

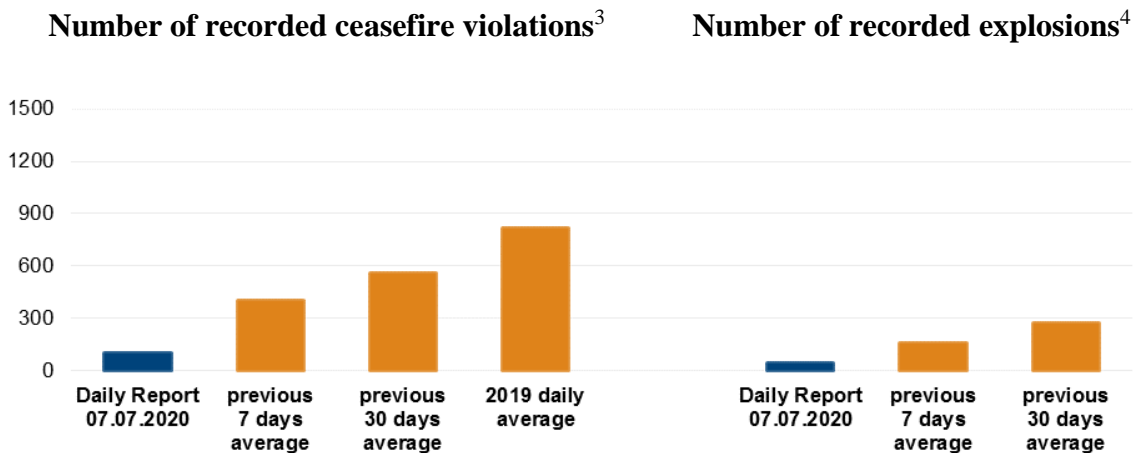
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Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and fewer 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 Mission continued monitoring all three disengagement areas: It observed people inside the disengagement area near Zolote during night hours.
- The SMM saw civilians queuing to travel towards government- and non-government-controlled areas at the entry-exit checkpoint in Stanytsia Luhanska.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 6 July 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 in Krasnohorivka, Petrivske, Shyrokyne, Svitlodarsk and at the Oktiabr mine were non-operational. The SMM camera at the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge stopped being operational at about 13:00 on 6 July.

³ Including explosions.

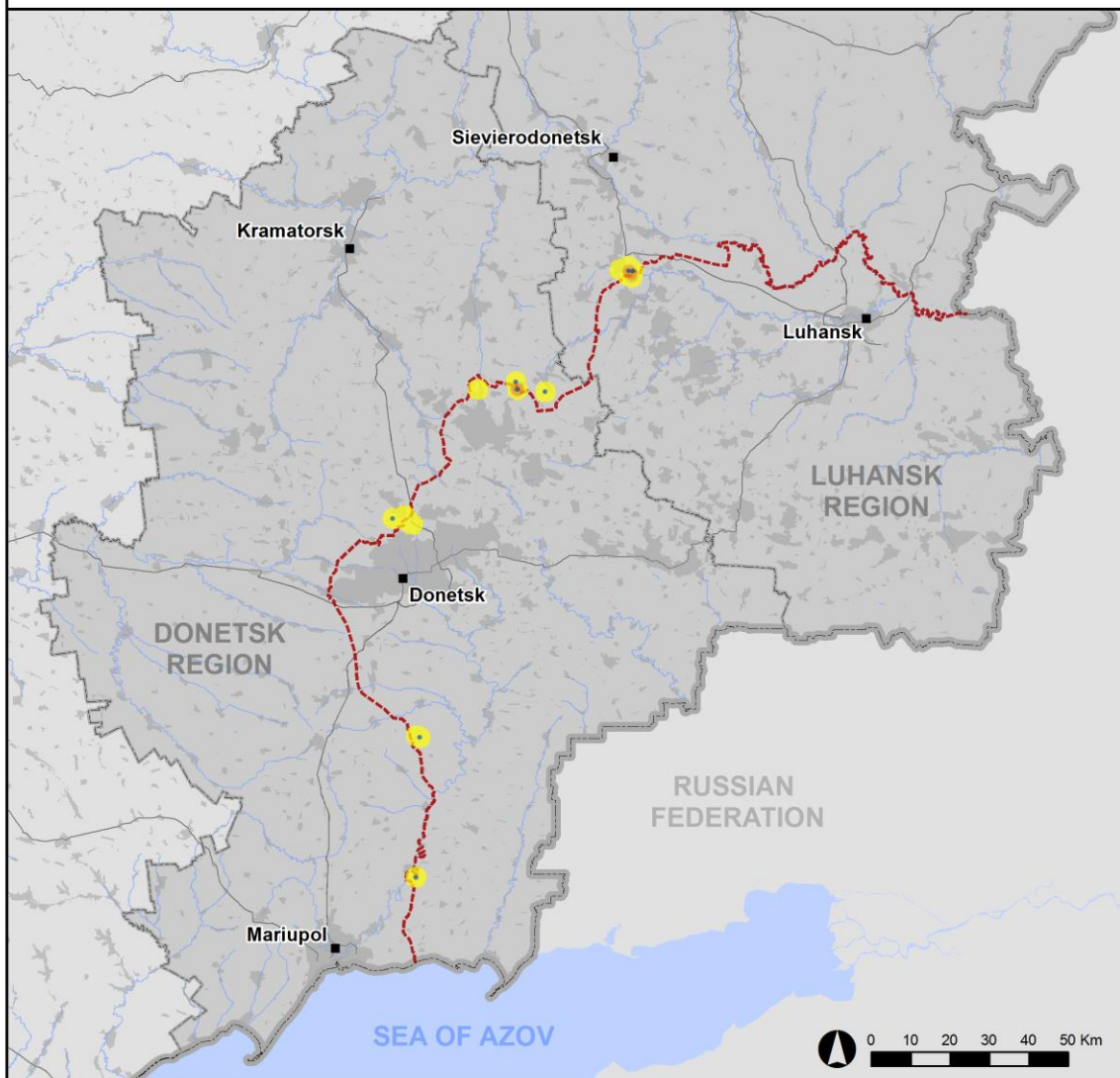
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

