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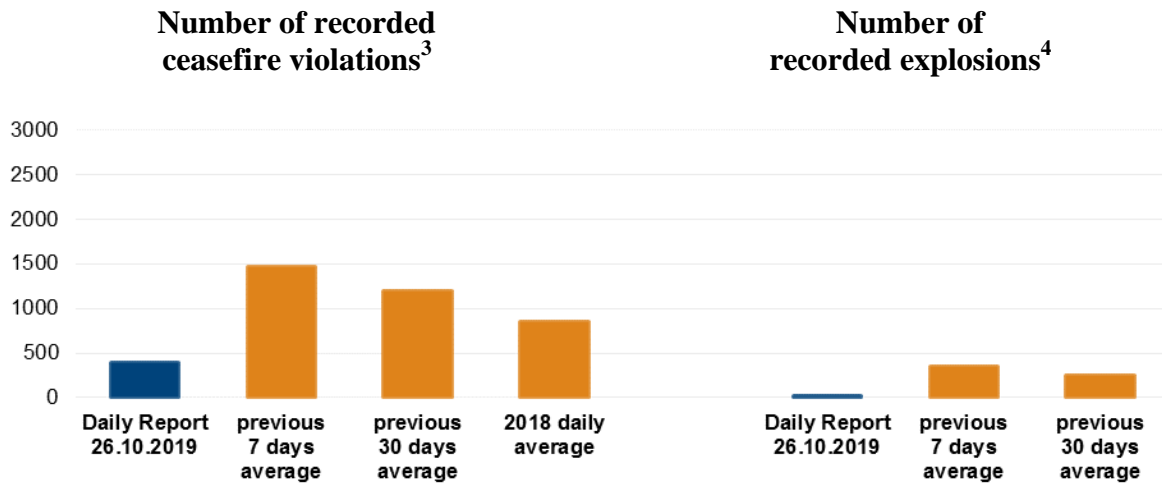
26 October 2019¹

Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Two men injured near the Kondrashivka pumping station near non-government-controlled Pankivka.
- The Mission saw damage to civilian properties in non-government-controlled Holmivskiyi.
- Inside the Stanytsia Luhanska disengagement area, the Mission continued to observe reconstruction works of the broken section of the bridge and saw members of the armed formations dismantling sand-filled tyres from around the blue container south of the broken section of the bridge.
- Inside the Zolote and Petrivske disengagement areas, the SMM observed military and military-type presence and hardware.
- The SMM saw for the first time about 60 anti-tank mines in a field in government-controlled Shyrokyne.
- The SMM monitored adherence to the ceasefire to facilitate the operation of and repairs to critical civilian infrastructure, including power lines on both sides of the contact line.
- Restrictions of the SMM's freedom of movement continued, including at checkpoints near non-government-controlled Novoazovsk and Zaichenko, and at border crossing points outside government control near Izvaryne and Sievernyi.

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 25 October 2019. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

