

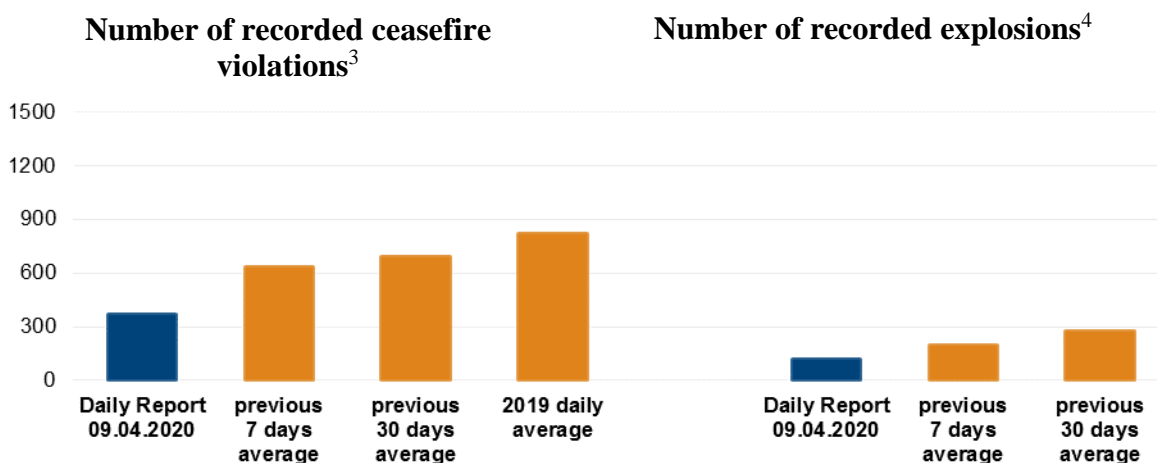
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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and fewer in Luhansk region.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas at checkpoints in Donetsk region and towards government-controlled areas at a checkpoint in Luhansk region.*
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM monitored and facilitated adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance and construction of civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, as well as demining activities in Krasnyi Yar, Luhansk region.
- The Mission again saw that two entry-exit checkpoints and their corresponding checkpoints in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions remained closed amid the COVID-19 outbreak.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 8 April 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras at the Oktiabr mine and the SMM camera in Zolote-3/Stakhanovets were not operational.

³ Including explosions.

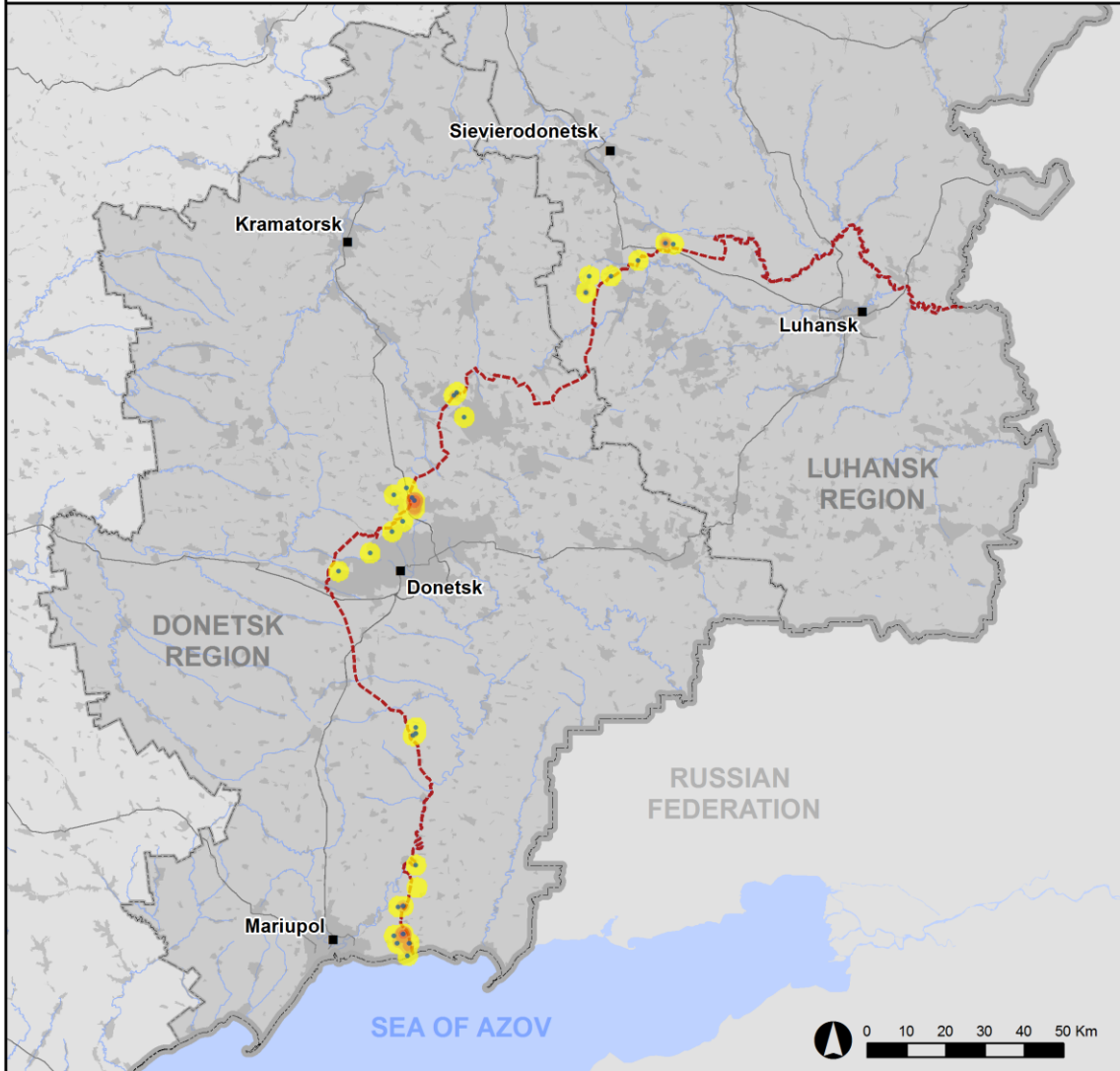
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

