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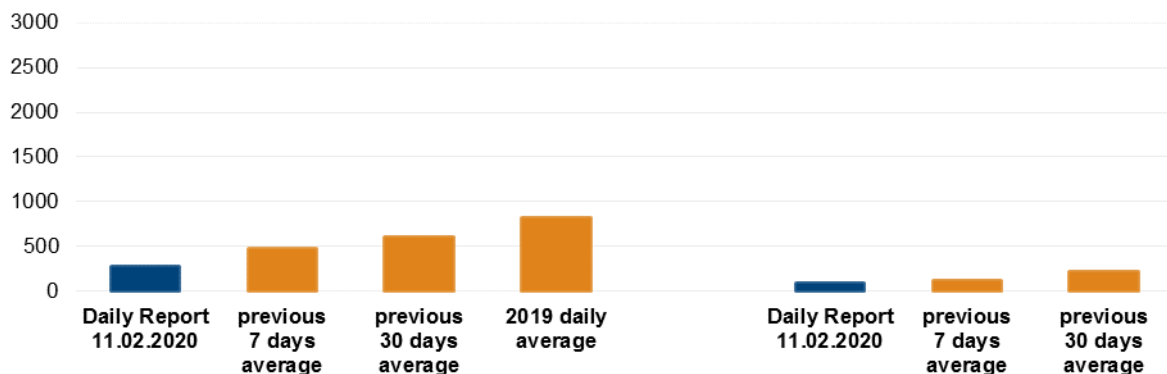
Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed that snow had been cleared from positions inside the disengagement area near Petrivske. It also recorded ceasefire violations close to the same disengagement area.
- The SMM observed a calm situation near the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska and Zolote.
- Members of the armed formations continued restricting the SMM's freedom of movement at checkpoints in southern Donetsk region and at border crossing points in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



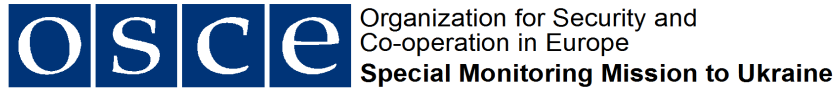
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 10 February 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. The SMM cameras near Bohdanivka and Hnutove were not operational during the reporting period.

