

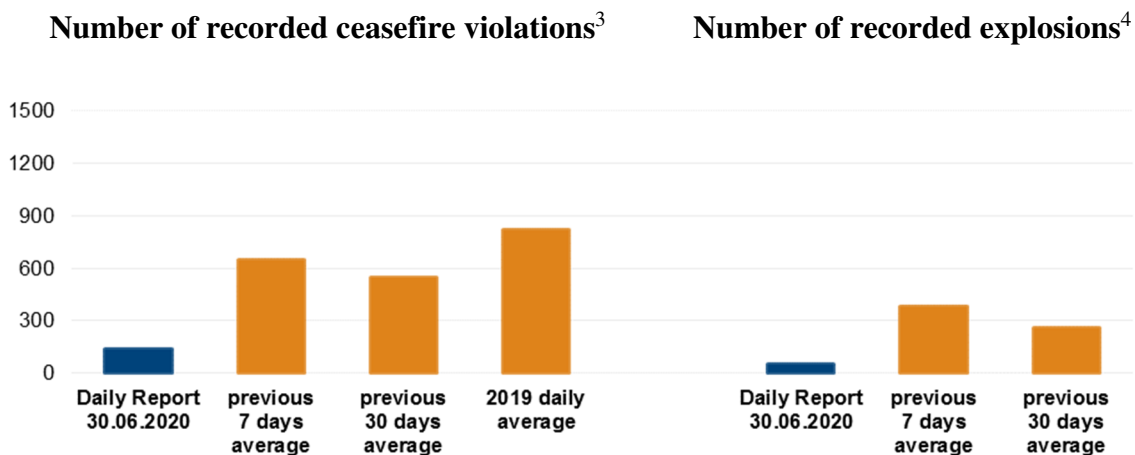
# Daily Report 154/2020

30 June 2020<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.\*
- The Mission continued monitoring all three disengagement areas. It spotted a person on the eastern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote during evening hours.
- The SMM saw civilians travelling towards government- and non-government-controlled areas through the entry-exit checkpoint in Stanytsia Luhanska.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to and the maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure, as well as demining activities.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.\*

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



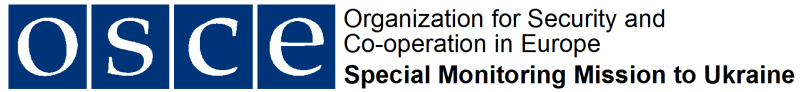
<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 29 June 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. The SMM cameras near Shyrokyne and in Petrivske and Krasnohorivka remained non-operational, and adverse weather conditions obscured the observations of some of the SMM cameras along the contact line.

