

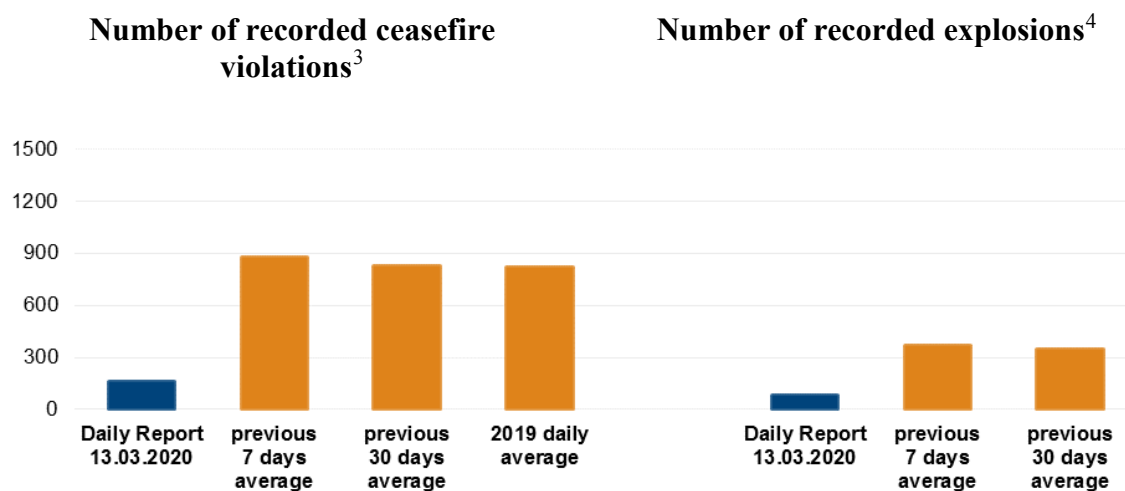
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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM observed damage to a civilian property in Holmivskiyi, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- It observed demining activities in the disengagement area near Zolote and near Molodizhne, Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to critical civilian infrastructure and demining activities.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including in non-government-controlled Donetsk city and at checkpoints of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region.

Ceasefire violations²



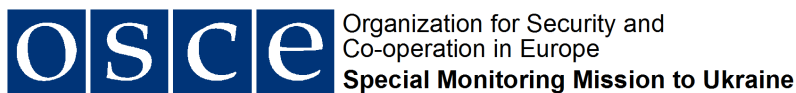
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 12 March 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

