

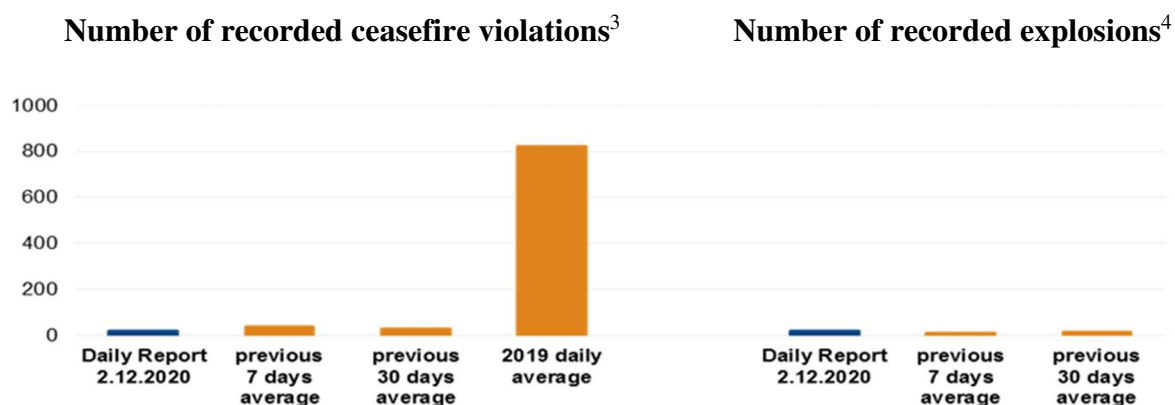
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Summary

- The SMM recorded 12 ceasefire violations in Donetsk region. In the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded eight ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission recorded eight ceasefire violations in Luhansk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission observed 13 anti-tank mines near non-government-controlled Petrivske for the first time.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance and the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at six entry-exit checkpoints and four checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM monitored events in Zakarpattia region.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Hryhorivka, Shevchenko, Prymorske and Nova Marivka, all in Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations²



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

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Petrivske was not operational.