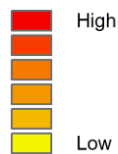


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 8 April 2020



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 more explosions (about 90) compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 65 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded within a 3km radius of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk), in areas south-east of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk) and at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), where the majority of explosions occurred (about 23).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 30), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 80 explosions). Almost all ceasefire violations, including almost all explosions, were recorded in areas north-east, south-west and west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

Members of the armed formations continued to deny SMM passage at checkpoints along the contact line in Donetsk and Luhansk regions

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at checkpoints in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions along official crossing routes. These restrictions constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Mission's mandate.⁵

At a checkpoint on road H-15 near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, citing "orders from their commanders related to COVID-19".*

Members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas at their checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

On 8 April, positioned near the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw a member of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and their checkpoint south of it. On 8 April, outside the disengagement area, the SMM saw that a barbed wire was placed around the mast of the SMM camera in Stanytsia Luhanska (about 350m north-north-east of the disengagement area's northern edge), which impedes the SMM's access to it.

On the evening of 7 April, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted two people within a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces south of the railway track and east of road T-1316 (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report 7 April 2020](#)).

On the evening of 7 April, while in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 6-10km

⁵ The Mission began facing repeated denials when attempting to cross into non-government-controlled areas at checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk region on 21 March and Luhansk region on 23 March. For more information, see SMM Daily and Spot Reports.

⁶ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

east, which it was unable to assess as inside or outside the disengagement area, as well as two undetermined explosions assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 8 April, while positioned near a checkpoint of the armed formations near the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote, the SMM heard five undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 5-7km north-east, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. On the same day, the SMM saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) near the southern edge of the disengagement area.

On 8 April, while positioned about 2km north of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard six undetermined explosions, all at an assessed range of 4-5km south. While positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), it heard five undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 4-6km south-east. All of these were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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 two disassembled mortars as well as four men in military clothing nearby in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region, and a tank in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region. All the weapons were in violation of withdrawal lines (for further details, see table below).

Indications of military and military-type presence inside the security zone⁷

The SMM observed military and military-type presence in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

On 8 April, while positioned in Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk) to conduct a mini-UAV flight, the SMM observed a non-SMM UAV flying at an altitude of about 70m over its position for around three minutes. The Mission left the area.*

Presence of anti-tank mines near Marinka

On 8 April, the SMM [again](#) spotted the southern part of a larger minefield (partially marked-off and fenced), starting about 9m north of road H-15 and about 1km south-west of the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk). The SMM saw that the vegetation over the minefield had recently burned and some of the anti-tank mines were partly burned.

SMM facilitation of construction of and repairs to critical civilian infrastructure and demining activities

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

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 near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk) and water wells in Raivka; the construction of a power line and repairs to a water pipeline near the entry-exit checkpoint EECF close to Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk); as well as 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. During the day on 8 April, while positioned at two locations near the DFS, the SMM heard seven undetermined explosions and about 170 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 3km radius of the DFS.

