

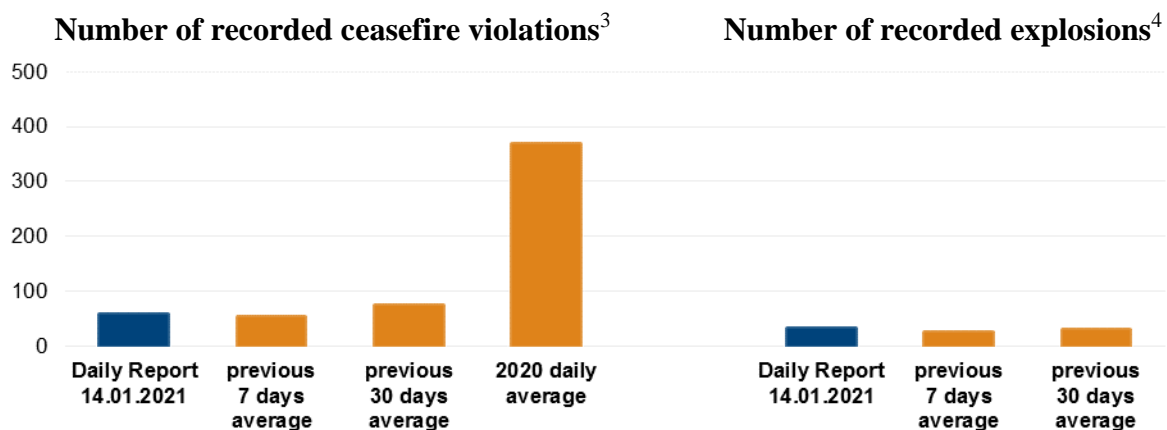
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Summary

- The SMM recorded 47 ceasefire violations in Donetsk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 76 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission recorded 11 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.
- An SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle spotted fresh impact craters near Molodizhne, Luhansk region, which were not seen in imagery from 8 January.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs and operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and two corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 13 January 2021. 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, and weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some of the other SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

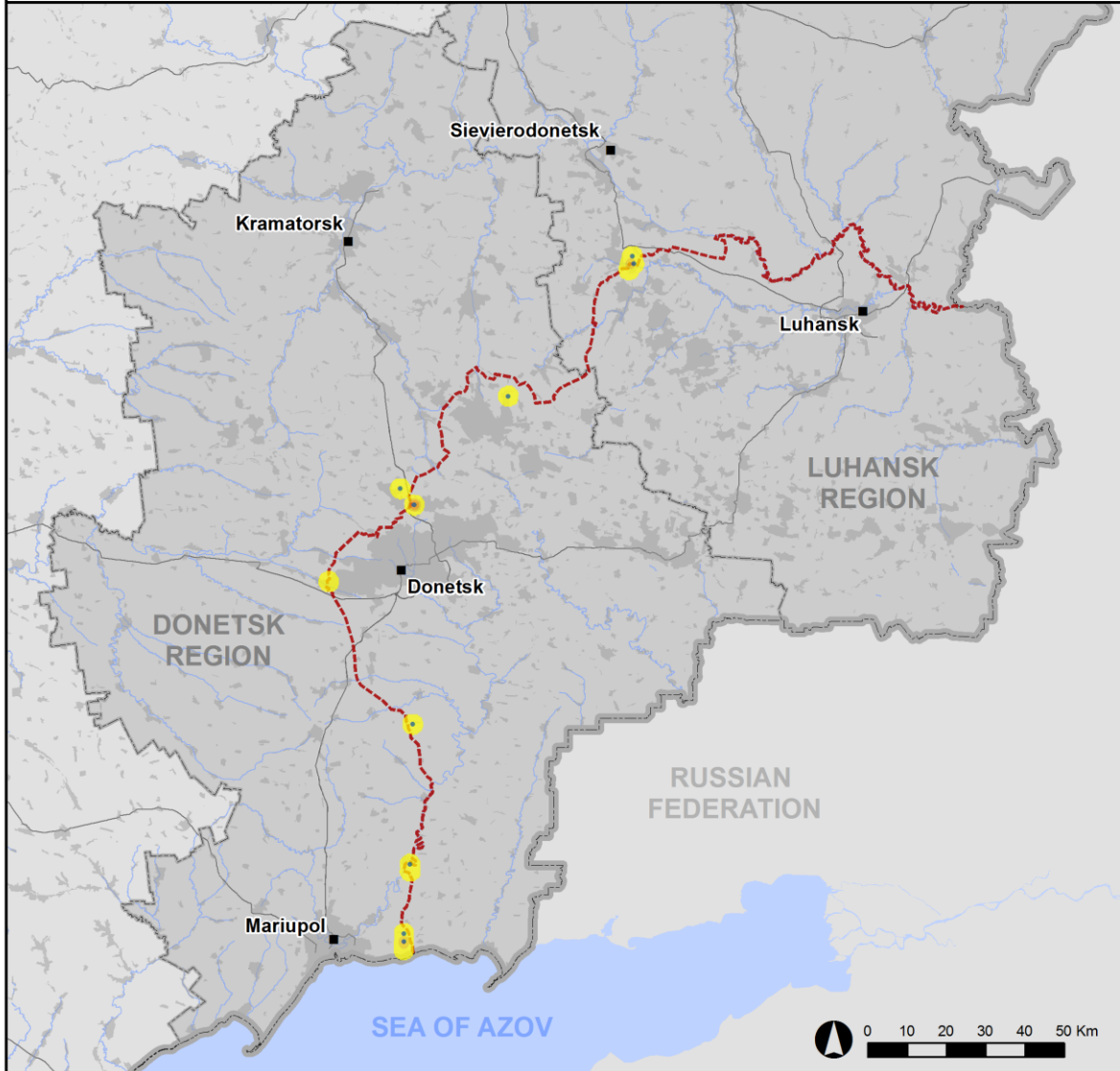
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

