

# Daily Report 35/2020

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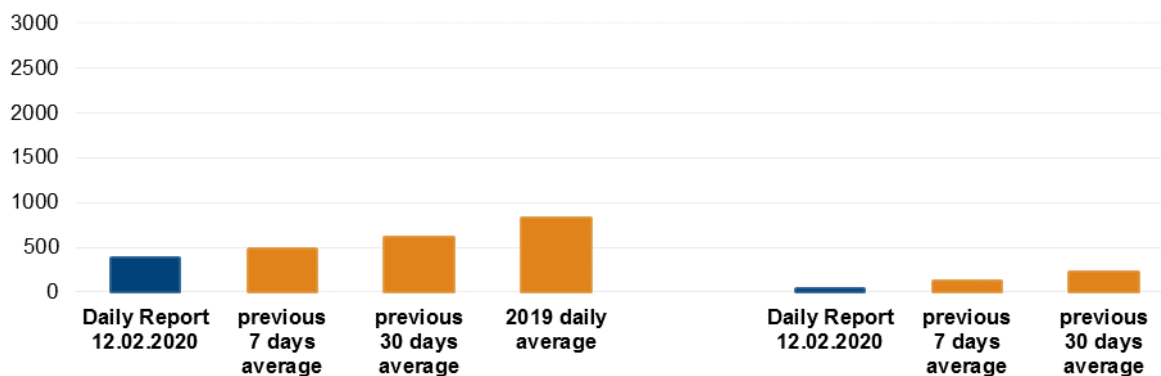
## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and fewer in Luhansk region.
- It followed up on reports of a man injured by shelling in non-government-controlled Berezivske.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation in the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote, and Petrivske.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints in non-government-controlled Zaichenko, Sosnivske, and Prymorske, all in southern Donetsk region.\*

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

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

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



## Map of recorded ceasefire violations

<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 11 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 cameras near Bohdanivka and Hnutove were not operational during the reporting period.

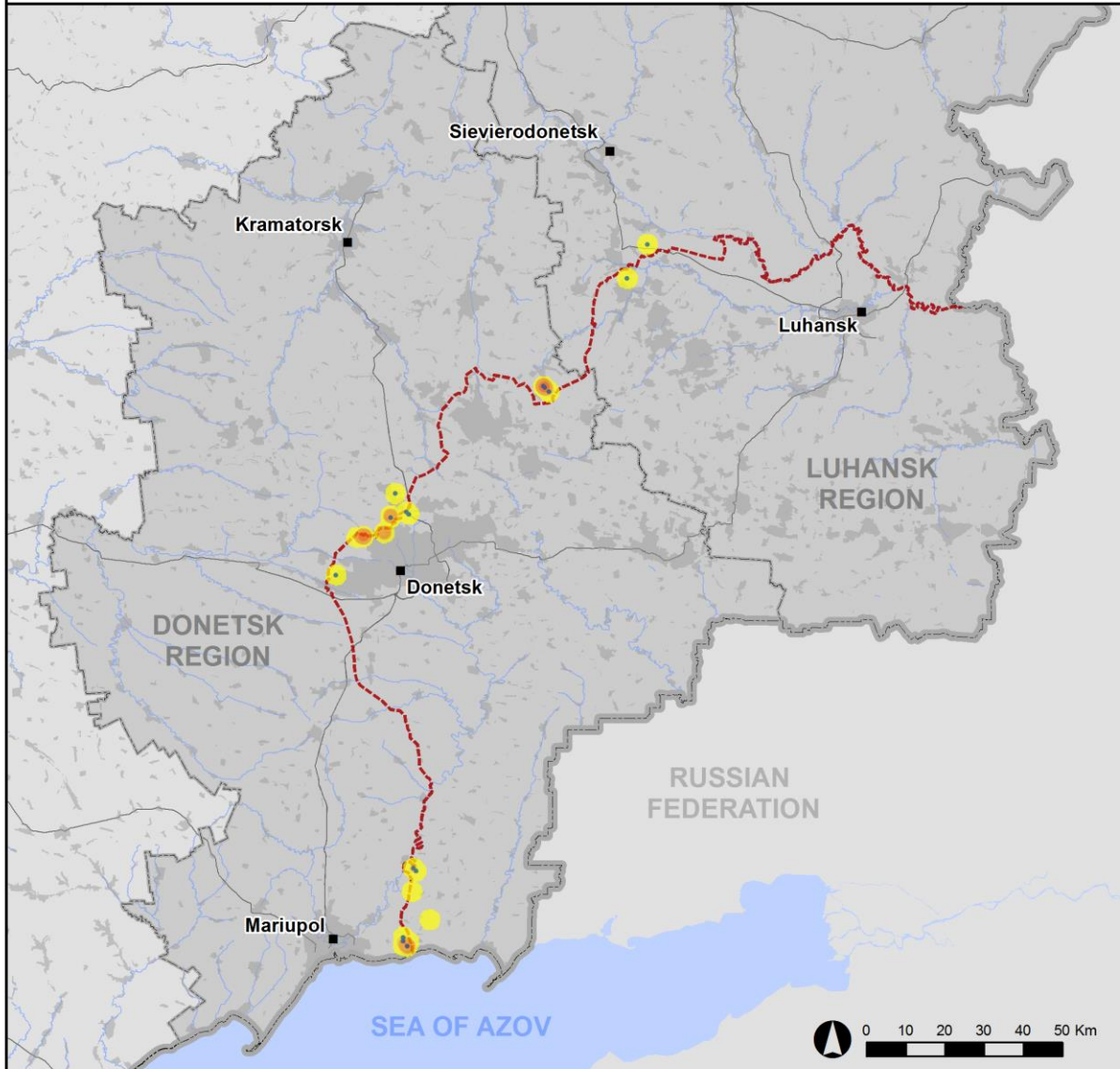
<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

