

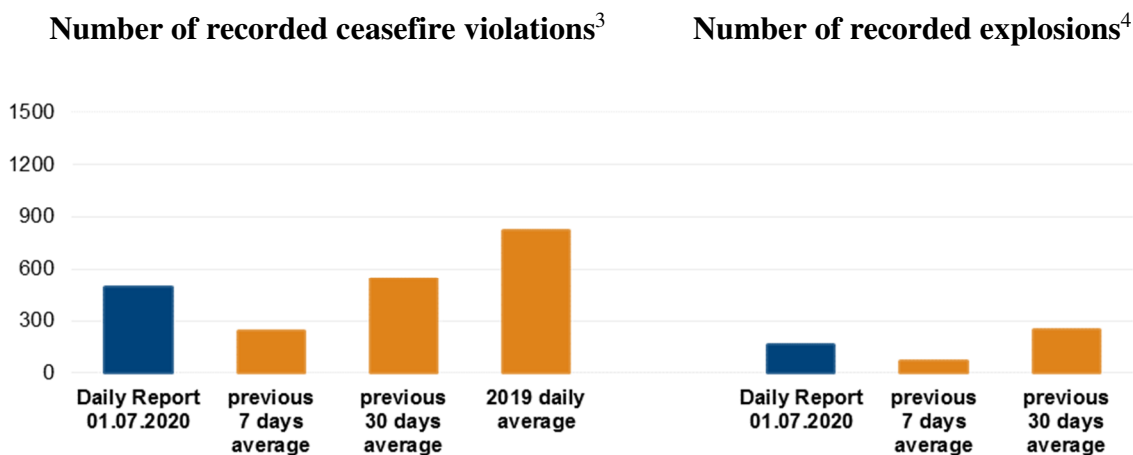
# Daily Report 155/2020

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## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- 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 all three disengagement areas: It observed people inside former positions of the armed formations and an extension to a trench inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- 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, 30 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.

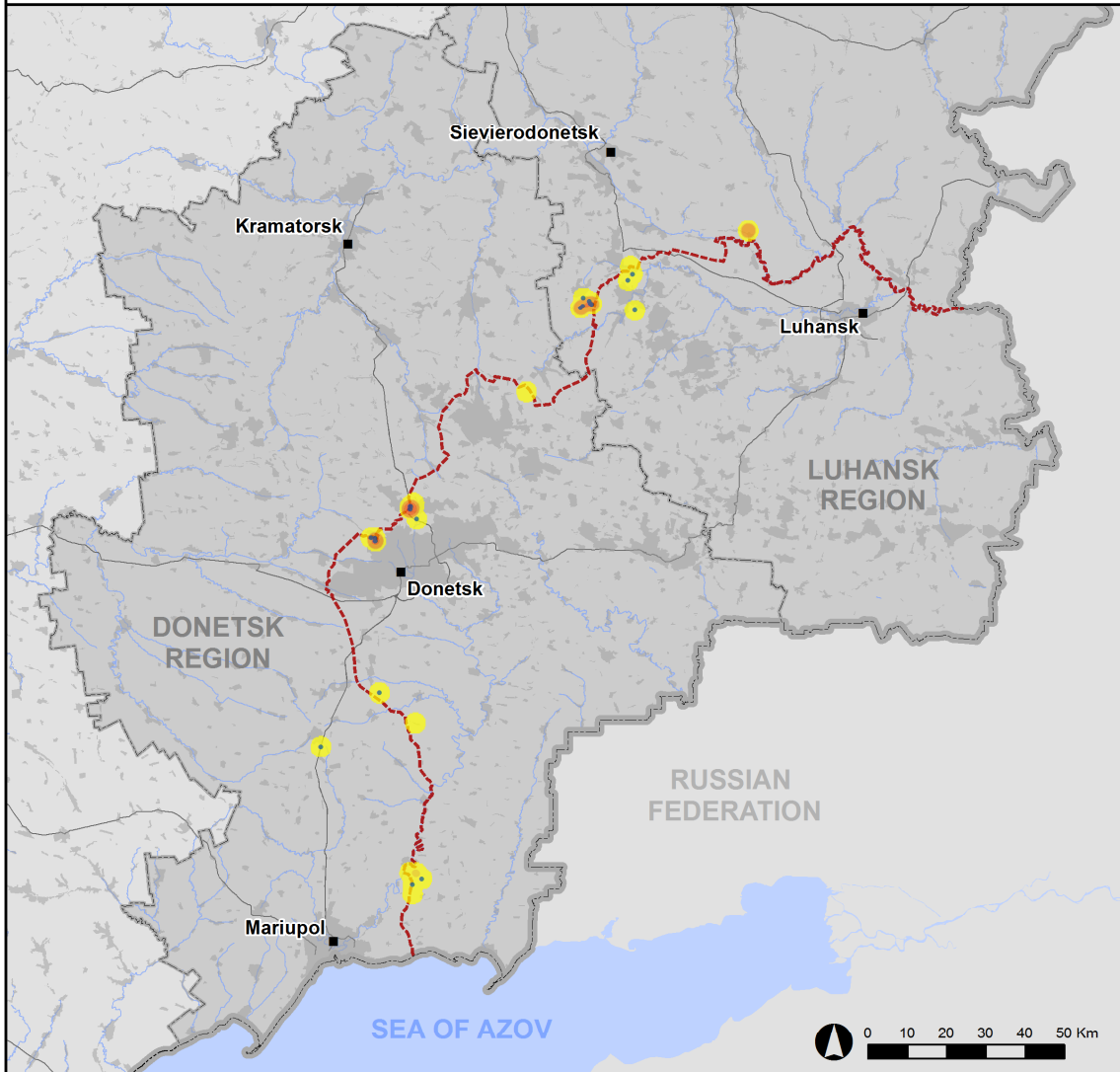
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