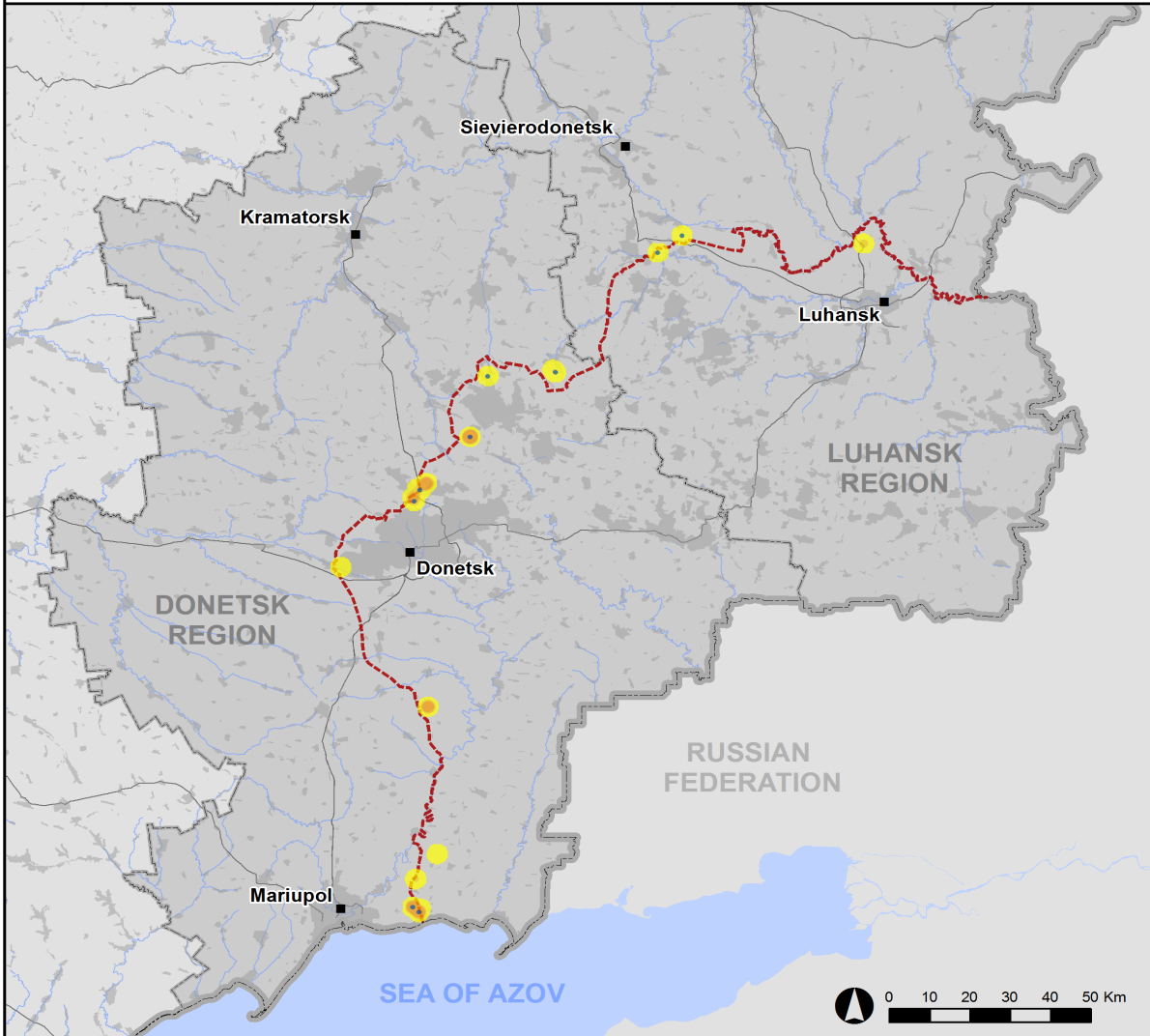
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

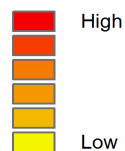
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 10 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, however, more explosions (about 80), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 40 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at northerly and north-north-easterly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and south-south-west of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), where the majority of explosions were also recorded.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (two), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 40 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded south-west of Obozne (non-government-controlled, 18km north of Luhansk).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 10 February, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) and their checkpoint south of it.

On 10 February, on the southern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them).

On 9 February, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a position (with some parts cleared of snow) assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces, about 550m south of the area’s northern edge and about 2km east of its western edge. It also spotted a position about 50m north of the area’s southern edge and about 150m west of its eastern edge, and another on the eastern edge of the disengagement area, both with some parts cleared of snow and assessed as belonging to the armed formations (for previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 14 January 2020](#)).

On 10 February, while positioned about 500m east-south-east of the north-eastern edge of the disengagement area near Petrivske, the SMM heard 12 bursts and 20 shots of small-arms fire, all at an assessed range of 2-3km south-south-east and assessed as outside of 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 SMM saw a weapon in violation of withdrawal lines in a residential area in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region (for further details, see 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.

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁶

*At a heavy weapons holding area in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region
10 February*

The SMM noted that:

- nine self-propelled howitzers (2S1 *Gvozdika*, 122mm) were present and
- 11 previously observed self-propelled howitzers (2S1) continued to be missing, while one was observed missing for the first time.

