

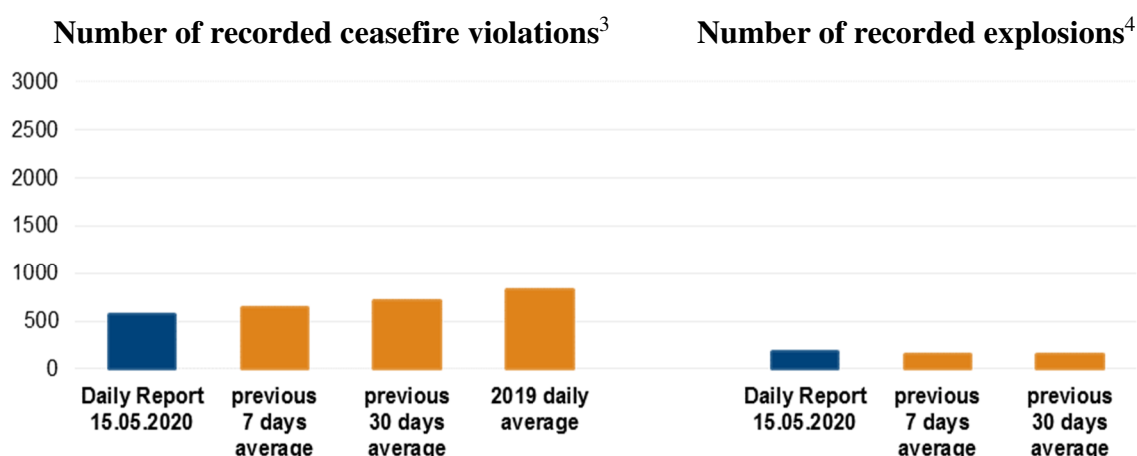
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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.*
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission saw for the first time unexploded ordnance and remnants of ammunition near road T-0504 between Popasna and Molodizhne, Luhansk region.
- The Mission monitored and facilitated adherence to localised ceasefires to enable the operation of and repairs to critical civilian infrastructure, including to water pipelines and a power substation in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk and Donetsk regions.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians amid the COVID-19 outbreak, including at entry-exit checkpoints and their corresponding checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Ceasefire violations²



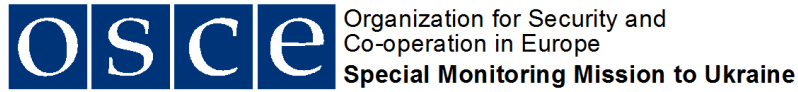
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 14 May 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras at Oktiabr Mine and in Petrivske were not operational.

