

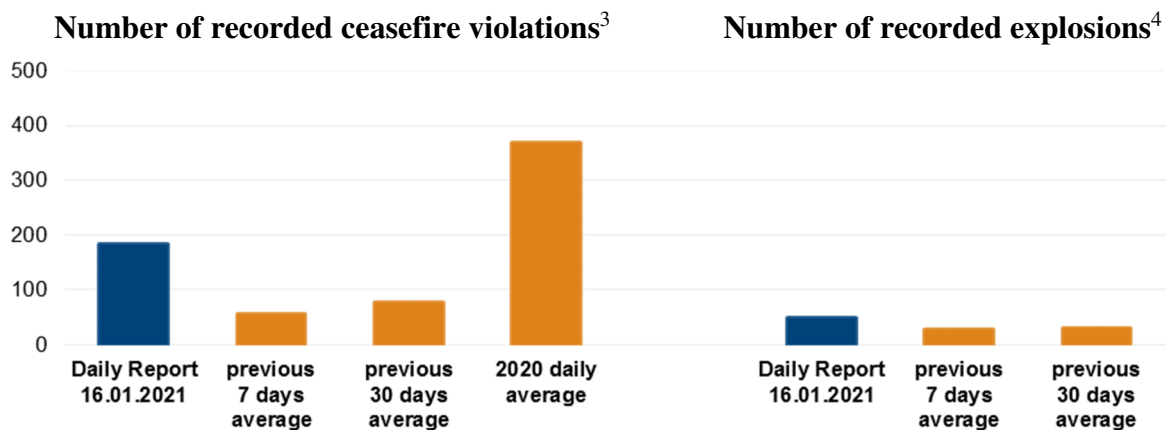
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Summary

- The SMM recorded 184 ceasefire violations in Donetsk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 49 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission recorded no ceasefire violations in Luhansk region. In the previous reporting period, it also recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle in non-government-controlled Donetsk city's Budonivskyi district.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable the assessment and operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and three 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, 15 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

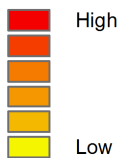


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 15 January 2021



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 184 ceasefire violations, including 50 explosions (46 undetermined and four impacts of undetermined weapons). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and in areas south-east of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the SMM recorded 49 ceasefire violations in the region, the majority of which also occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded no ceasefire violations. In the [previous reporting period](#) it also recorded no ceasefire violations. The last time the Mission recorded ceasefire violations in the region was between the evenings of 12 and 13 January.

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 2020 until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has so far recorded at least 6,203 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 2,646 explosions, 862 projectiles in flight, 90 muzzle flashes, 54 illumination flares and at least 2,551 bursts and shots).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle in non-government-controlled Donetsk city's Budonivskiy District

While positioned in the southern part of Donetsk city's Budonivskiy District (non-government-controlled, 8km south-east of Donetsk city centre) to conduct an announced mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight, the SMM heard 15 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 50-100m north-east of its position, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 20-100m north-east of the SMM's position. Inside a compound over which the UAV was flying, the Mission saw a man in camouflage clothing with an assault rifle (AK type).*

The SMM landed the UAVs and subsequently departed the area.

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), on the southern edge of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them), three of whom it saw entering the area and walking to about 350m north of its southern edge. At the same time, the SMM also saw an ambulance with a driver and three people in medical protective gear entering the area to the same location and then returning.

About 2.4km south-south-east of Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed two vehicles, one driven by a man in camouflage clothing with a trailer loaded with chopped wood, stationary on the eastern edge of the road C-051532 leading to Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). Subsequently, while

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

positioned on the western edge of Petrivske, the SMM again saw the same car with the trailer traveling westwards on the same road and stopping about 30m west-north-west of the north-eastern corner of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** and returning.

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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM spotted two mortars near a residential area in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further information, see the table below).

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

The Mission observed an infantry fighting vehicle in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further information, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission also facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable an assessment of the phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km north-east of Donetsk); repairs to electrical infrastructure near Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk); and demining activities near government-controlled Hirske (63km west of Luhansk) and Myrna Dolyna (67km north-west of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission noted that the exit-entry-checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were operational, with people queuing to travel in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the SMM noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was operational, with people queuing to travel in both directions. The SMM also observed that a golf cart was not operating between the repaired span of the bridge and the EECP due to the presence of ice on the road.

The Mission again 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 were not operational.

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

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.

Other impediments:⁷

- While conducting the second of two announced mini-UAV flights in the area of Budonivskiy District in Donetsk city, the Mission heard 15 shots of small-arms fire assessed as aimed at the UAV (see above). Both mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk).
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Sarabash (formerly Komunarivka, non-government-controlled, 26km south of Donetsk).

