

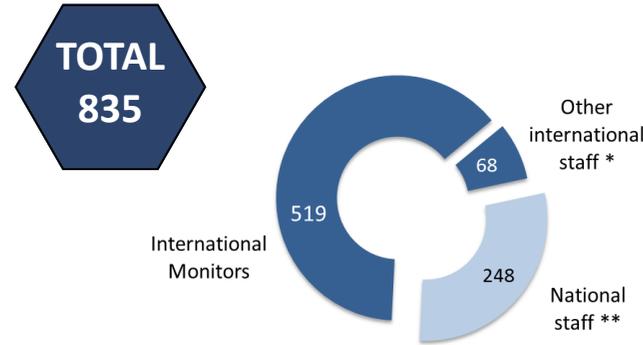


SMM Deputy Chief Monitor visited school №25 in Horlivka, 21 August 2015

## LATEST NEWS

- Security situation fluctuated over the period of 12-26 August: in the first part of the reporting period the SMM observed significant increase in ceasefire violations in areas east and north of Mariupol, in particular in the wider area of Starohnativka. Starting 17 August the SMM observed a decrease in ceasefire violations.
- Breaches of the ceasefire and frequent shelling of urban areas along the line of contact in the first part of the reporting period aggravated security situation for the civilians.
- SMM's observations confirmed that heavy weapons, including multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS) have been used by both sides in the recent fighting along the line of contact.
- The SMM continued to observe large-calibre weapons, and movement of military trucks with equipment in "DPR", "LPR", and government-controlled areas.
- On 19 August the Chief Monitor of the OSCE SMM, Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan addressed the OSCE Permanent Council on the Mission's latest observations regarding the security situation.
- From 17 to 22 August the SMM Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug was in eastern Ukraine. He visited Donetsk, Horlivka, Maiorsk and Dzerzhynsk where he assessed the general security situation, met with SMM monitors and conducted meetings with local population and other relevant interlocutors.
- The SMM monitored the situation on the administrative boundary line with Crimea at Chonhar crossing point.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm)

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 26.08.2015



\* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, Deputy Chief Monitor, advisors, analysts, spokesperson etc.

\*\* National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	11
Armenia	2	Latvia	8
Austria	14	Lithuania	2
Belarus	2	Moldova	15
Belgium	1	Mongolia	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14	Montenegro	1
Bulgaria	14	Netherlands	3
Canada	15	Norway	8
Croatia	12	Poland	27
Czech Republic	17	Portugal	4
Denmark	13	Romania	30
Estonia	7	Russian Federation	26
Finland	26	Serbia	6
France	9	Slovakia	7
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	10	Slovenia	1
Georgia	4	Spain	11
Germany	21	Sweden	17
Greece	11	Switzerland	9
Hungary	23	Tajikistan	1
Ireland	10	Turkey	10
Italy	21	United Kingdom	22
Kazakhstan	3	United States	49
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>519</b>
Male	423	Female	96

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 500 monitors throughout Ukraine;
- Over 400 of which in the East;
- Representatives from more than 40 countries.

### What we do?

- Report the facts as we see and hear them;
- Gather information and report on the security situation;
- Report on humanitarian situation and people's needs and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid by other organizations;
- Help to establish dialogue and localized ceasefires.

### Important to understand:

- We do not conduct investigations, but report on facts;
- We do not deliver, but facilitate delivery of humanitarian aid;
- It's up to the sides to stop shelling!