Ceasefire violations²

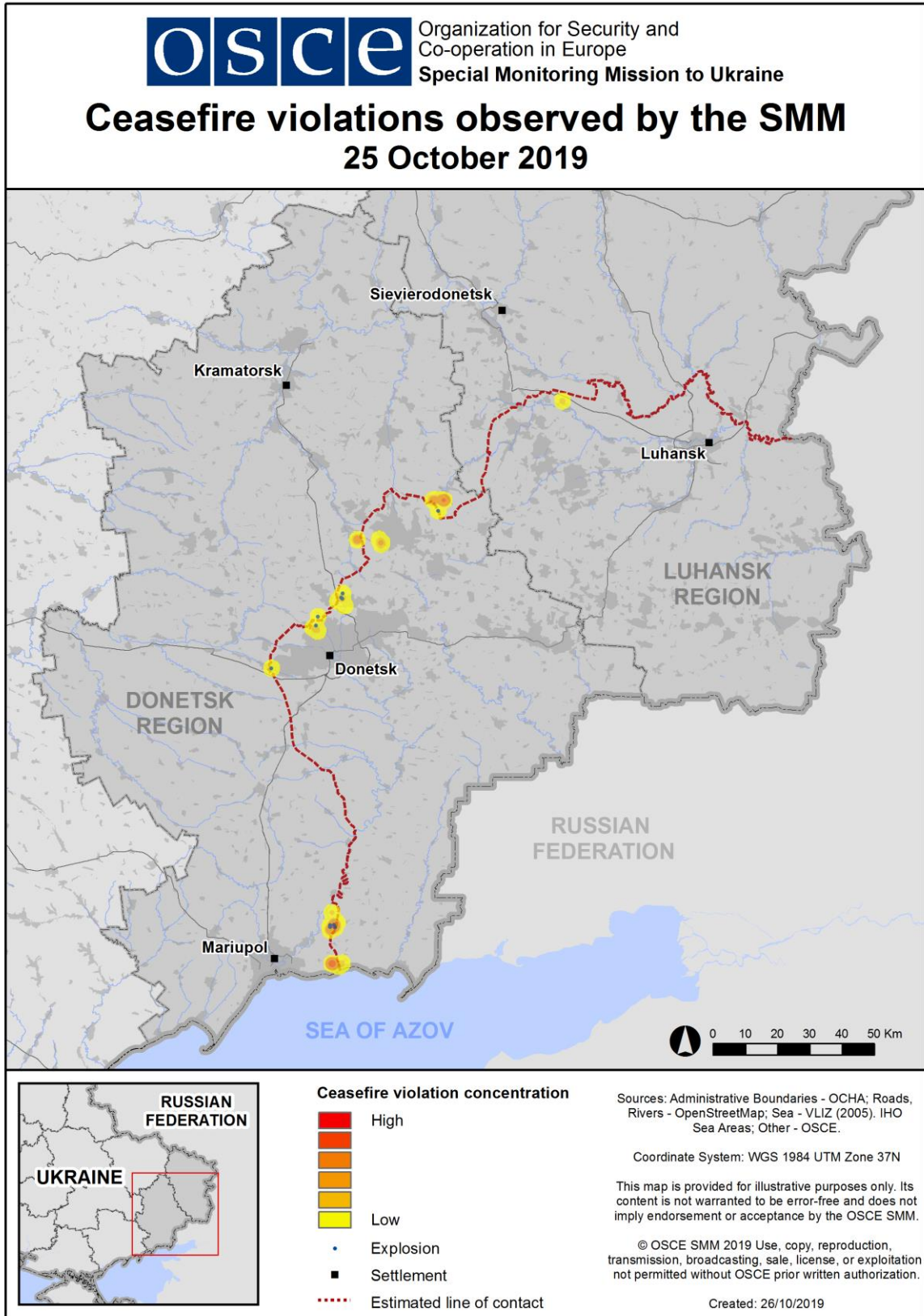


² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 20), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (485 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and at southerly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations and no explosions, compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 60 explosions).

Men injured near Kondrashivka pumping station near Pankivka

On 24 October, near the Kondrashivka pumping station near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk), the SMM saw two injured men, including one in military-style clothing, supported by workers of the aforesaid pumping station walking out of an area where maintenance work of the drilling of wells was carried out, and later being taken away by an ambulance. On 25 October, at the hospital in Luhansk city, a man told the SMM that he had been cutting trees with a chainsaw near the pumping station, on 24 October, when he heard a blast and felt a metal particle hitting his back. Medical staff at the hospital told the Mission that the man had been admitted on 24 October with shrapnel wound to his back.

Damage to civilian properties in Holmivskiyi

In Holmivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 49km north-east of Donetsk), at a garage block at the corner of Zahorodnia and Radianskoi Armii Streets, the SMM saw fresh damage to three garages, located less than 1km from the contact line. At the first garage, the SMM saw that slates were completely missing from the roof, with some roof slates having collapsed inside the garage, and that the south-facing gate had been dislodged, with debris on the ground. At the two adjacent garages, the SMM observed that parts of the roof slates and metal roof beams were broken. A couple (in their sixties) told the SMM that they had received a call from the security guard in the early morning of 24 October informing them that their garage had sustained damage. The SMM was unable to assess the weapon type or direction of fire.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw workers from government-controlled areas casting concrete on the seventh and ninth bridge pillars, located respectively on the southern and northern edge of the broken section of the bridge, and welding on the northern-most bridge pillar. At the bridge, the Mission saw an iron platform placed on the ground.