⁷ For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAVs' positions.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
14/1/2021	2	Mortar (2B14 <i>Podnos</i> , 82mm)	Near residential area of Shyrokyne (100km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/1/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BTR-4)	Near Mariupol (102km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

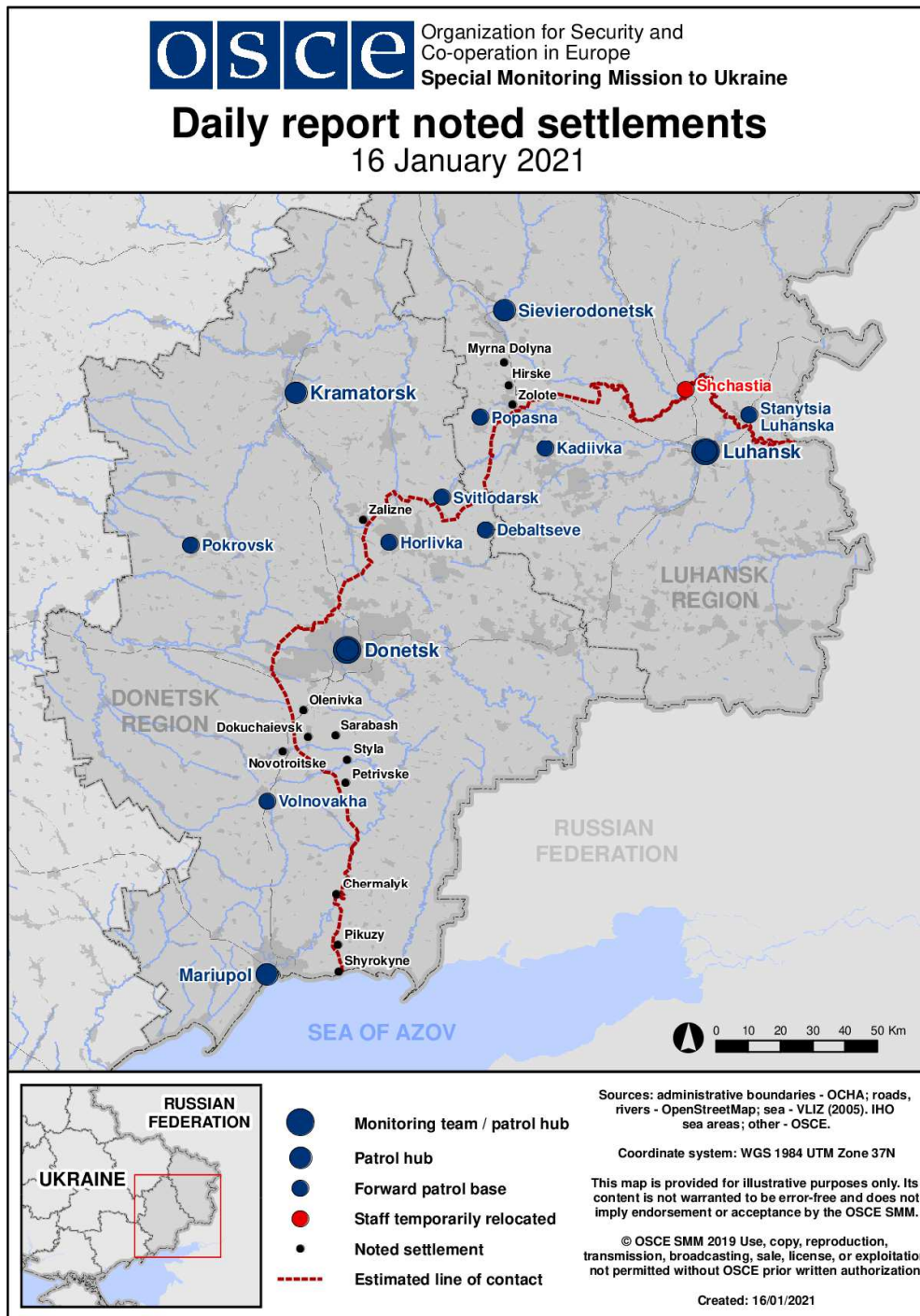
Table of ceasefire violations as of 15 January 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	14-Jan, 20:02
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	14-Jan, 20:03
	2-4km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	14-Jan, 20:09
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 20:15
	4-6km SE	Recorded	13	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 20:16
	4-6km SE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	14-Jan, 20:37
	4-6km SE	Recorded	9	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:23
	4-6km SE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	14-Jan, 21:26
	4-6km SE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	14-Jan, 22:06
	4-6km SE	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:08
	4-6km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:08
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:09
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:09
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:09
	4-6km SE	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:10
	4-6km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:10
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:11
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:11
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:37
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:37
4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:37	
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:35
	5-7km N	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:38
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 21:40
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 21:40
	5-7km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 21:40
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:41
	5-7km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:41
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:43
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:45
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:46
	5-7km N	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:48

⁹ 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.

	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:48
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 21:48
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:50
	5-7km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:52
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:52
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:54
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:56
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:58
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:00
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:00
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:01
	5-7km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:01
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:01
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:02
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:02
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:03
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:03
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:08
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:08
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:09
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:10
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jan, 22:10
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:11
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:12
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:12
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:16
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 22:17
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:17
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	14-Jan, 22:17
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:21
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:21
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 22:21
About 7.5km WNW of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km NNW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 10:31
	1-2km NNW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 10:37
S part of Donetsk city's Budonivskiyi district (non-government-controlled, 8km south-east of Donetsk city centre)	50-100m NE	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 14:11-14:13

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 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).