

# Daily Report 28/2020

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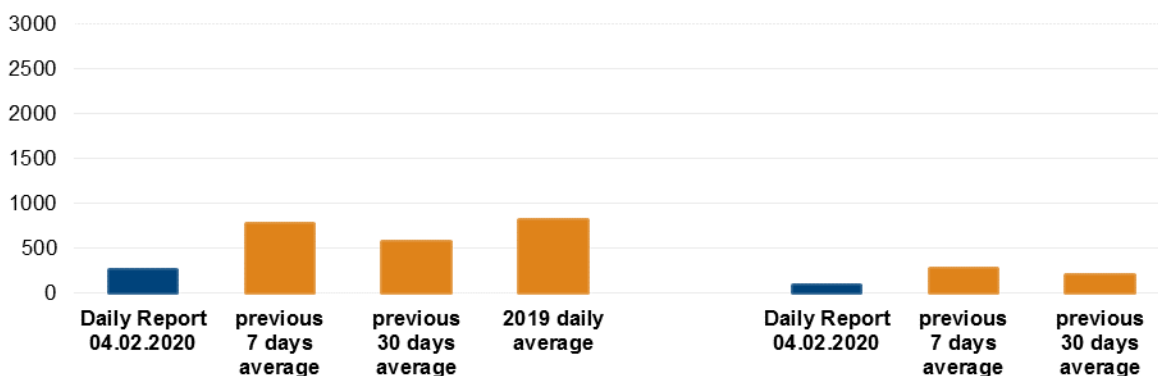
## Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as aimed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicles near government-controlled Yuriivka and the non-government-controlled Kuibyshevskiy district of Donetsk city.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- It saw a mortar in violation of withdrawal lines in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region.
- It saw anti-tank mines near Orikhove and unexploded ordnance near Molodizhne.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints in non-government-controlled Verkhnohshyrovsk, Zaichenko and Kremynets, all in Donetsk region.\*

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

Number of recorded ceasefire violations<sup>3</sup>

Number of recorded explosions<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 3 February 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. The SMM camera near Bohdanivka was not operational during the reporting period.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

