

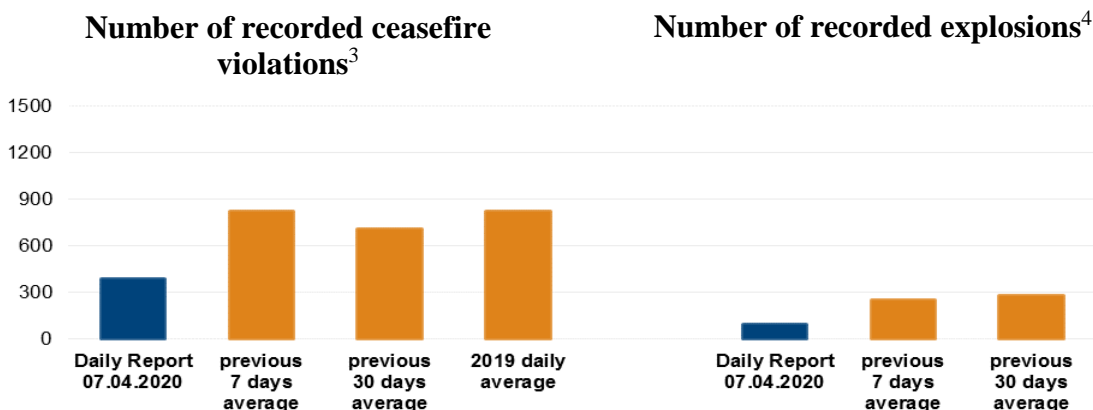
# Daily Report 82/2020

7 April 2020<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and a similar number of ceasefire violations in Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It spotted four persons walking inside the disengagement area near Zolote during night hours, as well as white tape stretched and wooden logs across road T-1316.
- It saw a mortar in violation of withdrawal lines in Sentionivka, Luhansk region.
- The SMM monitored and facilitated adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance and construction of civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, as well as demining activities in Krasnyi Yar, Luhansk region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission again saw that an entry-exit checkpoint in Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge remained closed amid the COVID-19 outbreak.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.\*

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



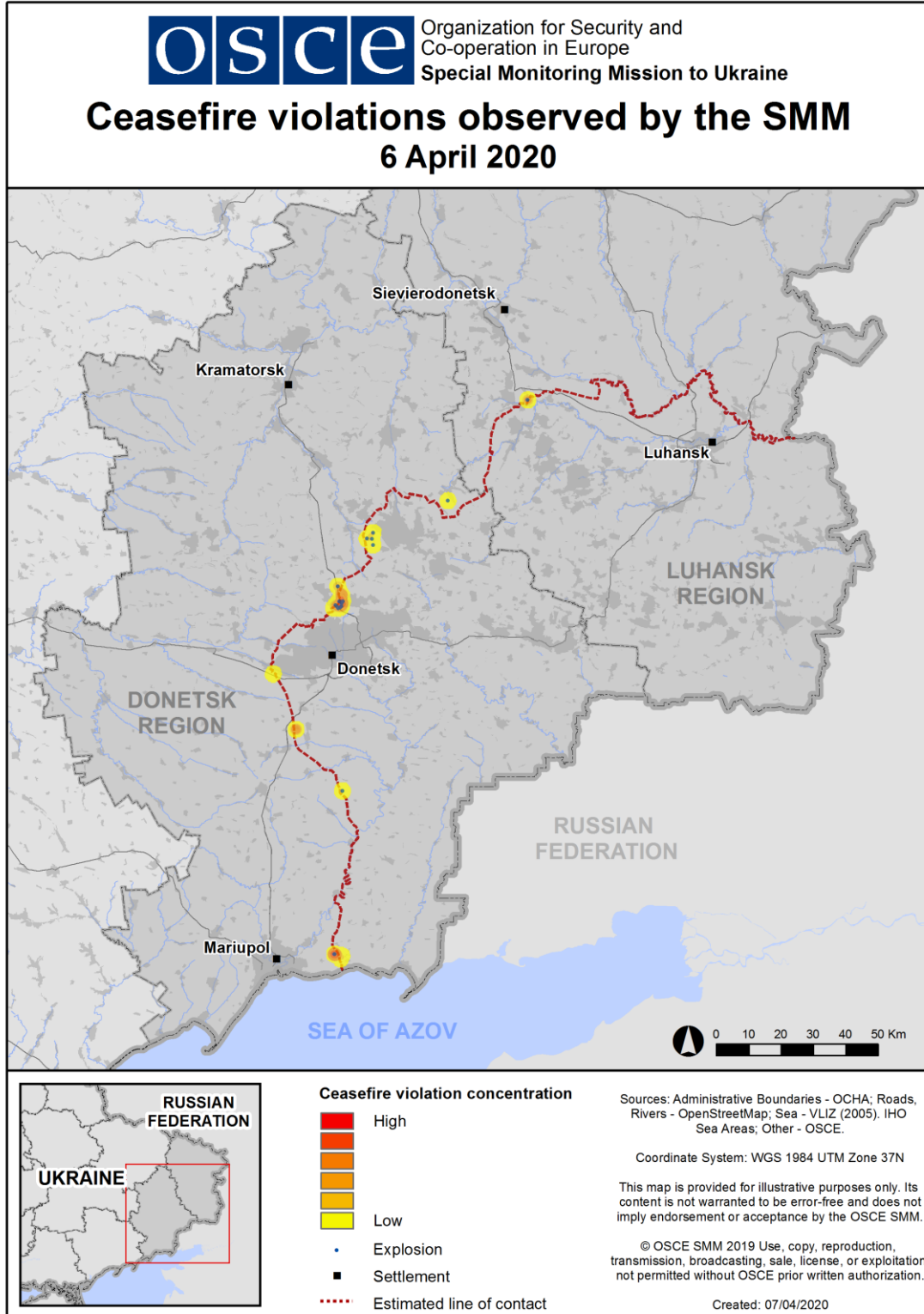
<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 6 April 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras at the Oktiabr mine were not operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

