

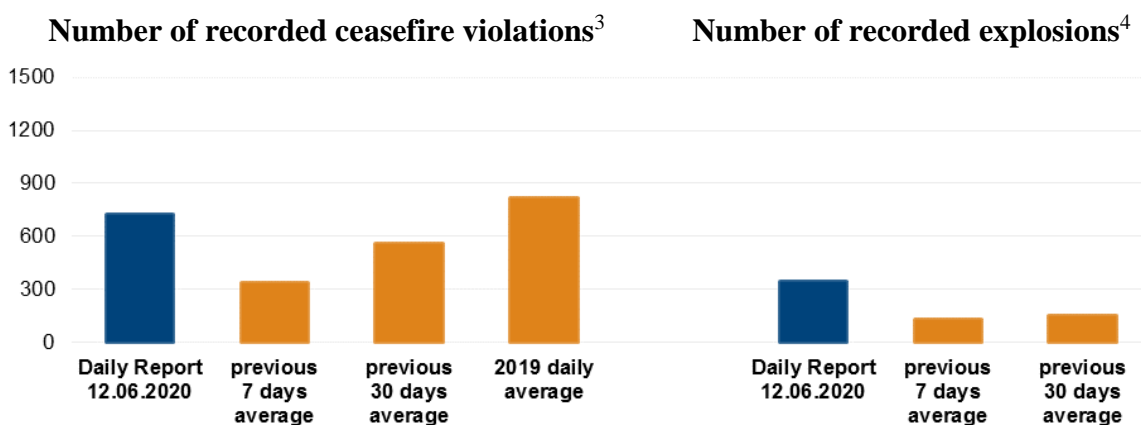
# Daily Report 139/2020

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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 at a checkpoint along official crossing routes in Luhansk region.\*
- The SMM continued monitoring all three disengagement areas: it observed people inside the disengagement areas near Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM saw weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove and the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- The Mission saw that the entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) in Stanytsia Luhanska and Marinka were temporarily open but that the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations remained closed. At both EECPs, the Mission observed people and cars queuing to cross the contact line.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.\*

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



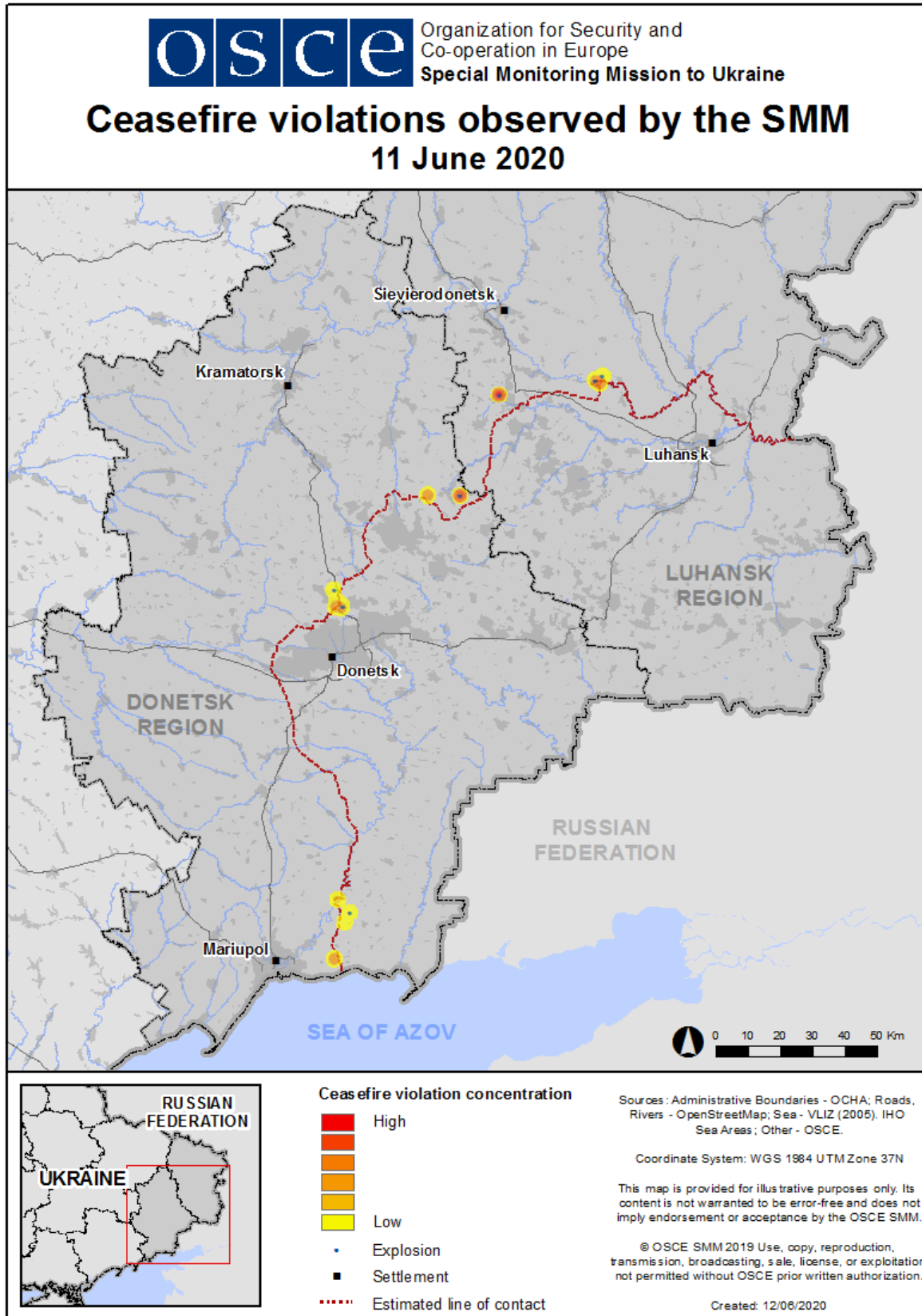
<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 11 June 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<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 and in Petrivske and Krasnohorivka were non-operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