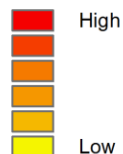


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 13 January 2021



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 47 ceasefire violations, including 29 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas east of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk) on the evening of 12 January and north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the SMM recorded 76 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 11 ceasefire violations, including four undetermined explosions, all in areas north-east of the disengagement area 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 2020 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 at least 5,970 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 2,586 explosions, 736 projectiles in flight, 79 muzzle flashes, 54 illumination flares and at least 2,515 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

The SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

On the evening of 12 January, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded four undetermined explosions and seven projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 3-6km east-north-east and east, all assessed as outside the **disengagement near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 13 January, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area, the Mission saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), three of whom walked inside the area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned.

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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the SMM spotted six towed mortars in a compound in Kostiantynivka (government-controlled, 60km north of Donetsk) (see the table below).

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁶

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

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

The Mission observed armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the contact line in Luhansk region, including in a residential area (for further information, see the table below).

Fresh impact craters near Molodizhne, Luhansk region

On 11 January, about 3.5km south-south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted for the first time at least four impact craters (not visible in imagery from 8 January), all assessed as fresh and caused by a grenade or small-calibre mortar.

SMM facilitation of repairs and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation around the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk). While positioned near Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk), the SMM recorded an undetermined explosion, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS, which occurred during the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving on road M-04 from Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Donetsk).

The Mission also facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to power lines near government-controlled Travneve (51km north-east of Donetsk) and Hladosove (51km north-east of Donetsk), repairs to water infrastructure near Sloviaoserbsk (non-government-controlled, 28km north-west of Luhansk) and demining activities near government-controlled Hirske (63km west of Luhansk) and Myrna Dolyna (67km north-west of Luhansk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission noted that the checkpoint of the armed formations near Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) remained closed.

In Luhansk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Stanytsia Luhanska was operational, with pedestrians queuing to travel in both directions. The SMM also observed a golf cart operating between the repaired span of the bridge and the EECP.

The Mission again noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were operational but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote was not operational.

The SMM 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, 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 Minsk agreements 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 of 12 January 2021](#)). 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 weapons

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
12/1/2021	6	Towed mortar (2B9 <i>Vasilek</i> , 82mm)	In a compound in Kostiantynivka (60km north of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
12/1/2021	2	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
Non-government-controlled areas				
11/1/2021	5	Armoured combat vehicle (one BMP-variant, two MT-LB-variants and two undetermined types), one with a mounted anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Kalynove-Borshchuvate (61km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In a residential area of Nova Marivka (64km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Probable armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)		
	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)		
	2	Armoured combat vehicle		

