

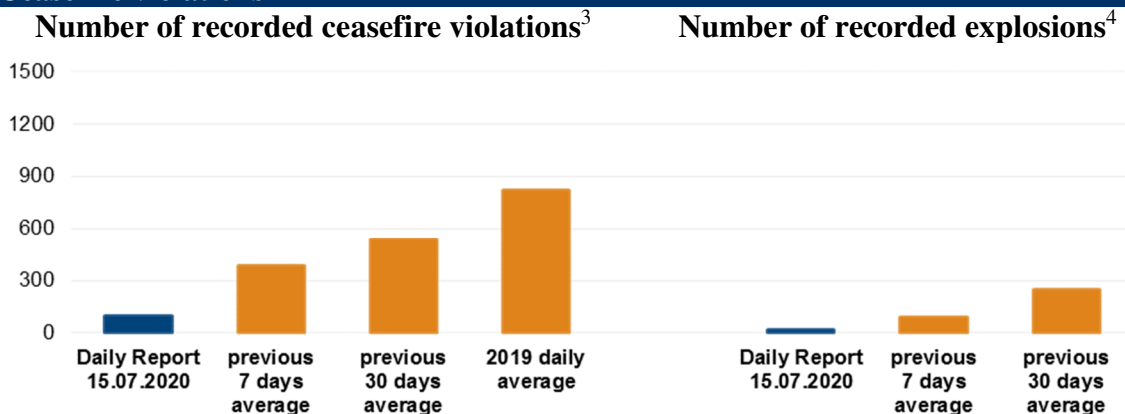
# Daily Report 167/2020

15 July 2020<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable the repairs and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians amid the COVID-19 outbreak, including at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

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



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 14 July 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras at the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, in Petrivske, in Krasnohorivka, near Shyrokyne and at the Oktiabr mine were not operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

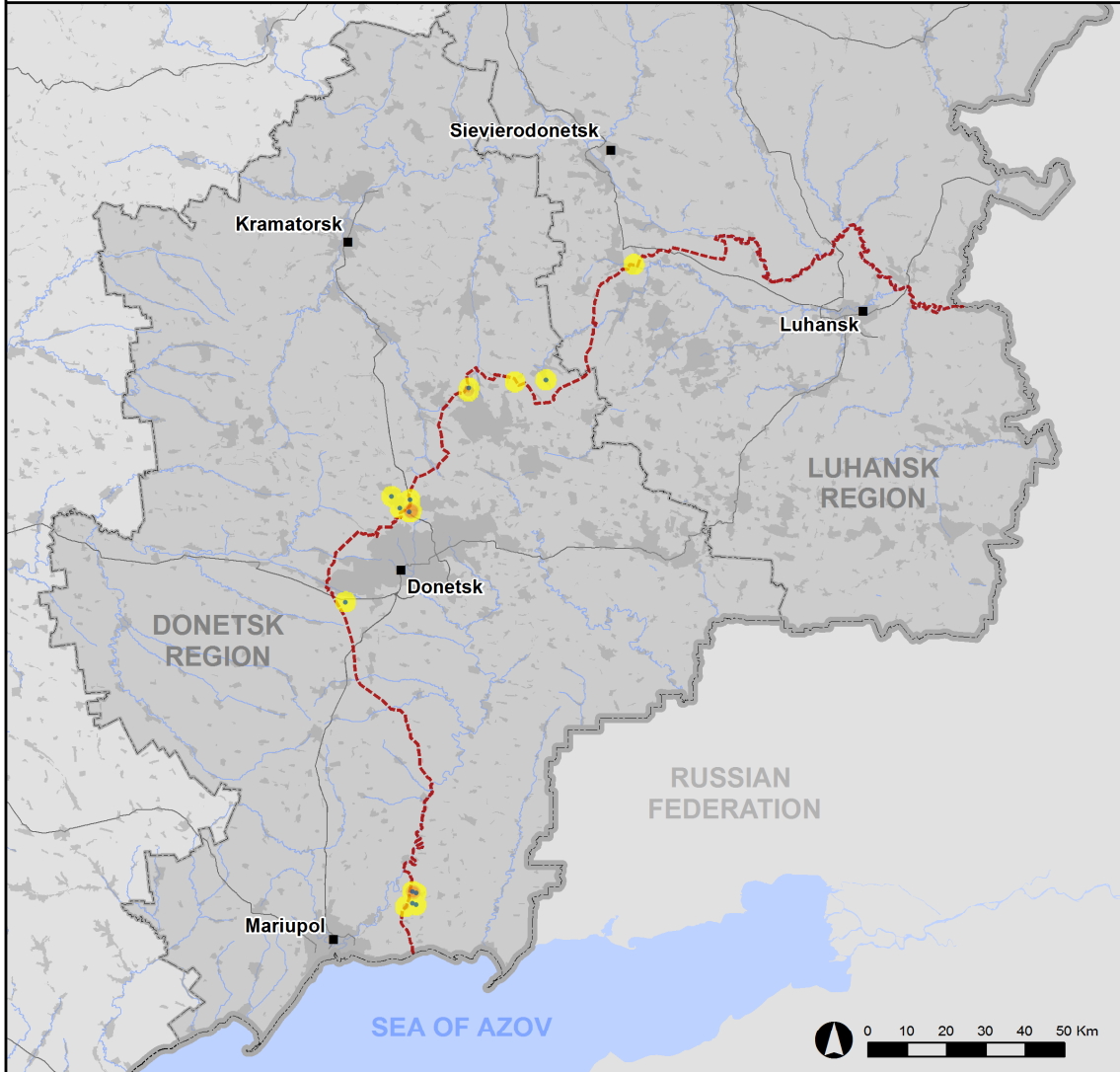
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