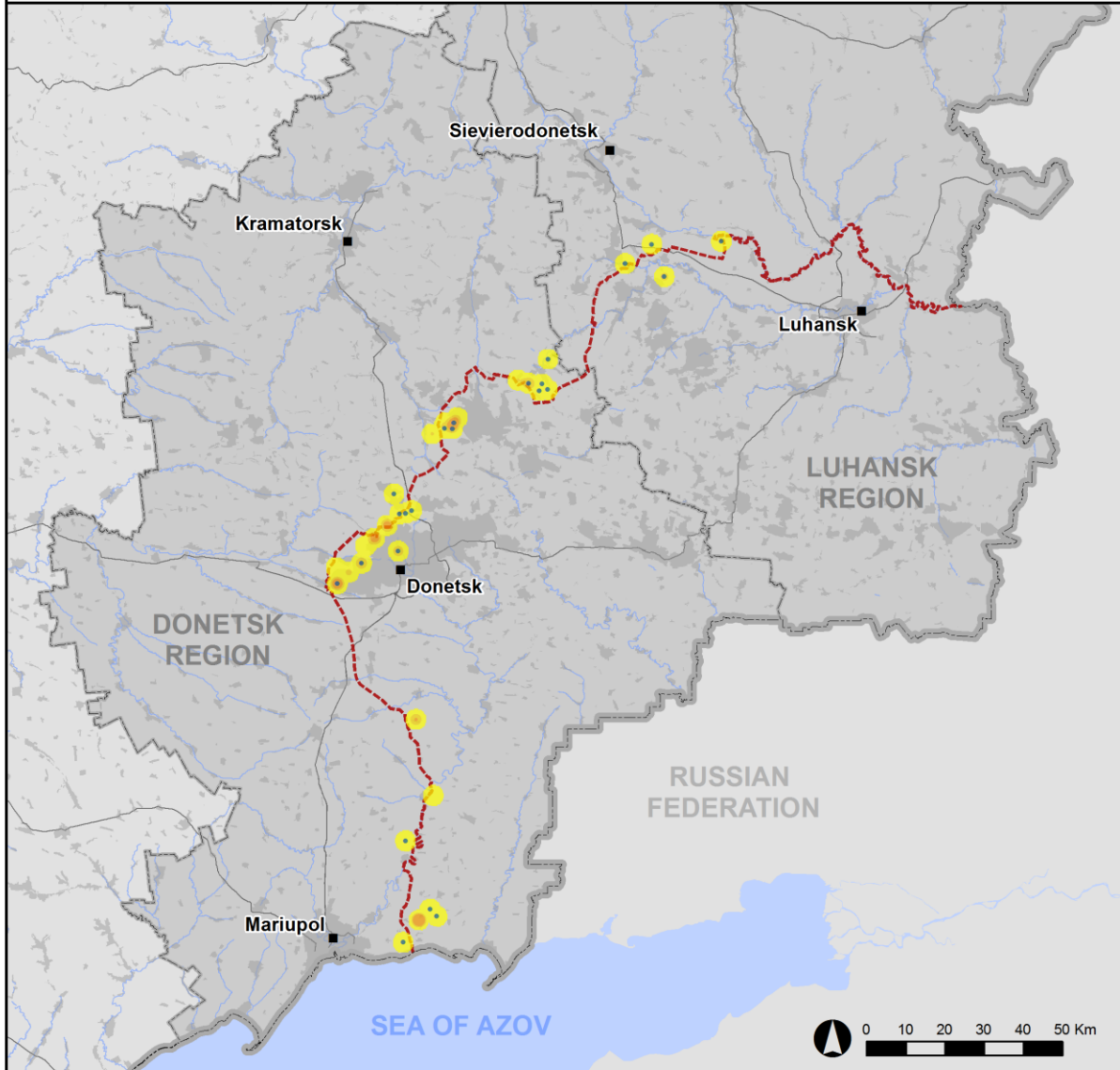
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

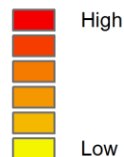


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 3 February 2020



#### 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 fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 70), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 320 explosions). More than half of the ceasefire violations were recorded at southerly directions of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), at westerly directions of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), at southerly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and in areas north-north-west of Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations (19, all of them explosions), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 180 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas east of Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

### Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicles near Yurivka and the Kuibyshevskiy district of Donetsk city

While conducting an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight near the western outskirts of the Kuibyshevskiy district of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 5km west of Donetsk city centre), the SMM heard five shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 2-3km north-north-west, assessed as directed at the UAV, which was flying about 1.5km north-north-west of the SMM's position. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area.\*

While conducting an SMM mini-UAV flight on the southern outskirts of Yurivka (government-controlled, 35km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard seven shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 1.5km east, assessed as directed at the UAV, which was flying about 1.5km east of the SMM's position. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area.\*

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

On 1 February, outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted an anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm) near the Prince Ihor Monument, about 1km south-east of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. The same UAV spotted an armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined) and an armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80) about 70m north of the north-eastern edge of the disengagement area, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On 3 February, inside the disengagement area, the SMM saw up to seven members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and their checkpoint south of it.

On the afternoon of 3 February, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded three undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 2-4km east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery. On the area's southern edge, the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them).

On 31 January, on the eastern edge of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted at least nine anti-tank mines and eight anti-personnel mines.

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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.

On the same day, outside the disengagement area, 50m east of its eastern edge, the same UAV spotted for the first time two 80m-long wires running in parallel east to west, insulated from the ground by wooden poles and attached to a green box at the eastern end.

On the same day, outside the disengagement area, the same UAV [again](#) spotted 16 anti-tank mines in a field about 100m north of its northern edge, near a position of the armed formations. On 2 February, outside the disengagement area, an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted about 20 anti-tank mines north of the road between Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) and Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk).