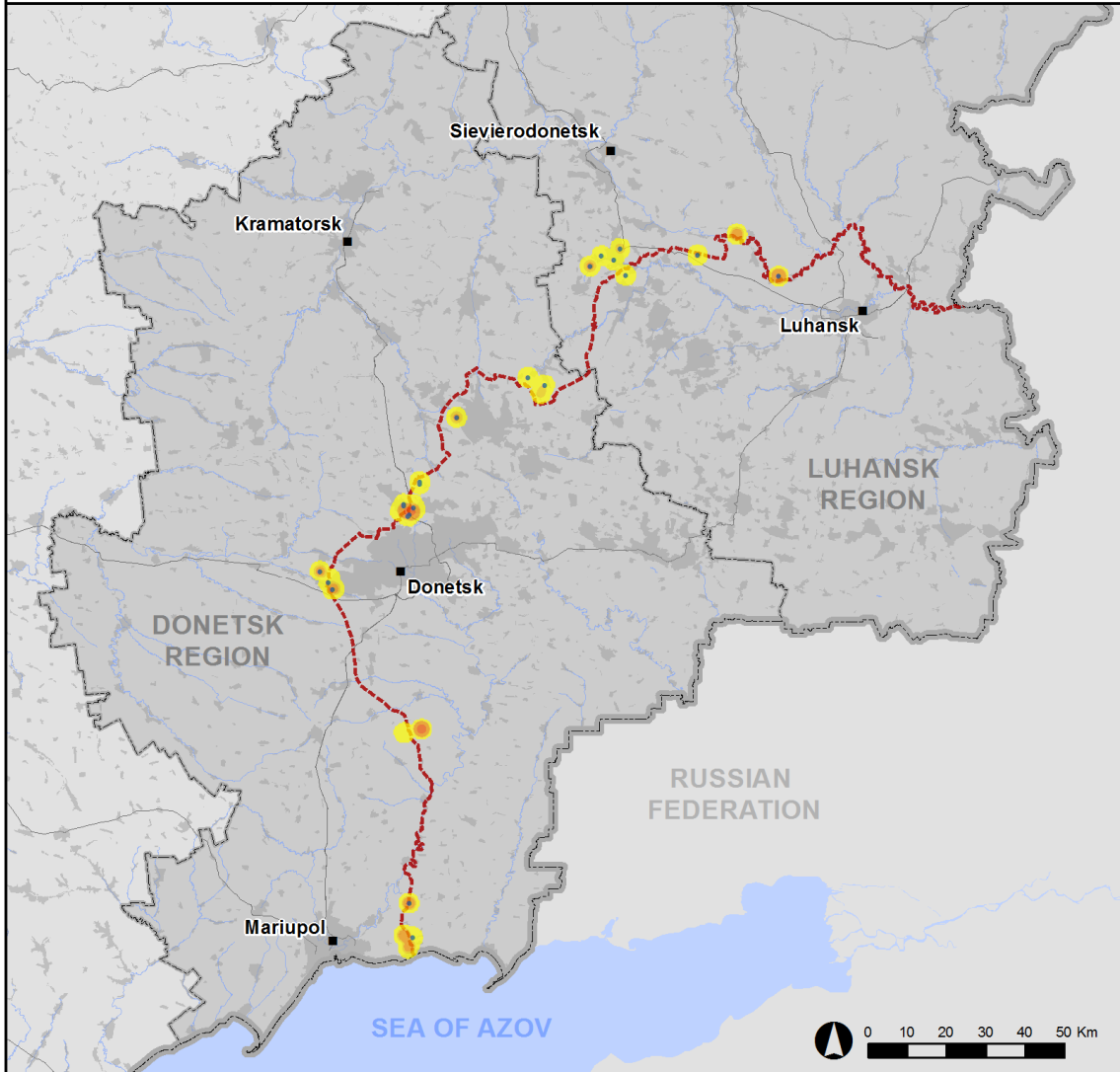
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

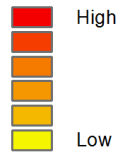
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 14 May 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 60), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (100 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas south of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) and in areas close to the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 115), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 60 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas south-east of Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km north-west of Luhansk), including more than 60 explosions of artillery rounds.

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

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM 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

In Donetsk region, at a checkpoint 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, referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19. The SMM [again](#) saw that the road was blocked by metal obstacles and a pile of tyres.*

In Luhansk region, at a checkpoint 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, referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19. He added that the Mission would also not be allowed passage in the opposite direction.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with "JCCC" written on it) near their checkpoint south of the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

On 14 May, while positioned at three locations near **the disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard 13 undetermined explosions assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. On the same day, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) standing inside the area on road T-1316 (about 350m north of the area's southern edge).

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.

On 14 May, while positioned at two locations near **the disengagement area near Petrivske**, the SMM heard about 100 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire 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.

Presence of unexploded ordnance and anti-personnel mine near Popasna

Near road T-0504 between Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw for the first time two objects assessed as rockets of a rocket-propelled grenade launcher (RPG-7). One of the rockets (assessed as unexploded) was lying in a field about 30m south of the road near a checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces; the other (assessed as exploded) was in a tree branch on the road's northern shoulder. Near the latter, about 10m from the road, the Mission [again](#) saw an anti-personnel mine (MON-200).