Also inside the disengagement area, the SMM observed six workers from non-government-controlled areas installing electric cables along the shelter of an international humanitarian organization, the checkpoint of the armed formations, and up to the northern end of the metal section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge. It also saw workers installing lights on top of the metal section of the bridge. About 50m south of the broken section of the bridge, the SMM saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) dismantling sand-filled tyres from around the blue container and throwing them off the bridge

⁵ Disengagement is foreseen in the [Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware](#) of 21 September 2016.

to the ground below. The Mission saw that only the tyres placed between the eastern wall of the blue container and the metal fence of the bridge remained present. The SMM continued to observe the gravel resurfacing of the parking lot south-west of the bridge.

The SMM saw up to 16 members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the checkpoint of the armed formations and the southern edge of the broken section of the bridge.

On 24 October, inside **the disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted five people, assessed as Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel in two previously observed positions, respectively about 70m south of the disengagement area’s northern edge and about 1km west of its eastern edge and at the railway tracks west of the railway bridge about 900m south of the area’s northern edge.

On 25 October, the SMM saw an area starting from the checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, outside the Zolote disengagement area, up to about 500m south of the disengagement area’s northern edge, freed of trees and vegetation up to about 40m on both sides of road T-1316.

Outside the Zolote disengagement area, on 24 October, an SMM mini-UAV spotted a person, assessed as a member of the armed formations, at a trench about 1.8km west of road T-1316 and about 150m south of the area’s southern edge as well as a mini-van painted in a camouflage colour near a treeline about 50m west of the area’s western edge and 300m north-north-west of its south-western corner, assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

On 24 October, inside **the disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted two persons, assessed as members of the armed formations, near previously reported positions about 30m west of the disengagement area’s eastern edge and about 550m south of its northern edge. The same UAV also spotted signs of ongoing reinforcement with timber and soil of previously reported trenches about 25m west of the disengagement area’s eastern edge and about 300m north of its southern edge and two persons, assessed as members of the armed formations and a probable armoured combat vehicle near it.

Outside the Petrivske disengagement area, on 24 October, an SMM mini-UAV spotted piles of timber and construction materials about 900m south-west of its south-eastern corner, assessed as belonging to Ukrainian Armed Forces. The UAV also spotted [again](#) 16 anti-tank mines and about 14 holes in the ground with vehicle tracks across them and wooden stakes placed on each side of the tracks, about 100m north of the northern-eastern edge of the disengagement area. About 130m east-south-east of them, the UAV spotted three persons assessed as members of the armed formations and a heavy machine gun (probable DShK) about 80m north of the disengagement area’s northern edge.

On 25 October, in Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw a mini-UAV flying at about 100-150m above its position, continuing along the outer side of the disengagement area’s northern edge near the road towards Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk).

Withdrawal of weapons

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum. The Mission did not observe weapons in violation of withdrawal.

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁶

The SMM observed military presence in the security zone in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including an armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB) in a residential area in Shyrokyne (for further details, see the table below).

Presence of mines near Shyrokyne and Vodiane

On 24 October, an SMM mid-range UAV spotted for the first time about 60 anti-tank mines laid in two rows across a field in the eastern outskirts of Shyrokyne, assessed as belonging to Ukrainian Armed Forces. About 200m north of the aforementioned mines, the same UAV spotted for the first time 60 anti-tank mines laid in two rows assessed as the continuation of [previously reported](#) anti-tank mines laid across road M14, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On the same day, the UAV [again](#) spotted 50 anti-tank mines laid in two rows in a field on the south-eastern edge of Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk).