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

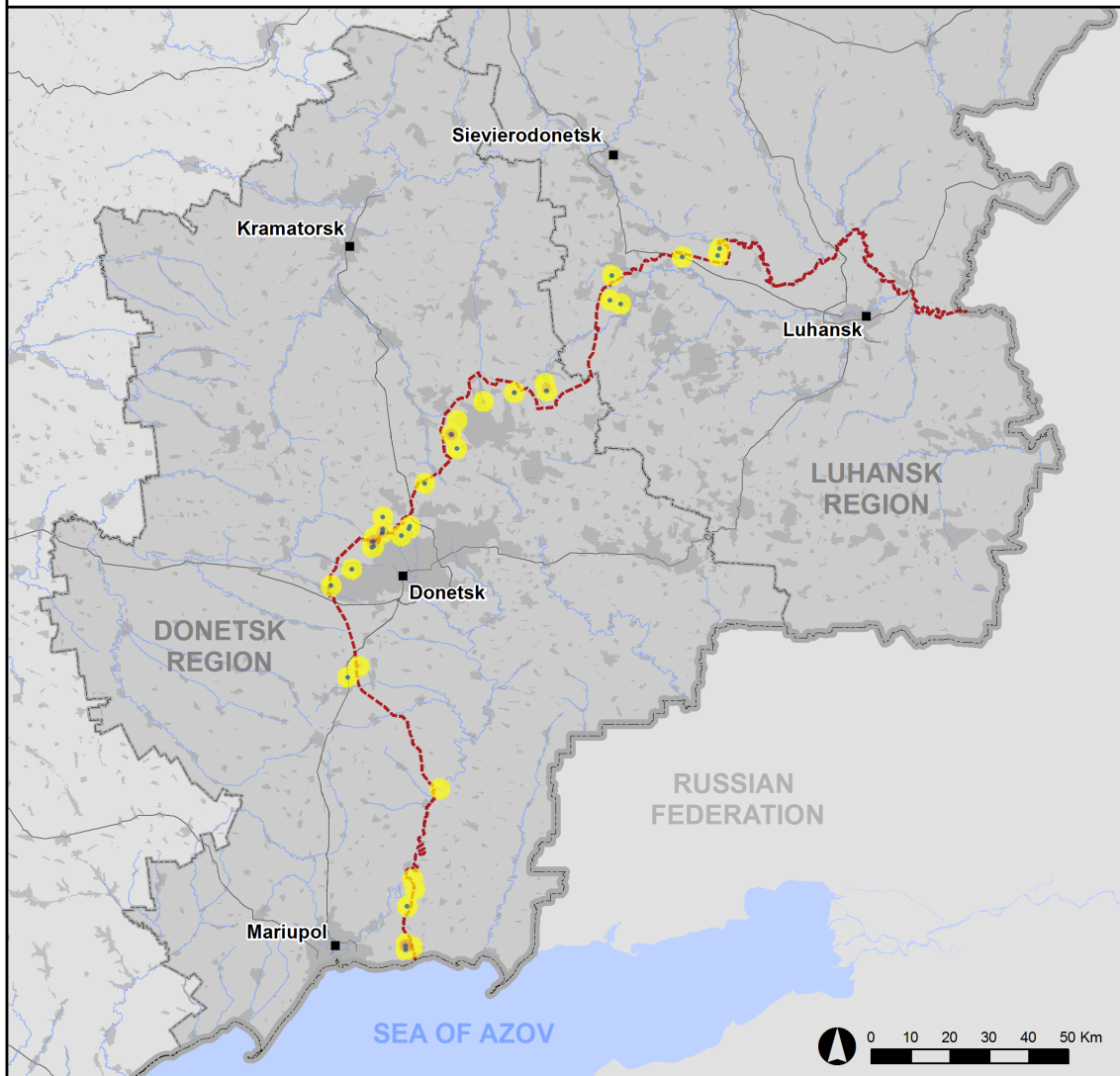
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

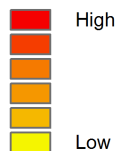
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 12 March 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 reporting period](#) (about 170 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), at northerly and westerly directions of Donetsk city, at westerly directions of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), and at easterly and southerly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, all of which were explosions (nine), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 20 explosions). All ceasefire violations were recorded in areas north-west of Smile (non-government-controlled, 31km north-west of Luhansk), north-north-east of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk) at easterly and southerly directions of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) and in areas west-south-west of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km north-west of Luhansk).

Damage to a residential building in Holmivskiyi

On 12 March, the SMM saw four holes in the north-facing roof of an inhabited house at 5 Mykytivske Road in Holmivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 49km north-east of Donetsk). The SMM assessed the damage as fresh but was unable to assess its cause. A male resident of the house (in his seventies) said that on the morning of 11 March he had seen airbursts from his window.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 12 March, the SMM observed a calm situation inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk). During the day, the Mission saw six 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 9 March, an SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a mortar (2B11 *Sani*, 120mm) about 1km north of the northern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) and two infantry fighting vehicles (IFV) (one BMP-1 and one BMP-2) near the checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces north of the disengagement area. Inside the disengagement area, near its northern edge, the same UAV [again](#) spotted an armoured utility vehicle (Praktyka, *Kozak-2*) and a vehicle assessed as a probable police vehicle.

