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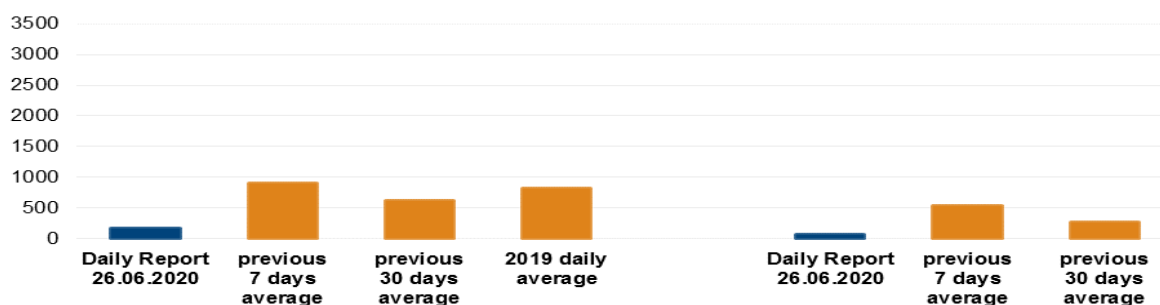
Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM followed up on reports of a man who died from shrapnel injuries on 22 June in Oleksandrivka, Donetsk region.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at a checkpoint along an official crossing route in Luhansk region.*
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM saw civilians travelling towards government- and non-government-controlled areas through the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske, Donetsk region and the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



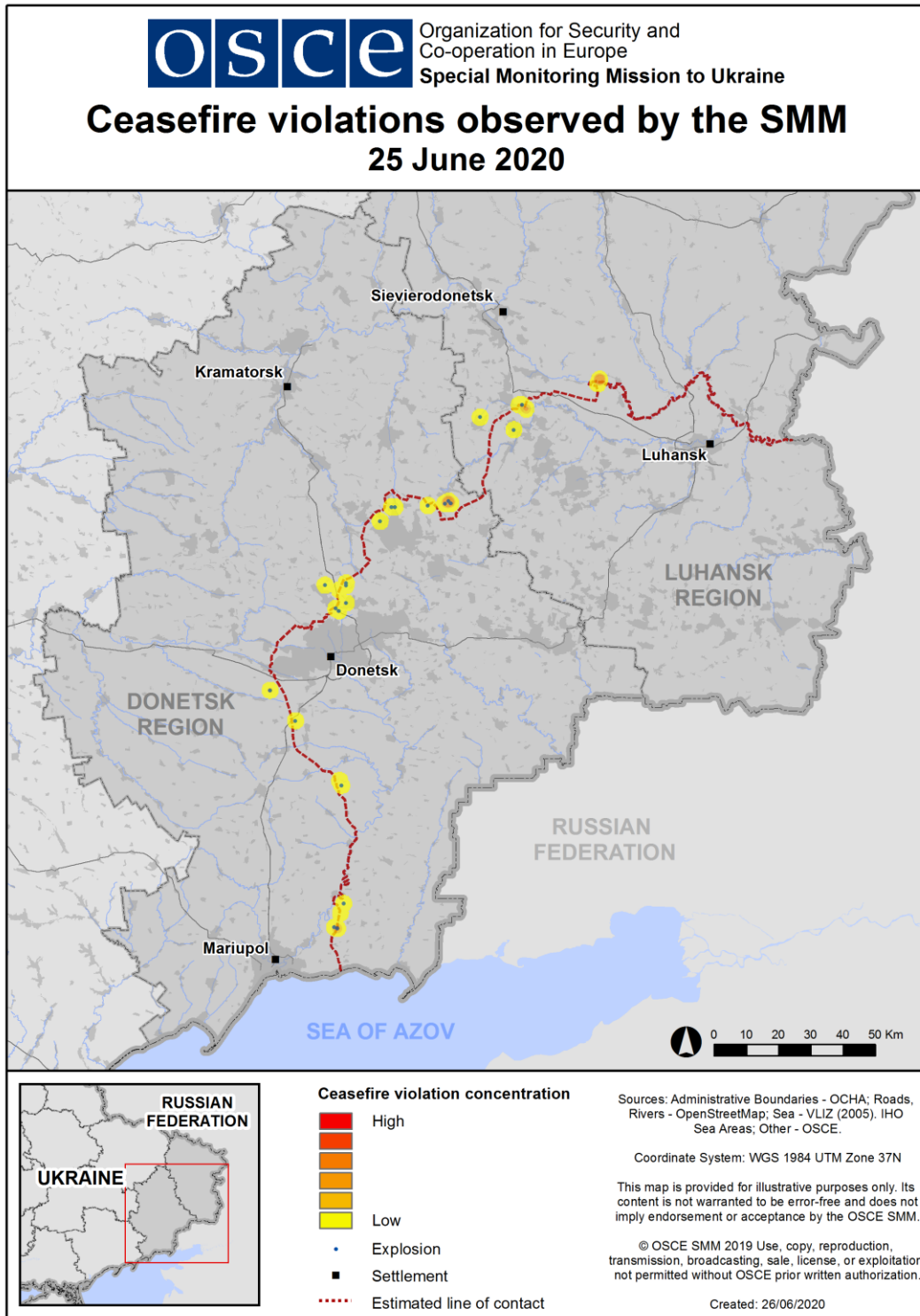
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 25 June 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. The SMM cameras in Petrivske, Krasnohorivka, near Shyrokyne and at the Oktiabr mine remained non-operational.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 65), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 20 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including about half of the explosions, were recorded in areas south-east and south-west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and south-east of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (nine), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (one explosion). The majority of ceasefire violations, including about half of the explosions, were recorded in areas south-west of Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km north-west of Luhansk) and north, east and south of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