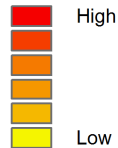


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 14 July 2020



#### 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 SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (19), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (125 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at southerly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) and in areas east-south-east and south-east of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations (one), and no explosions, compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (18 explosions). The ceasefire violation was recorded in areas north-east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>5</sup>**

On 14 July, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) and their checkpoint south of it.

On the evening of 13 July, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded an illumination flare at an assessed range of 4-6km east and assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 14 July, on the area’s southern edge, the Mission saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), two of whom walked along road T-1316 inside the disengagement area up to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned.

On 14 July, positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

### **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>6</sup>**

The SMM observed armoured personnel carriers in the security zone in government-controlled areas of both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for further details, see the table below).

On the southern outskirts of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), on road T-0504, the SMM saw for the first time a mobile checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces controlling traffic.

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<sup>5</sup> Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

<sup>6</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

### **SMM facilitation of operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to water infrastructure near the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk); repairs of power and gas lines in Novozvanivka (government-controlled, 70km west of Luhansk) and Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk); repairs of a power line in Zolote-5/Mykhailivika (non-government-controlled, 61km north-west of Luhansk) and near Naberezhne (non-government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk); as well as vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk).

The SMM also monitored adherence to the ceasefire in order to enable a transfer of funds from non-government- to government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, reportedly related to water payments.

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned at three locations near the station, the Mission heard four undetermined explosions as well as bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the station (see the table below).

### **Measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints to counter COVID-19 outbreak**

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were both operational but that there was no traffic in either direction at either location. While at the checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) the Mission saw no traffic in either direction and assessed that it was not operational. While at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw that it was closed, and the Mission saw members of the armed formations conducting checks on a woman (in her sixties).

In Luhansk region, the SMM noted that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska was operational. While at the EECP, at 10:00 and 11:00, the Mission saw about 230 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and about 150 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel in the opposite direction. The Mission also continued to see two golf carts operating between the EECP and the new section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

From 06:30 to 18:00 on 14 July, the SMM camera south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge recorded about 720 people traveling to government-controlled from non-government-controlled areas and about 580 people traveling in the opposite direction.

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 14 July 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.*

*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.

**Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Source of observation</b>
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
14/07/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (Kozak-2)	Near Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	3	Armoured personnel carrier	Near Myronivka (64km north-east of Donetsk)	

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**Table of ceasefire violations as of 14 July 2020<sup>8</sup>**

