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9 January 2020¹

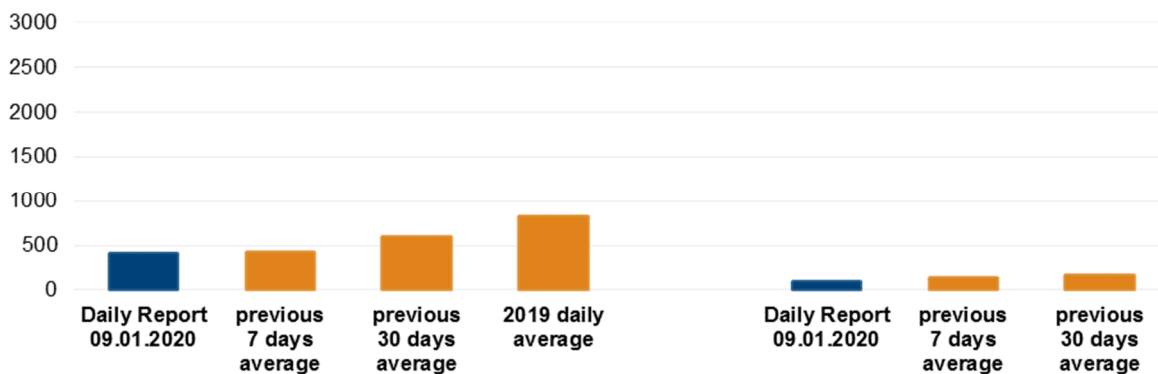
Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions. The SMM saw works at the checkpoint of the armed formations in the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska.
- The SMM continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Petrivske and Zolote.
- The Mission visited border crossing points in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission continued to face restrictions to its freedom of movement including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Zaichenko in southern Donetsk region. It also faced other impediments in establishing and reporting facts at a hospital in non-government-controlled Luhansk city following reports of an incident.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



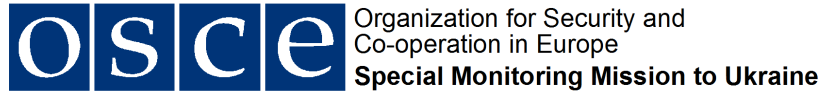
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 8 January 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

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

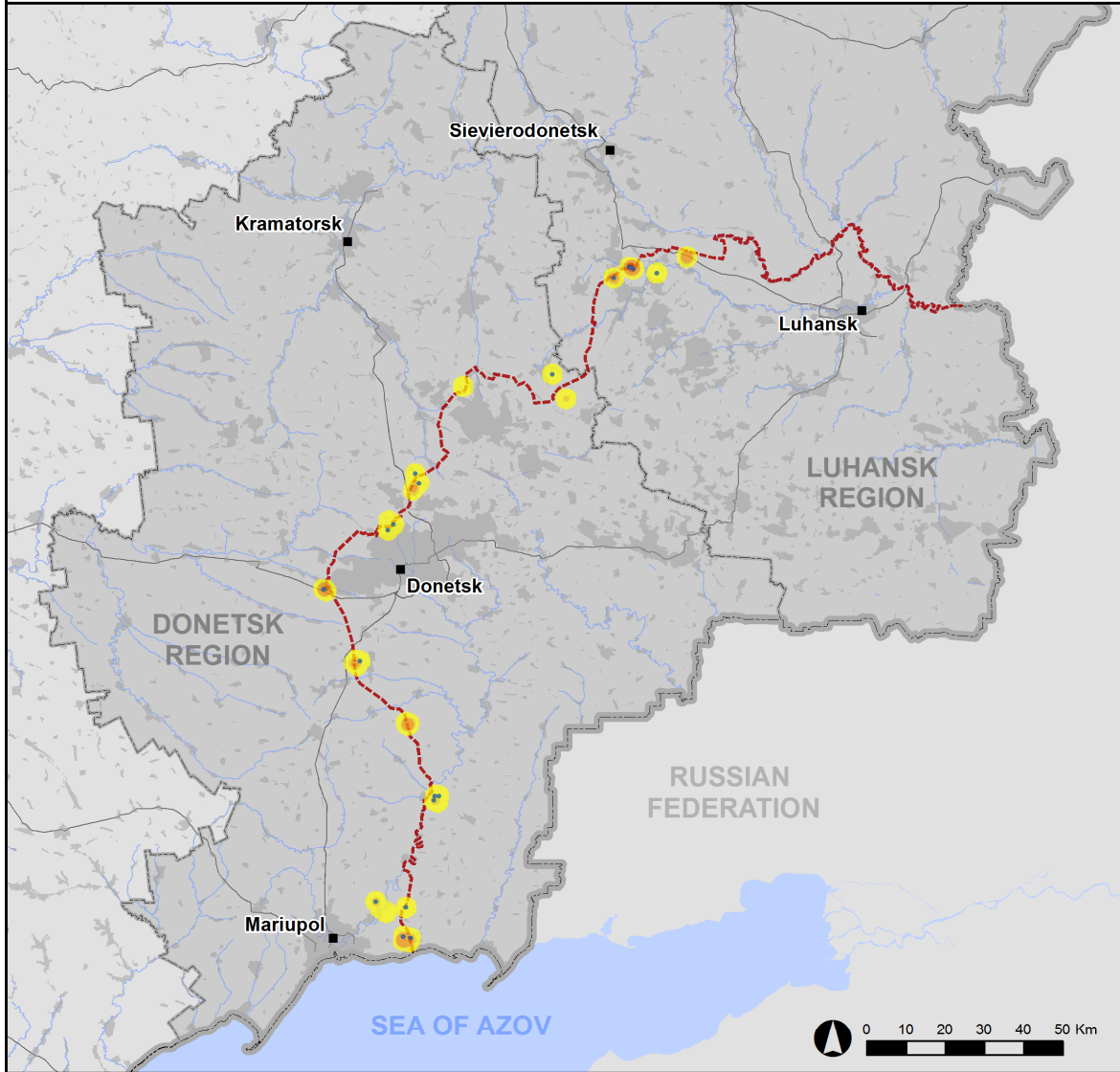
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