On 12 March, the SMM saw five de-miners from the State Emergency Service of Ukraine driving inside the disengagement area, reportedly to conduct demining activities in Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km west of Luhansk). On the same day, it also saw four de-miners from non-government-controlled areas enter the area through the checkpoint on its southern edge, reportedly to conduct demining activities south of the railway bridge. While positioned 3km north of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw smoke and heard an explosion, assessed as a controlled detonation inside the disengagement area, about 250m north of the SMM’s position.

⁵ 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, the Mission saw that three [previously observed](#) ammunition boxes and a used smoke grenade tube near former forward positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 450m south of the area's northern edge had been removed. About 1.2km north of the disengagement area's southern edge and about 20m west of road T-1316, the SMM saw for the first time two anti-tank mines (TM-62) and, nearby, [again](#) saw two additional anti-tank mines (TM-62), as well as a [previously observed](#) anti-personnel mine (MON-50) without a fuse. Nearby, the SMM also saw a rocket-propelled infantry flamethrower (RPO-A *Shmel*), as well as a rocket-propelled assault grenade (RShG-2) lying on the ground. Throughout the day, on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on it).

On 10 March, an SMM mini-UAV spotted two IFVs (BMP-2), one about 350m north-west of the north-western corner of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) and one about 800m north of the area's northern edge, near positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. On 12 March, an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted about 200 anti-tank mines (TM-62) laid in two rows running north to south, about 900m east of the area's western edge, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On 12 March, in Petrivske, the SMM saw that a red and white ribbon [previously reported](#) as stretching over the road leading to the SMM's camera site nearby had been removed.

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.

In a government-controlled area of Luhansk region, the SMM saw a weapon in violation of withdrawal lines. It also saw seven weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region. (For further details, see above and the table below).

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁶

The Mission observed armoured combat vehicles in the security zone on both sides of the contact line (for further details, see above and the table below).

On 9 March, an SMM mid-range UAV spotted for the first time a 10-m long trench running east to west and a bunker about 150m from the nearest residential houses in Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km west of Luhansk) and about 900m north of the disengagement area near Zolote.

On 12 March, the Mission saw new defensive positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces covered with camouflage nets in a field near the SMM camera site in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk).

⁶ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Demining activities near Molodizhne and presence of mine hazard signs

On the morning of 12 March, at the checkpoint of the armed formations about 1.7km south-west of Molodizhne, the Mission observed six members of the armed formations (four with demining kits and two wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), as well as five deminers from non-government-controlled areas, separately enter a field west of the checkpoint and south-west of road T-0504, which is regularly used by the SMM. Near the checkpoint of the armed formations, the SMM saw the de-miners remove two [previously observed](#) 120mm mortar rounds and, nearby, remove an unexploded round of a rocket-propelled grenade launcher (RPG-7), eight empty cartridge cases from anti-tank gun rounds (MT-12 *Rapira*, 100mm), and various non-explosive remnants of ammunition.

On the same morning, the SMM heard an explosion, assessed as a controlled detonation, at an assessed range of 400m south of the checkpoint, and also saw the de-miners conduct controlled detonations, including of a 125mm HEAT shell and a round of a rocket-propelled grenade launcher, about 5-10m from the road. Shortly thereafter, the Mission saw the deminers leave the area, after which the SMM was again able to use the road.

Near a crossroads about 2km north of Luhanske (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission saw for the first time two mine warning signs just off the road.

On the western outskirts of Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw for the first time a hand-painted mine hazard sign about 120m from residential houses and about 2m from a road running towards Syhnalne (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk).

SMM facilitation of repairs of civilian infrastructure and demining activities

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to water infrastructure near Pervomaiske (government-controlled, 17km north-west of Donetsk) and near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk), as well as to monitor demining activities in Krasnyi Yar (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Luhansk) and in the disengagement area near Zolote (see above).

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

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 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 of 12 March 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:

- In non-government-controlled Donetsk city, a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM access to its regular observation post at the central railway station.
- At a checkpoint north of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk) and Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk), citing "orders from superiors."

