

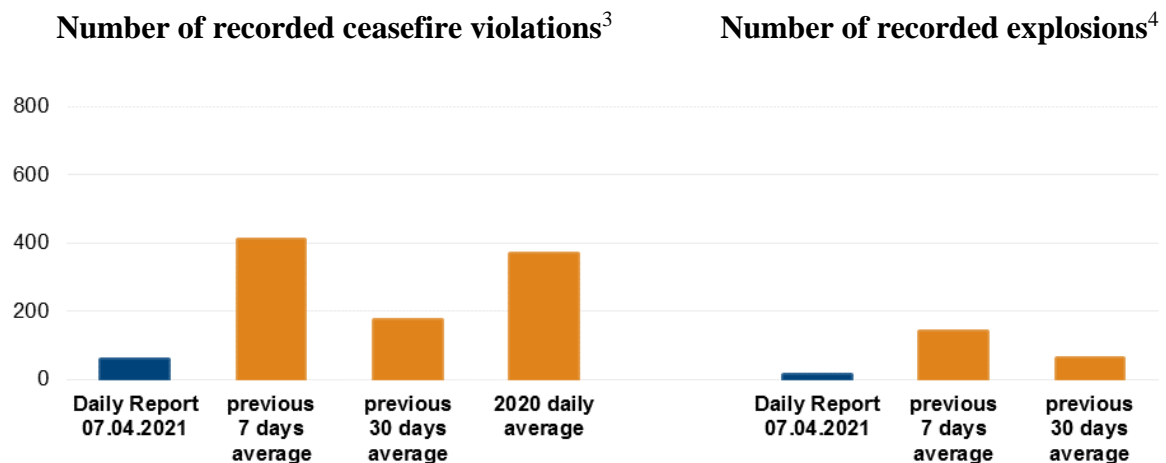
# Daily Report 79/2021

7 April 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded 55 ceasefire violations. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 65 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded two ceasefire violations. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It saw people inside the latter two areas during night time.
- 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 three checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a railway station in non-government-controlled Voznesenivka, Luhansk region, near the border with the Russian Federation.\*

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



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 6 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.