Measures at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints to counter COVID-19 outbreak

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

At a parking lot near the EECF in Stanytsia Luhanska, a woman (in her thirties) accompanied by two children (boy and a girl, aged 10 and 12) told the SMM that they had no place to stay and spent their nights on the street without money and food while waiting to cross towards non-government-controlled areas.

In Donetsk region, the Mission saw that the EECFs near Marinka and near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk), as well as the checkpoint of the armed formations on road H-15 near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), remained closed.

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.

Denial of access:

- At a checkpoint on road H-15 near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, citing “orders from their commanders related to COVID-19”.
- At a checkpoint in Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), an unarmed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing "safety" and “his commander’s decision”. While present, the Mission saw pedestrians and civilian vehicles pass through the checkpoint.
- At the checkpoint of the armed formations south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), two members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas, citing “closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19”.

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:

- An SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south of Donetsk).⁸
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference on two occasions, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 61km north-east of Donetsk).
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).
- The Mission had to abort a mini-UAV flight in Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk) due to the presence of a non-SMM UAV flying over its position (see above).

⁸ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAVs’ positions.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
07/04/2020	1	Tank (probable T-64)	Near Troitske (69km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
08/04/2020	2	Mortar (2B14 <i>Podnos</i> , 82mm)	Near Pyshevyk (84km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
07/04/2020	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle	Near Vozdvyzhenka (formerly Krasnyi Pakhar, 66km north-east of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Troitske (30km north of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured recovery vehicle (BTS-4A)	Near Novohnativka (40km south of Donetsk)	
08/04/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier	In a residential areas of Krasnohorivka (24km north of Donetsk)	Patrol

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 8 April 2020¹⁰

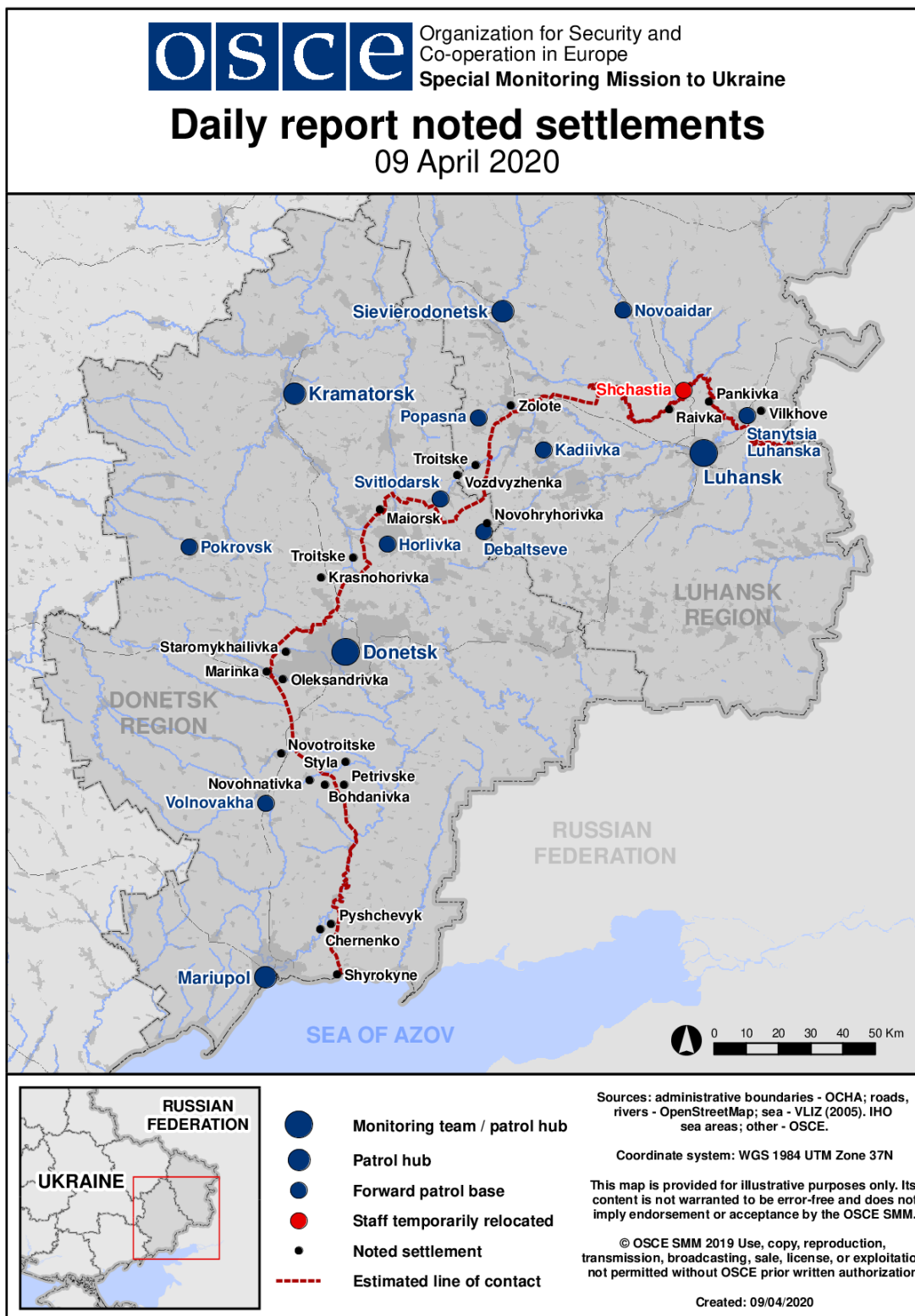
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:35
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	4-6km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Apr, 20:53
	4-6km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Apr, 21:34
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	7-Apr, 21:50
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 11:19
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	7-Apr, 20:37
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	7-Apr, 19:59
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	7-Apr, 21:17
	5-7km N	Recorded	12	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Apr, 21:17
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	7-Apr, 21:18
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	7-Apr, 21:18
	5-7km N	Recorded	14	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Apr, 21:18
	5-7km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Apr, 21:19
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Apr, 21:20
	5-7km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	E to W	N/K	7-Apr, 21:59
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Apr, 22:49
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Apr, 23:07
	5-7km N	Recorded	17	Projectile	E to W	N/K	7-Apr, 23:46
	5-7km N	Recorded	14	Projectile	E to W	N/K	7-Apr, 23:46
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	7-Apr, 23:46
	5-7km N	Recorded	9	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Apr, 23:53
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 00:16
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 00:42
	2-3km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	8-Apr, 01:53
	2-3km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	8-Apr, 01:56
	2-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	8-Apr, 02:00
2-3km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	8-Apr, 02:01	
2-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	8-Apr, 02:08	
3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:09	
3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:14	
3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:16	