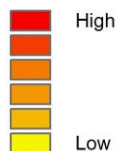


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 6 July 2020



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 40), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (six explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including almost all explosions, were recorded at westerly and south-easterly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (three), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 65 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at easterly directions of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

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 Donetsk region, at a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), the Mission was unable to proceed towards non-government-controlled areas due to the presence of static anti-vehicle obstacles laid across the road.

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 restrictions due to COVID-19.*

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 four 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 4-5 July, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, an SMM long-range UAV spotted two people near a former position of the armed formations on its eastern edge, about 650m south of its north-eastern corner. The same night, also inside the disengagement area, the UAV spotted a person near a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 500m north-west of its north-eastern corner.

On the evening and night of 5-6 July, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded three undetermined explosions, 33 projectiles in flight, three muzzle flashes and three illumination flares, all at assessed ranges of 2-5km east, 0.5-4km east-north-east and 3-5km east-south-east (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote but within 5km of its periphery), as well as a projectile at an assessed range of 2-4km east-south-east (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area).

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 6 July, the Mission saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) close to the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote. It saw three of them walking along road T-1316 inside the disengagement area up to about 350m north of its southern edge.

On the night of 5-6 July, the SMM camera near Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded an undetermined explosion and four projectiles, all at an assessed range of 3-6km east-south-east (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk)).

On 6 July, while positioned close to Bohdanivka, the SMM observed a calm situation inside and near the disengagement area near Petrivske.

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.

On 5 July, an SMM long-range UAV spotted three towed howitzers in violation of withdrawal lines in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

Presence of anti-tank mines at Donetsk airport

On 5 July, an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted 50 anti-tank mines laid in three rows across the width of a taxiway at the destroyed Donetsk airport (8km north-west of Donetsk). About 160m south of these, laid in three rows in a patch of grass adjacent to the taxiway, the same UAV again spotted 24 anti-tank mines. All these mines were assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

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 government-controlled Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk) and Troitske (69km west of Luhansk), and near Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk), and to water infrastructure near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk) and Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk); inspection of and repairs to water infrastructure near Shumy (government-controlled, 41km north of Donetsk); demining activities near government-controlled Novotoshkiivske (53km west of Luhansk), Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk), Hirske (63km west of Luhansk) and Heivka (27km north-west of Luhansk); and 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). While positioned near Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard shots and bursts of small-arms fire assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

Border areas outside government control

On 1 July, at the border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk), aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed about ten covered-cargo trucks queuing to exit Ukraine and about another ten in Ukraine and queuing to travel in the opposite direction.

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

In Luhansk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) in Stanytsia Luhanska was operational.

Between 07:00 and 15:30, the SMM cameras at the parking lot south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and north of the new span of the bridge recorded about 410 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) walking towards government-controlled areas and about 273 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) walking towards non-government-controlled areas.

While at the EECP at about 10:10 and 13:15, the Mission saw about 115 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and 45 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel in the opposite direction. The Mission saw two golf carts transporting people from the EECP to the new section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and back.

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw that the EECP near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) was closed and that the EECP near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) was operational but that there was no traffic in either direction.

On the morning of 6 July, the SMM camera at the EECP near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) recorded a woman carrying two bags walking from the EECP towards non-government-controlled areas. About an hour later, the same woman was recorded walking back towards 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 west of Verkhnoшыrokiyske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), the Mission was unable to proceed towards non-government-controlled areas due to the presence of static anti-vehicle obstacles laid across the road.
- 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 restrictions 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.

Other impediments:

- On 5 July, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Pylypchatyne (government-controlled, 76km north-east of Donetsk).⁷
- On 6 July, an SMM mini-UAV experience GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Berdianske (government-controlled, 102km south of Donetsk).
- On the same day, an SMM interlocutor in Makiivka (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Donetsk) refused to provide the SMM information on an alleged case of a civilian casualty, citing the need to “file an official request” with those in control.