On 3 February, inside the disengagement area, the SMM saw that a trench (about 300m-long) about 400m west of the area's eastern edge and about 50m south of its northern edge had been filled-in or covered over (in the same area where the SMM [previously](#) saw four men in military-style attire walking). On the same day, positioned 1.3km north of Petrivske, the SMM heard 14 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 1-1.5km south, 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. The Mission observed a mortar in violation of withdrawal lines in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

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

On 31 January, an SMM mini-UAV spotted four craters in a cultivated field and a crater in front of a residential house, which had a hole in its roof, on the north-western edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk) (not seen in imagery from 31 October 2019). The SMM could not assess the type of weapons used or direction of fire.

On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV spotted another seven craters in a field and a crater near residential houses on the north-western edge of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) (not seen in imagery from 21 November 2019). The SMM could not assess the type of weapons used or direction of fire. About 100m further north-west, the same UAV spotted probable ongoing improvement works of a trench stretching from north to south over about 30m and piles of wooden planks nearby.

On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV spotted a new position of the armed formations about 2km north of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk) (not seen in imagery from 21 November 2019).

On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV spotted four Ukrainian Armed Forces soldiers expanding a position, with sand bags and wooden construction material next to it, as well as an underground shelter under construction nearby, all about 2km south-south-west of Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km west of Luhansk) (not seen in imagery from 21 November 2019).

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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.

On the same day, in Petrivske, an SMM mini-UAV spotted ongoing fortification works to a previously reported position of the armed formations on the main street. About 1km north of Petrivske, the UAV spotted an infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2).

### **Presence of anti-tank mines near government-controlled Orikhove and of unexploded ordnance near non-government-controlled Molodizhne**

On 1 February, an SMM mini-UAV spotted approximately 110 anti-tank mines (the SMM was not able to assess whether recently laid or not), laid out in three rows running from north to south over 100m, about 2km south of Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk), assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On 3 February, the Mission saw for the first time a piece of unexploded ordnance, assessed as a possible tailfin of an anti-tank guided missile, on the ground about 5m north-west of a checkpoint of the armed formations 1.7km south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk) and around 5m north-east of road T-0505.

On the same day, the SMM saw for the first time a mine hazard sign on the eastern side of a local road near an inhabited house in Orlivske (government-controlled, 82km south of Donetsk).

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

The SMM monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable repairs to water wells near Slovianoserbsk (non-government-controlled, 28km north-west of Luhansk). It continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and monitor the security situation 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 Dovzhanske (84km south-east of Luhansk) for about 25 minutes, the SMM saw seven pedestrians (four men and a woman, around 35 years old, and two children around two years old) entering Ukraine. It also observed a car with Russian Federation licence plates, three covered cargo trucks and a bus with “LPR” plates, and five pedestrians (men, around 30 years old) exiting Ukraine.

While at a pedestrian border crossing point near Novoborovytsi (79km south of Luhansk) for about five minutes, the SMM saw no 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, 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 Co-ordination (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 1 February 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 west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage westwards, citing "engineering works". While present, the SMM saw civilian traffic proceeding through the checkpoint in both directions.
- 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 Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) and Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing "ongoing demining activities". While present, the SMM saw civilian traffic proceeding through the checkpoint in both directions.

#### *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.

#### Delay:

- On two occasions, at a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske, a member of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage after about 20 minutes of waiting.
- At a checkpoint about 5km west of Mariupol city centre (government-controlled, 102km south of Donetsk), a Ukrainian Armed Forces soldier allowed the SMM passage after 17 minutes of waiting, citing "a lack of instructions from his superiors".

#### Conditional:

- At a checkpoint east of Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed only after inspecting its trailer.

#### Other impediments:

- While conducting a mini-UAV flight over areas near Yurivka (government-controlled, 35km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard shots of small-arms fire, assessed as directed at its UAV (see above).
- While conducting a mini-UAV flight over areas near the Kuibyshevskiyi district of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 5km west of Donetsk city centre), the SMM heard shots of small-arms fire, assessed as directed at its UAV (see above).