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

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 210), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 60 explosions). The majority of the ceasefire violations were recorded in areas east and west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk), including about 200 explosions of artillery rounds.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 130), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 300 explosions). All the ceasefire violations, including all the explosions, were recorded in areas north-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and south-west of Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km north-west of Luhansk).

### **Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along the contact line**

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes. These restrictions constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Mission's mandate.<sup>5</sup>

In Luhansk region, 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 non-government-controlled areas, referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19.\*

### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>6</sup>**

On 11 June, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw a senior member of the armed formations and at least four other members of the armed formations wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them near their checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge. The Mission also saw two workers and a member of the armed formations inspecting and measuring the area near the booths about 20-30m south of said checkpoint.

On the evening of 9 June, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a person near a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 200m south of the area's northern edge.

On 11 June, on the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote, the Mission saw nine members of the armed formations (all wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them), four of whom were walking inside the area along road T-1316 up to about 350m north of its southern edge and back.

Throughout the same day, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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 evening of 9 June, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM long-range UAV spotted two people near a former position of the armed formations near the area's south-eastern corner.

On the same evening, outside the disengagement area, the UAV again spotted nine anti-tank mines, assessed as part of a larger minefield belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces, north of a road between Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) and Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk) (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report 6 June 2020](#)).

On 11 June, also outside the disengagement area near Petrivske, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka, the SMM saw an infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2) about 300m north of the area's north-western corner, moving south-west.

Throughout the same day, while positioned at three locations near the area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

### **Withdrawal of weapons**

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons as part of the implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

The Mission observed 23 weapons in violation of withdrawal lines in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM observed ten weapons, including at a railway station in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region, as well as 44 weapons in training areas in non-government-controlled areas of both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for further details, see the tables below).

### **Indications of military and military-type presence inside the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

The SMM observed two armoured combat vehicles in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

### **Presence of mines near Marinka and near Popasna**

On 10 June, an SMM mini-UAV again spotted 25 anti-tank mines about 1.8km east-south-east of the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), placed on the eastern and western sides of the junction of a local road with road H-15 (for previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 14 March 2020](#)).

About 10m north of road T-0504, between Popasna and Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km west of Luhansk), the SMM [again](#) saw an anti-personnel mine (MON-200).

### **SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

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<sup>7</sup> 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 localised ceasefires to enable vegetation clearance, inspection, and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at two locations near the DFS, the SMM heard and saw two explosions, assessed as impacts of undetermined weapons, and heard an undetermined explosion, as well as shots and bursts of small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the station.

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

On 11 June, in Donetsk region, the Mission saw that the EECP near Marinka was open between 11:00 and 14:00 and that about eight people (mixed genders and ages, including two children) and about ten cars were queuing to travel toward non-government-controlled areas. The SMM saw personnel from two international organizations near the EECP. The Mission also saw three women leaving the EECP and walking north-west in the direction of Kurakhove (government-controlled, 40km west of Donetsk). A police officer told the SMM that they were from a group of five women who had all been denied entry into non-government-controlled areas at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk) and had returned to the EECP on 10 June (for previous observations at the EECP, see [SMM Daily Report 11 June 2020](#)).

On the morning of 11 June, west of the aforementioned checkpoint of the armed formations near Oleksandrivka, the SMM saw a woman (in her sixties) lying on the asphalt near a road barrier. She told the Mission that she had arrived there on the morning of 10 June and had remained near the checkpoint overnight after members of the armed formations denied her passage toward non-government-controlled areas (she said she could not walk back or afford transportation). She also said that four other women had arrived with her at the checkpoint on the morning of 10 June, one of whom had returned to government-controlled areas immediately after being denied passage, while the remaining three had returned to the EECP near Marinka on the evening of the same day.

The Mission saw that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations east of Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) remained closed.\* Throughout the day, the SMM saw a total of 14 civilians (mixed genders and ages) in seven cars approaching the checkpoint and then returning to non-government-controlled areas after being denied passage toward government-controlled areas.

