

Daily Report 11/2020

15 January 2020¹

Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- A boy and a man were injured due to the detonation of explosive devices in Miusynsk and Zalizne.
- The SMM saw an anti-aircraft gun being fired while near non-government-controlled Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near non-government-controlled Shymshynivka, Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to facilitate maintenance of critical civilian water infrastructure.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint
 of the armed formations near Zaichenko and at a border crossing point near nongovernment-controlled Izvaryne.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³ Number of recorded explosions⁴ 3000 2500 2000 1500 1000 500 Daily Report previous previous 2019 daily Daily Report previous previous 7 days 30 days 7 days 30 days average average average average

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 14 January 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

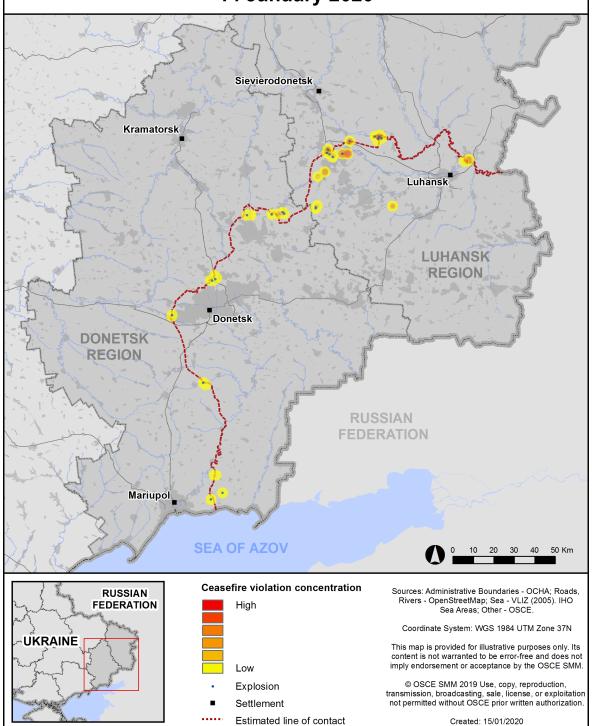
² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, winter weather conditions limited the observation capabilities of some of the SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 14 January 2020



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 25), compared with the <u>previous reporting period</u> (about 150 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded in areas south-east, south and south-west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including, however, fewer explosions (about 115), compared with <u>the previous reporting period</u> (about 130 explosions). Almost half of the ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded in areas west of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk).

On 14 January, while positioned about 3km north-east of Kalynove (non-government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard 25 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 2-3km north-north-east, assessed as part of a live-fire training exercise in the security zone in violation of the decision of the Trilateral Contact Group of 3 March 2016 that prohibits the conduct of live-fire training in the security zone.

Boy injured in Miusynsk and man injured in Novhorodske due to detonation of explosive devices

On 14 January, medical staff at a hospital in Luhansk city (non-government-controlled) told the SMM that a boy (12 years old) from Miusynsk (non-government-controlled, 62km southwest of Luhansk) had been admitted on 12 January with shrapnel injuries to his face, including to one of his eyes, assessed as caused by the explosion of a device. A woman (in her thirties), who introduced herself as the boy's mother, told the SMM that on 12 January her son had found a 10cm-long pipe-like object near their house (located about 2km north-west of a training range) in western Miusynsk, which he brought home, where it later exploded.

On 10 December 2019, medical staff at a hospital in Toretsk (formerly Dzerzhynsk, government-controlled, 43km north of Donetsk) told the SMM that a man (34 years old) had been admitted on 7 December with shrapnel injuries to his face and upper body, assessed as caused by the explosion of a device. On the same day, a woman (30-40 years old), who introduced herself as the man's wife, told the SMM that her husband had found a metal object, which exploded shortly thereafter in Novhorodske (government-controlled, 35km north of Donetsk), which is located close to the contact line. On 14 January, the police in Bakhmut (formerly Artemivsk, government-controlled, 67km north of Donetsk) confirmed that the man had been injured by an explosive object.

Rounds of anti-aircraft gun fired near the SMM close to Zolote-5/Mykhailivka

About 1km east of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), an SMM patrol (consisting of two vehicles) driving eastwards saw a stationary anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm) 150m-200m north of its position, and heard it fire a total of eight rounds in a northerly direction on two occasions. The SMM safely left the area.*

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near Shymshynivka

While conducting an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight on the north-eastern edge of Shymshynivka (non-government-controlled, 27km south-west of Luhansk), the SMM

heard seven shots and ten bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 700m-1km west, assessed as directed at the UAV, which was flying about 1km west of its position. The SMM landed its UAV safely and left the area.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On the evening and night of 13 and 14 January, the SMM camera at the Prince Ihor monument south-east of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) recorded six projectiles in flight and an illumination flare, all at an assessed range of 3-5km west-north-west and assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) but within 5km of its periphery. On the same night, while on the eastern edge of Stanytsia Luhanska, the SMM heard 24 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire at an assessed range of 2-5km south-west, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. On 14 January, the SMM 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.

