yasynuvata and after five minutes heard 25 bursts of small-arms fire 1-2km south-south-west, in the area where the UAV was flying. On the same day, immediately after the SMM had launched its mini UAV in the area of the Vasylivka water pumping station, the patrol heard a loud undetermined explosion 100-200m north of its position.
- On 19 July, for the first time since 2015, the SMM was able to use the road M03 between Svitlodarsk and Debal'tseve, as mines and obstacles were cleared on both sides due to the efforts of the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination and deminers, demonstrating the ability of the sides to implement their commitments.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 24 JULY 2017



* 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	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	13	Latvia	3
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	23
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	33	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	30	Norway	18
Canada	14	Poland	33
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	14	Romania	26
Denmark	3	Russian Federation	36
Estonia	6	Serbia	8
Finland	25	Slovakia	9
France	12	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	11
Georgia	7	Sweden	11
Germany	22	Switzerland	10
Greece	20	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	24	Turkey	9
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	49
Italy	17	United States	60
		TOTAL	636
Male	546	Female	90

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- About 650 monitors across Ukraine;
- Almost 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.