

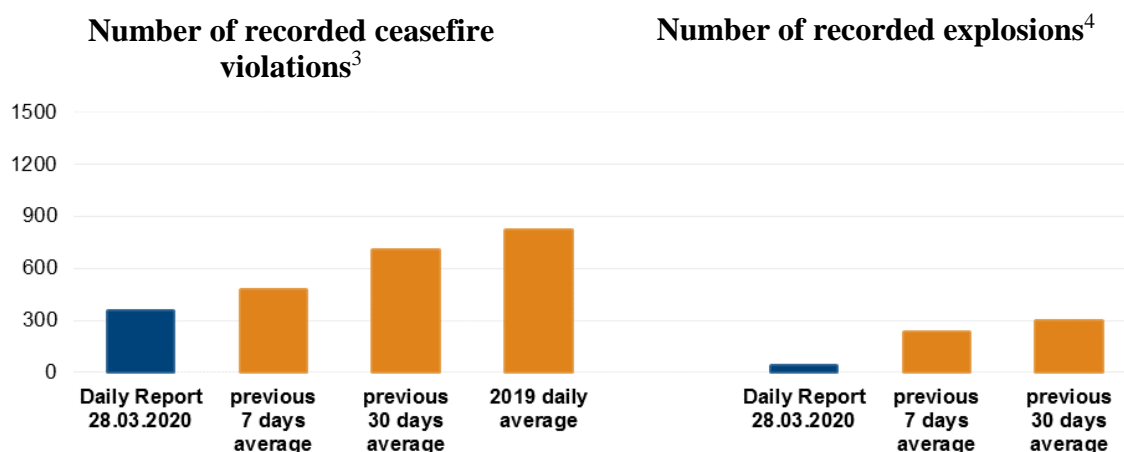
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## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM saw that the entry-exit checkpoints near Maiorsk, Marinka and Stanytsia Luhanska and several checkpoints of the armed formations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions remained closed.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable demining activities near Krasnyi Yar, as well as construction of a power line near Maiorsk.
- The SMM received information that the Donetsk Filtration Station had resumed its operations on 28 March.
- Restrictions of the SMM's freedom of movement continued, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and another one near Marynivka, close to a border area outside government control.\*

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



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 27 March 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

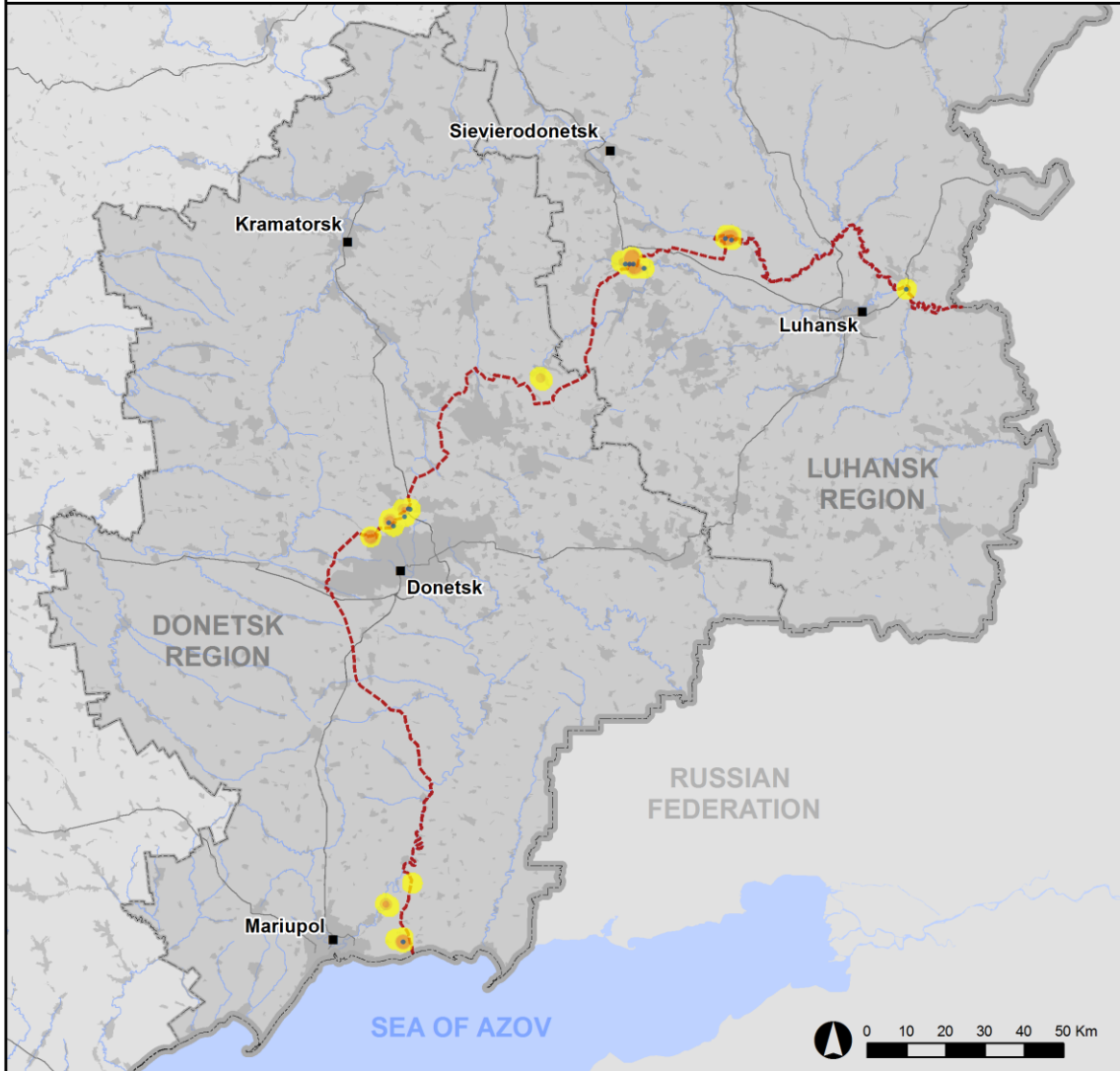
<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