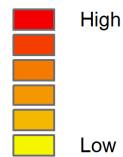
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 8 January 2020



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 more explosions (about 30), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (17 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including more than half of the explosions, were recorded in areas north and north-north-east of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and north and north-north-east of Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including, more explosions (about 65) compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (no ceasefire violations). The majority of ceasefire violations, including more than two thirds of the explosions, were recorded in areas near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On the morning of 8 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw three workers installing plastic shelves under the windows of four booths at the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk). The SMM also saw scaffolding attached to two booths and to the roof of the same checkpoint. On the same day, the Mission saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the bridge and their checkpoint south of the bridge.

Outside the reporting period, on the evening and night between 31 December 2019 and 1 January 2020, the SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) recorded 34 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km south-west and west-south-west, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.⁶

On the morning of 8 January, outside the disengagement area near Petrivske, positioned on the road about 350m west of the north-western corner of the disengagement area, the SMM saw six workers from government-controlled areas, three soldiers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and three officers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces to the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC). One of the workers told the SMM that they were conducting a visual inspection ahead of electrical works in the disengagement area.

On the same day, positioned on the south-western edge of Zolote, the SMM heard 13 undetermined explosions and ten bursts of small-arms fire, all at an assessed range of 3-4km south and all unable to be assessed as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**. Positioned in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard 50 undetermined explosions and about 45 bursts and shots of small-arms fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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. It observed a weapon in violation of withdrawal lines in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for details, see the table below).

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

⁶ The delay in reporting is due to manual downloading of data from the SMM camera in Petrivske.

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁷

*At two heavy weapons holding areas in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region
7 January*

The SMM noted that seven self-propelled howitzers (2S1 *Gvozdika*, 122mm) and two towed howitzers (D-30 *Lyagushka*, 122mm) continued to be missing.

Indications of military presence in the security zone⁸

The Mission observed armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation in areas around the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 65minutes, the SMM saw 29 cars (including 18 with “DPR” plates), a covered cargo truck with Ukrainian licence plates, two buses with “DPR” plates, and ten pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) entering Ukraine. The SMM also saw 39 cars (including 27 with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as eight with “DPR” plates), seven covered cargo trucks (three with Ukrainian licence plates and four with “DPR” plates), four buses (one with Russian Federation licence plates and three with “DPR” plates) and 14 pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Dovzhanske (84km south-east of Luhansk) for about 35 minutes, the SMM saw five cars and three buses (mostly with Ukrainian licence plates) entering Ukraine. The SMM also saw 30 cars (licence plates not visible) and 11 pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) exiting Ukraine.