SMM facilitation of operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to water infrastructure near non-government-controlled Pankivka (16km north of Luhansk) and Krasnyi Lyman (30km north-west of Luhansk), as well as to a transformer substation in the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk city centre).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned at two locations near the station, the SMM heard undetermined explosions as well as shots and bursts of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the station (see table below).

Measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints amid COVID-19 outbreak

In Donetsk region, 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 Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk), as well as the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations near Oleksandrivka and Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), remained closed.*

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.*

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 south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas, referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19. He added that the Mission would also not be allowed passage in the opposite direction.
- At a checkpoint near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to the 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.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 14 May 2020⁷

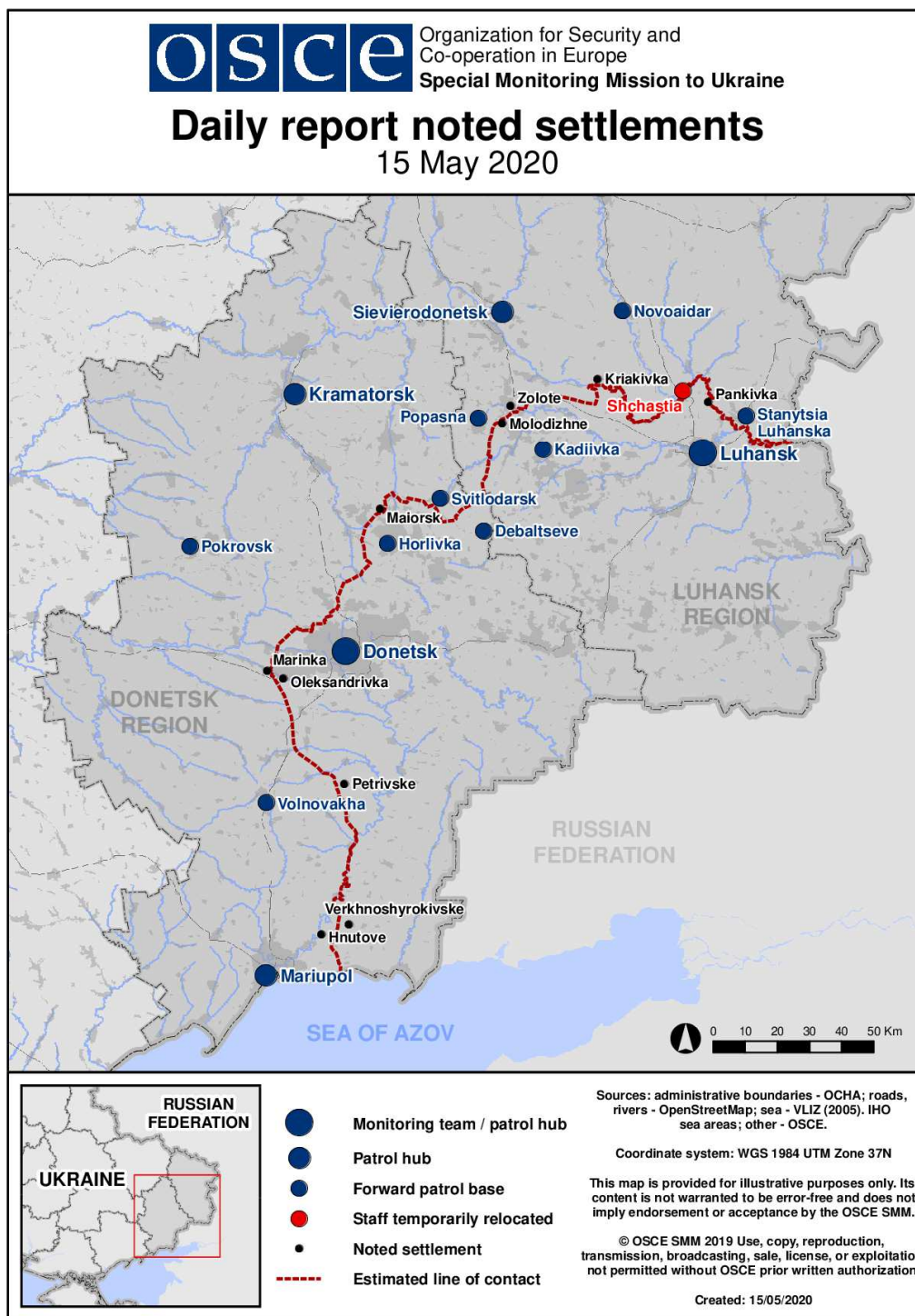
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	15	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-May, 21:48
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	38	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-May, 22:03
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	500-800m S	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-May, 21:42
	300-500m SSE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-May, 22:02
	1-1.4km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	13-May, 23:26
	1-2km S	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	14-May, 00:28
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	13	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	14-May, 01:15
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-May, 01:15
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 01:32
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	11	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	14-May, 02:14
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	14-May, 02:15
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-May, 21:53
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	13-May, 22:05
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-May, 22:19
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-May, 23:04
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-May, 23:05
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	13-May, 23:05
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-May, 23:05
	5-7km N	Recorded	15	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	13-May, 23:16
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	13-May, 23:43
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	13-May, 23:44
	5-7km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	13-May, 23:45
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Recorded	10	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-May, 23:48
	4-6km SSE	Recorded	10	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	13-May, 23:02
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 00:09
	1-2km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 09:51
	5-7km N	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 10:41
	2-3km SW	Heard	4	Shot		HMG	14-May, 10:42
	1-2km SW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	14-May, 10:48
	1-2km W	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	14-May, 10:48
	2-3km SW	Heard	5	Shot		HMG	14-May, 10:52