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.

	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:18
	2-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	8-Apr, 02:18
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:19
	2-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	8-Apr, 02:19
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:22
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:25
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:26
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:27
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:27
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Apr, 02:28
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:29
	5-7km NNW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:33
	5-7km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 02:35
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Apr, 03:06
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Apr, 03:07
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	30	Shot		HMG	8-Apr, 10:21
	1-2km W	Heard	9	Shot		HMG	8-Apr, 10:40
	2-3km NW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 10:50
	1-2km NW	Heard	78	Shot		Small arms	8-Apr, 11:05-11:18
	1-2km NW	Heard	31	Burst		HMG	8-Apr, 11:05-11:18
	1-2km NW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 11:05-11:18
	1-2km NW	Heard	18	Burst		HMG	8-Apr, 11:22-11:23
Railway station in Donetsk (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-3km N	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 10:09
About 3km WSW of Railway station in Donetsk (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 11:39
Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km W of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 13:25
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Apr, 12:56-13:00
	4-5km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Apr, 14:24-14:25
	4-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Apr, 14:31
	4-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Apr, 14:36

About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	8-Apr, 13:07-13:15
	4-6km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	8-Apr, 14:09
About 2km SE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 10:12
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard and saw	9	Explosion	Impact	N/K	8-Apr, 11:15
	3-4km SE	Heard and saw	2	Explosion	Impact	N/K	8-Apr, 11:20
	3-4km SE	Heard and saw	6	Explosion	Impact	N/K	8-Apr, 11:35
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	1km SSE	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Undetermined (airburst)	N/K	8-Apr, 11:07
	1km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 11:13
	3-5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 13:03
Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 12:19
	2-3km SW	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 15:31-15:40
About 6km N of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km SW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 15:34-15:37
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-3km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Apr, 19:48
	6-10km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	7-Apr, 20:04
	3-6km SSE	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Apr, 20:30-20:54
3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	5-7km NE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	8-Apr, 10:16-10:30
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	5-8km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 10:30
Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	8-10km NW	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Apr, 11:25-11:36
	8-10km NW	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	8-Apr, 11:25-11:36

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹¹



¹¹The 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).