



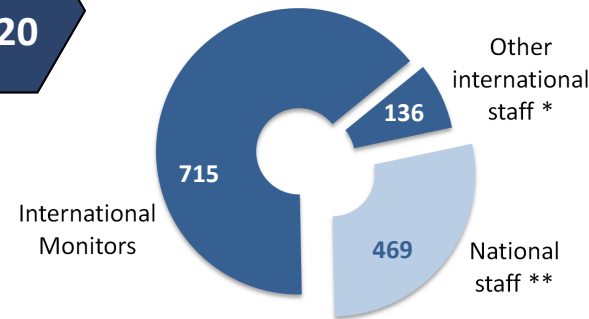
OSCE Secretary General, SMM Chief Monitor and mission members at Novotroitske entry-exit checkpoint in Donetsk region (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

FACTS MATTER

- Between 17 and 30 May 2021, the SMM noted a decrease in the number of ceasefire violations – recording 4,045 of them, compared with 4,848 in the previous two-week period.
- The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, and observed people inside the latter two areas. It also recorded 153 ceasefire violations and saw recent impact craters near former positions of the armed formations inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- Over the past two weeks, the SMM corroborated nine civilian casualties, including two fatalities. This brings the total number of civilian casualties since the beginning of 2021 to 33 (11 fatalities and 22 injuries).
- During a five-day official [visit](#) to Ukraine, Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid stressed that “the SMM must be able to work safely, securely, and unhindered on both sides of the contact line.” She also noted the continuing impact of landmines on the civilian population, as highlighted by the Mission’s latest [thematic report](#).
- The Mission’s freedom of movement was restricted 28 times, 27 of which in non-government-controlled areas, including once when members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage at a checkpoint near Olenivka, Donetsk region (see Spot Report [15/2021](#)).
- SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were targeted by small-arms fire, five times in non-government-controlled areas and once in government-controlled areas. The Mission’s UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming or jamming on 133 occasions on both sides of the contact line, including 30 instances when long-range UAVs were affected (forcing one emergency landing during which the aircraft sustained damage, see the Mission’s Spot Report [14/2021](#)).
- The SMM continued to observe civilians crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line and the challenges they face. It 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 armed formations’ corresponding checkpoint there is only open on Mondays and Fridays).
- The Mission continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure, including repairs to a phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove) and to water infrastructure near Horlivka, benefiting over 250,000 civilians on both sides of the contact line. On 20 May, despite security guarantees, an undetermined explosion occurred close to an SMM patrol near Avdiivka while it was facilitating the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- 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
1,320

MISSION MEMBERS as of 31 May 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	32
Armenia	1	Latvia	4
Austria	6	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	40
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	55	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	44	North Macedonia	24
Canada	29	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	28
Czech Republic	9	Romania	32
Denmark	2	Russian Federation	35
Estonia	2	Serbia	16
Finland	18	Slovakia	14
France	12	Slovenia	1
Georgia	23	Spain	10
Germany	29	Sweden	10
Greece	20	Switzerland	3
Hungary	18	Tajikistan	14
Ireland	9	Turkey	11
Italy	14	United Kingdom	43
Kazakhstan	4	United States	60
		TOTAL	715
Male	573	Female	142

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.