⁷ 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.

	5-6km N	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 10:55
	3-5km SW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 11:13-11:14
	2-3km SW	Heard	4	Shot		HMG	14-May, 13:20
	2-3km SW	Heard	32	Shot		HMG	14-May, 13:53-14:05
	3-4km SW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 14:12
	3-5km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 14:16
	2-3km SW	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	14-May, 14:18
	2-3km SW	Heard	8	Shot		HMG	14-May, 14:20
Trudivski area (non-government-controlled, 15km SW of Donetsk city centre)	1-2km SSE	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	14-May, 09:55
	4-5km NW	Heard	5	Burst		Cannon (30mm)	14-May, 10:09
	1-2km NW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	14-May, 10:31
	4-5km NW	Heard	16	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 10:40-10:47
	1-2km NNW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	14-May, 11:00
	1-2km S	Heard	4	Burst		Small arms	14-May, 11:02-11:04
	1-2km S	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	14-May, 11:02-11:04
	1-2km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 11:02-11:04
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SSE	Heard	13	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	14-Apr, 09:37
	3-4km SSE	Heard	85	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	14-Apr, 09:44-09:51
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3km SSE	Heard	5	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	14-May, 10:23-10:25
About 2.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 09:49
	1km ENE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 11:19
	1-1.5km S	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	14-May, 12:40
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km NW	Heard	17	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 06:25-06:35
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 18:00-18:01
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-4km NE	Heard	15	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-May, 05:20-05:40
	3-4km NE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	14-May, 05:35-05:37
2km S of Muratove (government-controlled, 51km NW of Luhansk)	15-20km WSW	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	14-May, 10:33-10:40
	8-10km SSE	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	14-May, 11:17-11:30

3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	6-9km NW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)		14-May, 11:13-11:25
Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	2-3km SE	Heard	16	Burst		HMG	14-May, 13:25-14:15
	2-3km SE	Heard	12	Burst		Small arms	14-May, 13:56-14:40
	15-20km SE	Heard	64	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	14-May, 13:56-14:40
S edge of Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	8-10km N	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	14-May, 13:51-14:05
Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	5-7km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-May, 14:24-14:28

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁸



⁸The 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).