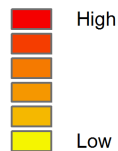


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 30 June 2020



#### 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 more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 55), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 30 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas south-west of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 105), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (20 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including almost all explosions, were recorded at south-easterly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk).

### Damage to the SMM camera at Oktiabr mine

At 19:10 on 30 June, the SMM lost video feed from its two daylight cameras located at the Oktiabr Mine (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk). The SMM will follow up with further assessments.

### 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 Mission passage towards government-controlled areas, referring to instructions from those in control.\*

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

On 26 June, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted an infantry fighting vehicle in a residential area of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), about 25m north of the northern edge of the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (see the table below).

During the day on 30 June, inside the disengagement area, 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.

On the night between 29-30 June, the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) recorded an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 4-6km south-east, which was unable to be assessed as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**. The same camera recorded an undetermined explosion and five projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 3-6km east and east-south-east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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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 29 June, while on the northern edge of Popasna, the SMM heard five undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 6-8km south-east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 30 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 the evening of 29 June, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM long-range UAV spotted three people within former positions of the armed formations, two of whom within a newly dug 10m-long extension to an existing trench, about 350m north-north-west of the area’s south-eastern corner (not visible in imagery from 7 June 2020).

On the night between 29-30 June, the SMM camera in Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded an illumination flare at an assessed range of 3-5km east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 30 June, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, 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 zone<sup>7</sup>**

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, some of which within residential areas, as well as 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 near non-government-controlled Slovianoserbsk (28km north-west of Luhansk) and between Slovianoserbsk and Znamianka (36km north-west of Luhansk), and to water infrastructure near Pankivka (16km north of Luhansk), as well as vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near government-controlled Vilkhove (22km north-east of Luhansk) and demining activities near Stepove (30km north-east of Luhansk) and Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned north-west of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) to facilitate aforesaid localised ceasefire, the SMM saw three impacts and heard 20 undetermined explosions and shots of small-arms fire, all 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, while at the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) from 08:12 to 08:30 and at the EECP near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) at 10:55, the SMM saw that both were operational but did not see any pedestrians or vehicular traffic at either.

While at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission saw no vehicular traffic and assessed that it was not operational. While at the checkpoint from 12:55 to 13:15, the SMM saw about ten cars with Ukrainian licence plates with white tape sealing their doors, hoods and booths. A member of the armed formations told the Mission that the vehicles had belonged to civilians who had traveled from government-controlled to non-government-controlled areas and had been placed under observation but did not provide further details. He said that the owners would be able to collect their vehicles once the observation period has ended.

In Luhansk region, the SMM noted that EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska remained operational. At the EECP, at about 12:25, the Mission saw 17 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and ten pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel in the opposite direction.

While near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the bridge between 10:19 and 10:45, the SMM saw two pedestrians (women in their forties) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and three pedestrians (two women and a man, mixed ages) queuing in the opposite direction. At 10:19, south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, the SMM saw an ambulance, staff of an humanitarian organization measuring the temperature of pedestrians who had entered non-government-controlled areas.

