

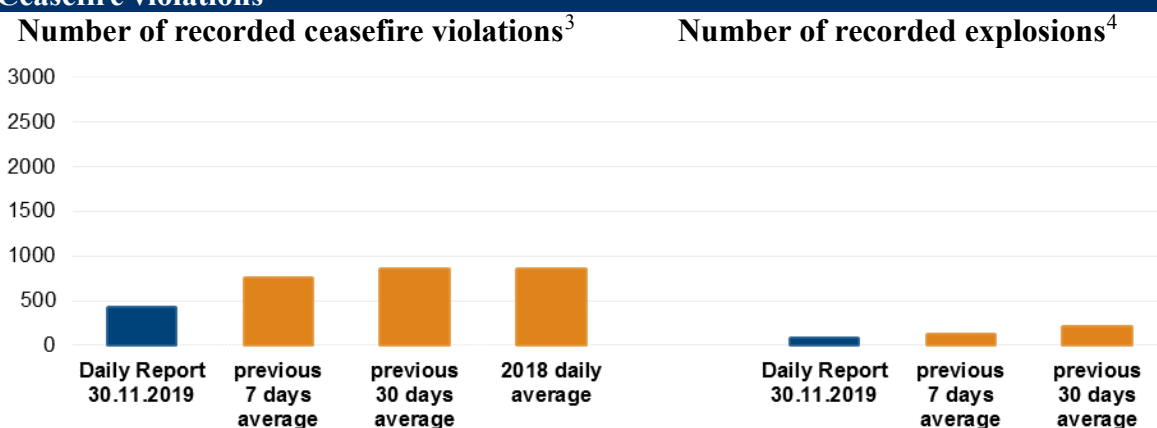
# Daily Report 284/2019

30 November 2019<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations both in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Small-arms fire occurred close to SMM patrol in non-government-controlled Pikuzy.
- The SMM continued to monitor the situation in the Zolote and Petrivske disengagement areas.
- Inside the Stanytsia disengagement area, the SMM saw workers from non-government-controlled areas repairing asphalt and installing new railings on the metal part of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.
- The SMM observed for the first time anti-tank mines near non-government-controlled Verkhnoшыrokyvske and mine hazard signs near government-controlled Marinka.
- It monitored adherence to the ceasefire to facilitate repairs to critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Kovskye in southern Donetsk region.\*

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 29 November 2019. All times are in Eastern European Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Kriakivka was not operational. Fog limited the observation capabilities of the majority of SMM cameras.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