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

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including, however, a similar number of explosions (about 60), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 65 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including half of the explosions, were recorded at northerly and southerly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded a similar number of ceasefire violations, including, however, more explosions (about 30), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 20). All ceasefire violations were recorded in areas north-east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

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

On 6 April, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw two 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 4 April, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted about 60 anti-tank mines (probable TM-62) laid in fields south of the railway track east and west of road T-1316, assessed as belonging to the armed formations (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report 18 January 2020](#)).

On the night between 5 and 6 April, inside the disengagement area, an SMM long-range UAV spotted two persons walking near former positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces south of the railway track east and west of road T-1316, as well as two persons walking close to a former position of the armed formations on the eastern edge of the area.

On the morning of 6 April, inside the disengagement area, about 350m north of its southern edge, the SMM saw for the first time white tape stretched across road T-1316 and five wooden logs lying across the same road. It also saw two concrete blocks placed on the edge of the same road and a red square with “Quarantine” written on it in Cyrillic on one of the blocks.

At a checkpoint of the armed formations near the southern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) entering the area on road T-1316 and heading north. After about three hours, the SMM saw the same two persons exiting the area while carrying three wooden sticks and metal wire.

On the same day, the SMM also saw three other members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) exiting a car at the same checkpoint and handing over red plastic signs to members of the armed formations standing there. Shortly thereafter, the SMM saw a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with “JCCC” written on it), placing a red sign (with “Stop, quarantine” written in Cyrillic and English) on the checkpoint of the armed formations before heading north inside the area with another member of the armed formations, both of whom were carrying other red plastic signs. A member of the armed formations told the SMM that the signs and the wooden logs were to be used as preventive measures to counter the COVID-19 outbreak.

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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.

The same day, while positioned on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM heard about 30 explosions at an assessed range of 5-7km north-east (all assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote but within 5km of its periphery).

On the evening of 5 April, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 4-6km south-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) but within 5km of its periphery. On 6 April, while positioned at three locations near the disengagement area, the SMM 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.

The Mission saw a mortar in violation of withdrawal lines in Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk), Luhansk region. It also saw two surface-to-air missile systems beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites in a residential area of Kalynove (government-controlled, 35km north of Donetsk), Donetsk region (for further details, see the tables below).

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

The SMM observed military and military-type presence in the security zone on both sides of the contact line, including within residential areas (for further details, see the table below).

On 1 April, about 2.5km north-north-east of Sentianivka, an SMM mini-UAV spotted a member of the armed formations pointing a weapon at the UAV (in this area the SMM had previously heard bursts and shots of small-arms fire assessed as targeting its UAV (see [SMM Daily Report 2 April 2020](#))).

On 5 April, about 2.5km west of Berezove (government-controlled, 31km south-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted two Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel aiming their weapon at the UAV (see [SMM Daily Report 6 April 2020](#)).

### **Presence of anti-tank mines**

On 5 April, an SMM long-range UAV [again](#) spotted at least 37 anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations, laid across road T-1303, about 350m east from the intersection with road T-1317 and about 2km north of Sentianivka.

On the same day, the UAV [again](#) spotted at least ten anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations, on the road between Holmivskyi (non-government-controlled, 49km north-east of Donetsk) and Travneve (government-controlled, 51km north-east of Donetsk), about 1km north of Holmivskyi.

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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.