## 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>				
31/01/2020	1	Mortar	Near Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, 44km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

### Table of indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>7</sup>

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
30/01/2020	2	Armoured combat vehicle	North of the northern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	Satellite imagery
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	
31/01/2020	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Novotoshkovske (53km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)		
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Berezove (31km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Taramchuk (29km south-west of Donetsk)	
	3	Armoured combat vehicle (one BTR variant, one type undetermined and one BTR-80)	Near Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	
03/02/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	In Hranitne (60km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	3	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-type)	Near Orlivske (82km south of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
03/02/2020	1	Trench digger	Near Khoroshe (36km west of Luhansk)	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 3 February 2020<sup>8</sup>**

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	N/K	2-Feb, 20:57
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 21:01
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 01:07
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	2-Feb, 21:14
SMM camera in Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km W of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	3-Feb, 05:51
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	2-Feb, 21:54
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	13	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	2-Feb, 21:55
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 18:51
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 11:00
About 11km SW of Donetsk city center (non-government-controlled)	3-5km NW	Heard	14	Explosion	Impact	N/K	3-Feb, 09:22-09:25
About 2km S of Donetsk city centre (non-government-controlled)	3-4km NW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 11:53
	3-4km NW	Heard	10	Burst		Small arms	3-Feb, 11:53
W outskirts of the Kuibyshevskiy district of Donetsk (non-government-controlled, 5km west of Donetsk city centre)	5-6km WNW	Heard	Uncountable	Shot and burst	Overlapping	Small arms	3-Feb, 11:55
	2-3km NNW	Heard	5	Shot	Assessed as aimed at the UAV	Small arms	3-Feb, 12:07
Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km NNW	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	3-Feb, 09:10-09:20
	2-3km NNW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 09:10-09:20
	2-3km NNW	Heard	14	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 09:21-09:25
About 1.3km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1-1.5km S	Heard	14	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	3-Feb, 11:14
About 4.2km SE of Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km W of Donetsk)	1-2km W	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	3-Feb, 10:46
About 1km NW of the railway station of Yasynuvata (non-	2-3km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 09:10
	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 09:15