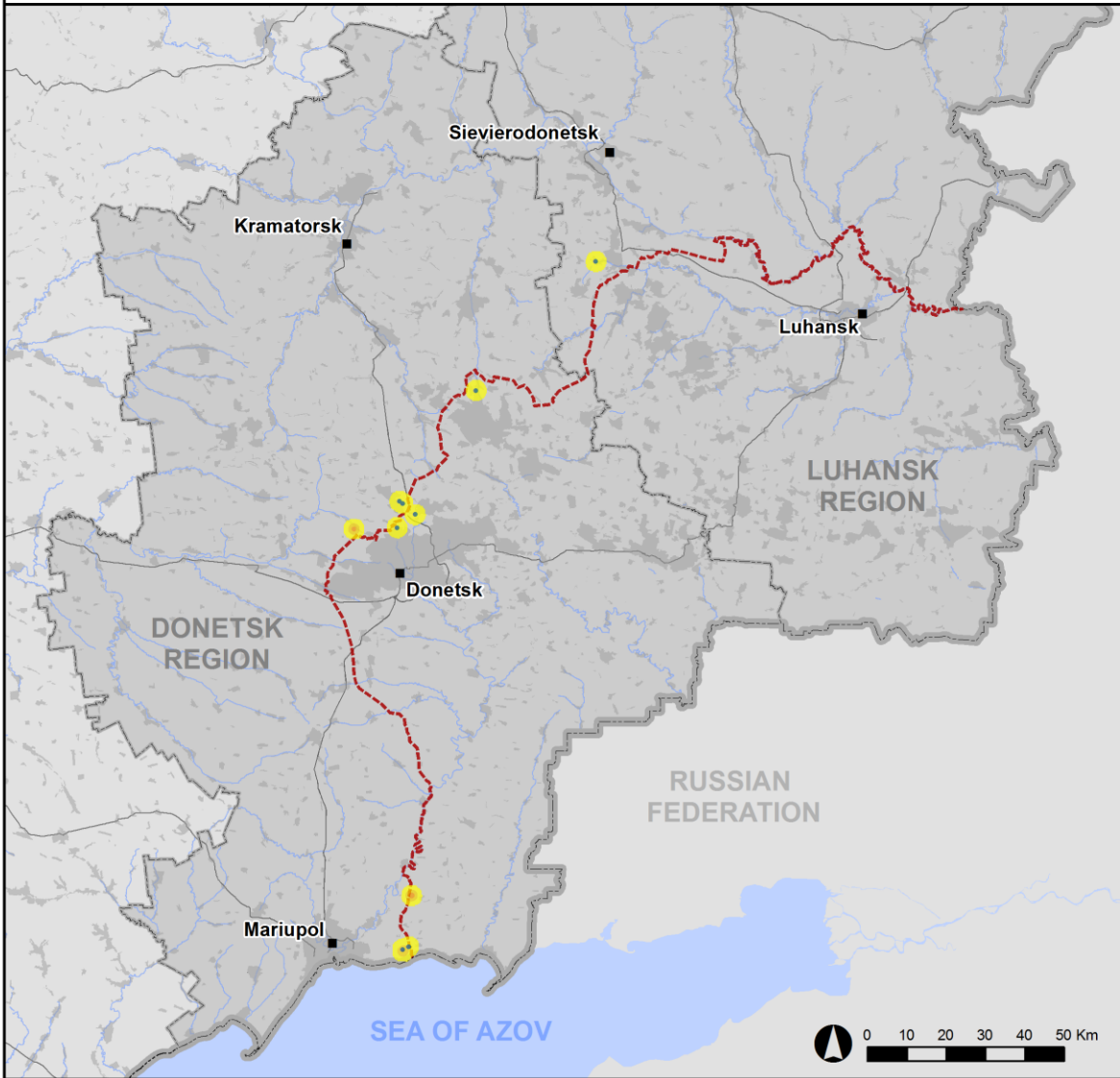
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

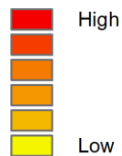


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 6 April 2021



#### 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 55 ceasefire violations, including 12 undetermined explosions. Almost all ceasefire violations occurred at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), at north-easterly directions of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and in an area north-west of Pisky (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 65 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded two ceasefire violations – both undetermined explosions – in an area north-west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded no ceasefire violation.

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 16,714 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 5,830 explosions, 1,749 projectiles in flight, 179 muzzle flashes, 72 illumination flares and at least 8,884 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 four 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 the evening of 5 April, while in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 5-7km north-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On the night of 5-6 April, inside the disengagement area, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted two people inside a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, about 500m west-south-west of the area’s north-eastern corner.

On 6 April, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), two of whom walked inside the area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned.

The SMM again saw the eight previously observed containers located south of the disengagement area’s southern edge, on its edge and inside the area. While positioned at the abovementioned checkpoint, the Mission also observed two men in civilian clothing digging two holes in the ground on the eastern and western edges of road T-1316, reportedly to install electric metal barriers. It also saw two men in civilian clothing enter the area and conduct maintenance to cables on the north-eastern corner of the junction of road T-1316 and the road leading eastwards to Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

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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.

On the evening of 5 April, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM long-range UAV spotted a probable person inside a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, near the area's south-western corner, and three people inside former positions of the armed formations near its south-eastern corner.

### **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, in a training area in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region, the SMM saw 14 tanks, in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the Mission observed 12 tanks in government-controlled areas and 18 tanks and nine howitzers in a training area, all in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The SMM saw five armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas including in a compound, and nine armoured combat vehicles in non-government-controlled areas, all in Donetsk region, including in a compound near a residential area and in a training area, in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014. (For further information, see the table below.)