Man died from shrapnel injuries in Oleksandrivka

The SMM followed up on reports of a man who died from shrapnel injuries in Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk) on 22 June.

On 25 June, medical staff at a morgue in non-government-controlled Donetsk city told the SMM that the body of a man (aged 30-40) had been brought in on 23 June with fatal shrapnel injuries to his abdomen.

A neighbour of the deceased man told the SMM that on the evening of 22 June, he and his wife had been standing on Cheliuskintsev Street waiting to meet the deceased man. As he was approaching them, the couple heard a sharp sound in their vicinity and then saw the man suddenly stop and collapse to the ground, blood spurting from his mouth. The neighbour added that he had been unable to remove the man's body from the street because he and his wife had heard an explosion nearby and had taken cover in a nearby building until the early morning hours of 23 June. The neighbour said he had not seen who had retrieved the body of the man or transported it to the morgue.

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.⁵

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.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

On 24 June, outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) (about 150m north of the area), an SMM mini-

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.

unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-variant) in a residential area of Stanytsia Luhanska (see the table below).

On 25 June, inside the disengagement area, the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) near their checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

On the night of 24-25 June, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded an undetermined explosion and five projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 3-6km east. During the day on 25 June, while positioned at two locations near the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the SMM heard three undetermined explosions and 15 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 25 June, the Mission saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) close to the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote, four of whom were walking along road T-1316 inside the area up to about 350m north of its southern edge and back.

On the night of 24-25 June, the SMM camera about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded two undetermined explosions and a projectile in flight, all at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east, which were unable to be assessed as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). The same night, the camera recorded an illumination flare at an assessed range of 2-4km east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 25 June, while positioned at two locations close to the disengagement area near Petrivske, 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.

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

The SMM observed an anti-aircraft gun and armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region and an armoured combat vehicle in government-controlled Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

Demining activities near Talakivka

On 24 June, an SMM mini-UAV spotted three people wearing protective equipment and carrying mine detectors while conducting demining activities at three locations in a field on the southern edge of a local road about 2km east of Talakivka (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk).

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

SMM facilitation of repairs to and maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure, and of demining activities

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to power lines between non-government-controlled Luhansk city and Zhovte (17km north-west of Luhansk) and near Shumy (government-controlled, 41km north of Donetsk), as well as to water infrastructure near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk), and to enable vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk) and demining activities near Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west 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 two undetermined explosions and shots 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

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw that the entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), Maiorsk and Hnutove remained closed. The SMM also saw that the checkpoint of the armed formations near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) was closed.

Between 13:45 and about 16:10 on 25 June, while at the checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw a mini-van and a bus (which had arrived from government-controlled areas), with a total of 47 passengers on board (mixed genders and ages), traveling towards non-government-controlled areas. The SMM saw each passenger get off the aforementioned vehicles to have their documents checked by members of the armed formations and, subsequently, it saw the mini-van and the bus being escorted by members of the armed formations (in two vehicles) towards non-government-controlled Donetsk city.

At the same checkpoint, the SMM saw two mini-buses with at least 35 people on board queuing to travel towards non-government-controlled areas, as well as 70 vehicles queuing in the opposite direction.