In Luhansk region, the SMM saw that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska was open between 11:00 and 11:30, and that about 30 people (mixed genders and ages) were queuing at the EECP to travel toward non-government-controlled areas. While there, the SMM also saw two women (in their seventies) and a man (in his sixties) crossing and subsequently returning to government-controlled areas after being denied passage into non-government-controlled areas at the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge. Throughout the day, the Mission also saw three personnel from an international organization near the EECP.

The Mission noted that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge remained closed.\*

## Border areas outside government control

On 9 June, aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed the presence of a probable military-type truck on a dirt road about 2.3km south-west of Stepne (72km south-east of Donetsk), about 700m west of the border with the Russian Federation, in an area where there are no border crossing facilities (for previous observations in the areas, see [SMM Daily Report 8 June 2020](#) and [SMM Daily Report 10 June 2020](#)).

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Dnipro, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, 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 10 June](#)). 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 non-government-controlled areas, referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19.

### Delay:

- When traveling between checkpoints of the armed formations near non-government-controlled Oleksandrivka (20km south-west of Donetsk) and Kremynets (16km south-west of Donetsk), an SMM patrol was allowed passage through the latter only after about 55 and 45 minutes, respectively, and on one occasion, only after members of the armed formations had disinfected the SMM vehicles.

### *Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/unexploded ordnance (UXO):*

- The sides continued to deny the SMM full access, as well as the ability to travel on 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 evening of 9 June, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as probable jamming, while flying over areas between non-

government-controlled Seleznivka (43km south-west of Luhansk) and Antratsyt (55km south-west of Luhansk).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of 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>				
09/06/2020	15	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	At a compound south of Krasnolutskyi (52km south-west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
	5	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	Near Nyzhnia Krynka (31km north-east of Donetsk)	
	3	Towed howitzer (2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm)		

### 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>				
11/06/2020	9	Tank (T-64)	At the railway station in Kostiantynivka (60km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Tank (T-72)	Near Polkove (65km south of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
09/06/2020	6	Towed howitzer (D-30A <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk), where the UAV also spotted 46 IFVs (37 BMP-1 and nine BMP-2), six armoured personnel carriers, five armoured combat vehicles and a trench digger (MDK-3) <sup>9</sup>	Long-range UAV
	8	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)		
	19	Tank (16 T-72 and three T-64)		
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> )		
	6	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		
	4	Tank (one T-64, two T-72 and one undetermined type)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk)	

### Table of military presence in the security zone<sup>10</sup>

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
10/06/2020	2	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Slavne (26km south-west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV

<sup>9</sup> The armoured combat vehicles in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

<sup>10</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 11 June 2020<sup>11</sup>**

<b>SMM position</b>	<b>Event location</b>	<b>Means</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Observation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weapon</b>	<b>Date, time</b>
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	10-Jun, 21:54
	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	11-Jun, 00:52
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	11-Jun, 00:53
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	11-Jun, 01:07
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	11-Jun, 01:07
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	9	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	11-Jun, 01:31
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	11-Jun, 01:55
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	11-Jun, 01:56
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	1-2km SSE	Recorded	6	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	10-Jun, 21:37
	1-2km SSE	Recorded	4	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	10-Jun, 21:38
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	0.5-1km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	10-Jun, 22:02
	0.5-1km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	11-Jun, 01:30
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	11-Jun, 01:30
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	10-Jun, 22:25
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Jun, 22:04
	4-6km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Jun, 22:06
	4-6km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Jun, 22:16
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Jun, 22:19
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	10-Jun, 22:27
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	10-Jun, 22:30
	4-6km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Jun, 22:30
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	10-Jun, 22:31
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Jun, 23:08
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Jun, 23:09
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km SW	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	11-Jun, 10:15
	2km SW	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	11-Jun, 10:46
	2-3km SW	Heard	12	Shot		Small arms	11-Jun, 11:02-11:12
	2-3km SW	Heard	14	Burst		Small arms	11-Jun, 11:02-11:12
About 500m NE of Pavlopil (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	5-7km E	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 10:05-10:18

<sup>11</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.

About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 11:27
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km E	Heard	177	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	10-Jun, 18:31-19:45
	3-5km W	Heard	45	Burst		HMG	10-Jun, 18:31-19:15
	5-7km E	Heard	20	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	10-Jun, 20:40-21:35
	5-7km E	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	10-Jun, 23:28-23:55
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	10-Jun, 23:12
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	15	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	10-Jun, 23:40
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	10-Jun, 23:41
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	10-Jun, 23:42
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	15	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	10-Jun, 23:44
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	23	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	10-Jun, 23:44
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	10-Jun, 23:44
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	7	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	10-Jun, 23:45
	3-5km SW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jun, 23:45
	3-5km SW	Recorded	16	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	11-Jun, 00:33
	3-5km SW	Recorded	12	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	11-Jun, 00:34
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 14:52
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	7-10km NE	Heard	132	Burst		N/K	11-Jun, 06:28-07:12
	7-10km NE	Heard	131	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 06:28-07:12

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>12</sup>



<sup>12</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).