### **Probable anti-tank mine and mine hazard sign near Petrivske and mine hazard signs in Yasne, Donetsk region**

On 4 April, about 2km north of Petrivske, and about 20m east of road C-051532, an SMM mini UAV spotted for the first time a probable anti-tank mine, laid near a mine hazard sign (red square with white lettering, with "Stop, Mines" written on it in Russian and English), assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

On 6 April, the Mission observed 11 mine hazard signs (red squares with white skull and crossbones and "Danger, Mines" written on them in Russian, one of which was previously observed) in Yasne (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk).

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

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). The SMM recorded six undetermined explosions within a 5km radius of the DFS.

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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. The SMM noted that one such site continued to be abandoned.

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) and to enable maintenance of power lines in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka and Opytne (government-controlled, 12km north-west of Donetsk).

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

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Hnutove was open, but did not observe any traffic passing through.

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

The SMM 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. While at the latter checkpoint, the Mission observed five workers relocating road signs, reportedly in order to widen the road lane.

### **Border areas outside government control**

While at the Chervona Mohyla railway station in Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, 65km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed no traffic. After about five minutes, a member of the armed formations told the Mission to leave the area.\*

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 below.) 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.*

#### Denial:

- At the Chervona Mohyla railway station in Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, non-government-controlled, 65km south-east of Luhansk) after about five minutes, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave 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.

Other impediments:<sup>7</sup>

- On 5 April, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between government-controlled Stepanivka (54km north of Donetsk) and Shumy (41km north of Donetsk), as well as between Myronivka (government-controlled, 64km north-east of Donetsk) and Novomykolaivka (non-government-controlled, 19km south-west of Donetsk).
- On 6 April, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference on four occasions, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Yasne (non-government-controlled 30km south-west of Donetsk).
- On the same day, two SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas in and near non-government-controlled Dokuchaievsk (30km south-west of Donetsk), and near government-controlled Pervomaiske (17km north-west of Donetsk) and Berdychi (24km north-west of Donetsk), respectively.

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<sup>7</sup> For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interferences 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>				
5/4/2021	14	Tank (T-72)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Long-range UAV

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

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
6/4/2021	6	Tank (T-72), carried by heavy equipment transporters and trailers	Near Pryvilne (72km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	6	Tank (T-72), carried by heavy equipment transporters and trailers	Near Makedonivka (86km south of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
5/4/2021	18	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Pokrovka (36km east of Donetsk), where 20 armoured combat vehicles and three anti-aircraft guns were also spotted <sup>8</sup>	Long-range UAV
	3	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozhdika</i> , 122mm)		
	6	Towed howitzer (D-30A <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
5/4/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In a compound near Sukha Balka (36km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	2	Armoured combat vehicle		
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Starohnativka (51km south of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
5/4/2021	5	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)		

<sup>8</sup> The armoured combat vehicles and anti-aircraft guns mentioned in this table 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.

	1	Armoured combat vehicle	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Long-range UAV
	3	Armoured combat vehicle	In a compound near a residential area in Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	