³ Including explosions

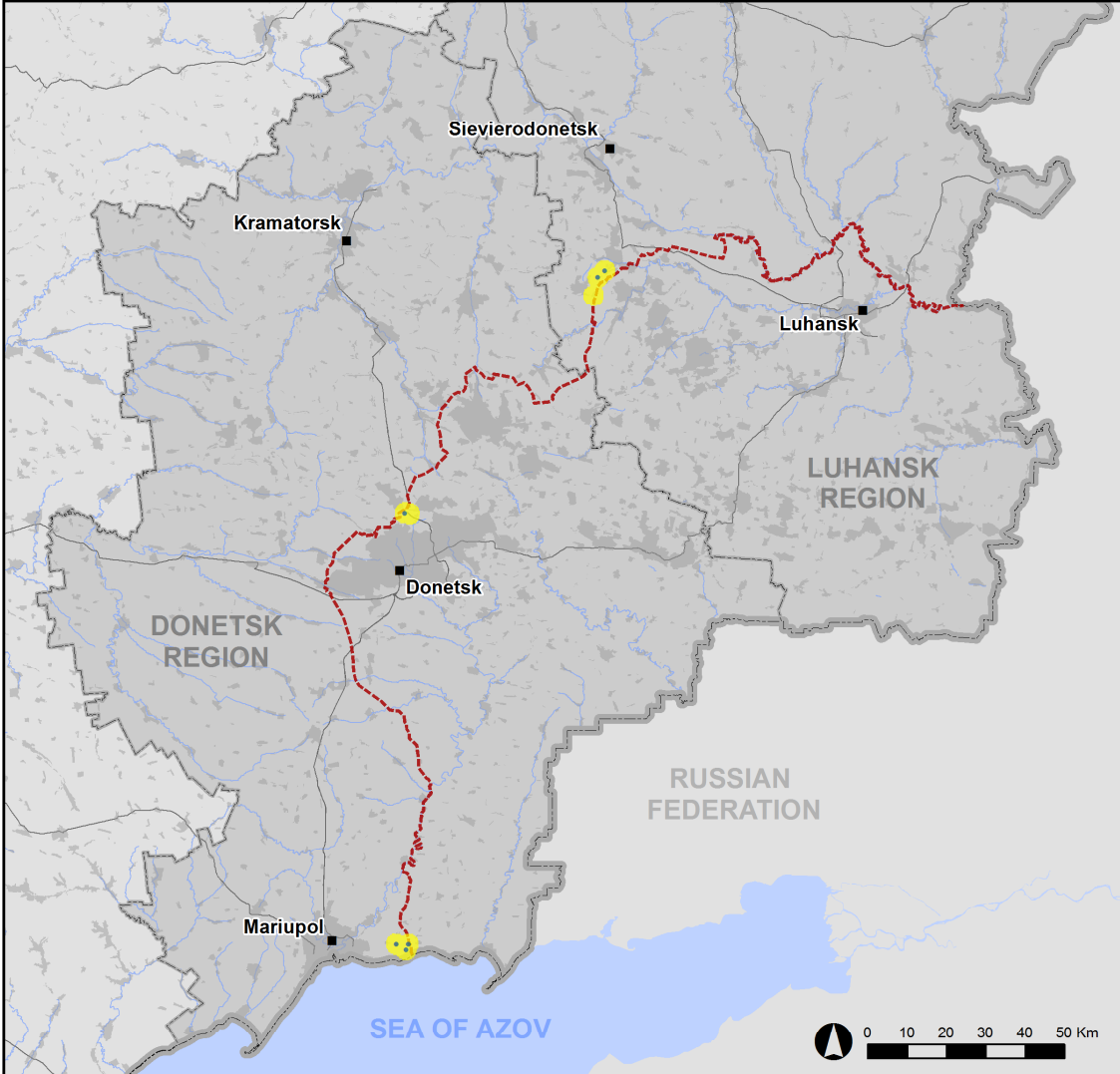
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

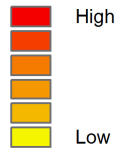


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 1 December 2020



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 12 ceasefire violations, including 11 undetermined explosions, ten of which occurred at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and one in an area south-south-west of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded eight ceasefire violations in the region, two of which occurred in an area south-west of the DFS.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded eight ceasefire violations, including seven undetermined explosions in areas near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the mission recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire, from 00:01 on 27 July until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has so far recorded a total of 2,784 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 1,088 explosions, 86 projectiles in flight, 33 muzzle flashes, 27 illumination flares and 1,550 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

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) south of the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

Inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the SMM observed three members of the armed formations about 330m north of its southern edge and four more (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area.

While positioned at two locations near the area, the SMM heard seven undetermined explosions, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

While positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed a calm situation.

Withdrawal of weapons

The Mission continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

Presence of mines near Petrivske

On 30 November, in a field about 2km north of Petrivske, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted for the first time 13 anti-tank mines (TM-62), assessed as belonging to the armed formations (not visible in imagery from 29 October 2020).

On 1 December, at the northern edge of Nikishyne (non-government-controlled, 60km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM saw that a [previously observed](#) unexploded ordnance (UXO), assessed as the tailfin of a mortar round, was no longer present.

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

Near Makiivka (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Donetsk), outside a compound of the armed formations, the Mission observed for the first time a mine sign with a skull and crossbones with “Danger, Mines” written in Russian.

SMM facilitation of repairs to and maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to water infrastructure near Krasnyi Lyman (non-government-controlled, 30km north-west of Luhansk), inspection and maintenance of and repairs to power lines near Smile (non-government-controlled, 31km north-west of Luhansk), as well as demining activities near Lopaskyne (government-controlled, 23km north-west of Luhansk) and between government-controlled Hirske (63km west of Luhansk) and Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS.