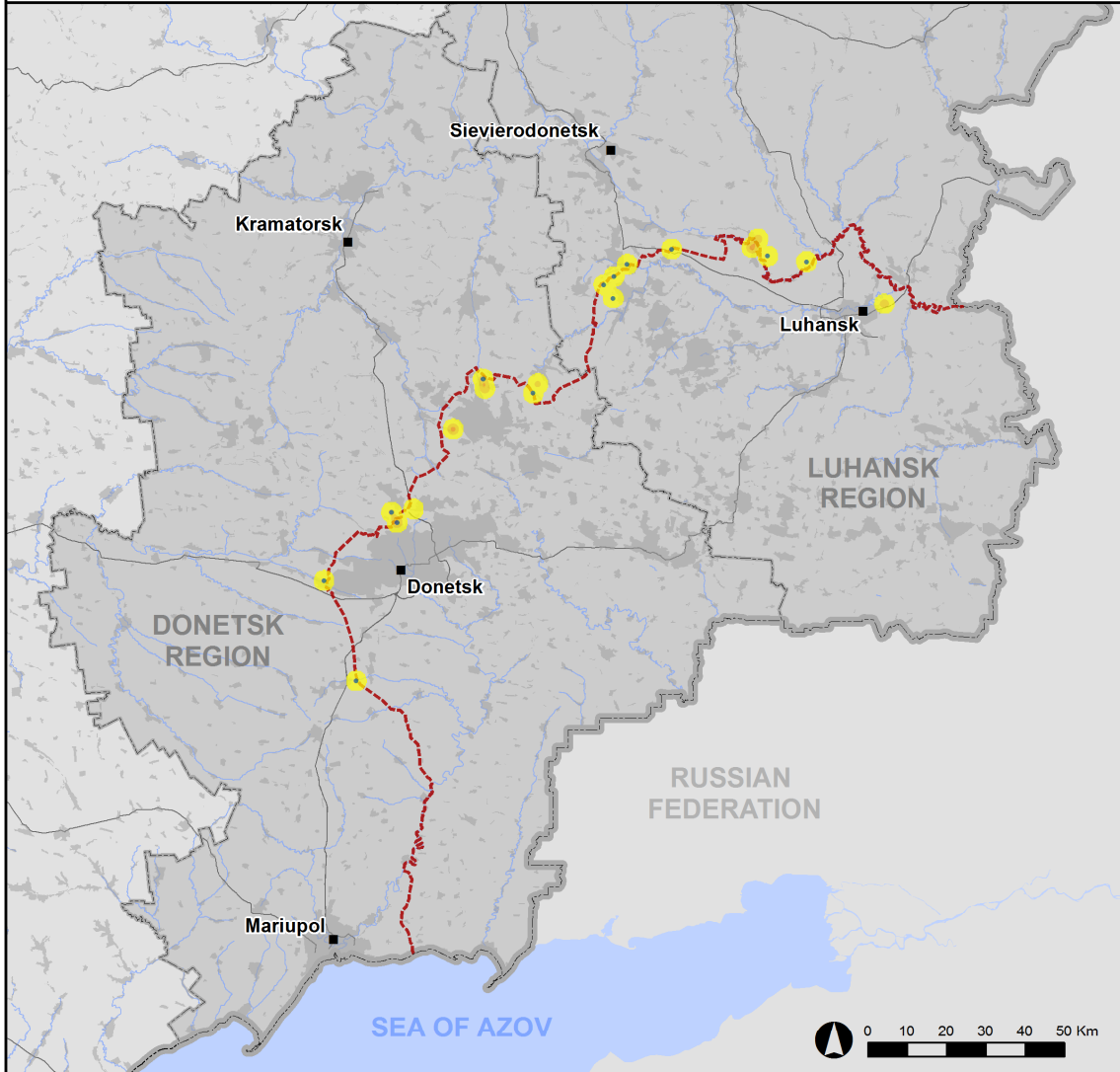
<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

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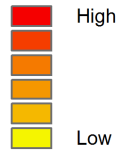
### Map of recorded ceasefire violations



## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 29 June 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 Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including, however, more explosions (about 30), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (ten). The majority of ceasefire violations, including almost all explosions, were recorded at north-westerly directions of non-government-controlled Donetsk city and at north-easterly directions of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (20), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 30 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at southerly directions of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km 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 Donetsk region, at a checkpoint near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to the closure of the checkpoint.\*

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 Mission passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to COVID-19.\*

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

During the day on 29 June, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) near their checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

Also on 29 June, while positioned about 300m north of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, the SMM heard 11 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 5-7km south-west, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the evening of 27 June, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a person inside a former position of the armed formations on the eastern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), about 1.5km north of its south-eastern corner.

During the day on 29 June, while positioned in Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 3-5km south-west, which were unable to be assessed as inside or outside the

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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.

disengagement area. On the same day, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the SMM heard four undetermined explosions assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

Also on 29 June, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) close to the southern edge of the disengagement area, two of whom were walking along road T-1316 inside the area up to about 350m north of its southern edge and back.

On 29 June, while positioned at two locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), 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 observed a weapon in violation of its withdrawal lines in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

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

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles in government- and non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014. It also observed an infantry fighting vehicle in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

### **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 Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (58km west of Luhansk) and Pervomaisk (58km west of Luhansk), and between Raivka (16km north-west of Luhansk) and Zhovte (17km north-west of Luhansk), and to water infrastructure near non-government-controlled Pankivka (16km north of Luhansk) and Krasnyi Lyman (30km north-west of Luhansk), as well as 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).

While positioned near Krasnyi Lyman, the SMM heard 15 shots of small-arms fire nearby despite security guarantees having been provided for a localised ceasefire.