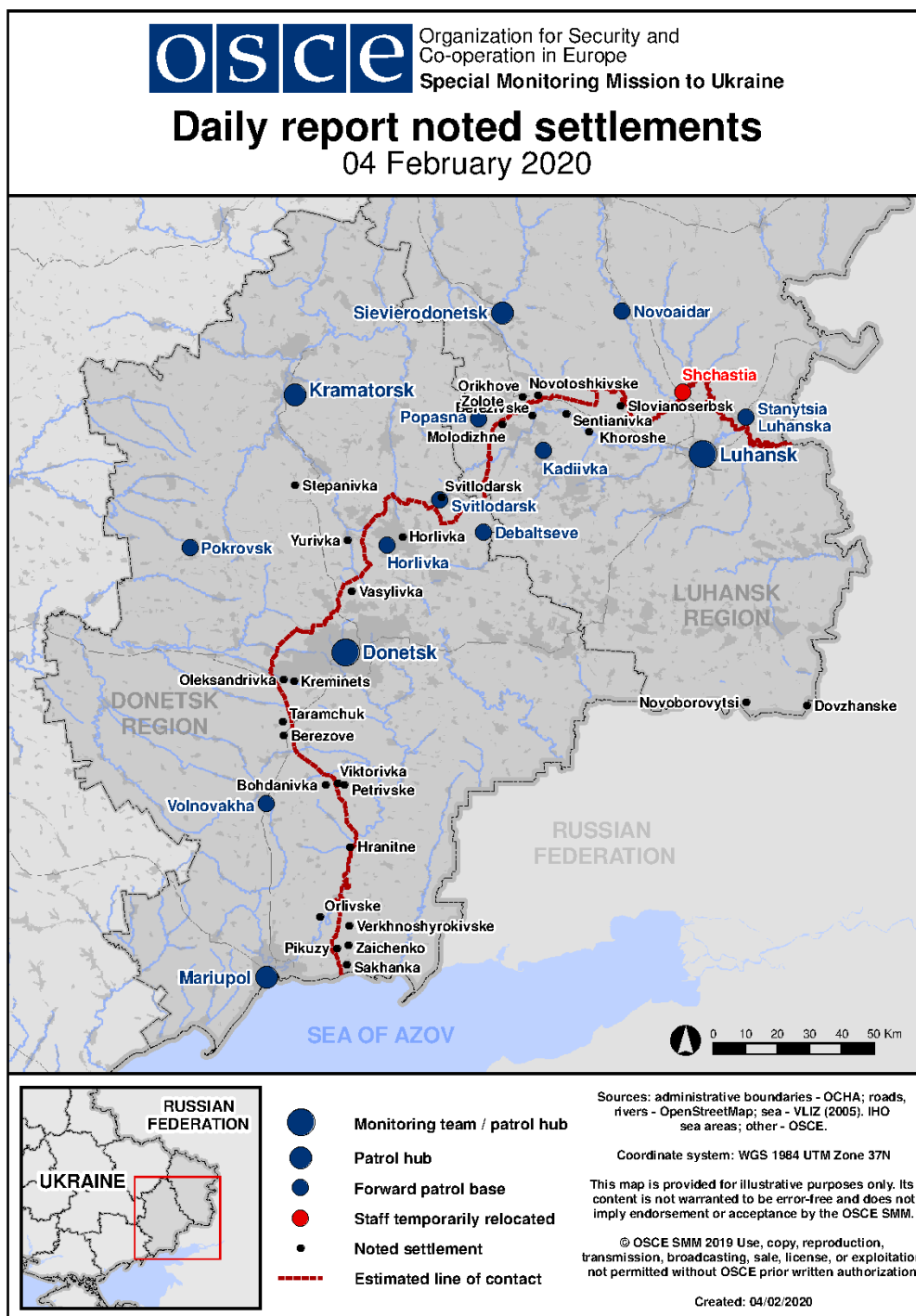
<sup>8</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based 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, 16km NE of Donetsk)							
About 3km NE of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Heard	35	Burst		HMG	3-Feb, 12:32-12:38
	2-3km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Outgoing	Mortar (type N/K)	3-Feb, 12:32-12:38
	N/K NW	Heard	4	Explosion	Impact	Mortar (type N/K)	3-Feb, 12:32-12:38
3km SW of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk)	6-8km NNE	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	3-Feb, 10:57
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km W	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 20:26
	3-5km WNW	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 20:50
	3-5km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 20:50
	3-5km W	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 21:02
	3-5km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 21:05
	3-5km W	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 21:23
	3-5km W	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 21:25
	3-5km W	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 21:27
	3-5km WNW	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 21:33
	3-5km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 21:55
	3-5km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 21:58
	3-5km WNW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 21:58
	3-5km WNW	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 22:00
	3-5km WNW	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 22:05
	3-5km WNW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 22:06
	3-5km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 22:07
	5-7km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 23:46
3-5km NW	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	3-Feb, 11:07	
About 5km NNW of Horlivka (non-government controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3km W	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	3-Feb, 09:25
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4km WSW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	3-Feb, 10:26
	2-3km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 18:58
	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 18:58
	2-3km SSW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 18:59
	2-3km SSW	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 19:07
	5-6km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 20:21
	2-3km SSW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	2-Feb, 21:14
	4-5km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 21:20
	4-5km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 21:47
	5-6km NE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Feb, 22:07
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 09:57
S of Yurivka government-controlled (32 km NNE of Donetsk)	1.5km E	Heard	7	Shot	Assessed as aimed at the UAV	Small arms	3-Feb, 12:41
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 17:11
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the	N/K	3-Feb, 17:15

					disengagement area)		
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 17:16
SE edge of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	5-7km NNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	3-Feb, 09:18
N edge of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	5-10km WSW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 13:17-13:21
S edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	10-12km E	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Feb, 14:55-15:32

### 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).