

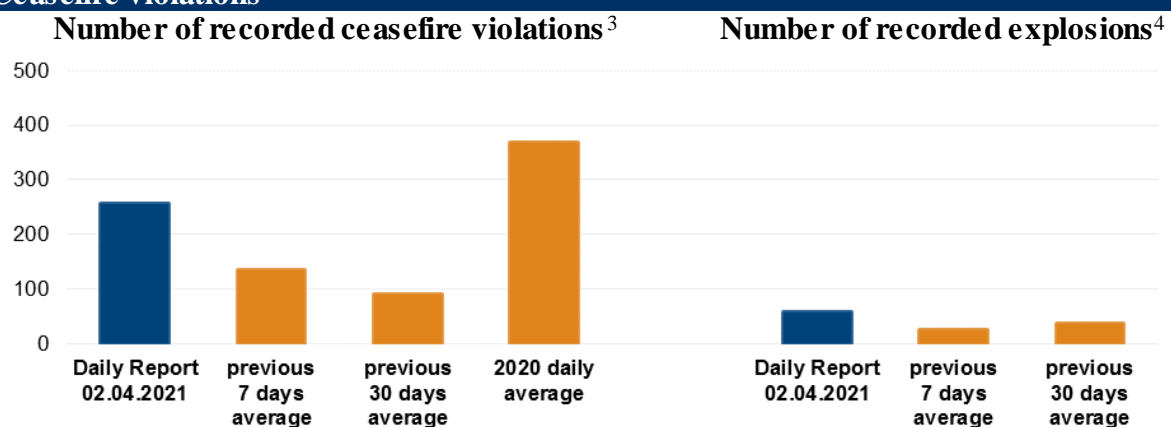
# Daily Report 76/2021

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## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded 225 ceasefire violations. In the previous reporting period, it recorded one ceasefire violation in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 31 ceasefire violations. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 40 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed one truck and two vehicles bearing the logos of two humanitarian organizations cross the contact line near Shchastia and travel towards non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region.
- The Mission visited two border crossing points outside government control and monitored areas close to the border with the Russian Federation in Donetsk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted in non-government-controlled areas, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Novoazovsk, Nova Marivka, Bezimenne and Starolaspa, all in southern Donetsk region.\*

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



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 1 April 2021. 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 camera in Petrivske was not operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

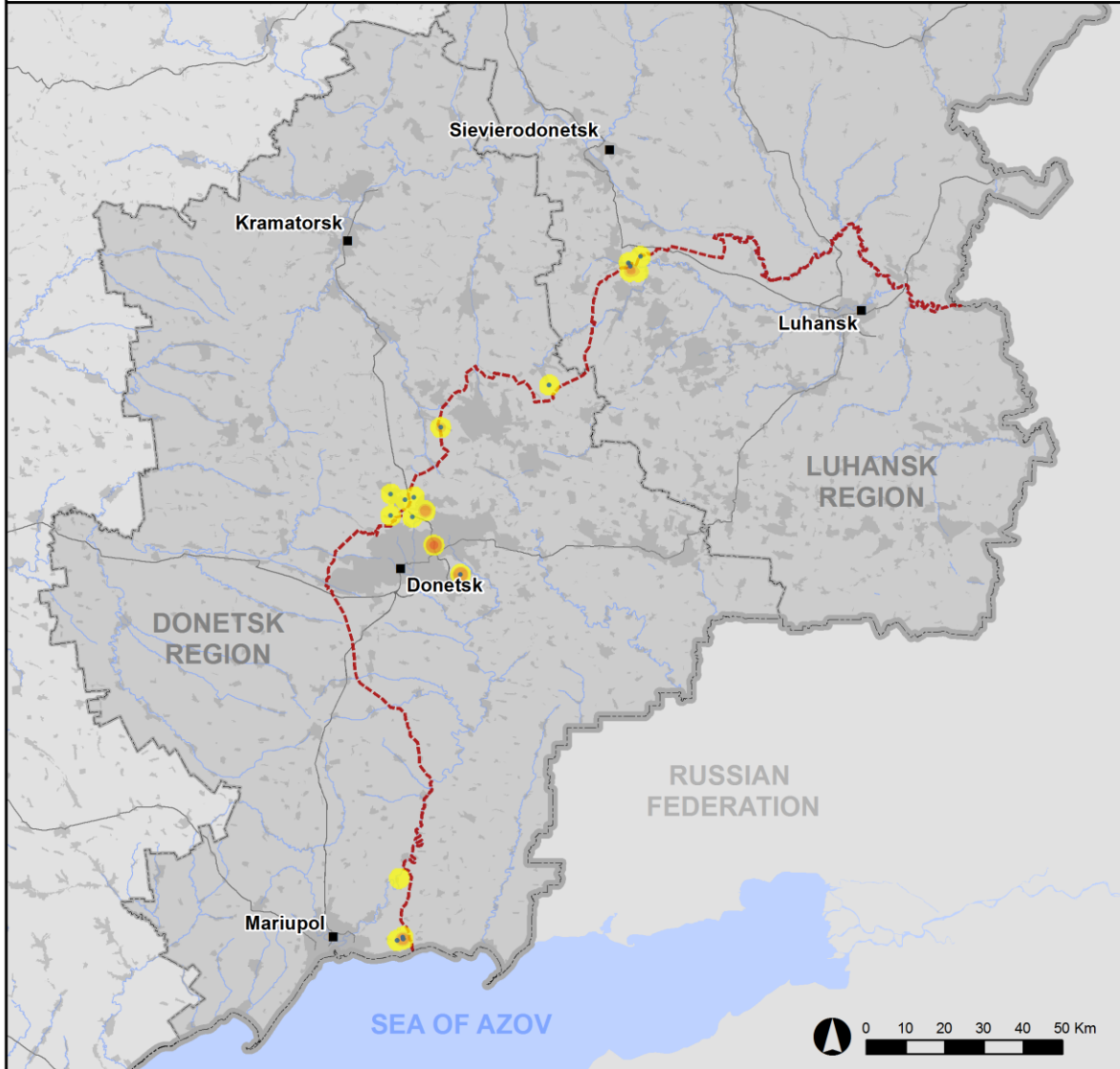
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

