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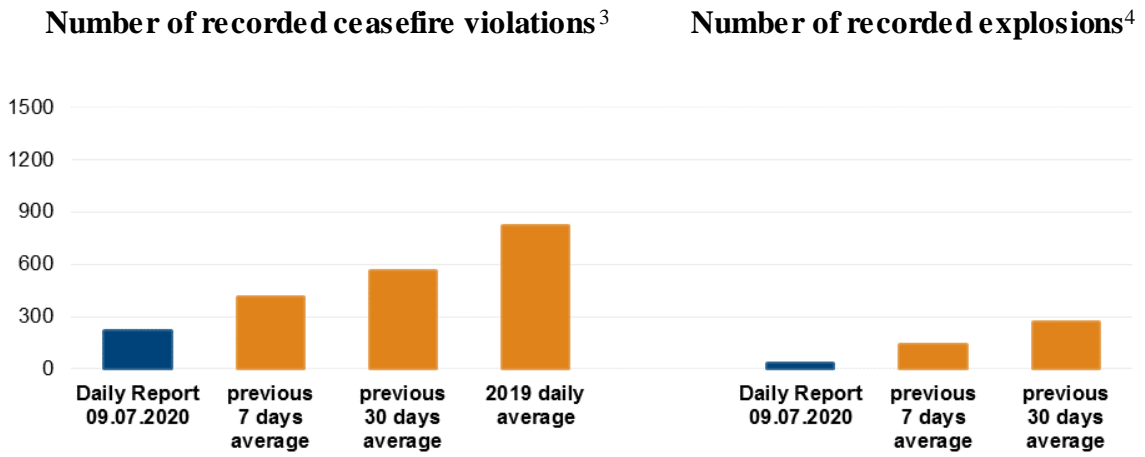
9 July 2020¹

Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM followed up on reports of a woman who died as a result of shrapnel injuries in Zhovanka, a government-controlled area of Zaitseve, Donetsk region.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at checkpoints along an official crossing route in Luhansk region.*
- The Mission continued monitoring all three disengagement areas: It observed people inside the disengagement areas near Zolote and Petrivske during night hours and recorded a ceasefire violation inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- 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, including at a border crossing point near non-government-controlled Dovzhanske, Luhansk region.*

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 8 July 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