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at a location near the DFS, the SMM heard six shots of small-arms fire assessed as within a 5km radius of the station.

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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.

## **Situation of civilians and measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints amid COVID-19 outbreak**

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and the checkpoint of the armed formations near Oleksandrivka were closed.\*

On 29 June, from 08:15 to 08:30 and from 14:00 to 14:30, the SMM saw that the EECP near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) was open but did not see any pedestrians or vehicles crossing through or near it.

While passing through the area between the forward positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Berezove (government-controlled, 31km south-west of Donetsk) (north of Novotroitske) and those of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) from 08:30 to 08:35, the SMM did not see any pedestrians or vehicular traffic. From 08:30 to 09:30 on the same day, the SMM saw that the checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka was closed and that there were two members of the armed formations nearby. One of them told the SMM that the checkpoint was closed following a decision by those in control.

In Luhansk region, on 29 June, while at the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska at about 10:10 and 13:15, the Mission saw 41 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and 15 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel in the opposite direction, respectively. While near the EECP, the SMM observed two golf carts transporting people from a location south of the EECP to the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and back.

While near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the bridge at 10:30, the SMM saw 31 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards non-government-controlled areas and no people queuing in the opposite direction. At 10:30, at the parking lot about 300m south of the bridge, the SMM saw two buses and 15 people (mixed genders and ages) queuing at a bus station, and from about 14:25 to 14:45, it saw 12 people (mixed genders and ages, including one child) queuing at the same bus station.

On 29 June, from 07:00 to 18:30, the SMM cameras at the parking lot south of the bridge recorded a total of about 596 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) walking towards government-controlled areas and about 424 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) walking towards non-government-controlled areas.

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 29 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 near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to the closure of the checkpoint.
- At a checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the Mission passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring 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:

- On the evening of 27 June, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Zorynsk (non-government-controlled, 54km south-west of Luhansk).<sup>8</sup>
- On 29 June, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near government-controlled Chermalyk (77km south of Donetsk) and Lebedynske (99km south of Donetsk) respectively.
- On 29 June, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Pyshevyk (government-controlled, 84km south of Donetsk).

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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 withdrawal lines

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
27/06/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i> )	Near Mytkovo-Kachkari (93km south of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV

### Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>9</sup>

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
27/06/2020	2	Probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Hnutove (90km south of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle	Near Starohnativka (51km south of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
27/06/2020	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014	Long-range UAV
	2	Armoured combat vehicle		
29/06/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	In Ivanivske (formerly Lotykove, 30km west of Luhansk)	Patrol

<sup>9</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 29 June 2020<sup>10</sup>**

