



OSCE monitors at the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination observation post in Yasynuvata, eastern Ukraine, 21 January 2017. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

LATEST NEWS

- The security situation in eastern Ukraine continued to be volatile and tense. Although the SMM recorded an increase in the number of ceasefire violations during the week of 9-15 January, the mission observed a decline in violations at all main hotspots the following week.
- The vast majority of recorded ceasefire violations occurred to the east and south-east of Svitlodarsk, the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area, to the north-east and east of Mariupol, in areas west and north of Horlivka, and in western Luhansk region. Stanytsia Luhanska, which was previously relatively quiet, saw a rise in violence in the second week, accounting for five per cent of all recorded ceasefire violations.
- The disengagement process remained stalled. The SMM's access to the three disengagement areas continued to be restricted due to mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO), though the SMM was able to partially monitor them, including through remote observation. The SMM observed ceasefire violations in or near the three disengagement areas.
- Shell-damage to essential civilian infrastructure cut off or threatened the supply of water, gas and electricity in many areas. Civilians also face freezing winter conditions.
- In his address to the OSCE Permanent Council on 19 January, the SMM Chief Monitor Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan warned that failure to implement Minsk agreements meant that the risk of further escalation remained. See: www.osce.org/cio/294751
- 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 25 JANUARY 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	2	Kyrgyzstan	15
Austria	17	Latvia	6
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	9	Moldova	24
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	33	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	33	Norway	20
Canada	15	Poland	35
Croatia	11	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	17	Romania	37
Denmark	12	Russian Federation	38
Estonia	7	Serbia	8
Finland	25	Slovakia	10
France	13	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	21	Spain	11
Georgia	7	Sweden	21
Germany	29	Switzerland	11
Greece	21	Tajikistan	5
Hungary	27	Turkey	11
Ireland	10	United Kingdom	42
Italy	20	United States	65
		TOTAL	709
Male	603	Female	106

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Almost 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.