



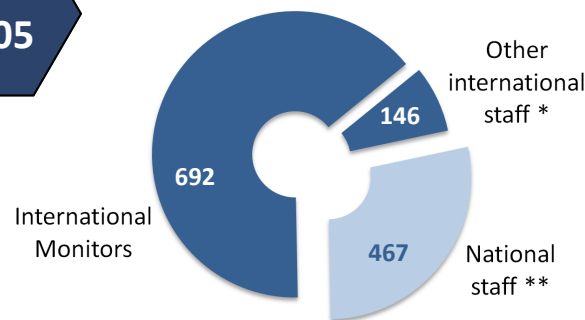
An SMM monitoring officer operating a UAV in Luhansk region (OSCE/Kristina Babic)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 6 and 19 September, the SMM recorded an increase in the number of ceasefire violations – 3,742 compared with 2,494 in the previous two-week period.
- The Mission continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, recording 78 ceasefire violations inside the area near Petrivske.
- The SMM corroborated reports of six civilian casualties, four of these were due to shelling; one shrapnel injury; and one due to the detonation of an explosive device. This brings the total number of confirmed civilian casualties since the beginning of 2021 to 68 (15 fatalities and 53 injuries). Thirty-seven of these casualties were due to mines, unexploded ordnance and other explosive objects, nine due to small-arms fire and 22 due to shelling.
- The Mission followed up on reports of damage to civilian properties on both sides of the contact line. Since the beginning of the year, the SMM has confirmed damage to 103 civilian properties and infrastructure sites.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 22 times, including 21 instances in non-government-controlled areas. SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were assessed as targeted by small-arms fire nine times: two times in government-controlled and seven in non-government-controlled areas. SMM UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 122 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 open to civilian 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 repairs and operation of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including to a power supply station near Betmanove (former Krasnyi Partyzan), a power substation near Zaitseve and power lines in Verkhnotoetske, altogether benefiting around 7,000 civilians.
- The SMM issued its latest [thematic report](#) on the gender dimensions of the Mission's monitoring, focusing on women-led peacebuilding initiatives and the effects of the conflict in eastern Ukraine on the lives of women and girls.
- 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
1,305

MISSION MEMBERS as of 20 September 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	30
Armenia	1	Latvia	3
Austria	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	38
Belarus	4	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	45	North Macedonia	25
Canada	28	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	26
Czech Republic	10	Romania	30
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	31
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	15	Slovakia	13
France	10	Slovenia	1
Georgia	23	Spain	8
Germany	28	Sweden	11
Greece	20	Switzerland	2
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	14
Ireland	9	Turkey	13
Italy	15	United Kingdom	42
Kazakhstan	3	United States	58
		TOTAL	692
Male	555	Female	137

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.