

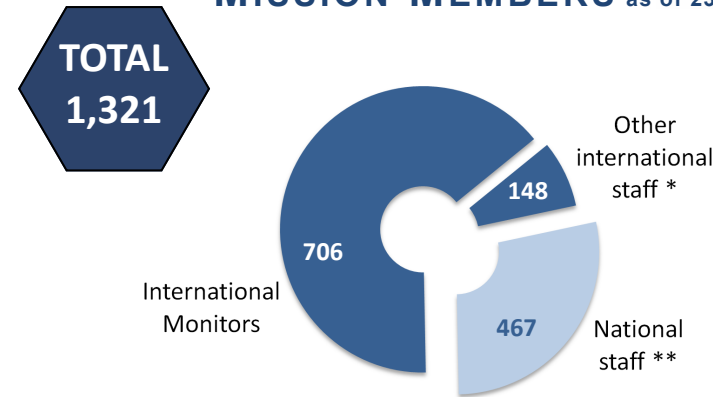


SMM patrol near Olenivka, Donetsk region (OSCE/Alfred Kueppers)

## FACTS MATTER

- Between 9 and 22 August, the SMM recorded an increase in the number of ceasefire violations – 2,966 compared with the 2,389 in the previous two-week period.
- The Mission continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, recording ceasefire violations inside and near the disengagement area near Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM corroborated reports of six civilian casualties – four injured and two killed, five of which due to shelling and gunfire and one due to mines, UXOs and other explosive objects. This brings the total number of confirmed civilian casualties since the beginning of 2021 to 57 (14 fatalities and 43 injuries). Thirty-six casualties were due to mines, unexploded ordnance and other explosive objects, nine were caused by small-arms fire and 12 were a result of shelling.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 27 times, including 24 instances in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were assessed as targeted by small-arms fire five times, four of which in non-government-controlled areas. SMM UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 46 occasions, while flying on both sides of the contact line.
- The Mission continued to observe civilians while crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line and the challenges they face. The SMM 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 is open for crossing only on Mondays and Fridays.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure. This activity included enabling repairs to the phenol reservoir pipeline near Nelipivka, to a water pipeline near Kamianka, and to power lines in and near Vodiane, near Lebedynske and near NovoLuhanske.
- The SMM monitored areas east and south-east of Kherson region and observed no change in the security situation, including at checkpoints near Kalanchak, Chonhar and Chaplynka as well as along the North Crimean Canal and the coast of the Sea of Azov.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 23 August 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	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	39
Belarus	4	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	46	North Macedonia	24
Canada	29	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	26
Czech Republic	10	Romania	32
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	33
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	16	Slovakia	13
France	13	Slovenia	1
Georgia	23	Spain	9
Germany	29	Sweden	11
Greece	20	Switzerland	2
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	14
Ireland	9	Turkey	13
Italy	15	United Kingdom	42
Kazakhstan	3	United States	59
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>699</b>
Male	565	Female	141

## 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.