Border areas not under government control

While at a border crossing point near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw four female pedestrians entering Ukraine. After about ten minutes, two members of the armed formations (one armed) told the SMM to leave the area.*

Upon arrival at the pedestrian border crossing point near Sievernyi (50km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.*

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the SMM saw 24 cars (five with Ukrainian and five with Russian Federation licence plates, and 14 with “DPR” plates), nine covered cargo trucks (six with Ukrainian licence plates and three with “DPR” plates) and 16 pedestrians (four women and 12 men) entering Ukraine. It saw 11 cars (six with Ukrainian licence plates, and five with “DPR” plates), four covered cargo trucks with “DPR” plates, one minivan with Ukrainian licence plates, as well as one minivan and two buses with “DPR” plates, and four pedestrians (two men and two women) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Novoazovsk (102km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the SMM saw five cars (two with Ukrainian and two with Russian Federation licence plates, and one with “DPR” plates) entering Ukraine. It saw ten cars (four with Ukrainian and three with Russian Federation licence plates, and three “DPR” plates) and two covered cargo trucks (one with Ukrainian licence plates and one with “DPR” plates) exiting Ukraine.

⁶ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

SMM facilitation of operation of and repairs to civilian infrastructure

The SMM monitored adherence to the ceasefire to facilitate repairs to power lines near Shyroka Balka (non-government-controlled, 34km north-east of Donetsk) and to power lines servicing the Petrivske pumping station near Artema (government-controlled, 26km north of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) and to monitor the security situation in the area of the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk). The SMM camera at the DFS recorded ceasefire violations near the Station (see table below).

Public gatherings in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odessa and Zaporizhzhia

On 25 October, in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odessa and Zaporizhzhia, the SMM observed peaceful gatherings of about 80-150 people (mostly men), expressing messages critical of the recent political developments concerning certain areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnipro and Chernivtsi.

***Restrictions of the SMM's freedom of movement or other impediments to fulfilment of its mandate**

The SMM's monitoring and freedom of movement are restricted by security hazards and threats, including risks posed by mines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other impediments – which vary from day to day. The SMM's mandate provides for safe and secure access throughout Ukraine. All signatories of the Package of Measures have agreed on the need for this safe and secure access, that restriction of the SMM's freedom of movement constitutes a violation, and on the need for rapid response to these violations. They have also agreed that the JCCC should contribute to such response and co-ordinate mine clearance. Nonetheless, the armed formations in parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions frequently deny the SMM access to areas adjacent to Ukraine's border outside control of the Government (for example, see above). The SMM's operations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions remain restricted following [the fatal incident of 23 April 2017 near Pryshyb](#); these restrictions continued to limit the Mission's observations.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint north of Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage south towards Novoazovsk and east to the border with the Russian Federation, citing orders to do so.
- At a checkpoint north of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing “demining activities”.
- At the border crossing point near Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km south-east Luhansk), two members of the armed formations (one armed) told the SMM to leave the area.
- At the pedestrian border crossing point near Sievernyi, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.

Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/UXO:

- The sides continued to deny the SMM full access, as well as the ability to travel certain roads previously identified as important for effective monitoring by the Mission and for civilians' movement, through failure to conduct comprehensive clearance of mines, UXO and other obstacles.

Conditional access:

- At a checkpoint on road H-15 east of Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed only upon a visual inspection of an SMM trailer.

Other impediments:

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced signal interference, assessed as due to probable jamming, while flying over areas near Novohnativka (government-controlled, 40km south of Donetsk) and Mykolaivka (government-controlled, 40km south of Donetsk).⁷

Table of indications of military presence in the security zone⁸

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
24/10/2019	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	In a residential area of Shyrokyne (100km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
25/10/2019	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In a residential area of Semyhiria (58km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol

⁷ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAV's position.

⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 25 October 2019⁹

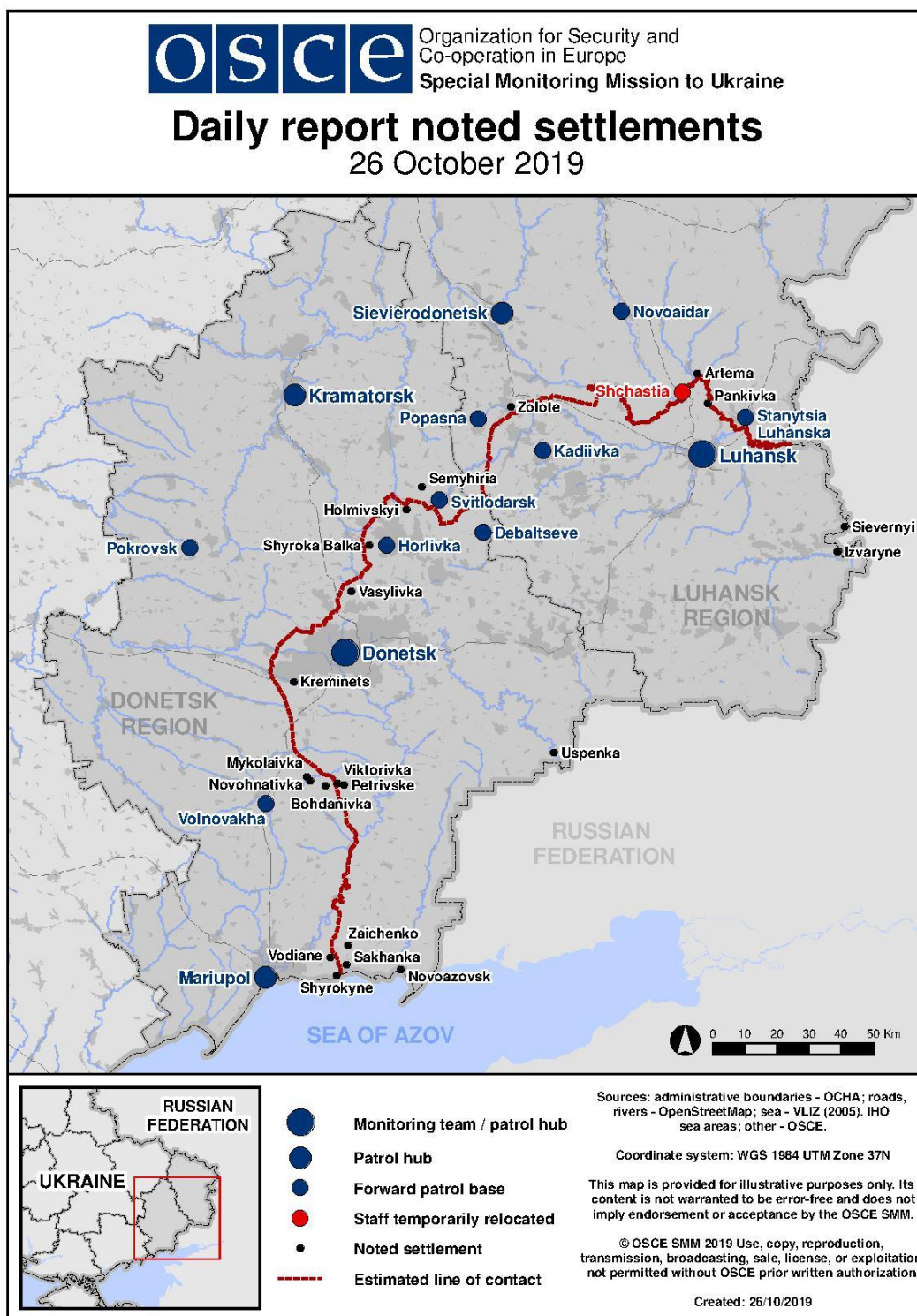
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	200-500m SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	25-Oct, 04:16
	0.2-0.5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	Subsequent to previous event	N/K	25-Oct, 04:16
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	Also recorded by Pyshchevyk camera	N/K	24-Oct, 21:32
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Pyshchevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SSE	Recorded	15	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 18:56
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	6	Projectile	Also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 19:05
	2-5km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Oct, 19:09
	2-5km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Oct, 19:09
	2-6km S	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 19:09
	2-6km S	Recorded	1	Burst	Approximately 20 rounds, also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 19:10
	3-6km S	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 19:10
	3-6km S	Recorded	9	Projectile	Also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 19:42
	3-6km S	Recorded	10	Projectile	Also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 19:43
	3-6km S	Recorded	1	Burst	Approximately 20 rounds	N/K	24-Oct, 20:39
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 21:31
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 21:31
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	Also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 21:32
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	11	Projectile	Also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 21:33
	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, subsequent to previous event, also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 21:33
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	7	Projectile	Also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 21:34
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 21:34
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	4	Projectile	Also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 22:14
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	8	Projectile	Also recorded	N/K	24-Oct, 22:15