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

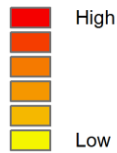
### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 27 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 (13), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 50 explosions). The majority of the ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded at westerly and northerly directions of non-government-controlled Donetsk city and at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, however fewer explosions (about 25), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 60 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at southerly directions of Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km north-west of Luhansk) and in areas north-east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

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

On the morning of 27 March, while on the eastern edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM heard an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 4km south, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** but within 5km of its periphery. Throughout the day on 27 March, inside the disengagement area, 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 26 March, an SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted two infantry fighting vehicles (IFV) (BMP-2) about 200m north of the **disengagement area near Zolote**. On the evening and night of 26-27 March, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded six undetermined explosions and nine projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 1-6km east and east-north-east. On the morning of 27 March, at two locations near the disengagement area, the SMM heard two undetermined explosions and about 90 bursts of heavy-machine-gun and 30mm cannon fire. All of the above ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote but within 5km of its periphery. Throughout the day on 27 March, the SMM saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) near the southern edge of the disengagement area.

On 27 March, positioned close to the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed a calm situation.

### 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.

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

The Mission observed armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the contact line, some of which placed near residential areas (for further details, see the table below).

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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.

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

About 3km south-east of Dovhe (non-government-controlled, 22km north-west of Luhansk), the SMM saw nine members of the armed formations reinforcing a previously observed military-type position, about 25m south of road P-66.

#### **Anti-personnel mine near Molodizhne**

About 2.5km south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km west of Luhansk), about 10m north of road T-0504, the SMM [again](#) saw an anti-personnel mine (MON-200), assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

#### **Preventive measures against COVID-19 outbreak**

The SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk), Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and Stanytsia Luhanska, as well as the checkpoints of the armed formations 200m south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and east of Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) remained closed.

At a checkpoint north of the border crossing point near Marynivka (non-government-controlled, 78km east of Donetsk), two members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing “quarantine-related measures” (see below).\* At the same checkpoint, a member of the armed formations told the SMM that medical checks were being conducted at the border crossing point.

At a checkpoint 200m south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, citing “orders from superiors”.\*

At a border crossing point near Uspenka (non-government-controlled, 73km south-east of Donetsk), the SMM saw members of the armed formation wearing personal protection equipment, such as medical masks, to cover their faces.

#### **SMM facilitation of repairs to critical civilian infrastructure and demining activities**

The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the construction of new power lines near Maiorsk, as well as demining activities near Krasnyi Yar (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Luhansk).