On the morning of 14 January, while positioned in Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard three undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 700-900m east-south-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). While positioned in three locations close to the disengagement area near Zolote, the Mission heard about 25 undetermined explosions, eight shots and bursts of anti-aircraft-gun (ZU-23, 23mm) (see above) fire, and six bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. On the same day, while positioned on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM saw four workers from non-government-controlled areas clearing vegetation on the southern side of the road leading to Zolote-5/Mykhailivka on the southern edge of the disengagement area.

On 12 January, about 110m west-north-west of the north-eastern corner of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted three anti-tank mines (TM-62) next to the road between Petrivske and Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations (for previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Report 9 December 2019).

On 14 January, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission heard two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 3-5km north-west and four bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 2-3km north-west, all assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske 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.

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

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁶

At three heavy weapons holding areas in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region 14 January

The SMM noted that nine towed howitzers (three 2A65 *Msta-B*, 152mm and six D-30 *Lyagushka*, 122mm) and 14 self-propelled howitzers (2S1 *Gvozdika*, 122mm) were present, and that 12 self-propelled howitzers (2S1) and four anti-tank guns (MT-12 *Rapira*, 100mm) continued to be missing. The Mission also noted that three anti-tank guns (MT-12) were missing for the first time.

Indications of military presence inside the security zone⁷

The SMM saw an armoured combat vehicle near a residential house in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable the drilling of water wells near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk).

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

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point near Marynivka (78km east of Donetsk) for about 75 minutes, the SMM saw eight cars (one with Ukrainian and two with Russian Federation licence plates, and five with "DPR" plates), a minivan, two buses, a covered cargo truck (all with "DPR" plates) and a woman (aged 20-30) entering Ukraine. It also saw 16 cars (four with Ukrainian and five with Russian Federation licence plates, and seven with "DPR" plates), seven covered cargo trucks (two with Ukrainian licence plates and five with "DPR" plates) and three buses with "DPR" plates exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw no pedestrian or vehicular traffic in either direction. After about ten minutes, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.*

While at a pedestrian border crossing point near Verkhnoharasymivka (57km south-east of Luhansk) for about 35 minutes, the SMM saw a man (40-50 years old) entering Ukraine and three pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) exiting Ukraine.

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

⁶ The SMM observed 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.

⁷ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

*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 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 below). 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 armed members of the armed formations <u>again</u> 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".
- At a border crossing point near Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km south-east of Luhansk), 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.

Other impediments:

- While driving about 1km east of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw an anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm) and on two occasions heard and saw it fire a total of eight rounds (see above).
- While conducting a mini-UAV flight on the north-eastern edge of Shymshynivka (non-government-controlled, 27km south-west of Luhansk), the SMM heard seven shots and ten bursts of small-arms fire, assessed as directed at its UAV (see above).
- An SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between Kleban Byk (government-controlled, 48km north of Donetsk) and Dyliivka (government-controlled, 52km north of Donetsk).⁸

⁸ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAV's position.

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Table of weapons

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation					
	Non-government-controlled areas								
14/01/2020	3	Tank (T-72)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk)	Patrol					

Table of military presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Туре	Location	Source of observation				
Government-controlled areas								
14/01/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	In Pavlopil (84km south of Donetsk), near a residential house	Patrol				

⁹ 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 14 January 2020¹⁰

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (also recorded by the SMM cameras in Avdiivka and Oktiabr)	N/K	13-Jan, 22:24
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (also recorded by the SMM cameras in Avdiivka and Oktiabr)	N/K	13-Jan, 22:38
	0.8-1.5km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	13-Jan, 23:50
	300-600m SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 00:27
	300-600m SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 00:34
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government- controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	14-Jan, 01:19
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government- controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jan, 02:53
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 03:08
SMM camera at entry-exit	2-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 16:54
checkpoint in Marinka	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 18:37
(government- controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	14-Jan, 18:37
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-8km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 22:57
About 2km SE of Ternove (non-	200-400m SW	Heard and saw	2	Explosion	Outgoing (assessed as	Tank (N/K)	14-Jan, 10:10

¹⁰ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras 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 technical monitoring officers, 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, technical limitations and/or other considerations. Ceasefire violations recorded by more than one patrol/camera and assessed to be the same are entered only once.