Indications of military presence in the security zone⁷

The SMM observed military presence inside the security zone in government-controlled areas of Luhansk and Donetsk regions, including in residential areas (for further details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of maintenance to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the maintenance and operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk). Due to continuing ceasefire violations in the areas south-east of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk) and north-west of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) (see below), the SMM was hindered from monitoring 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 Marynivka (78km east of Donetsk) for about one hour, the SMM observed nine cars (two with Ukrainian and two with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as five with “DPR” plates), a bus (with “DPR” plates) and a pedestrian (man in his forties) entering Ukraine. It also saw 11 cars (including eight with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks and a bus (both with “DPR” plates) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 20 minutes, the SMM saw a covered cargo truck and an empty flatbed truck exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed four cars (two with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as two with “LPR” plates), and seven pedestrians (mixed genders, 40-50 years old) entering Ukraine. It also saw 21 cars (eight with Ukrainian and seven with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as six with “LPR” plates and 27 pedestrians (17 women and 10 men, between 35-60 years old) exiting Ukraine. After 20 minutes, a member of the armed formations asked the SMM to leave the area.*

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

⁶ The SMM visited areas 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.

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

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 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 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 Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled 102km south-east of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards the border, citing “instructions of his superiors”.
- At two border crossing points near Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km south-east of Luhansk) and Sievernyi (non-government-controlled, 50km south-east of Luhansk), members of the armed formations asked the SMM to leave the area (see above).

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:

- At a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed only after 24 minutes of waiting.

Other impediments:

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) and Luhanske (government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk).⁸

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

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
8/02/2020	1	Probable mortar (120mm)	In a residential area near Mykolaivka (15km east of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

Table of military presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
07/02/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	In a residential area near Heivka (27km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
10/02/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Novoselivka (31km north of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (<i>Saxon</i>)	Near Avdiivka (17km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	In Shyrokyne (100km south of Donetsk)	SMM camera
1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)			