On 30 June, from 07:00 to 15:30, the SMM cameras at the parking lot south of the bridge recorded about 815 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) walking towards government-controlled areas and 540 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 south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the Mission passage towards government-controlled areas, referring to instructions received 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 Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed towards government-controlled areas only after about 140 minutes of waiting.

**Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
26/06/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In a residential area of Vodiane (94km south of Donetsk)	Mini UAV
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In a residential area of Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk) (see above)	
29/06/2020	1	Armoured combat vehicle	In Pyshevyk (84km south of Donetsk)	
	6	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Krymske (42km north-west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
30/06/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured recovery vehicle (BREM-1)	Near Klynove (68km north-east of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
29/06/2020	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (probable BMP-1)	Near Lobacheve (13km east of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV

<sup>8</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 30 June 2020<sup>9</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 02:06
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdaniivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jun, 00:59
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	5-7km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 21:44
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	29-Jun, 22:03
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	29-Jun, 22:03
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	29-Jun, 22:04
	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	29-Jun, 22:18
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	29-Jun, 22:21
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Jun, 22:26
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	29-Jun, 22:27
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	29-Jun, 22:27
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	400-600m S	Recorded	3	Muzzle flash		N/K	30-Jun, 02:06
	0.4-1km S	Recorded	3	Projectile	NW to SE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	30-Jun, 02:06
	1-2km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	30-Jun, 02:10
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 02:13
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 02:27
	400-800m S	Recorded	4	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	30-Jun, 03:27
	400-800m S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 03:27
	400-800m S	Recorded	5	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	30-Jun, 03:28
	400-800m S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 03:28
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 21:44
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	30-Jun, 00:30
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	30-Jun, 00:32
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	30-Jun, 00:33
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1-3km WSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:30
	1-3km W	Recorded	3	Muzzle flash		N/K	29-Jun, 22:31
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	29-Jun, 22:31
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	29-Jun, 22:31
	1-3km W	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:34
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:35
	1-3km W	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:36
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:37
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:37
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:38

<sup>9</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.



	1-3km WSW	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:45
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 22:46
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	29-Jun, 23:23
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	29-Jun, 23:23
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	29-Jun, 23:23
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 00:10
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	11	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 00:11
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 00:20
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	14	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 01:25
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 01:26
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 01:49
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	11	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 01:52
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 01:53
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 01:55
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 01:56
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 02:30
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	30-Jun, 03:10
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 03:11
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km WSW	Heard	13	Shot		Small arms	30-Jun, 10:43-11:02
	2-3km WSW	Heard	33	Shot		Small arms	30-Jun, 11:08-11:16
	2-3km WSW	Heard	25	Burst		Small arms	30-Jun, 11:08-11:16
	2-3km WSW	Heard and saw	3	Explosion	Impact	N/K	30-Jun, 11:08-11:16
	2-3km WSW	Heard	20	Shot		Small arms	30-Jun, 12:27-12:31
	2-3km WSW	Heard	9	Burst		Small arms	30-Jun, 12:27-12:31
	2-3km WSW	Heard	23	Burst		HMG	30-Jun, 12:27-12:31
	2-3km WSW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 12:27-12:31
	2-3km WSW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 12:45-12:48
	2-3km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	30-Jun, 12:45
	2-3km WSW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 12:21-12:22
	1-2km WNW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	30-Jun, 14:03
	2-3km WSW	Heard	17	Burst		HMG	30-Jun, 14:42-14:44
	Mykolaivka (government-controlled, 40km S of Donetsk)	4-7km NNE	Heard	3	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K
About 3.5km SE of Volnovakha (government-controlled, 53km S of Donetsk)	N/K NNE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 20:05
	N/K NNE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 20:12
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km SSW	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	29-Jun, 23:22-23:23
SMM camera in Zolote (government-	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Jun, 23:41

controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jun, 00:53
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jun, 00:54
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to assess whether inside or outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jun, 01:49
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	6-8km SSE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	29-Jun, 22:00-22:08
S edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km SE	Heard	30	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 11:20-11:40
	2-4km SE	Heard	30	Burst		HMG	30-Jun, 11:20-11:40
	1km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 11:20-11:40
	1-4km SSE	Heard	15	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 11:40-11:50
	1-4km SSE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	30-Jun, 11:40-11:50
	2-4km SSE	Heard	45	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 11:51-12:25
Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 12:35-12:50
	2-4km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	30-Jun, 12:35-12:50
SW edge of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	1-3km N	Heard	50	Shot		Small arms	30-Jun, 11:10-11:19
Inside the disengagement area near Zolote, about 3.5km N of Pervomaik (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	8-10km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jun, 12:17

## Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</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).