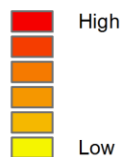


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 1 April 2021



#### 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 SMM recorded 225 ceasefire violations, including 52 explosions (one impact and 51 undetermined), the majority of which occurred in areas south and west-south-west of Makiivka (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Donetsk), assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone, north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and south of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded one ceasefire violation.

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 31 ceasefire violations, including six undetermined explosions, the majority of which occurred in areas close to the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below) In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 40 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 2020 until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has so far recorded at least 14,086 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 4,898 explosions, 1,656 projectiles in flight, 167 muzzle flashes, 71 illumination flares and at least 7,294 bursts and shots).

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

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

On 1 April, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the SMM heard two undetermined explosions and three shots assessed as outside the area but within its periphery.

While positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the Mission saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), some of whom walked inside the area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned, accompanied by an ambulance carrying a driver, a man and two women in medical protective gear. The SMM also saw two workers enter the area in a civilian vehicle, and then exit again reportedly after performing maintenance to the gates inside the area.

The Mission again saw previously observed eight containers located south of the disengagement area’s southern edge, on its edge and inside the area.

While positioned at three locations close to the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM 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.

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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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM observed 14 howitzers and a towed anti-tank gun in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, the majority of which in a training area near Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk).

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the Mission observed 28 tanks, two surface-to-air missile systems and nine mortars, all in a training area near Buhaivka. (For further information, see the tables below.)

#### **Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>6</sup>**

The SMM saw eight armoured combat vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (For further information, see the table below).

#### **Mine hazard signs in Hnutove, Donetsk region**

The SMM saw for the first time mine hazard signs (assessed as recently put up) in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) at a junction with a road leading to Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk).

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

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Stations (DFS). While positioned near Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk), the SMM registered two undermined explosions within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The Mission also monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable regular railway track inspection, maintenance and vegetation clearance in Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk). While monitoring adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable maintenance of power lines in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, the SMM heard four undetermined explosions and 22 shots of small-arms fire in the area.

#### **Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints**

In Luhansk region, the Mission noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations were open, with people queuing to travel in both directions.

The Mission also noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open 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 closed for civilian traffic.

While positioned near the EECP near Shchastia and near the checkpoint of the armed formations 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia, the SMM observed a humanitarian convoy consisting of two trucks, one of which bearing the logo of an international organization, as well as two vehicles bearing the logo of another international organization cross towards non-government-controlled areas.