⁷ 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 13 January 2021⁸

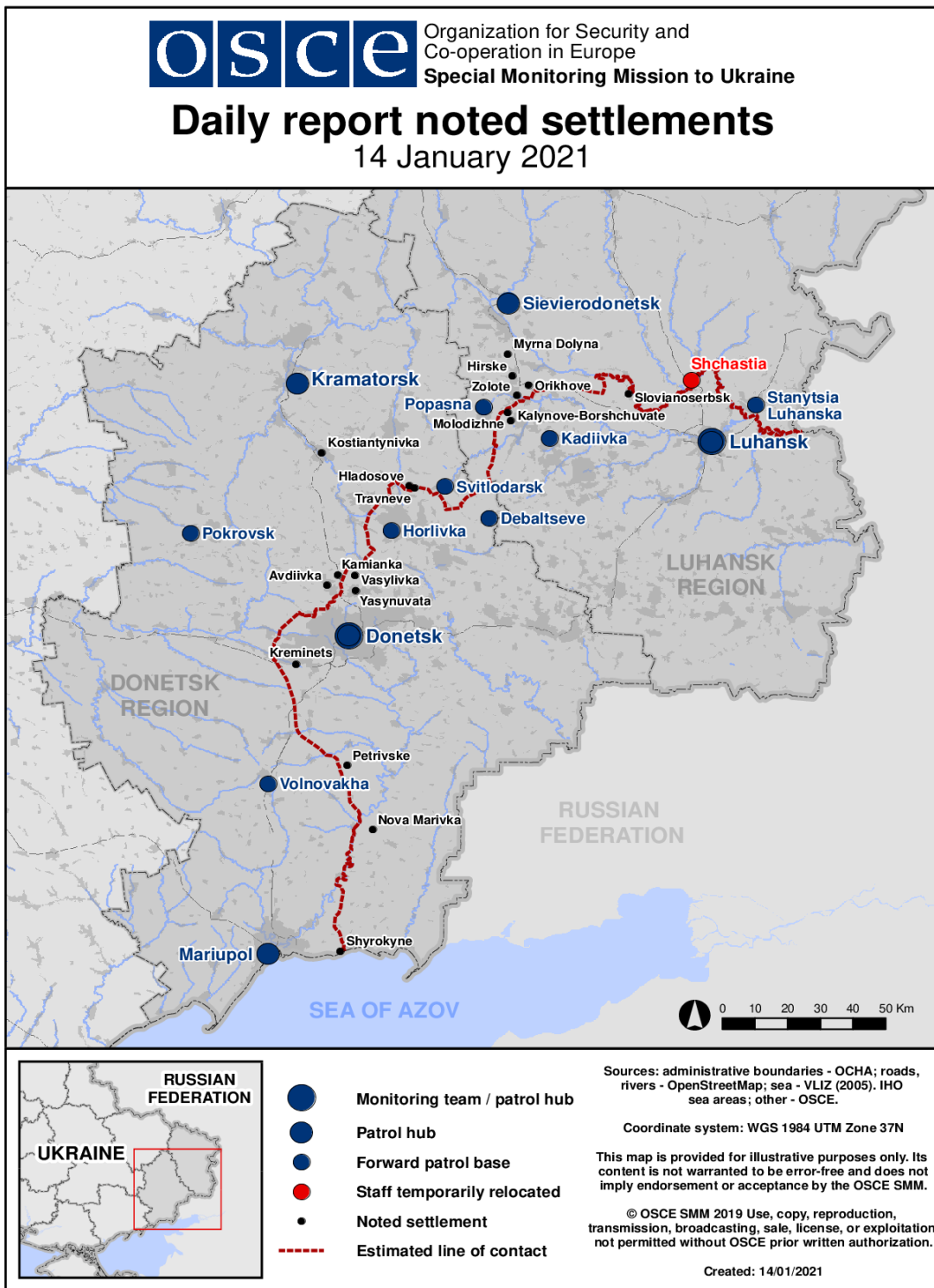
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date and time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 22:58
	4-6km E	Recorded	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 22:59
	4-6km E	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 23:00
	4-6km E	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 23:01
	4-6km E	Recorded	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 23:02
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	1-2km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 00:08
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	12-Jan, 22:02
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Jan, 02:33
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Jan, 02:34
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	13-Jan, 02:41
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	13-Jan, 02:42
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Jan, 02:57
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Jan, 03:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 05:07
	1-3km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	13-Jan, 18:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 18:21
1-3km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	13-Jan, 18:25	
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 09:09
About 1.5km S of Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 11:33
About 1km SW of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km NE of Donetsk)	5-6km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 14:15
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 20:39

⁸ 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.

	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 20:47
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	12-Jan, 20:47
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 20:47
	4-6km ENE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 20:47
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 20:48
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	12-Jan, 20:56
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 20:56
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	12-Jan, 21:03
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 21:03
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 21:07
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	12-Jan, 21:36

	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 21:36
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 21:39

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 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).