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.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
09/03/2020	1	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)	On the south-western outskirts of Zolote (60km west of Luhansk), about 1km north of the Zolote disengagement area (see above)	Mid-range UAV

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
12/03/2020	6	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	On two stationary trains at a railway station in Druzhkivka (72km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Driving south-westwards near Bakhmut (formerly Artemivsk, 67km north of Donetsk)	

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
09/03/2020	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-1 and one BMP-2)	Near a checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces north of the disengagement area near Zolote (see above)	Mid-range UAV
10/03/2020	8	Armoured personnel carrier (seven BTR-70 and a probable BTR-70)	In residential areas of Verkhnotoetske (23km north-east of Donetsk)	
	2	One infantry fighting vehicle and one probable armored combat vehicle		
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
12/03/2020	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	In Bohdanivka, near residential houses	Patrol
	1	Command and control vehicle (BMP-1KSh <i>Potok-2</i>)		
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Halytsynivka (29km north-west of Donetsk), travelling south-east	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	
	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Panteleimonivka (34km north of Donetsk), loaded on a convoy travelling south	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Mykolaivka (40km south of Donetsk)	

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

Non-government-controlled areas				
09/03/2020	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Nyzhnie Lozove (59km north-east of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
	5	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Donetsk city, near a residential area	
	1	Trench digger (MDK-3)		
	3	Armoured recovery vehicle (BTS-4A)		
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Rozsady (62km north-east of Donetsk)	

Table of ceasefire violations as of 12 March 2020⁸

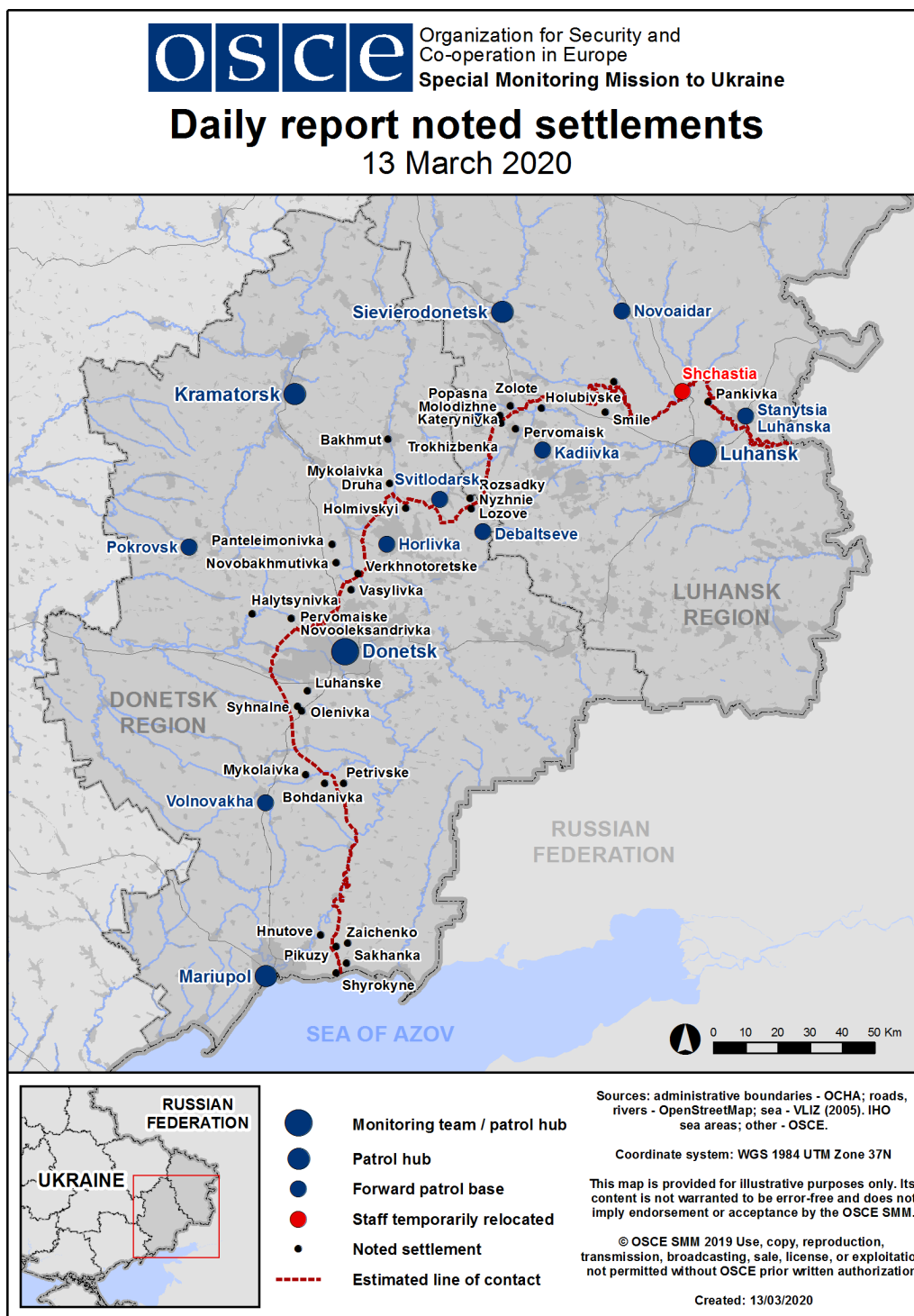
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 19:29
	3-5km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, also recorded by Chermalyk camera	N/K	11-Mar, 23:57
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-5km SSE	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 22:36
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:05
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 22:36
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 23:46
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	12-Mar, 00:30
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	12-Mar, 01:32
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	12-Mar, 02:02
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	5-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	12-Mar, 02:39
	5-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	12-Mar, 02:43
	5-6km ESE	Recorded	4	Muzzle flash		N/K	12-Mar, 02:43
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 23:11
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:03
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:14
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:31
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:32
	2-4km W	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:34
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:35
	2-4km W	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Mar, 21:35
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:39
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:39
	2-4km WNW	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:39
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:39