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

## Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour and a half, the Mission observed 27 cars (including 13 with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks (with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates, with about 20 passengers of mixed ages and genders) and 48 pedestrians (24 women and 22 men, mixed ages and two children) entering Ukraine. During the same time, the SMM saw 33 cars (including 17 with “DPR” plates), 13 covered cargo trucks (including seven with “DPR” plates), two buses (with “DPR” plates, with about 45 passengers and 40 passengers of mixed ages and genders respectively) and 21 pedestrians (11 women and 9 men of mixed ages and one child) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 25 minutes, the Mission saw one pedestrian (man, in his thirties) entering Ukraine and one pedestrian (women, in her fifties) exiting Ukraine.

The SMM also monitored areas close to the border with the Russian Federation in Donetsk region near Stepne (72km east of Donetsk), Petropavlivka (68km east of Donetsk), Vasylivka (65km east of Donetsk), Novoivanivka (57km south-east of Donetsk), Kumachove (55km south-east of Donetsk).

The SMM continued monitoring in Chernivtsi, Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro 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 30 March 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.*

### Denials:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk) two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south-west, citing ongoing exercises in the area. While at the checkpoint, the Mission saw civilian cars pass in both directions.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south, citing ongoing exercises in the area. While at the checkpoint, the Mission saw civilian cars pass in both directions.

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Bezimenne (non-government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), four visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the Mission passage west, citing ongoing exercises in the area. While at the checkpoint, the SMM observed that the majority of vehicles were denied passage through the checkpoint.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Starolaspa (non-government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage south-west, citing ongoing engineering and demining activity in the area. While at the checkpoint, the Mission saw civilian cars pass in both directions.

*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:<sup>7</sup>

- Three SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Makiivka (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Donetsk) and Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), on one occasion, and while flying over areas near Zoria (government-controlled, 40km north-west of Donetsk) and Yakovlivka (non-government-controlled, 10km north of Donetsk), on two occasions.

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<sup>7</sup> 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 withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
31/3/2021	2	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk)	Mini UAV
	6	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	1	Towed anti-tank gun (2A29, MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		
1/4/2021	6	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	Near Svobodne (73km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

### Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
31/3/2021	28	Tank (17 T-64 and 11 T-72)	In a training area near Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk), where 82 armoured combat vehicles were also spotted, two of which with an anti-aircraft gun ZU-23, 23mm) <sup>8</sup>	Mini UAV
	2	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> )		
	8	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)		
	1	Self-propelled mortar (2S9 <i>Nona-S</i> , 120mm) (mounted on a modified MT-LB armoured personnel carrier)		

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>9</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
1/4/2021	8	Infantry fighting vehicle) (seven BMP-1 and one BMP-2)	Near Svobodne (73km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)		

<sup>8</sup> The armoured combat vehicles and anti-aircraft gun mentioned here are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

<sup>9</sup> 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 1 April 2021<sup>10</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Mar, 23:01
	3-5km N	Recorded	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Mar, 23:02
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Mar, 23:03
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Mar, 23:04
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 00:22
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	1-Apr, 00:24
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	1-Apr, 00:24
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to the previous event)	N/K	1-Apr, 00:24
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 00:42
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 14:27
About 1.7km E of Avdiivka (government- controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	5-6km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 11:06
	2-3km N		2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 11:36
About 7km S of Makiivka (non- government- controlled, 12km NE of Donetsk)	1.5-2.5km SSE	Heard	33	Shot	Assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone	Small arms	1-Apr, 10:55- 11:12
	1.5-2.5km SSE	Heard	20	Burst	Assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone	HMG	1-Apr, 10:55- 11:12
	1.5-2.5km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone)	N/K	1-Apr, 10:55- 11:12