On 27 March, positioned in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), at around 9:00, the SMM monitored the transit of *Voda Donbassa* water company employees from Yasynuvata towards the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk). The same day, at 9:20, the Mission received information about the safe return from the pumping station to Yasynuvata of other *Voda Donbassa* employees who had been covering the night shift during the previous night. Outside the reporting period, on 28 March, the SMM received information that the Donetsk Filtration Station had resumed its operations the same day, after their suspension on 25 March (see [SMM Daily Report 72/2020](#) for additional information).

## Border areas outside government control

On 25 March, aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed the presence of four probable military-type trucks near Oleksiivske (non-government-controlled, 74km east of Donetsk), in an area about 3.5km west of the border where there are no border crossing facilities.

On 27 March, while at a border crossing point near Uspenka for about 35 minutes, the SMM saw six cars (two with Ukrainian and two with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as two with “DPR” plates), one bus with “DPR” plates, and 13 pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) entering Ukraine. The SMM also saw three cars (one with Ukrainian and one with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as one with “DPR” plates), six covered cargo trucks (one with Ukrainian licence plates and five with “DPR” plates) and six pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) exiting Ukraine.

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 a border crossing point near Marynivka (non-government-controlled, 78km east of Donetsk), two members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing “quarantine measures”.
- At a checkpoint 200m south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas, 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 military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
26/03/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Near a residential area of Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Krymske (42km north-west of Luhansk)	Mid-range UAV
	2	Probable armoured combat vehicle	Near a residential area of Zolote 4/Rodina (59km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)		
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
26/03/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Pakhalivka (40km west of Luhansk)	Mid-range UAV
	2	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Kalynove (60km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Petrivske (41km south of Donetsk)	

<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 27 March 2020<sup>8</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	26-Mar, 21:10
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:40
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:41
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:42
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:44
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	26-Mar, 23:44
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	26-Mar, 23:46
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	26-Mar, 23:47
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	26-Mar, 23:48
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	26-Mar, 23:49
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:52
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:53
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:55
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	27-Mar, 00:25
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 00:33
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	26-Mar, 23:45
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	26-Mar, 23:49
	1-2km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 03:44
	1-2km S	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Mar, 04:04
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SW	Recorded	16	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	26-Mar, 19:30
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	26-Mar, 19:36
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Mar, 00:57
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km W	Recorded	13	Projectile	N to S	N/K	27-Mar, 18:37
	2-4km W	Recorded	25	Projectile	S to N	N/K	27-Mar, 18:40
	2-4km W	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	27-Mar, 18:40
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 21:10
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 21:11
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 21:16
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 22:26
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:50
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	26-Mar, 23:54
	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	26-Mar, 23:55
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 00:32
	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 01:52
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	27-Mar, 03:55

<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.