⁹ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors on the ground, and are not always necessarily precise. When information is not known (indicated with an “N/K”), the SMM was unable to ascertain such information due to distance, weather conditions and/or other considerations. Ceasefire violations recorded by more than one patrol and assessed to be the same are entered only once.

					by Hnutove camera		
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, also recorded by Hnutove camera	N/K	24-Oct, 22:15
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-7km NE	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 19:22
	2-7km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 19:25
	2-7km NE	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 19:30
	2-7km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 19:37
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 20:21
	2-4km N	Recorded	5	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 20:21
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 20:30
	2-4km N	Recorded	22	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 20:38
	2-4km N	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 20:44
	2-4km N	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 20:46
	2-4km N	Recorded	5	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 20:47
	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 20:56
	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 21:06
	2-4km N	Recorded	4	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 21:20
	2-4km N	Recorded	6	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 21:21
	2-4km N	Recorded	14	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 21:23
	2-4km N	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 21:30
	2-4km N	Recorded	11	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 22:01
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 22:02
	2-4km N	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 22:18
	2-4km N	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 22:21
	2-4km N	Recorded	5	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 22:24
2-4km N	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 22:42	
2-4km N	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	24-Oct, 22:58	
About 6km NW of Donetsk city centre (non-government-controlled)	2-3km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Oct, 11:40
	5-7km N	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Oct, 12:05-12:12
	1-2km N	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 12:39-12:45
	1-2km N	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 13:54
Petrovskiyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km SW of Donetsk city centre)	1-2km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Oct, 11:51
	1-2km WSW	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 11:55
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Oct, 12:53
	1-2km S	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 14:23
	1-2km NW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	25-Oct, 14:39
	1-2km NW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 14:39
	1-2km NW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	25-Oct, 14:42
	1-2km NW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 14:42
	1-2km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Oct, 14:42
2km SW of Pyshchevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	3-4km E	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	25-Oct, 10:14
About 1km NNW of Pyshchevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	1-2km NE	Heard	8	Shot		AGL	25-Oct, 13:48-13:51
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km W	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 02:47
	1-3km W	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	25-Oct, 02:47

	1-3km SW	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 03:16-03:19
	1-3km SW	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 05:30
	1-3km SW	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	25-Oct, 05:30
	1-2km SW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 06:44
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 21:03
	1-2km S	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	24-Oct, 21:38
	2-3km SE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 22:03
	2-3km SW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 22:04
	2-3km SE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 22:07
	2-3km SW	Heard	11	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 22:11
	2-3km SW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 22:22
	2-3km SE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 22:43
	2-3km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 22:52
	2-3km SE	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 23:02-23:03
	2-3km SE	Heard	17	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 23:19-23:23
	2-3km SE	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 23:27
	2-3km SE	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 23:35-23:36
	2-3km SE	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	24-Oct, 23:58
	4-6km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Oct, 08:24
	About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K
SW edge of Novhorodske (government-controlled, 35km N of Donetsk)	1-3km E	Heard	20	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 13:15
	1-3km E	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 14:09
	1-3km E	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	25-Oct, 14:21
N edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	2-3km NW	Heard	9	Burst		Small Arms	25-Oct, 11:58-12:03

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹⁰



¹⁰ The SMM is deployed to ten locations throughout Ukraine – Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Luhansk and Kyiv – as per Permanent Council Decision 1117 of 21 March 2014. This map of eastern Ukraine is meant for illustrative purposes and indicates locations mentioned in the report, as well as those where the SMM has offices (monitoring teams, patrol hubs, and forward patrol bases) in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (In red: a forward patrol base from which SMM staff has temporarily relocated based on recommendations of security experts from participating States as well as SMM security considerations. The SMM uses the premises during daylight hours and patrols in this settlement during daylight hours, as well).