## **SMM facilitation of operation, construction and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure and demining activities**

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk), repairs to water infrastructure in Krasnyi Lyman (non-government-controlled, 30km north-west of Luhansk), as well as construction of a power line near the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) close to Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) and water wells in Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk), and to enable demining activities in Krasnyi Yar (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. On the evening of 5 April, the SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk) recorded an undetermined explosion and 15 projectiles in flight. On the following day, while positioned at three locations near the DFS, the SMM heard about 15 undetermined explosions and about 150 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as within a 3km radius of the DFS.

## **Situation of civilians and preventive measures to counter COVID-19 outbreak**

In Luhansk region, the SMM saw that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge remained closed.

At the railway station in Donetsk city, a woman (aged 40-50) told the SMM that she had come to visit her family in non-government-controlled areas but had been unable to return to government-controlled areas due to restrictions introduced to counter the COVID-19 outbreak.

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 and 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 [SMM Daily Report 28 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.*

*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.

Other impediments:

- On the night of 4 and 5 April, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between government-controlled Kostiantynivka (60km north of Donetsk) and Berezove (31km south-west of Donetsk), and between government-controlled Ocheretyne (31km north-west of Donetsk) and Berdychi (24km north-west of Donetsk).<sup>7</sup>
- On 6 April, five SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near non-government-controlled Smile (31km north-west of Luhansk), Khoroshe (36km west of Luhansk) and Novoselivka (16km south of Luhansk).

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<sup>7</sup> The interference could have occurred within a radius of several kilometres from the UAV's position.

## Table of weapons

### Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
01/04/2020	1	Mortar (type undetermined)	Near Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, 44km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

### Weapons beyond the withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
04/04/2020	2	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i> )	In a residential area of Kalynove (35km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation	
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>					
04/04/2020	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Petrivske (24km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV	
05/04/2020	3	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Troitske (69km west of Luhansk)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)			
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In a residential area of Taramchuk (29km south-west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV	
	1	Trench digger (PZM-2)			
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)			
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB S)			
	6	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-2, one BMP-1, one probable BMP-1 and three probable BMP variant)			Near Berezove (31km south-west of Donetsk)
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)			
	1	Armoured combat reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)			
04/04/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In a residential area of Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk)		Long-range UAV
06/04/2020	3	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	In a residential area of Taramchuk		Patrol
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23)			
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)			
	1	Electronic warfare system (Bukovel-AD)			
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	In Berdianske (102km south of Donetsk)		
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>					

<sup>8</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

05/04/2020	6	Armoured personnel carrier (five BTR-80 and one MT-LB)	In a residential area of Novoazovsk (102km south-east of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Lobacheve (13km east of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		



