
United Nations Says Death Toll in Eastern Ukraine Up To 4,707

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It says more than 5 million people are living in the conflict areas where they face rising hardships and some struggle to stay alive. At least 1,357 fatalities have been recorded since the much-ignored cease-fire began in early September.

The latest findings from the Geneva office, based on reports from a 34-member UN monitoring mission in Ukraine during November and other figures through Dec. 12, says large-scale offensives have halted since the cease-fire but skirmishes and indiscriminate shelling of populated areas continue.

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The report Monday also notes lack of progress with several human rights investigations into

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