The SMM 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

⁷ The SMM visited areas previously holding weapons that could not be verified as withdrawn, as their storage did not comply with the criteria set out in the 16 October 2015 notification from the SMM to the signatories of the Package of Measures on effective monitoring and verification of the withdrawal of heavy weapons. The SMM noted that two such sites continued to be abandoned.

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

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 [Daily Report 4 January 2020](#)). 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 north of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), two members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) and Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing demining activities in 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.

Other impediments:

- At a hospital in Luhansk city (non-government-controlled), medical staff refused to provide the Mission with information about a civilian casualty without written permission from members of the armed formations.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
08/01/2020	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In Mariupol (102km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

Table of indications of military presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
08/01/2020	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (three BMP-1 and a BTR variant)	In Shyrokyne (100km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (<i>Dozor-B</i>)	In Shchastia (20km north of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB S)	In Zolote-2/Karbonit (62km west of Luhansk)	

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Table of ceasefire violations as of 8 January 2020¹⁰

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jan, 03:10
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:10
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jan, 03:11
	3-5km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	8-Jan, 03:16
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:17
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:19
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:22
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:39
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jan, 03:41
	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:42
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:44
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jan, 03:47
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:48
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jan, 03:49
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jan, 03:52
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	4-6km WSW	Recorded	7	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	7-Jan, 20:51
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	7-Jan, 21:27
	4-6km SSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	7-Jan, 21:35
	4-6km SW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	8-Jan, 01:03
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 05:31
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jan, 21:25
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jan, 23:11
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 01:02
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N	N/K	8-Jan, 01:04
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	8-Jan, 02:21
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	8-Jan, 05:02
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)							
	500-800m ENE	Recorded	5	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	7-Jan, 22:49
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	500-800m N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Jan, 22:40
	500-800m N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	7-Jan, 22:40
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	7-Jan, 22:40
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event, also recorded by the SMM camera in Krasnohorivka)	N/K	7-Jan, 22:40

¹⁰ 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.

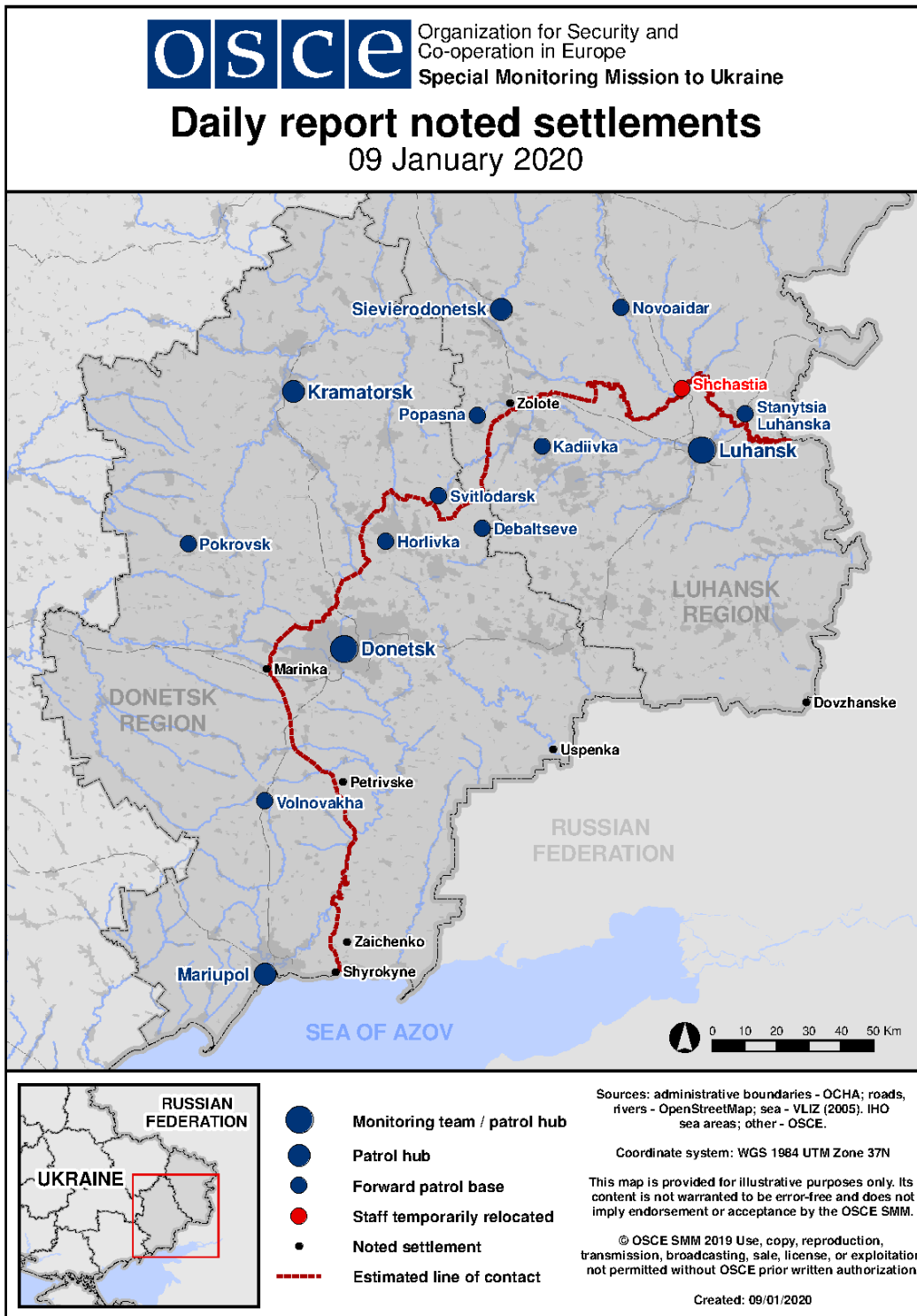
	500-800m N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Jan, 22:41
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	15	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jan, 22:42
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	7-Jan, 22:42
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	7-Jan, 22:42
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jan, 22:43
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jan, 22:43
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	7-Jan, 22:44
	500-800m ENE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jan, 22:45
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Jan, 22:46
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Jan, 22:49
	500-800m NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jan, 22:49
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jan, 19:54
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	7-Jan, 22:37
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Jan, 23:36
	1-3km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	8-Jan, 16:32
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1-3km SW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 17:14
	1-3km SW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 17:43
	1-3km SW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 17:43
	1-3km SW	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 18:25
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 18:26
	1-3km SW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 19:40
	1-3km SW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 19:40
	1-3km SW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 20:34
	1-3km SW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 23:41

