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We estimate that there were about 13,000 new displacements as a result of the conflict in the first half of 2017.

The conflict between the Ukrainian government and separatist groups in the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics in the east of the country entered its fourth year in 2017. Despite the 2014 and 2016 Minsk agreements, the conflict has been escalating and there is no sign of the political will needed to stop it, according to the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine. The mission has recorded daily ceasefire violations, indiscriminate shelling, the use of heavy weaponry in civilian areas and a 48 per cent increase in civilian deaths between mid-February and mid-May 2017 compared with the previous quarter.