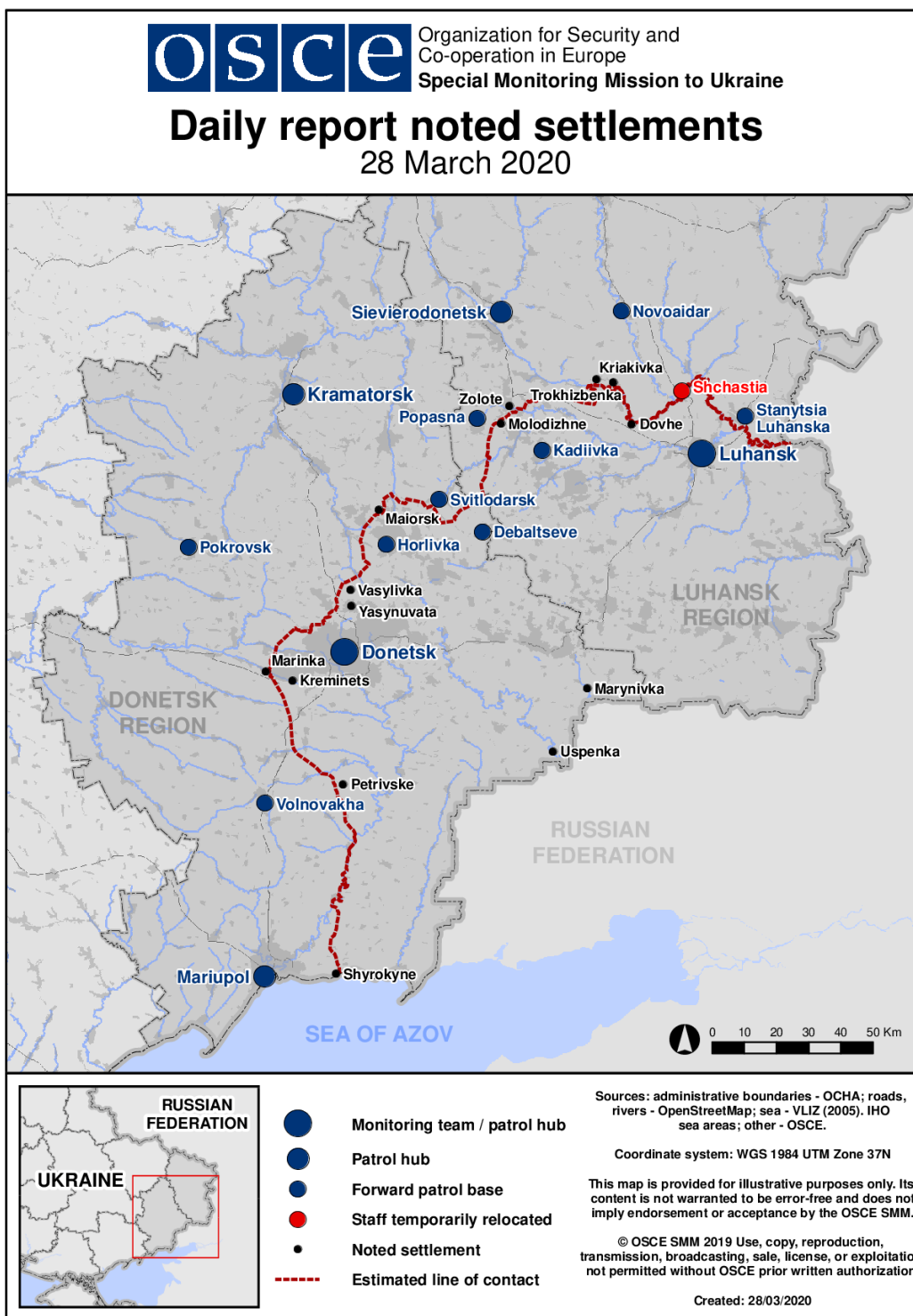
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	27-Mar, 03:56
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	26-Mar, 19:03
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	26-Mar, 19:05
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	26-Mar, 19:05
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	26-Mar, 19:06
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	26-Mar, 19:07
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	26-Mar, 19:08
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	26-Mar, 19:09
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	26-Mar, 19:23
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	26-Mar, 19:24
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	26-Mar, 19:26
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	26-Mar, 21:59
	4-6km NNW	Recorded	2	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	26-Mar, 21:59
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Mar, 00:53
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Mar, 00:55
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Mar, 00:57
	3-5km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Mar, 00:58
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Mar, 01:01
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Mar, 01:02
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Mar, 01:10
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 01:54
3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 02:18	
3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Mar, 02:44	
Svitlodarsk (government- controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	26-Mar, 21:15-21:18
	1-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	26-Mar, 22:10-22:15
	1-3km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	26-Mar, 23:20-23:25
	1-3km SE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	26-Mar, 23:38-23:15
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government- controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:17
	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:18
	2-4km S	Recorded	16	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:20
	2-4km S	Recorded	8	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	26-Mar, 23:21
	3-5km S	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 00:15
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Mar, 00:15
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Mar, 00:15
	3-5km S	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 00:16
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Mar, 00:17
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	WNW to ESE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:17
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Mar, 00:18
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Mar, 00:19
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Mar, 00:21
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Mar, 00:21
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Mar, 00:21
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:21
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Mar, 00:22
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Mar, 00:22



	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:22
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	12	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Mar, 00:22
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Mar, 00:23
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:23
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Mar, 00:42
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km ENE	Recorded	7	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	26-Mar, 23:58
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:15
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:15
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:16
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:21
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 00:22
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 02:14
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 02:21
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	26-Mar, 21:56-22:06
	3-5km SSW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	26-Mar, 21:56-22:06
E edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	3-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 07:07
150m NE of the Zolote disengagement area	5-8km E	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Cannon (30mm)	27-Mar, 09:03

(government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	5-8km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 09:05
	3-5km E	Heard	30	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	27-Mar, 09:30-09:33
	5-8km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Mar, 11:30
Zolote-3/Stakhanovets (government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	5-6km ENE	Heard	55	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Cannon (30mm)	27-Mar, 10:51-10:52

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).