⁸ 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.

	2-4km W	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:42
	2-4km WNW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Mar, 21:46
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:46
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Mar, 21:47
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:48
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Air burst, subsequent to the previous event	N/K	11-Mar, 21:48
	2-4km WNW	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:49
	3-4km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 23:15
	4-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 23:09
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 19:01
	4-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 20:01
	4-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:05
	4-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:06
	4-5km N	Recorded	10	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 21:11
	4-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile		N/K	11-Mar, 23:46
	4-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 02:44
	2-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 18:44
About 2.6km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	5km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 11:23
About 1.1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 12:28
	7-8km N	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 12:45
About 2km S of Donetsk city centre (non-government-controlled)	7-10km NNW	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:40-21:50
About 3km WSW of Donetsk central railway station (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk)	8km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 09:57
	5km N	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 10:28
	3-5km N	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 10:43-10:50
	3-5km N	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 10:58-11:05
About 1.1km SW of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km SSW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	12-Mar, 09:01
	2-4km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 09:14
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 19:07
	4-6km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:15
	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 00:56
	4-6km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 01:07
	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 01:15
	4-6km W	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	12-Mar, 01:21
	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 01:40
	4-6km NW	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	12-Mar, 01:51
	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 02:10
	4-6km W	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	12-Mar, 02:14
	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 02:15
	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 02:16
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 18:42

Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km ESE	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	11-Mar, 20:44
	2-3km ESE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	11-Mar, 20:47
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 21:40
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 22:57
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 23:42
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Mar, 18:08
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	11-Mar, 18:20
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	5-8km ENE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 09:27
	12-15km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 09:30
N edge of disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk)	5-10km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Mar, 09:28
1.7km SW of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km NW of Luhansk)	4-5km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Mar, 09:29
W edge of Smile (non-government-controlled, 31km NW of Luhansk)	6-7km NW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 09:40-09:50
N edge of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	8-10km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Mar, 10:50-10:52

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁹



⁹ 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).