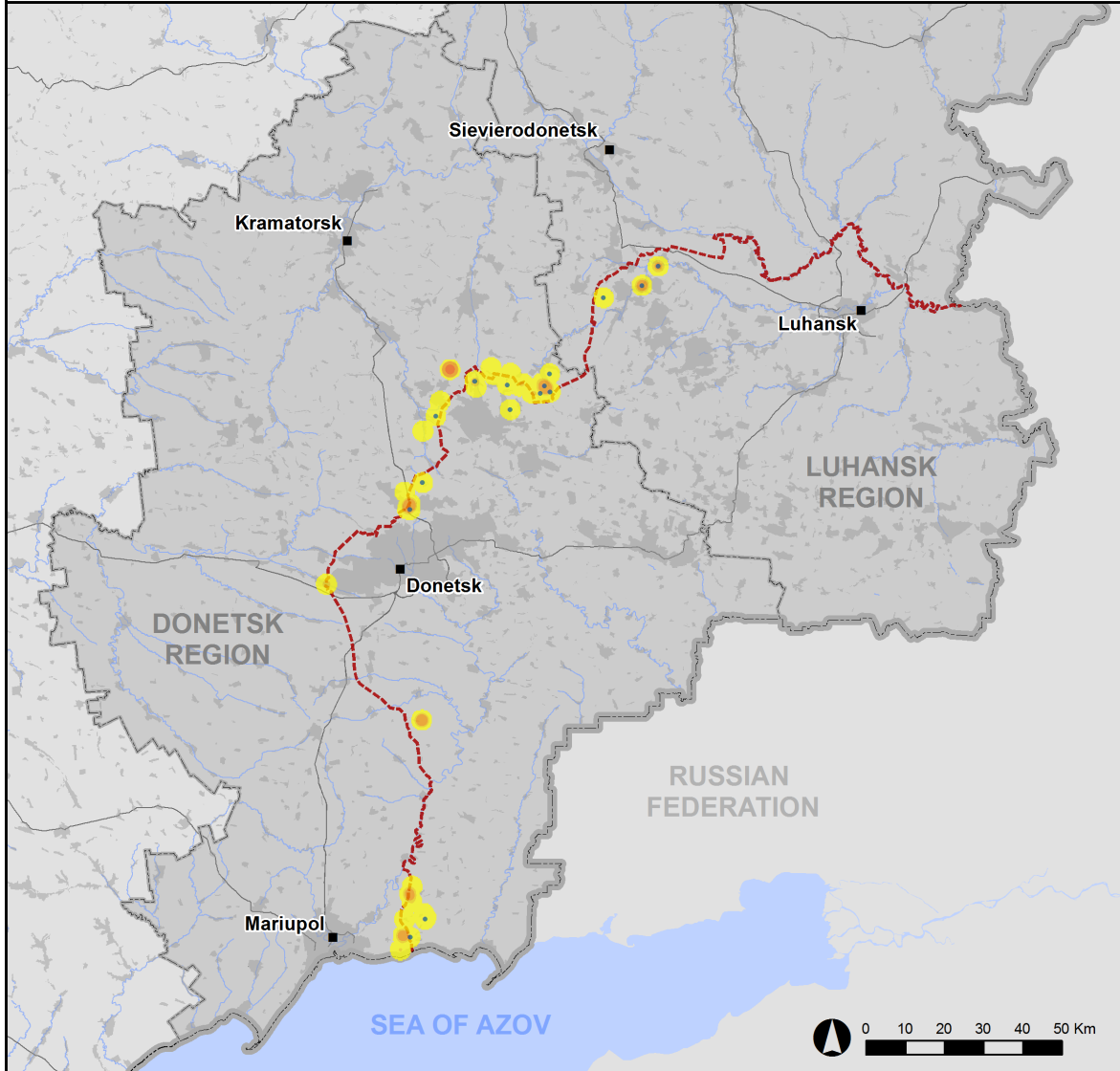
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

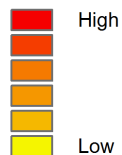


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 29 November 2019



#### Ceasefire violation concentration



- Explosion
- Settlement
- ..... Estimated line of contact

Sources: Administrative Boundaries - OCHA; Roads, Rivers - OpenStreetMap; Sea - VLIZ (2005). IHO Sea Areas; Other - OSCE.

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 37N

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In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including, however, a similar number of explosions (about 30), compared with the [previous reporting period](#). The highest number of the ceasefire violations were recorded in southerly and westerly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and in areas south and south-west of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk), including about 27 ceasefire violations about 500-800m from the DFS.

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, all explosions (52), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (six explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas east and south-east of Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km west of Luhansk).

### Small-arms fire near SMM in Pikuzy

While on Peremohy Street in a residential area of Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard three shots of small-arms fire about 100-200m south-west of its position. The SMM immediately departed the area with no injuries or damage to its assets.\*

### Disengagement areas near Zolote, Petrivske and Stanytsia Luhanska <sup>5</sup>

On 29 November, positioned in Zolote-4/Rodina, the SMM heard 28 undetermined explosions, at an assessed range of 6-8km south-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). The SMM also saw seven members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) at the checkpoint of the armed formations on the southern edge of the disengagement area.

On 29 November, positioned east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SES) vehicles, including an armoured personnel carrier (APC) (Kozak) and an ambulance, driving east on the road towards Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk) and entering the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). It also saw for the first time a mine and unexploded ordnance collection site about 300m north of the aforesaid road.

Positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the SMM heard 32 shots of small-arms fire, at an assessed range of 1.5-3km south-east, assessed as outside the disengagement area, but within its 5km periphery.

On 29 November, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw five workers from non-government-controlled areas with a truck, repairing the asphalt and installing new railings on the eastern side of the metal part of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk). The SMM also saw seven workers from non-government-controlled areas burning vegetation just behind the shelter of an international organization south of the checkpoint of the armed formations.

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<sup>5</sup> Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

The SMM saw at least six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), between the southern edge of the newly constructed section of the bridge and the checkpoint of the armed formations inside the disengagement area.

### **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 observed a mortar in violation of withdrawal lines near non-government-controlled Verkhnohyrokiyske (formerly Oktiabr, 85km south of Donetsk), as well as weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites mainly in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for further details, see the table below).

### **Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>6</sup>**

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

### **Presence of mines near Verkhnohyrokiyske and mine hazard signs near Marinka**

On 28 November, an SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle spotted for the first time at least 340 anti-tank mines in fields about 1-4km north of Verkhnohyrokiyske.

On 29 November, the SMM saw for the first time 22 mine hazard signs south of Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk); 19 on the southern side of an about 450m-long strip of road H15, east of the entry-exit checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Marinka; and three on the eastern side of a road between Marinka and Pobeda (government-controlled, 27km west of Donetsk) (for previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 14 November 2019](#)).

### **SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

The SMM monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to facilitate repairs to water pipelines between Kurdiuivka (government-controlled, 54km north of Donetsk) and Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk), water distribution networks near Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), drilling of wells near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk) and communication equipment in Obozne (non-government-controlled, 18km north of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS and monitored the security situation in areas around the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

### **Border areas not under government control**

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

While at the border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for an hour and 45 minutes, the SMM saw 33 cars (six with Ukrainian, 16 with Russian Federation and one with Georgian licence plates, as well as ten with “DPR” plates), four covered cargo trucks (two with Ukrainian licence plates and two with “DPR” plates), one bus and four vans (one with Ukrainian and one with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as three with “DPR” plates) and 13 pedestrians (nine women and four men, mixed ages) entering Ukraine. It also saw 16 cars (four with Ukrainian and three with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as nine with “DPR” plates), nine covered cargo trucks (seven with Ukrainian and one with Azerbaijani licence plates, as well as one with “DPR” plates), two buses and three vans (three with Russian Federation licence plates and two with “DPR” plates) and 28 pedestrians (14 women and 14 men, mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point in Novoazovsk (102km south-east of Donetsk) for about 35 minutes, the SMM saw seven cars (two with Ukrainian and five with Russian Federation licence plates), two covered cargo trucks with Ukrainian licence plates and a bus with “DPR” plates entering Ukraine. It also saw 36 cars (seven with Ukrainian, 15 with Russian Federation, one with Polish and one with Georgian licence plates, as well as 12 with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks (one with Ukrainian licence plates and one with “DPR” plates) and two busses (one with Russian Federation licence plates and one with “DPR” plates) exiting Ukraine.

While at the border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 15 minutes, the SMM did not observe any cross-border traffic.

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi and Kyiv.

#### **\*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 Joint Centre for Control and Coordination (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 [SMM Daily Report of 19 November 2019](#)). 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.*

#### Denial of access:

- At a checkpoint near Kovske (non-government-controlled, 91km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing “ongoing operation in the area”.

#### Delay:

- At a checkpoint near Verkhnoшыrokiyske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), four members of the armed formations (two of them visibly armed) allowed the SMM to proceed only after about 30 minutes of waiting.

*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.

Other impediments:

- While positioned in Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk), the SMM head three shots of small-arms fire about 100-200m south-west of its position and immediately left the area.