**Table of ceasefire violations as of 6 April 2020<sup>9</sup>**

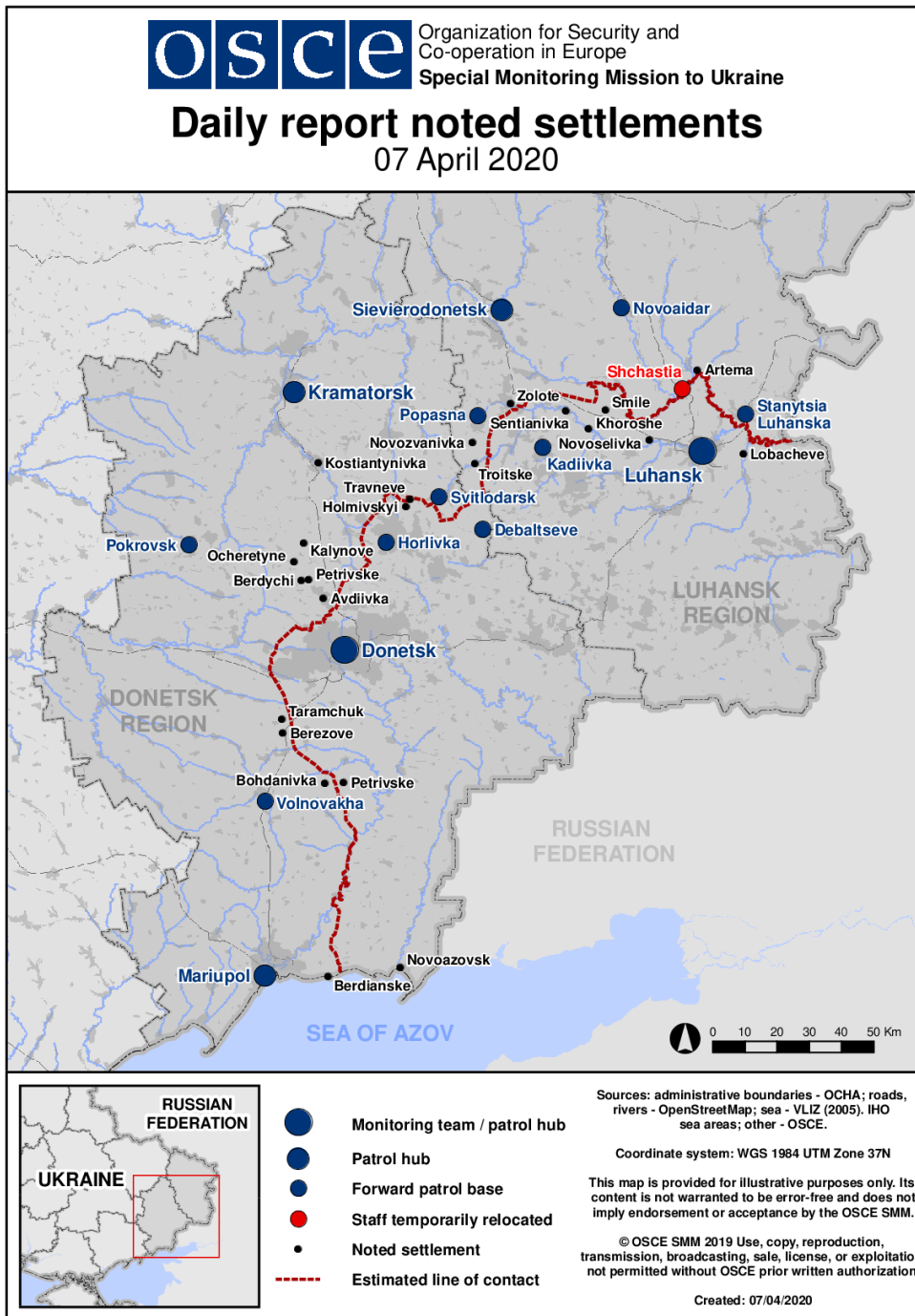
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Apr, 20:55
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Apr, 21:10
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	10	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Apr, 22:34
	2-4km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Apr, 22:35
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 22:43
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	14	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 22:45
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 22:47
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	11	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 22:49
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 23:27
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	5-Apr, 23:04
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:00
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:01
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 20:01
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	5-Apr, 20:09
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:10
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:11
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	5-Apr, 20:12
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	5-Apr, 20:15
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:18
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:22
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Apr, 20:23
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:25
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Apr, 20:32
	5-7km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:34
	5-7km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Apr, 20:35
	5-7km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:35
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 20:35
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	5-Apr, 20:35
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	5-Apr, 20:36
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Apr, 20:36
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 21:28
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Apr, 22:25
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	5-Apr, 23:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Apr, 23:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	5-Apr, 23:34
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	5-Apr, 23:34
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 23:35
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Apr, 23:36
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 23:36
	5-7km N	Recorded	11	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 23:39
5-7km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Apr, 23:40	

<sup>9</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.

	5-7km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 23:40
	5-7km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Apr, 23:41
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Apr, 23:42
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Apr, 23:53
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	5-Apr, 23:53
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	5-Apr, 23:53
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government- controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	6-Apr, 02:41
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	6-Apr, 02:41
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 02:41
Railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	62	Shot		Small arms	6-Apr, 11:46- 12:03
	2-3km W	Heard	14	Shot		HMG	6-Apr, 11:46- 12:03
	2-3km W	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 11:46- 12:03
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 09:22
	2-3km SW	Heard	20	Shot		Small arms	6-Apr, 09:31- 09:52
	2-3km W	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	6-Apr, 09:31- 09:52
	2-4km SW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 09:31- 09:52
	2-3km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 13:27- 14:17
	2-3km NW	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	6-Apr, 13:27- 14:17
	2-3km NW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	6-Apr, 14:19- 14:32
	2-3km NW	Heard	42	Burst		HMG	6-Apr, 14:26- 14:27
	2-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 14:26- 14:27
	2-3km SW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	6-Apr, 14:26- 14:27
	Oleksandrivka (non-government- controlled, 20km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km W	Heard	1	Burst		HMG
Horlivka (non- government- controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km WNW	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 07:19- 07:25
	4-6km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 07:28
	4-6km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 07:30
	4-6km W	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 07:30- 07:41
About 3km SE of Avdiivka (government- controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 09:43
	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 10:43
	2-3km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 11:17
	3-4km E	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 11:54
	4-6km NNE	Heard	15	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 12:13- 12:15
	2-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 12:16
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non- government- controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	5-7km NE	Heard	19	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	6-Apr, 12:00- 12:10

	5-7km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	6-Apr, 12:20-12:25
	5-7km NE	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	6-Apr, 13:04-13:14
	5-7km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	6-Apr, 13:55

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</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).