Between 11:15 and 16:30 on the same day, the SMM saw three mobile checkpoints operated by members of the armed formations about 1km north, 200m south and 700m south of the aforementioned checkpoint near Olenivka. At the first checkpoint, the SMM observed about 100 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) and 125 vehicles queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas. At the second checkpoint, the SMM observed about 100 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) and about 120 vehicles queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas. At the third checkpoint, the Mission observed five vehicles crossing towards government-controlled-areas.

At 08:30, at the EECP near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission saw 50 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) and 15 vehicles queuing to travel towards non-government-controlled areas and 150 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) and about 120 vehicles queuing in the opposite direction. At about 12:25, the SMM saw six pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) and six vehicles crossing the EECP, as well

as 50 people (mixed genders and ages) waiting to board a bus in the area of the EECP and 15 vehicles queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas.

While at a Ukrainian Armed Forces checkpoint near Berezove (government-controlled, 31km south-west of Donetsk), north of the EECP near Novotroitske, from 10:05 to 11:10 the Mission saw that five mini-buses and seven cars crossed the checkpoint towards the direction of the EECP. At 11:15, in the area between the forward positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Berezove and those of the armed formations near Olenivka, the SMM saw about 80 people (mixed genders and ages) walking towards non-government-controlled areas.

In Luhansk region, while at the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska from 09:00 to about 12:30 and from about 14:30 to about 15:10, the Mission saw a total of about 55 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards non-government-controlled areas and 79 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing in the opposite direction. While near the EECP, the SMM observed two golf carts transporting three people at a time from a location south of the EECP to the new span of the bridge and back. It also saw a mobile COVID-19 testing post consisting of an ambulance and two medical personnel testing people travelling towards government-controlled areas.

On the same day, while near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge from 13:25 to 15:15, the SMM saw a total of about 25 people (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards non-government-controlled areas and 28 queuing in the opposite direction.

The Mission saw about ten people in a shelter of an international organisation before the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge. The SMM saw that some of these people had just come from government-controlled areas and were filling out forms related to self-isolation. Near the parking lot about 300m south of the bridge, the SMM saw an ambulance next to a container of a humanitarian organization.

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 25 June 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 non-government-controlled areas, referring to a lack of permission from those in control.

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.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), four members of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed only after about 65 minutes of waiting.

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁸

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
24/06/2020	1	Probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In a residential area of Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	Mini UAV
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP variant and one probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant))	Near Talakivka (90km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Chernenko (86km south of Donetsk)	
25/06/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In Pavlopil (84km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

⁸ 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 25 June 2020⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	24-Jun, 23:34
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSE to NNW (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	24-Jun, 21:06
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	24-Jun, 22:25
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	24-Jun, 23:13
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	25-Jun, 01:01
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	25-Jun, 00:55
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:11
	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:15
	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:18
	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:25
	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:27