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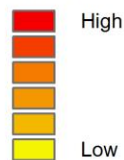


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 11 February 2020



### 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 more ceasefire violations, including, however, fewer explosions (30), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 80 explosions). The

majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas south-east of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and south and south-west of Pisky (government-controlled, 11km north-west of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations (five), all of which were explosions, compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (two explosions). All explosions occurred outside the Zolote disengagement area, in areas north-north-west of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) and south-east of the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

### Man sustains shrapnel injuries in non-government-controlled Berezivske

The SMM followed up on reports of an 80-year-old man injured by shelling in Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk) on 26 January. On 30 January, medical staff at the hospital in Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) told the Mission that the man had been admitted on 28 January with shrapnel injuries to his right shin, adding that he had been injured earlier but had come to the hospital only after his condition started to deteriorate. On 10 February, the man's wife told the SMM that he had spent ten days in a hospital in Holubivka, where shrapnel had been removed from his leg. On 26 January, the SMM recorded undetermined explosions and bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire around Berezivske. Previously, the SMM reported recent damage to civilian properties in Berezivske (for further details, see [SMM Daily Report 1 February 2020](#)).

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

On 11 February, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw seven 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 the same day, the SMM saw four members of an international organization carrying an elderly woman on a wheeled stretcher across the bridge from non-government- to government-controlled areas.

On 10 February, outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted two infantry fighting vehicles (probable BMP variants) about 240m north of the area's north-eastern edge.

On 11 February, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 4-6km south-east. While positioned in Holubivske, the Mission heard four undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 4-6km north-north-west. All explosions were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the same day, the SMM saw a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with "JCCC" written on it) on the southern edge of the disengagement area. About 170m south of the area's southern edge, near the road leading towards Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk), the SMM saw a weapon, assessed as a possible recoilless gun (SPG-9 *Kopye*, 73mm), belonging to 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.

On 11 February, while positioned in Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

### **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 five weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for further details, see table below).

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

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

About 6.5km east of the contact line, south of a checkpoint in Khreshchatytske (formerly Krasnoarmiiske, non-government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk), the SMM saw five members of the armed formations digging trenches with shovels.

On 10 February, an SMM long-range UAV spotted a crater in a field west of Verkhnoшыrokivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk) and another in a field about 5km further north-east, both of which were assessed as recent.

### **Border areas outside government control**

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for approximately one hour and 30 minutes, the SMM saw 21 cars (three with Ukrainian and eight with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as ten with “DPR” plates), a covered cargo truck with Ukrainian licence plates, and 16 pedestrians (11 women and five men, mixed ages) entering Ukraine. It also saw 25 cars (three with Ukrainian and 13 with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as nine with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks with Ukrainian licence plates, two buses with “DPR” plates, and 22 pedestrians (13 men and nine women, mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

At a local train station on the north-eastern edge of Lysyche (non-government-controlled, 66km south-east of Donetsk), an area about 6km from the international border, the Mission observed a train with at least 40 empty wagons, moving from south-east towards north-west.