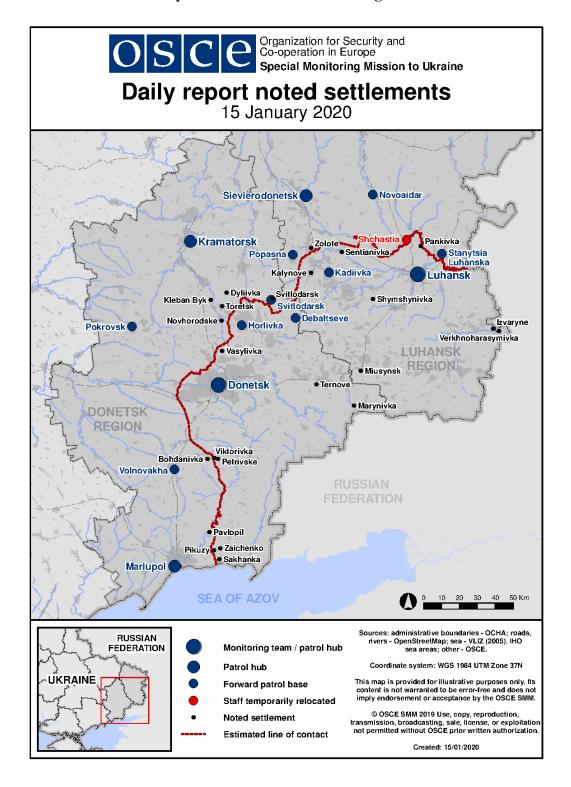
government- controlled, 57km E of Donetsk)					live-fire exercise)		
About 1km NW of the railway	1-2km SW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	14-Jan, 12:47
station in Yasynuvata	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 12:58
(non- government-	1-2km SW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	14-Jan, 13:07
controlled, 16 km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 13:40
2 oneda)	3-5km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jan, 09:52
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government- controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jan, 10:01
	2-3km NW	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	14-Jan, 10:35
3km NE of Zaichenko (non- government- controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 11:02
	3-5km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 19:30-19:31
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 20:50
Svitlodarsk	3-6km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 21:12
(government- controlled, 57km NE of	2-4km S	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	13-Jan, 23:29
Donetsk)	3-6km SW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 17:20
	2-4km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 17:38
	2-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 17:58
	4-6km SW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	13-Jan, 21:45
SMM camera	3-5km SSW	Recorded	9	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	13-Jan, 23:12
in Kriakivka (government-	3-5km SSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	13-Jan, 23:14
controlled, 38km NW of	4-6km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 23:54
Luhansk)	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Jan, 23:55
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jan, 00:00

	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 03:26
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 05:55
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 05:55
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 05:55
	5-7km SSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jan, 18:24
	5-7km SSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jan, 18:37
	3-5km WNW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Jan, 23:54
SMM camera at Prince Ihor Monument SE	3-5km WNW	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Jan, 23:57
of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km NE of Luhansk)	3-5km WNW	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Jan, 23:57
	3-5km WNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-Jan, 03:40
E edge of	3-5km SW	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	13-Jan, 23:54-23:55
Stanytsia Luhanska (government- controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	2-4km SW	Heard	14	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	14-Jan, 03:41
	2-4km SW	Heard	7	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	14-Jan, 03:44
About 3.5km NE of Kalynove (non-	2-3km NNE	Heard	25	Burst	Assessed as live-fire exercise	HMG	14-Jan, 09:30-09:53
government- controlled, 60km W of	2-3km W	Heard	13	Burst		HMG	14-Jan, 09:30-09:53
Luhansk) Holubivske (non- government- controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	5-6km NNE	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 09:31-09:36
	5-6km NNE	Heard	4	Burst		Small arms	14-Jan, 09:31-09:36
	5-6km NNE	Heard	13	Burst		HMG	14-Jan, 09:31-09:36
S edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NNE	Heard	22	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-Jan, 10:27-10:57

	3-5km E	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-Jan, 10:27-10:57
Sentianivka	6-10km W	Heard	62	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 10:43-11:12
(formerly Frunze, non-	5-6km W	Heard	87	Burst		Small arms	14-Jan, 10:43-11:12
government- controlled, 44km W of	5-6km W	Heard	15	Burst		HMG	14-Jan, 10:43-11:12
Luhansk)	5-6km W	Heard	10	Burst		AGL	14-Jan, 10:43-11:12
N edge of Shymshynivka (non-	0.7-1km W	Heard	7	Shot	Assessed as aimed at SMM mini-UAV	Small arms	14-Jan, 10:44-10:46
government- controlled, 27km SW of Luhansk)	0.7-1km W	Heard	10	Burst	Assessed as aimed at SMM mini-UAV	Small arms	14-Jan, 10:44-10:46
N edge of Trokhizbenka	5-7km WSW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 11:05-11:16
(government-controlled,	5-7km WSW	Heard	4	Burst		Small arms	14-Jan, 11:05-11:16
32km NW of Luhansk)	5-7km WSW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	14-Jan, 11:05-11:16
Trokhizbenka (government- controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	5km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 12:21
Zolote- 4/Rodina (government- controlled, 59km W of Luhansk)	700-900m ESE	Heard	3	Explosion	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	14-Jan, 11:05-11:10
About 1.5km NE of	4-5km SW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 11:35-11:38
NE of Stepanivka (non- government- controlled, 62km W of Luhansk)	4-5km SW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	14-Jan, 11:35-11:38
1km E of Zolote- 5/Mykhailivka (non- government- controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	150-200m N	Heard and saw	8	Shot and burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Anti- aircraft gun (ZU- 23)	14-Jan, 11:49-11:50
About 500m SE of Zolote- 5/Mykhailivka (non- government- controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-4km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-Jan, 11:47
	0.8-1km NW	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	14-Jan, 12:05
About 3km SW of Yuzhna-	3km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing	Artillery (type N/K)	14-Jan, 13:00

Lomuvatka (non-				
government- controlled,				
60km W of				
Luhansk)				

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).