Ceasefire violations²

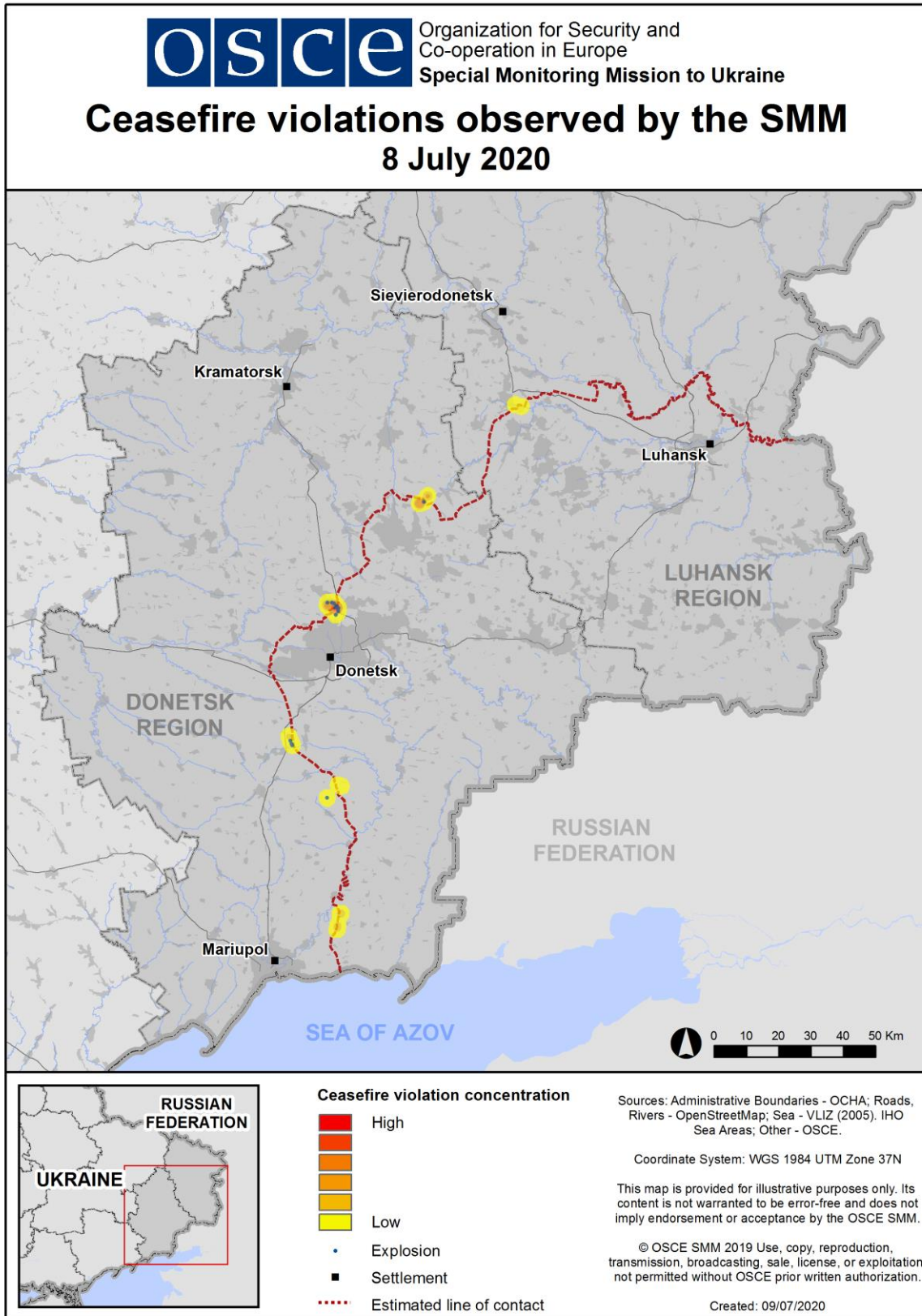


² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras in Krasnohorivka, Petrivske, Shyrokyne, Svitlodarsk and at the Oktiabr mine were non-operational. The SMM camera at the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge stopped being operational at about 13:00 on 6 July.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including, however, more explosions (about 35 explosions), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (seven). Over half of all ceasefire violations and almost all of the explosions were recorded at southerly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) and within a 5km radius of the station (see below).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including no explosions, compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 20 explosions). All ceasefire violations were recorded in areas north and north-east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

SMM followed up on reports of a civilian casualty in Donetsk region

The SMM followed up on reports of a woman (in her eighties) who died on 3 July as a result of shrapnel wounds in Zhovanka, a government-controlled area of Zaitseve (50km north-east of Donetsk).

On 4 July, a staff member at the central hospital in Bakhmut (formerly Artemivsk, government-controlled, 67km north of Donetsk) told the SMM that the body of a woman (in her eighties) had been brought to the morgue on the morning of 3 July.

On 8 July, the woman's daughter-in-law told the SMM that on the morning of 3 July, a neighbour had called to tell her that her mother-in-law had been injured in an explosion while near her home at 67 Manuilskoho Street in Zhovanka. The daughter-in-law said that by the time she had arrived at the house about an hour later, she had found that her mother-in-law had already died and that her body had been severely injured on the left side. She said she had seen blood in the yard and on the main road. She added that her mother-in-law had been taken to the morgue in Bakhmut and that following an autopsy, the coroner told her that she had died of blood loss as the result of shrapnel injuries.

On 6 July, to follow up on reports of shelling and the above civilian casualty, the SMM conducted a mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight over 67 Manuilskoho Street on the south-western edge of Zaitseve, which revealed a recent impact in the backyard of a residential property (about 70m north of a house), assessed as caused by a mortar round (probable 82mm) fired from a southeasterly direction (for more information see [SMM Daily Report 8 July 2020](#)).

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, referring to restrictions due to COVID-19.*

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.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

On 8 July, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) the Mission 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 7-8 July, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, an SMM long-range UAV spotted three people within a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces south of a railway track (about 200m south of the area’s northern edge and about 500m west of its eastern edge) and another person within a former position of the armed formations about 850m south of the area’s north-eastern corner.

On the same night, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded a projectile in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. On 8 July, while positioned on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the Mission recorded four bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 3-5km north-east. All of these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 8 July, 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. It saw two of them walking along road T-1316 inside the disengagement area up to about 350m north of its southern edge and then return.

On the night of 7-8 July, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM long-range UAV spotted a person within a former position of the armed formations about 350m north of the area’s south-eastern corner.

During the night of 7-8 July, the SMM camera located 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded an illumination flare at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east, which was unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske, and a burst at an assessed range of 2-4km east-south-east, assessed as inside the disengagement area.

On 8 July, while positioned near Bohdanivka, the SMM recorded four undetermined explosions assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM observed a surface-to-air missile system in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region. It also observed 23 weapons beyond

⁶ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

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

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

On 7 July, at two separate compounds near Memryk (government-controlled, 33km north-west of Donetsk), an SMM long-range UAV spotted an early warning radar (P-18 *Malakhūt*) (active and turning) and a PRV-9 height finder radar.