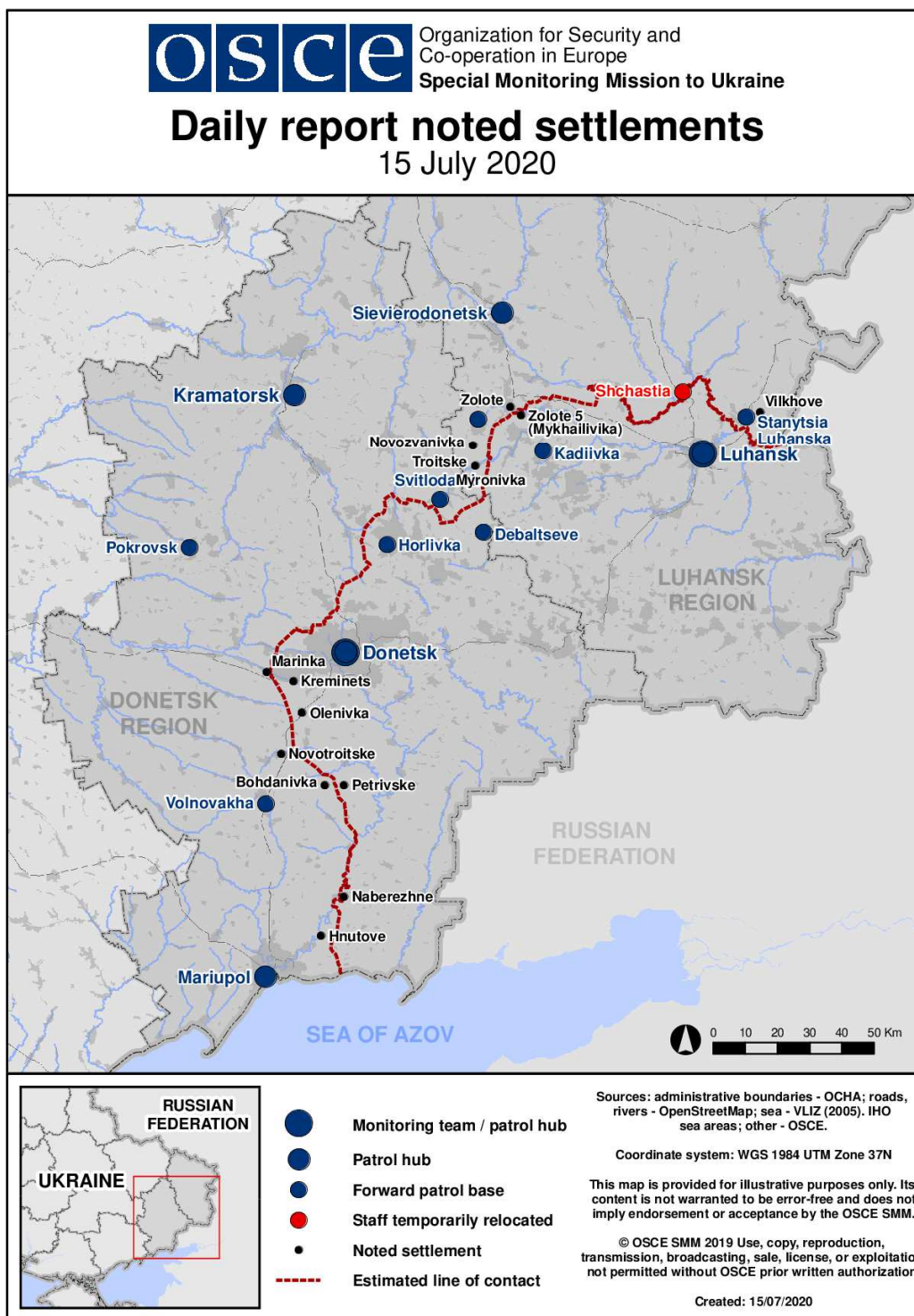
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	5-7km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jul, 21:59
	3-5km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	13-Jul, 22:03
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	14-Jul, 01:13
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	13-Jul, 21:43
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (also recorded by the SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	13-Jul, 21:44
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jul, 21:44
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	13-Jul, 21:44
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jul, 00:17
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	14-Jul, 00:19
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	18	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jul, 00:20
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	13-Jul, 23:06
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	9	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 23:06
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	13-Jul, 23:10
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	13-Jul, 23:36
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	14-Jul, 00:37
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km WSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jul, 00:23
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 09:41
Railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 11:28-11:29
	2-4km WSW	Heard	38	Burst		HMG	14-Jul, 11:35-11:39
SW part of Kreminets (non-government-controlled,	1-3km WSW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 08:25-08:28

<sup>8</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.

16km SW of Donetsk)							
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 09:40
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 09:40
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-5km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jul, 21:18
	2-5km ESE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 12:24
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Jul, 21:45



### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>9</sup>



<sup>9</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).