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 10 February 2020¹⁰

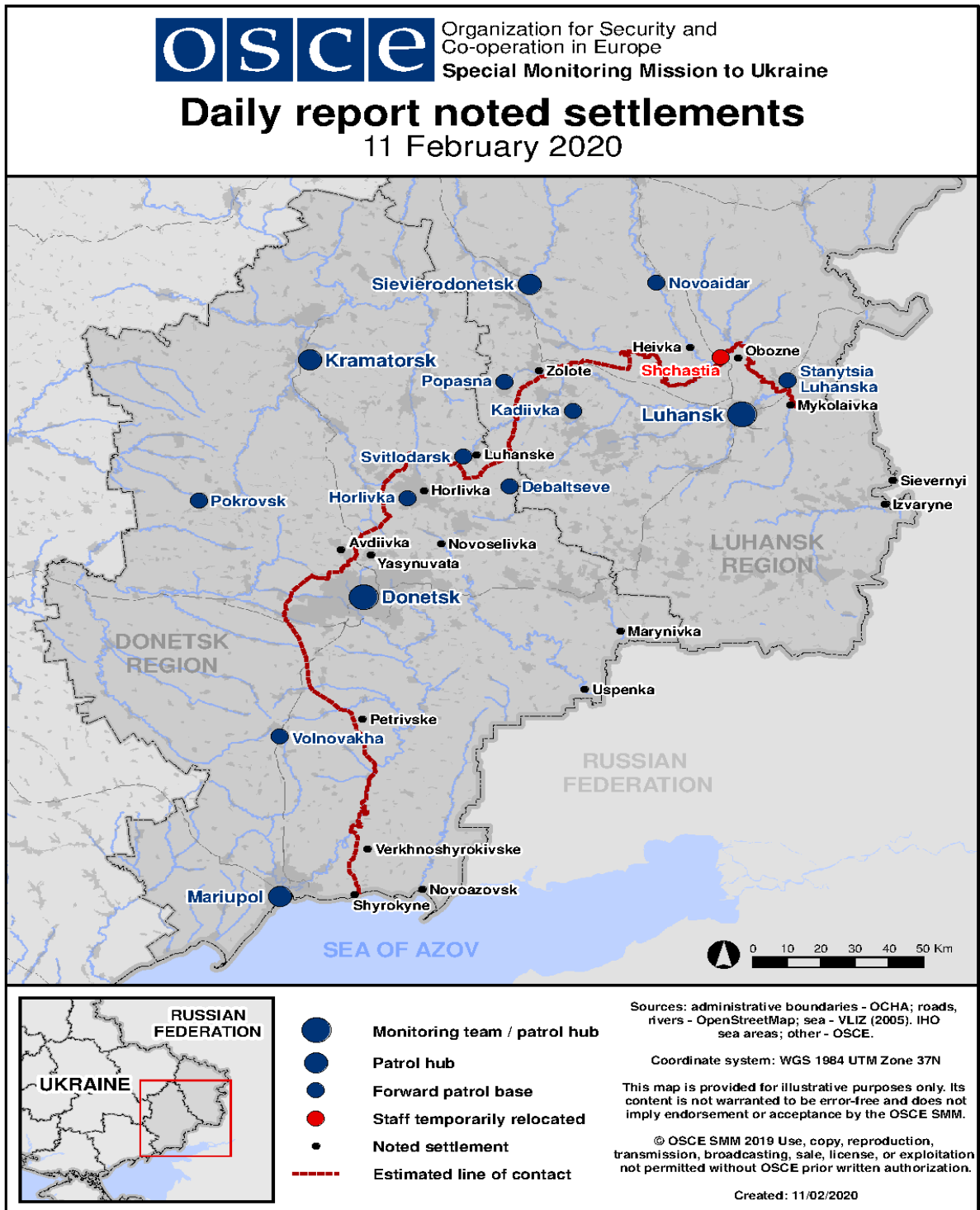
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	7-9km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	9-Feb, 19:24
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 19:51
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	10-Feb, 02:33
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	0.5-1km S	Recorded	2	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	10-Feb, 03:54
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 19:47
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	9-Feb, 19:32
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 19:51
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	9-Feb, 19:51
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 19:51
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 19:54
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 19:55
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	9-Feb, 19:55
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Feb, 20:28
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 20:46
	4-6km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	9-Feb, 20:47
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 21:15
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 23:10
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 23:11
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 23:13
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 23:14
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 23:16
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Feb, 23:16
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	9-Feb, 23:16
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Feb, 23:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Feb, 23:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 00:24
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	10-Feb, 00:24
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 00:27
	4-6km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 00:31
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Impact	N/K	10-Feb, 00:31
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 00:32
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 00:35
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 00:46
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 02:49

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.

	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 03:09
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 04:54
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SSE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 11:17-11:20
	2-3km SSE	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 11:17-11:20
	1.5-2.5km E	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 11:58
	2-3km SSE	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 12:32
	2-3km SSE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	10-Feb, 12:36
	3-4km SSE	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 13:47-13:54
	3-4km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 13:47-13:54
About 1.1km NW of the Railway station of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km NW	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 09:50-10:05
	1-2km NW	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 09:50-10:05
	1-2km NNW	Heard	16	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 10:22-11:01
	1-2km NNW	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 10:22-12:01
Trudivski area (non-government-controlled, 15km SW of Donetsk city centre)	600-700m SW	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 10:50
	600-700m SW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 10:52
	600-700m SW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 10:53
About 500m NW of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SSE	Heard	12	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	10-Feb, 10:33
	2-3km SSE	Heard	20	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	10-Feb, 10:51
About 2km SW of Pyshchevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	4-5km SE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 13:50
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 13:57
	4-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 14:32
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 19:05
	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 19:28
	2-3km SE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	9-Feb, 20:41
	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 22:19
	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Feb, 23:21
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km SSW	Heard	13	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 15:37-15:45
	5-7km SSW	Heard	37	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 15:52-16:02
	5-7km SSW	Heard	13	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 16:08-16:14
NE edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	8-10km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 10:22
Obozne (non-government-controlled, 18km N of Luhansk)	2-3km SW	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	10-Feb, 10:50

SW edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	4-5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 12:22
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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).