	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Dec, 23:41
	1-3km SW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jan, 00:34
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jan, 00:34
	1-2km SW	Recorded	5	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jan, 01:29
	1-2km SW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jan, 03:43
	1-2km SW	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jan, 04:10
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	24	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jan, 16:58
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	8-Jan, 16:58
	3-5km N	Recorded	16	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jan, 16:59
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	8-Jan, 16:59
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jan, 17:02
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jan, 17:05
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jan, 17:13
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 17:14
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 17:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 17:24
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 17:29
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 17:53
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 17:56
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 18:18
4-6km NNE	Recorded	8	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	8-Jan, 18:29	
4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 18:29	
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government- controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 02:14
About 1 km E of Kruta Balka (non- government- controlled, 16 km N of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	8-Jan, 10:48
	2-3km NW	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	8-Jan, 11:20
	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	8-Jan, 11:20
About 2.5 km SSE of Lohvynove (non- government-	2-3km NW	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	8-Jan, 13:45

controlled, 59 km NE of Donetsk)							
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	4-5km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 10:09-10:11
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 09:35
	3-4km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 09:49
	2-3km E	Heard	8	Shot		IFV (BMP-2)	8-Jan, 11:18
Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	3-4km N	Heard	11	Burst		HMG	8-Jan, 10:25-10:29
	3-4km N	Heard	21	Burst		Small arms	8-Jan, 10:25-10:29
Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	1-2km NNE	Heard	20	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jan, 11:20-11:50
	1-2km NE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jan, 11:20-11:50
	1-2km N	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jan, 11:20-11:50
	6-8km E	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 11:20-11:50
	1-2km NNE	Heard	19	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	8-Jan, 11:20-11:50
	1-2km NNE	Heard	10	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	8-Jan, 11:20-11:50
	1-2km NNE	Heard	2	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	8-Jan, 11:20-11:50
	1-2km NNE	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jan, 12:02-12:30
	1-2km NE	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jan, 12:02-12:30
	1-2km NNE	Heard	17	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	8-Jan, 12:02-12:30

SW edge of Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk)	3-4km S	Heard	13	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to assess if inside or outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jan, 11:24-11:30
	3-4km S	Heard	10	Burst	Unable to assess if inside or outside the disengagement area	Small arms	8-Jan, 11:24-11:30

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹¹



¹¹ 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).