### **SMM monitors security situation in south-east Kherson region**

The SMM observed a calm situation at the checkpoint between Chonhar (163km south-east of Kherson) and Crimea.

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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.

The Mission continued monitoring in 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, [SMM Daily Report 11 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 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 observed a civilian vehicle passing through the checkpoint.
- At a checkpoint east of Sosnivske (non-government-controlled, 78km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage to the settlement, citing risks to “the SMM's safety”.
- At a checkpoint in Prymorske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), two members of the armed formations (one visibly armed) denied the SMM passage to Prymorske, citing “demining activities in the area”. While present, the SMM observed a civilian vehicle passing through the checkpoint.

#### *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 (formerly Oktiabr, non-government controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed only after approximately 25 minutes of waiting each time.

#### Other impediments:

- On 9 February, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between Kostiantynivka

(government-controlled, 60km north of Donetsk) and Starohnativka (government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk).<sup>7</sup>

- On 10 February, an SMM long-range UAV experienced dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming while flying over Oleksandro-Shulyne (government-controlled, 54km north of Donetsk) and over areas between Svitlodarsk and Novodachne (non-government-controlled, 23km west of Luhansk).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAVs' position.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid

## Table of weapons

### Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
11/02/2020	4	Tank (probable T-64BV)	Near Kalynove (31km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	Near Sievierodonetsk (74km north-west of Luhansk)	

### Table of indications of military presence in the security zone<sup>9</sup>

Date	No.	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
08/02/2020	3	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near a checkpoint in Pyshchevyk (84km south of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery
10/02/2020	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Svitlodarsk	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB) with anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm) mounted atop	Near Vozdvyzhenka (formerly Krasnyi Pakhar, 66km north-east of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	In a military compound in Pavlopil (84km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)		
	1	Probable armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	In a residential area in Pyshchevyk	
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRM-1K)	In a residential area near Krasnohorivka (21km west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
11/02/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	South of Muratove (51km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Shyrokyne (100km south of Donetsk)	SMM camera

<sup>9</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 11 February 2020<sup>10</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 18:56
	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	10-Feb, 18:56
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 19:25
	2-4km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 21:03
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 18:52
SMM camera in Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km W of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 21:13
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 18:31
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 18:47
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	10-Feb, 18:54
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	10-Feb, 19:27
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	10-Feb, 19:27
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	10-Feb, 19:27
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 20:08
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 20:11
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	10-Feb, 20:14
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 20:28
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 20:28
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 20:29
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 20:30
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 20:31
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 20:32
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 20:33
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	11	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 20:34
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	8	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 20:35
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	11	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 20:36
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 20:52
	2-4km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	10-Feb, 21:12
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	10-Feb, 21:24
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	10-Feb, 21:24
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact, subsequent to previous event	N/K	10-Feb, 21:24
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 21:31
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	11-Feb, 00:38
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	11-Feb, 01:00