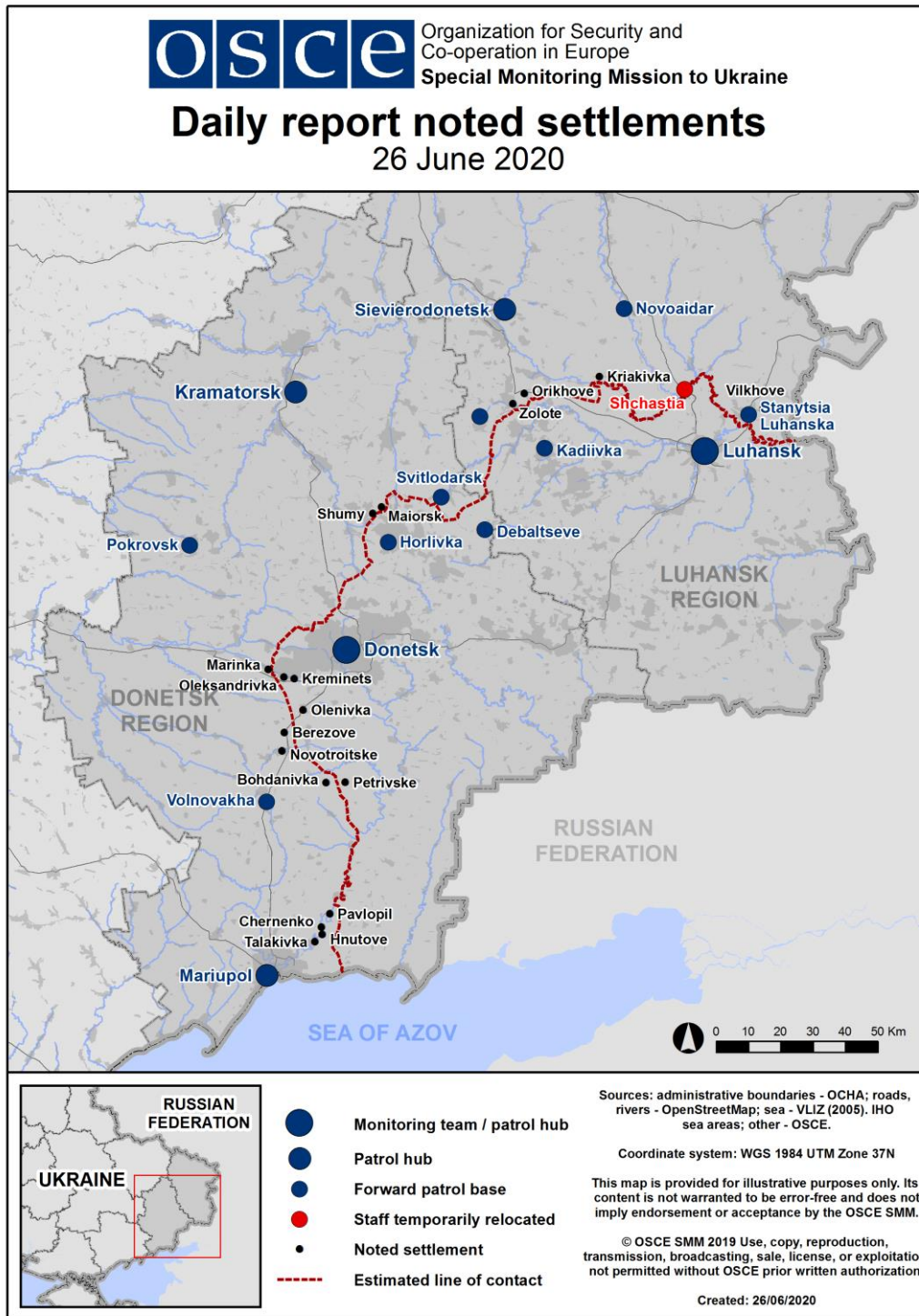
⁹ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments 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.

SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government- controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 23:16
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 23:30
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 23:37
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 23:42
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:32
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:53
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:55
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:56
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:57
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 00:59
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 01:00
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 01:03
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 01:04
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	25-Jun, 00:14
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government- controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 23:40
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 09:09-09:15
Berezove (government- controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	4-5km NE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 12:33
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government- controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2km SE	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	25-Jun, 09:15
	3-4km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 10:34
	3km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 10:49
SE edge of Avdiivka (government- controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 09:04
	4-6km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 09:25
Oleksandrivka (non-	4-5km SW	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 09:46-09:48

government-controlled, 20km SW of Donetsk)	4-5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 10:12
Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 09:05
	4-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 09:10
	4-5km E	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	25-Jun, 09:10
	4-5km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 09:13
	4-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 09:15
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	5-6km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 12:16
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 20:42
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 20:46
	3-4km SE	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	24-Jun, 21:45
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 21:51
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 21:52
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 21:57
	4-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 22:00
	3-4km SE	Heard	4	Burst	Undetermined	HMG	24-Jun, 22:11
	3-4km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 23:40
	3-4km SE	Heard	18	Burst		HMG	24-Jun, 23:40-23:42
	3-4km SSE	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	24-Jun, 23:46
	3-4km SSE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jun, 23:52
	SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K
2-3km SSW		Recorded	27	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	25-Jun, 00:05
2-3km SSW		Recorded	8	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	25-Jun, 00:51
2-4km SSW		Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	25-Jun, 00:59
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	24-Jun, 22:03
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	24-Jun, 22:11
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	24-Jun, 22:13
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as	N/K	25-Jun, 00:40

					outside the disengagement area		
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	25-Jun, 01:09
About 3km SW of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km NE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	25-Jun, 10:20-10:30
Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km W of Luhansk)	6-8km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	25-Jun, 10:20-10:21
About 1km S of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	2-4km NE	Heard	5	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	25-Jun, 14:03-14:08
	2-4km NE	Heard	10	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	25-Jun, 14:03-14:08

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹⁰



¹⁰The 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).