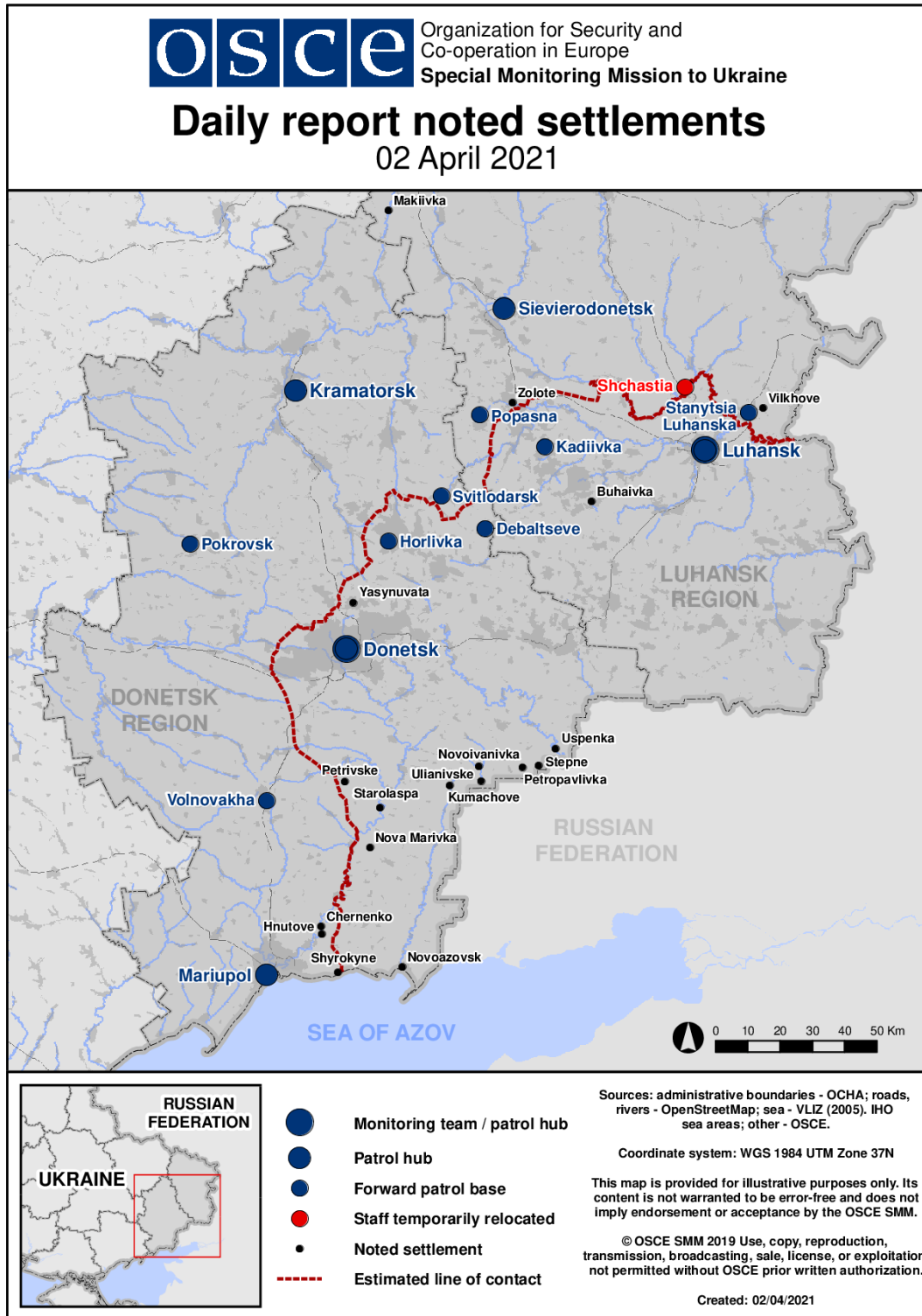
<sup>10</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras, and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based 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.



About 4.6km WSW of Makiivka (non-government-controlled, 12km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km W	Heard	40	Shot	Assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone	Small arms	1-Apr, 11:40
	1-2km W	Heard	52	Shot	Assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone	Small arms	1-Apr, 11:52
About 2.5km SE of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km W	Heard	24	Shot		Small arms	1-Apr, 14:13-14:23
	1-3km W	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	1-Apr, 14:13-14:23
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk)	6-8km W	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 06:00-06:25
About 500m NE of Kamiianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	4-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 09:50
	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 14:27
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	5-6km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 14:26
	2-4km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 09:25
	2-4km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 09:40
	3-4km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Apr, 09:42
About 600m NNW of Pavlopil (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	600-700m E	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	1-Apr, 12:42
S edge of Zolote disengagement area (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-4km NE	Heard	1	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small Arms	1-Apr, 10:53-11:00
	3-4km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Apr, 10:53-11:00
	6-8km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Apr, 12:33-12:35
	3-4km NE	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small Arms	1-Apr, 12:33-12:35

S edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-4km NNW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Apr, 13:37-13:55
	1-2km NE	Heard	15	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small Arms	1-Apr, 13:37-13:55
	1-2km NW	Heard	5	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small Arms	1-Apr, 13:37-13:55
	1-2km NE	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small Arms	1-Apr, 13:37-13:55

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>11</sup>



<sup>11</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 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).