## Table of weapons

### Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
28/11/2019	1	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)	Near Verkhnohydrokivske (formerly Oktiabr, 85km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV

### Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
29/11/2019	2	Towed howitzer (D-20, 152mm)	Western outskirts of Khlíbodárivka (65km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
23/11/2019	24	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery
	22	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk)	
	8	Self-propelled howitzer (type undetermined)		
	27	Towed howitzer (type undetermined)		

## Table of military presence in the security zone<sup>7</sup>

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
28/11/2019	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Pyshevyk (84km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Armoured ambulance (MT-LB S)	Near Hnutove (90km south of Donetsk)	
29/11/2019	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol

<sup>7</sup> 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 29 November 2019<sup>8</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	0.8-1km SSW	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	28-Nov, 19:39
	0.6-1km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Nov, 19:39
	1-3km S	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 20:02
	500-800m SSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	28-Nov, 20:02
	500-800m SSW	Recorded	3	Muzzle flash		N/K	28-Nov, 20:02
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	28-Nov, 20:32
	1-3km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 21:36
	0.8-1km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	28-Nov, 21:36
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	29-Nov, 00:28
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 16:49
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 17:07
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 17:08
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 17:54
	500-800m S	Recorded	18	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	29-Nov, 18:19
	SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	20	Projectile	N to S	N/K
3-5km E		Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Nov, 18:21
4-6km ENE		Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	29-Nov, 17:52
4-6km ESE		Recorded	3	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	29-Nov, 17:53
4-6km ESE		Recorded	4	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	29-Nov, 17:53
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 17:00
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 17:12
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 17:19
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K	29-Nov, 17:22
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 17:23
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 17:28
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 17:29
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	29-Nov, 18:02
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	28-Nov, 21:51
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Nov, 21:51
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	28-Nov, 21:51
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	28-Nov, 21:53
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Nov, 23:35
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 16:42
	1-2km NNW	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 17:21
	1-2km NNW	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 17:22
	4-6km N	Recorded	17	Projectile	E to W	N/K	29-Nov, 17:47
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 17:51
	4-6km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	29-Nov, 18:10
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	29-Nov, 18:22
NW edge of Vuhlehirsk (non-government-controlled, 49km NE of Donetsk)	7-10km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 10:13
	7-10km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 11:08

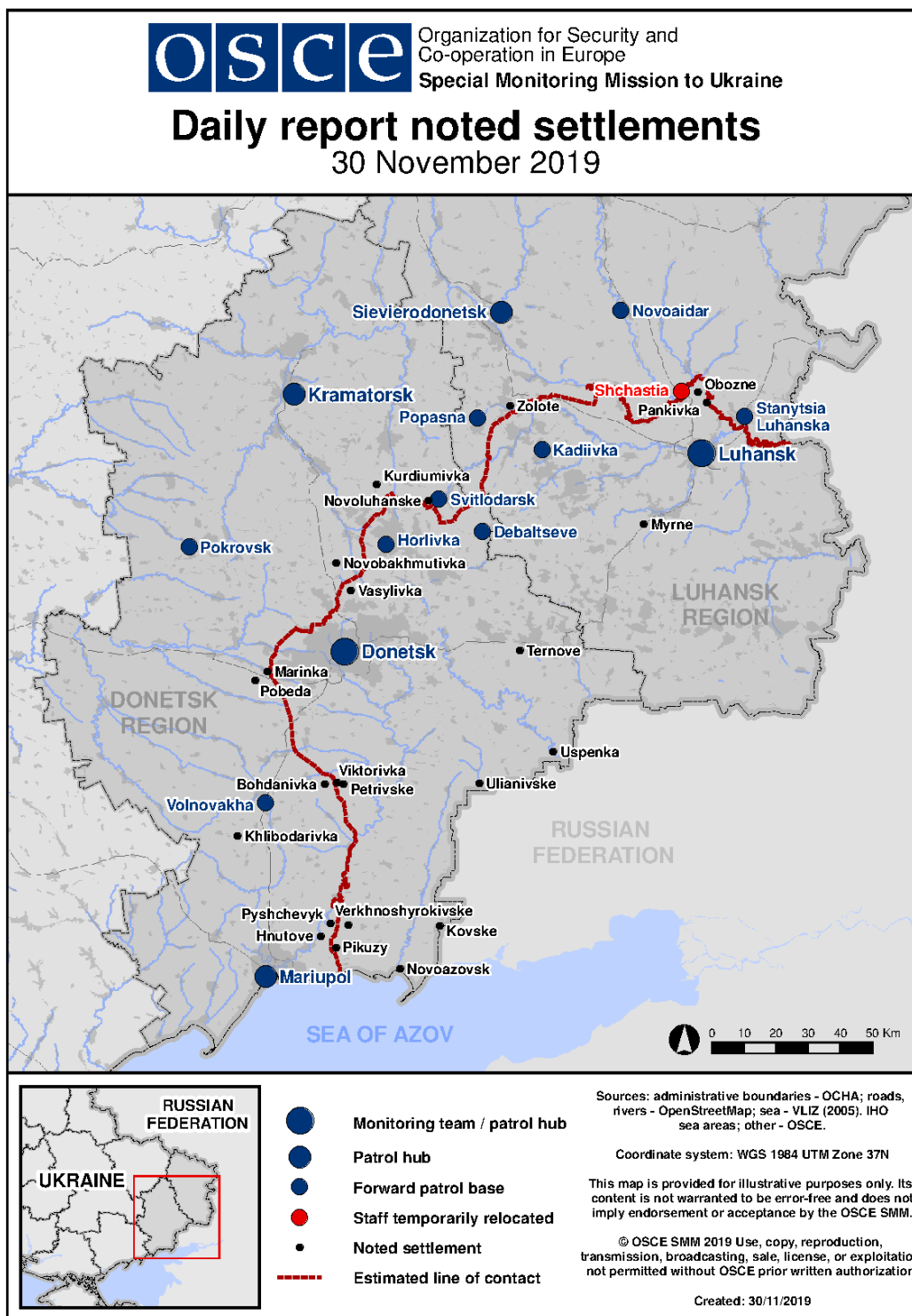
<sup>8</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors 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.