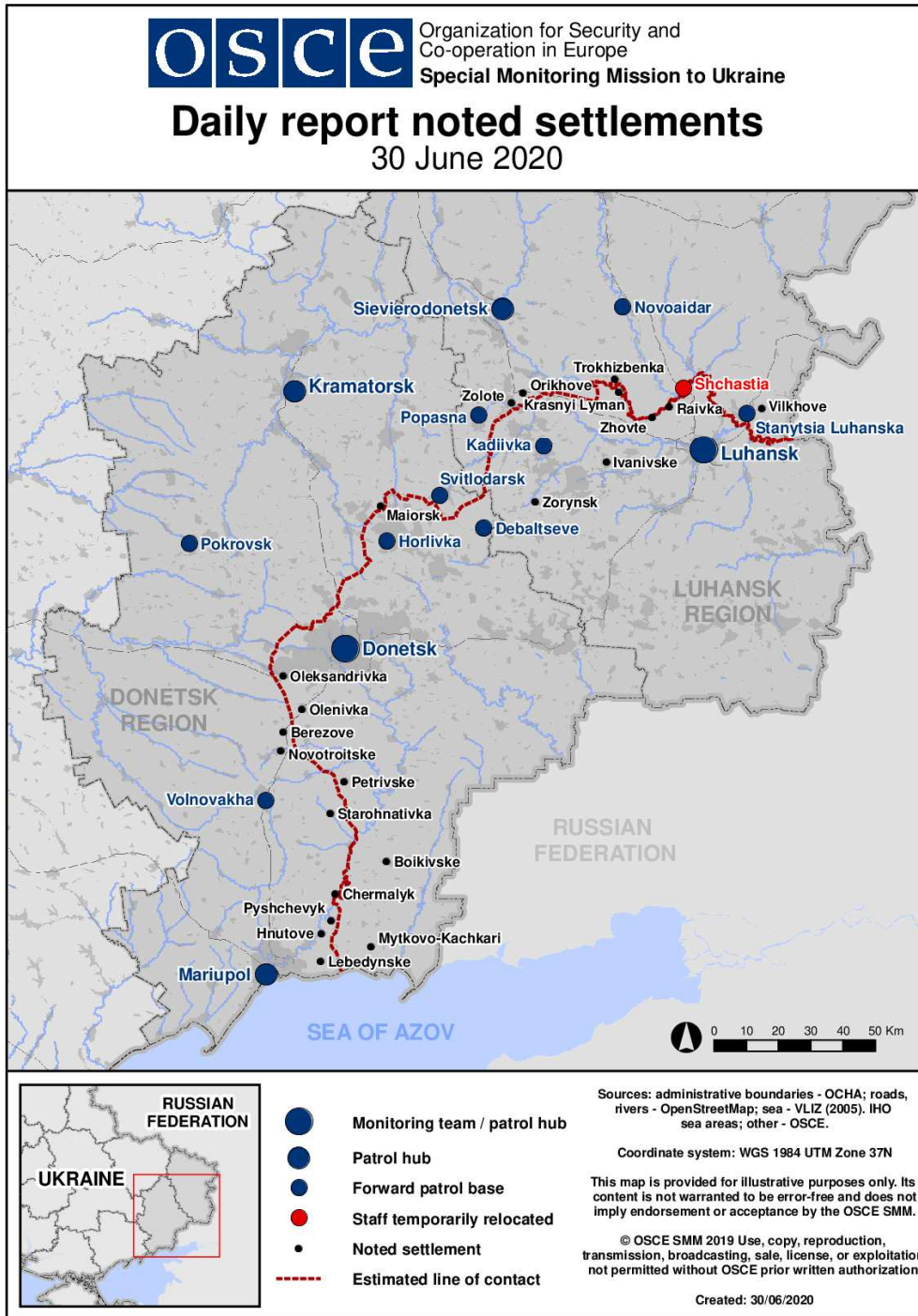
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	6-8km SSE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 08:23
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 22:04
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 22:34
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 22:51
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 22:57
	5-7km E	Recorded	12	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Jun, 22:57
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:10
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:18
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 22:30
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (also recorded by one of the SMM cameras in Avdiivka)	N/K	28-Jun, 22:01
	4-6km NE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 22:15
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (also recorded by one of the SMM cameras in Avdiivka)	N/K	28-Jun, 22:19
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (also recorded by one of the SMM cameras in Avdiivka)	N/K	28-Jun, 22:21
	4-6km NE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	28-Jun, 22:24
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 22:28
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 22:38
	4-6km NE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:01
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km SW	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	29-Jun, 10:24
SE edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SW	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 09:40-09:44
About 1.5km ESE of Luhanske (government-controlled, 59km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	29-Jun, 09:38
	3-5km SW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	29-Jun, 09:40
	3-5km SW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	29-Jun, 10:02
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km W	Heard	15	Burst		HMG	29-Jun, 00:41-00:42
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 19:00
Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	12-14km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 10:10

<sup>10</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.



SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Jun, 10:11
About 300m N of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km NE of Luhansk)	5-7km SW	Heard	11	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	29-Jun, 10:38-10:40
Krasnyi Lyman (non-government-controlled, 30km NW of Luhansk)	0.5-1km N	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	29-Jun, 11:20-11:25
N edge of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	29-Jun, 11:22-11:32
	6-8km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 12:10-12:19
Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	6-8km NW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 11:20-11:40
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	4-6km WSW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Jun, 11:29-11:40
Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km W of Luhansk)	3-5km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Jun, 12:07-12:09
Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km N of Luhansk)	12-15km W	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 12:40-12:50

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>11</sup>



<sup>11</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).