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) near government-controlled Maiorsk (45km north-east of Donetsk) and Hnutove (90km south of Donetsk) were operational but did not observe any civilian traffic.

The Mission observed that the EECP near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) was operational but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

The SMM also noted that the checkpoint of the armed formations near Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, the Mission noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was operational, with pedestrian traffic passing through in both directions. The representative of an international organization told the Mission that there was no fuel to heat a tent set up to shelter those waiting to cross into non-government-controlled areas. The SMM saw five people who had been stranded overnight in the tent (two children, about five years old, two women in their 30s and one man about 55-60 years old). During its presence, the SMM observed the group cross to non-government-controlled areas.

The SMM also noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were operational but that the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote and 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia remained closed.

The SMM met with interlocutors in Zakarpattia region

On 1 December, a press officer of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) Main Directorate and the deputy chief of the Zakarpattia Regional National Police told the SMM that the SBU had conducted searches on 30 November of the offices of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) in Uzhhorod (182km west of Ivano-Frankivsk), the Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian Institute in Berehove (174km south-west of Ivano-Frankivsk), the

residence of the head of the KMKSZ in Uzhhorod, and the office of the Transcarpathian Center for Economic Development “Egan Ede” in Uzhhorod.

According to an official SBU statement, the searches were aimed at verifying the involvement of a foreign foundation in activities aimed at violating the state sovereignty of Ukraine, possible interference in the country’s internal affairs and damage to the state security of Ukraine, as well as acts of assistance to a foreign state by certain Ukrainian public figures.

On 2 December, a representative (woman in her forties) of the KMKSZ told the SMM that on 30 November the four above-mentioned locations had been searched, each by about 15 SBU officers. She said that, at all four locations, SBU officers had presented search warrants and that KMKSZ lawyers, as well as other lawyers, had been present. She added that during the search at the Transcarpathian Center for Economic Development “Egan Ede”, SBU officers had taken some IT equipment and documents from the office.

The SMM will continue to follow up.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Dnipro, Lviv, Odessa, Kharkiv, 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, 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 (see [SMM Daily Report 1 December 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.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Hryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 68km south of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing the need for written permission from those in control.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing ongoing demining activities in the area.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Prymorske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing ongoing demining activities in the area.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), five visibly armed members of armed formations denied the Mission passage, citing ongoing demining activities in the area.

Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/UXO:

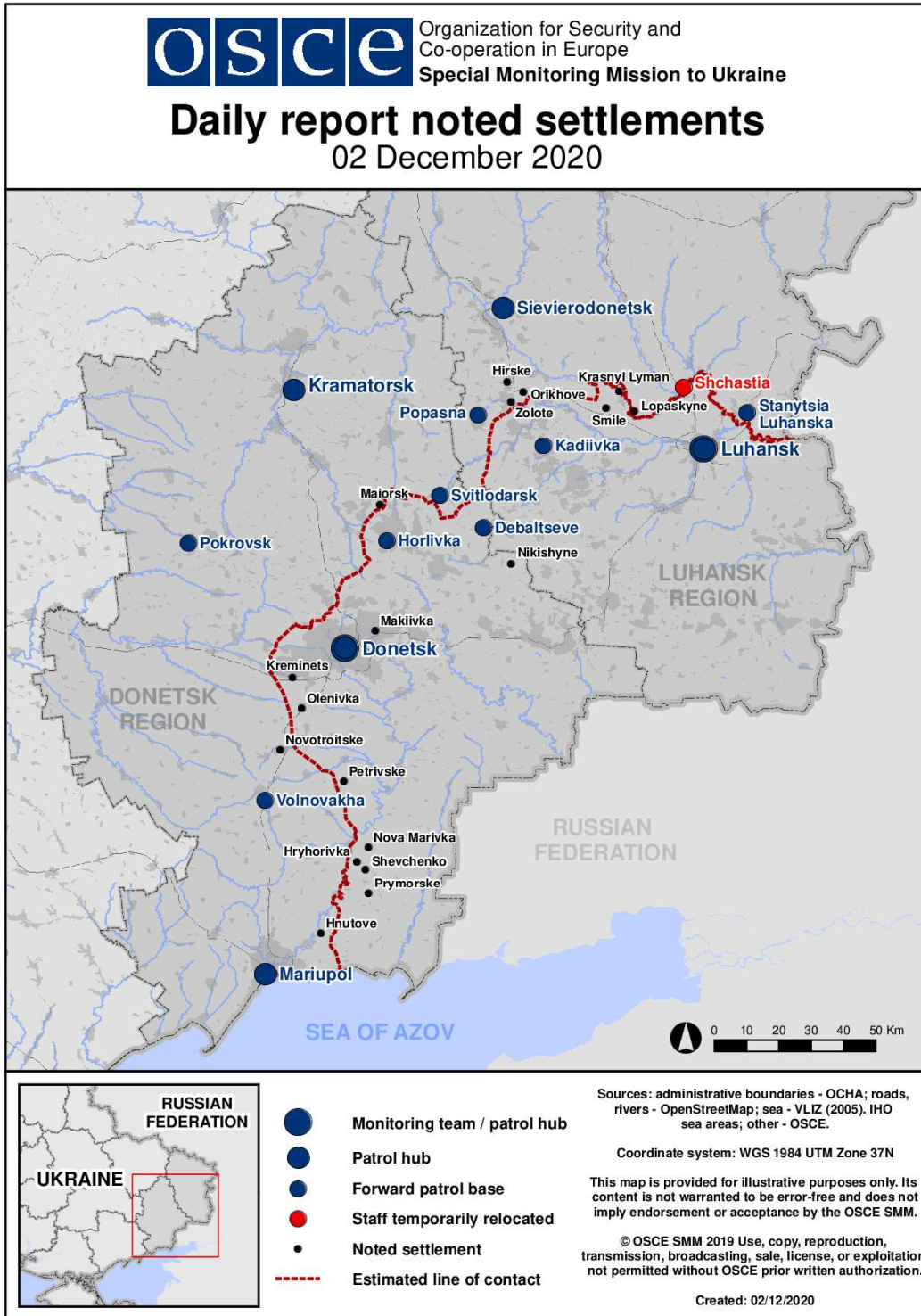
- The sides continued to deny the SMM full access, as well as the ability to travel certain roads previously identified as important for effective monitoring by the Mission and for civilians' movement, through failure to conduct comprehensive clearance of mines, UXO and other obstacles.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 01 December 2020⁶

| SMM position | Event location | Means | No. | Observation | Description | Weapon | Date, time |
|--|----------------|----------|-----|--------------|---|------------|--------------------|
| SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk) | 2-4km SSW | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 1-Dec, 02:28 |
| | 2-4km S | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | WNW to ESE | N/K | 1-Dec, 02:28 |
| SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk) | 3-5km NNW | Recorded | 7 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 30-Nov, 19:17 |
| | 2-3km NNE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 30-Nov, 19:17 |
| | 3-5km NNE | Recorded | 1 | Muzzle flash | | N/K | 1-Dec, 04:50 |
| | 3-5km NNE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E (subsequent to previous event) | N/K | 1-Dec, 04:50 |
| | 3-5km NNE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined (subsequent to the previous event) | N/K | 1-Dec, 04:50 |
| | 3-5km NNE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 1-Dec, 05:24 |
| About 1.5km NW of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km NW of Luhansk) | 2-3km NNW | Heard | 6 | Explosion | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 1-Dec, 14:02-14:05 |
| SE edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk) | 6-7km NE | Heard | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 1-Dec, 14:16 |
| | 2-3km SE | Heard | 1 | Shot | | Small arms | 1-Dec, 14:33 |

⁶ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by 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.

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁷



⁷ 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 have 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 also patrols in this settlement during daylight hours).