About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1.5-3km SE	Heard	32	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	29-Nov, 09:55-10:00
3km NE of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SSW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	29-Nov, 11:23-11:27
	2-4km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 11:23-11:27
	2km SW	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	29-Nov, 11:30
Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km S of Donetsk)	100-200m SW	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	29-Nov, 12:27
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 20:32
	5-6km W	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 20:34
	4-6km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 20:35
	3-4km SE	Heard	12	Burst		Small arms	28-Nov, 20:35-20:37
	4-6km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 21:09
	4-6km SE	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 21:10
	4-6km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 21:46
	4-6km S	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 21:51
	4-6km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 22:31
	6-7km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 22:42
	6-7km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 22:48
	4-6km S	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 22:51
	5-6km SSE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 13:13
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 15:12
	4-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 15:46
	4-5km SW	Heard	2	Burst	Undetermined	HMG	29-Nov, 16:00
Kodema (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km S	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	29-Nov, 11:18
	3-4km S	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	29-Nov, 11:23
Zalizne (government-controlled, 42km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	29-Nov, 11:23
	3-5km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 12:32
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	4-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 11:05
	4-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 11:12
	2-3km S	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	29-Nov, 12:58
Holmivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 49km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km N	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	29-Nov, 09:55
	3-4km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 11:07
Kurdiumivka (government-controlled, 54km N of Donetsk)	3-5km SSW	Heard		Shots and bursts	Uncountable	Small arms	29-Nov, 10:52-11:00
	3-5km SSW	Heard		Shots and bursts	Uncountable	Small arms	29-Nov, 11:05-11:22
Novhorodske (government-controlled, 35km N of Donetsk)	1km SW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	29-Nov, 10:31
Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	3-4km SW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	Assessed as a probable recoilless gun (SPG-9, 73mm)	29-Nov, 10:47-10:55

Zolote-4/Rodina (government- controlled, 59km west of Luhansk)	8-10km E	Heard	18	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 12:35-12:50
	6-8km SE	Heard	28	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 12:55-13:10

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>9</sup>



<sup>9</sup> 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).