



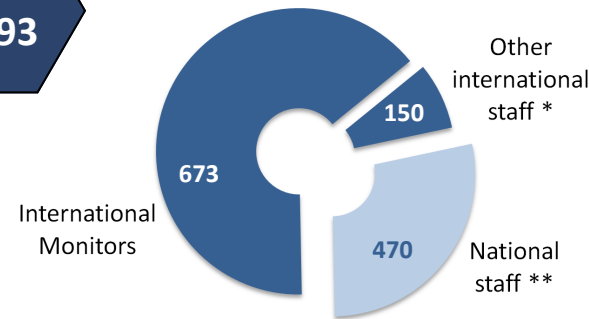
SMM patrol on the road in Luhansk region (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 18 and 31 October, the SMM recorded an increase in the number of ceasefire violations – 5,523 compared with 4,193 in the previous two-week period.
- In a joint statement on 20 October, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and the OSCE Secretary General [called](#) for removal of impediments on the SMM's freedom of movement in non-government-controlled areas of Ukraine, and urged de-escalation.
- Despite the Mission's attempts to address impediments to its freedom of movement, the SMM remained unable to fully conduct its monitoring activities across the contact line, thus forcing the Mission to continue acting as separate operational entities. These restrictions and measures continue to directly limit the SMM's ability to implement its mandate.
- Overall during the two-week period, the Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 35 times, including 31 instances in non-government-controlled areas. In particular, on 27 October, at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, members of the armed formations delayed by 98 minutes SMM's exit out of non-government controlled areas (see Spot Report [23/2021](#)). SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were assessed as targeted by small-arms fire one time in non-government-controlled areas. Mission UAVs experienced signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming on 121 occasions, including 42 instances experienced by long-range UAVs, while flying on both sides of the contact line.
- The Mission continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It again recorded ceasefire violations inside and close to the disengagement areas near Zolote and Petrivske as well as close to the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska.
- The SMM corroborated reports of three civilian casualties, all injuries – two due to the impact of shelling and one due to a gunshot wound. This brings the total number of confirmed civilian casualties since the beginning of 2021 to 81 (15 fatalities and 66 injured).
- The Mission followed up on reports of damage to 21 civilian properties and a working kindergarten, on both sides of the contact line, including in Hranitne and in Donetsk city's Kuibyshevskiy district, Donetsk region as well as in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka in Luhansk region. Overall since the beginning of 2021, the SMM has confirmed damage to 142 civilian properties and infrastructure objects.
- 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 repairs to power lines in Staromykhailivka, as well as to enable the construction of a road near Vodiane.
- 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
1,293

MISSION MEMBERS as of 1 November 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	2	Latvia	3
Austria	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	38
Belarus	4	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52	Netherlands	7
Bulgaria	42	North Macedonia	22
Canada	27	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	23
Czech Republic	9	Romania	30
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	27
Estonia	2	Serbia	17
Finland	12	Slovakia	13
France	10	Spain	7
Georgia	22	Sweden	10
Germany	27	Switzerland	1
Greece	20	Tajikistan	14
Hungary	16	Turkey	12
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	44
Italy	16	United States	60
Kazakhstan	3		
		TOTAL	673
Male	537	Female	136

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 670 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 520 based in the east;
- From 43 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.