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 Bereziivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk), as well as to water infrastructure near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk).

The SMM also facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable inspection of and repairs to water infrastructure between government-controlled Novotoshkiivske (53km west of Luhansk) and Nyzhnie (56km north-west of Luhansk); demining activities near government-controlled 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 SMM facilitated localised ceasefires to enable the extinguishing of wildfires in the area of Smolianynove (government-controlled, 61km north-west of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS, as well as repairs to a 600mm water pipeline near Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk). While positioned at two locations near DFS, the SMM heard five undetermined explosions, as well as shots and bursts of small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

Mine action related activities near Kodema

On 7 July, in a field about 1.8km west of Kodema (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted marks on the ground indicating probable demining activities, as well as two people conducting probable demining activities.

Border areas outside of government control

While at the border crossing point at near Dovzhanske (84km south-east of Luhansk) for about 15 minutes, the SMM observed no cars or pedestrians crossing the border. The SMM observed about 25 vehicles (five with Ukrainian licence plates and 20 with “LPR” plates) as

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

well as a bus (about 50 passengers, mixed gender and ages) queuing to exit Ukraine. After seven minutes, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.*

While at the pedestrian border crossing point near Novoborovytsi (79km south of Luhansk) for about 15 minutes, the SMM observed that it was closed and that there was neither any staff present nor cross-border traffic.

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. While at the EECP at about 09:50, 11:10, 13:40 and 14:10, the Mission saw 90 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and 75 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.

From 07:00 to 18:00, the SMM camera south of the Stanytsia Luhansk bridge recorded about 440 people traveling from government-controlled to non-government-controlled areas and about 350 traveling from non-government-controlled to government-controlled areas.

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw that the EECP near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and a checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Berezove (government-controlled, 31km south-west of Donetsk) were both operational but did not observe traffic in either direction at either location.

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 below). 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 restrictions due to COVID-19.

- At the border crossing point near Dovzhanske (non-government-controlled, 84km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.

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:

- While following up on reports of a civilian casualty at a hospital in Makiivka (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Donetsk), a staff member told the SMM that information on the case of a boy fatally injured by an explosion in Makiivka could only be provided by those in control.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
07/07/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Near Novobesheve (21km south of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
07/07/2020	6	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	Near Berezivka (44km north-west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Towed howitzer (D-30A <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	11	Towed howitzer (2A36 <i>Giatsint-B</i> , 152mm)	Near Mykhailivka (47km north-west of Donetsk)	
	5	Tank (probable T-64)	Near Vozdvyzhenka (40km north-west of Donetsk)	

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
06/07/2020	1	Armored reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a residential area in Berdianske (102km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
07/07/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Kurakhove (40km west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Novohnativka (40km south of Donetsk)	
08/07/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Verkhnotoetske (23km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol

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Table of ceasefire violations as of 8 July 2020⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date and time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	WSW to ENE (also recorded by the SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	7-Jul, 22:04
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	15	Projectile	NNE to SSW (also recorded by SMM camera in Avdiivka)	N/K	7-Jul, 23:39
	4-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:16
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight (also recorded by the SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	8-Jul, 00:18
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	8-Jul, 00:21
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	8-Jul, 00:21
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:24
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	8-Jul, 00:34
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to the previous event)	N/K	8-Jul, 00:34
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	8-Jul, 00:47
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (also recorded by the SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	8-Jul, 00:47
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jul, 00:49
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (also recorded by the SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	8-Jul, 00:54