⁷ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres of the UAV's position.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled				
05/07/2020	3	Towed howitzer (2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm)	Near Krynychne (45km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV

Table of ceasefire violations as of 6 July 2020⁸

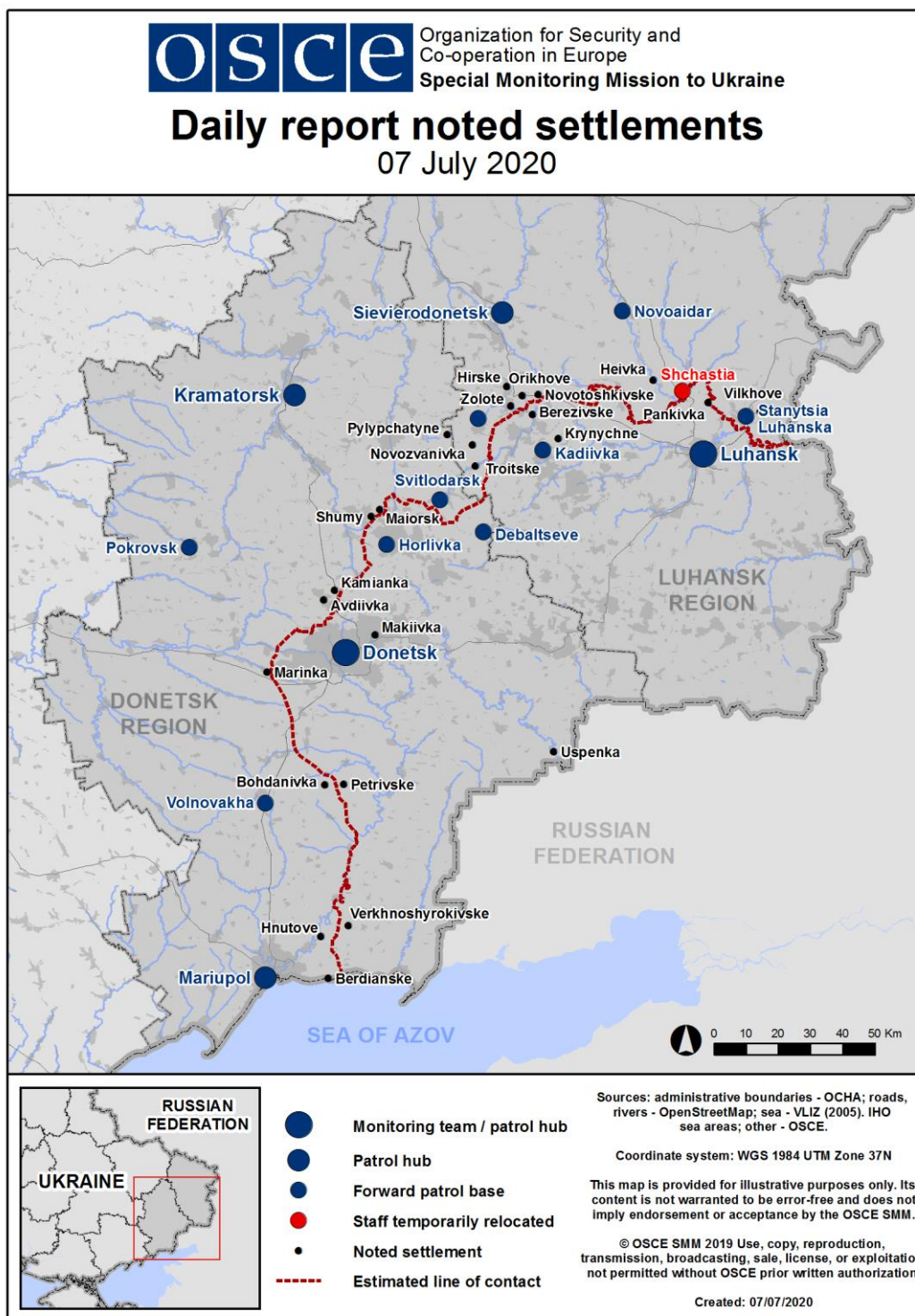
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to be assessed inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:16
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (unable to be assessed inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:27
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (unable to be assessed inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:28
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:42
	2-4km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	6-Jul, 02:53
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Jul, 21:53
	5-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 22:13
	3-4km S	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	6-Jul, 00:13
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Jul, 23:01
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km WSW	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:27
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:28
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:35
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:36
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:38

⁸ 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.

	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:39
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:40
	4-6km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:40
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:41
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:43
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:44
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:49
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:53
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:56
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1km SE	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	6-Jul, 11:22
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 16:41
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:16
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:19
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:24
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	5-Jul, 21:24
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	5-Jul, 21:25
	2-4km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:55
	2-4km E	Recorded	7	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:56
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 22:08

	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 22:58
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:12
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	6-Jul, 00:12
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:22
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:48
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:48
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:49
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:51
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:59
	0.5-1km ENE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 01:32
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Jul, 01:51

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁹



⁹ 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).