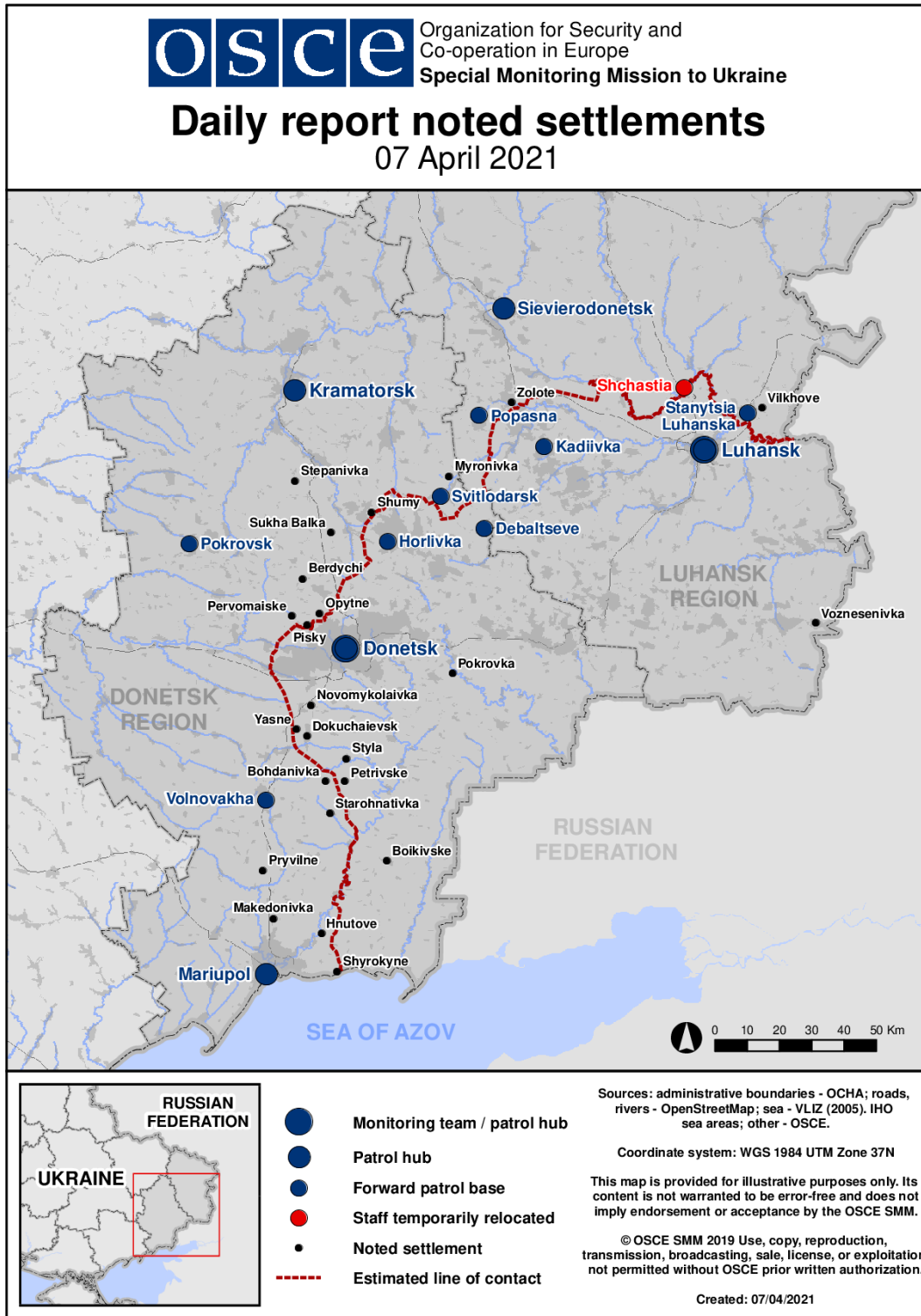


**Table of ceasefire violations as of 6 April 2021<sup>10</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 22:40
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	8	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 22:41
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Apr, 23:04
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Apr, 22:01
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Apr, 20:18
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Apr, 22:51
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 00:57
	2-3km N	Recorded	12	Projectile	E to W	N/K	6-Apr, 04:04
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 04:41
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	6-9km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 09:08
SE edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	4-5km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 09:47
About 2km WNW of Pisky (government-controlled, 12km NW of Donetsk)	2-3km WNW	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	6-Apr, 09:44-09:52
About 2km SSE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 08:50
	2-3km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 09:09
	2-3km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 09:49
	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Apr, 14:30
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined, assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	N/K	5-Apr, 21:02

<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.

### 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).