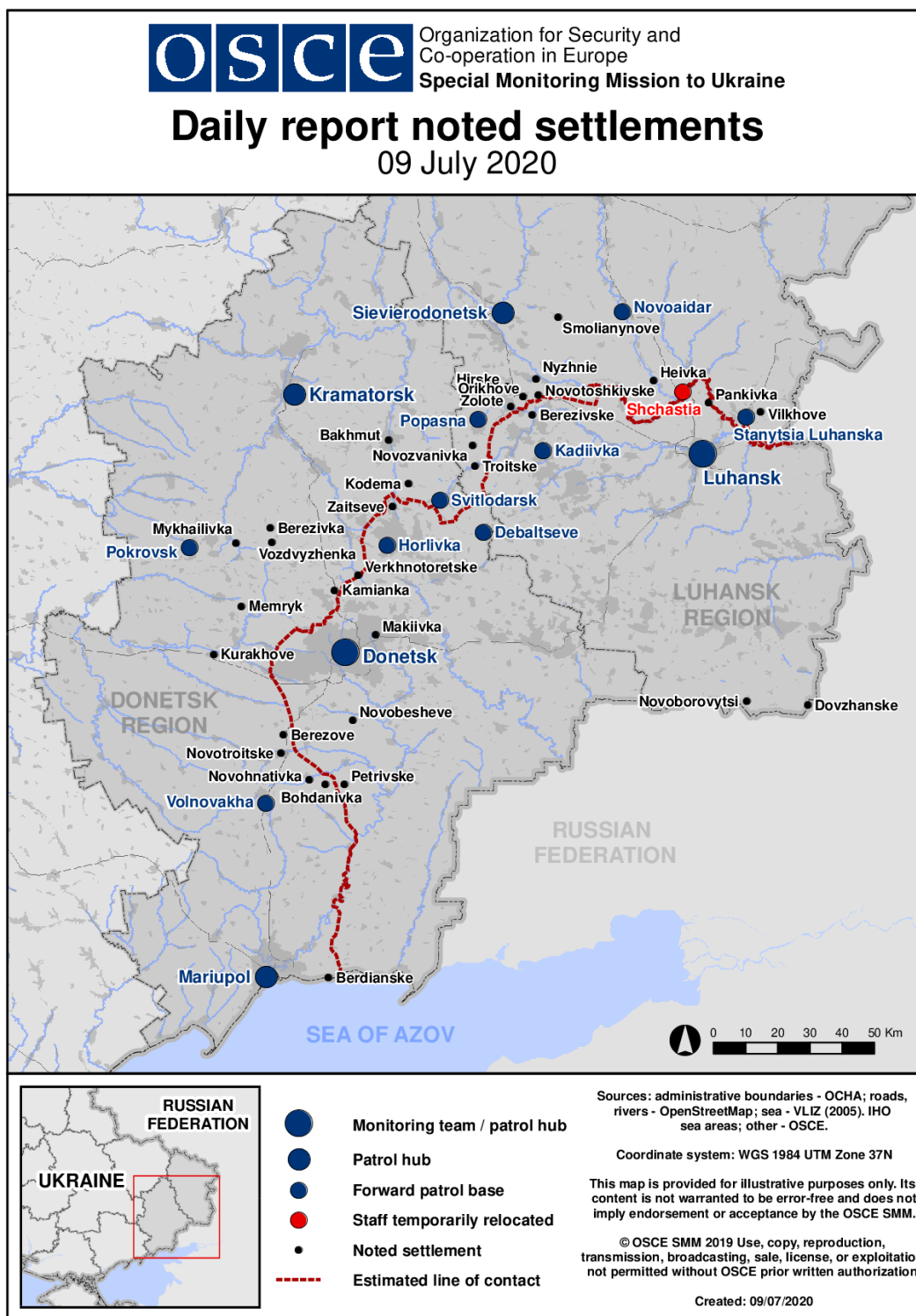
⁹ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments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

	3-4km ESE	Recorded	35	Projectile	SSW to NNE (also recorded by the SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	8-Jul, 00:54
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	5-6km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jul, 21:35
	5-7km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jul, 21:51
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	8	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Jul, 22:17
	4-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jul, 22:17
	5-6km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jul, 03:19
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (unable to be assessed inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	7-Jul, 23:47
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Burst	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 01:59
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	5-7km SSE	Recorded	10	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jul, 01:44
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-3km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jul, 23:39
	1-3km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	7-Jul, 23:39
	2-4km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jul, 23:50
	1-3km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jul, 23:51
	1-3km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:18
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight (also recorded by SMM camera in Avdiivka)	N/K	8-Jul, 00:18
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	8-Jul, 00:20
	1-3km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:22
	1-3km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:36
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:36
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:38
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:40
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:49
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	8-Jul, 00:59

	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 01:00
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government- controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	7-Jul, 22:57
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	7-Jul, 23:03
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	8-Jul, 00:06
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	7-Jul, 23:24
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government- controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 00:55
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasnuvata (non- government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	8-Jul, 10:07
	3-5km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to the previous outgoing explosions)	N/K	8-Jul, 10:07
	5-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 10:21
SE part of Avdiivka (government- controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1km SW	Heard	18	Shots and bursts		Small arms	8-Jul, 09:41
	2-3km SE	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	8-Jul, 12:35
	1-2km E	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	8-Jul, 14:28- 14:29
	1-2km E	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	8-Jul, 14:28- 14:29
	1-2km E	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	8-Jul, 14:31

About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	5-6km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 10:07
About 1km SW of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	30	Burst		Small arms	8-Jul, 10:00
About 1.5km NW of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	5-7km SSE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside of the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 13:24-13:35
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km W	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	8-Jul, 16:11-16:31
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 00:06
3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NE	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area	HMG	8-Jul, 10:12-10:25+B56:I57

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹⁰



¹⁰ 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).