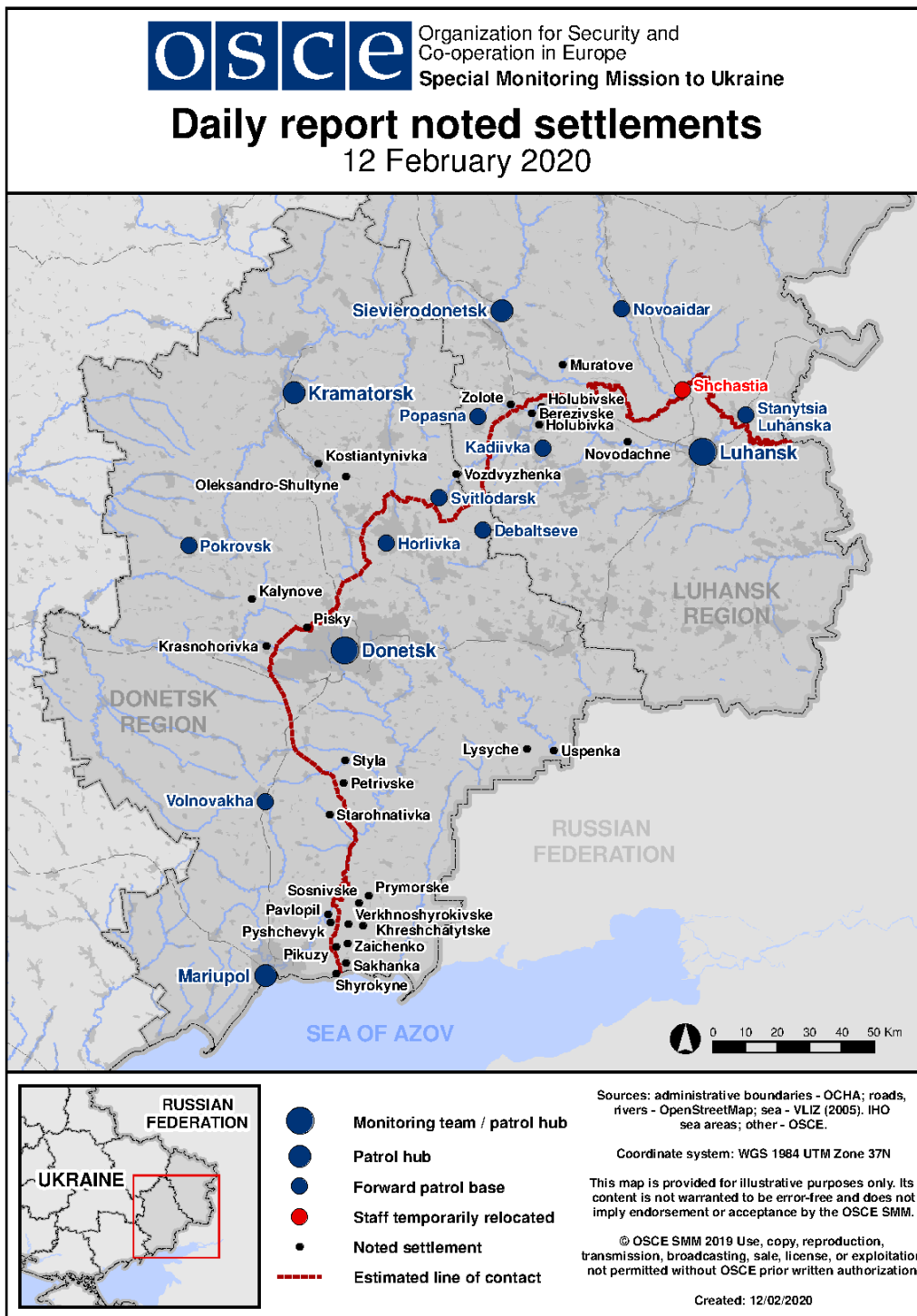
<sup>10</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based 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.



	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 01:51
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	11-Feb, 02:03
	3-5km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Feb, 03:32
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 18:12
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 10:18
E part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	35	Burst		Small arms	11-Feb, 12:19-12:32
	2-4km S	Heard	4	Explosion		N/K	11-Feb, 12:19-12:32
	2-3km S	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	11-Feb, 12:46-12:54
About 1km NNE of Donetsk central railway station (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-3km WNW	Heard	38	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 09:22-09:36
2.2km NW of Pisky (government-controlled, 11km NW of Donetsk)	1-2km S	Heard	23	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 10:06-10:08
	1-2km S	Heard	22	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 10:15
	1-2km S	Heard	57	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 10:26-10:30
	2-3km SW	Heard	8	Explosion	Outgoing	MLRS (BM-21 Grad, 122mm)	11-Feb, 10:32-10:35
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasyuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:48
	3-4km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 13:48
	3-4km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 13:52
3km NE of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	1	Burst	Undetermined	HMG	11-Feb, 12:23
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	18	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 20:27
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 20:27
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 20:43
	3-5km SE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 20:52
	3-5km SE	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 20:55
	5-7km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 20:55
	3-5km SE	Heard	22	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 21:10
	3-5km SE	Heard	27	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 21:13
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 21:13
	3-5km SE	Heard	17	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 21:26
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 22:42
	5-7km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 22:52
	4-6km SE	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 23:08
	4-6km SE	Heard	13	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 23:12
	4-6km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 23:20
4-6km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	10-Feb, 23:34	

About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 13:52
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Feb, 03:18
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	4-6km NNW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	11-Feb, 09:38-09:42

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>11</sup>



<sup>11</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).