

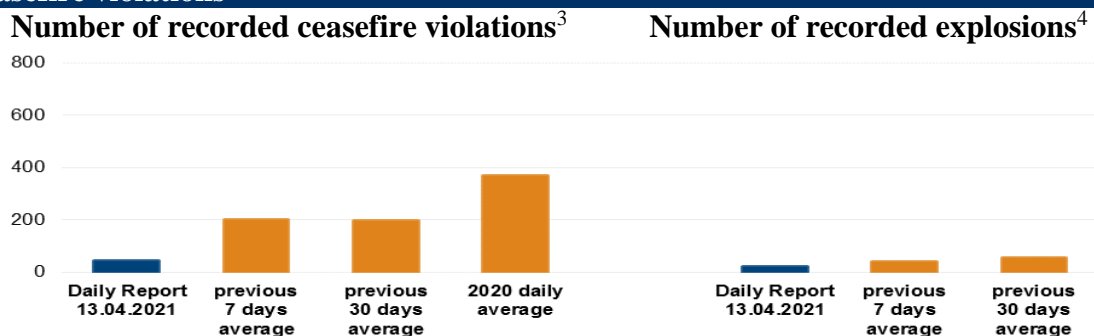
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded 40 ceasefire violations. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 211 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded two ceasefire violations. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 223 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) spotted weapons in violation of withdrawal lines in two training areas in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region; and beyond withdrawal lines in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region and in five training areas in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure and recorded ten ceasefire violations, including two explosions, close to the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a border crossing point near Izvaryne, Luhansk region and a checkpoint of the armed formations near Shevchenko, southern Donetsk region. Its UAVs again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 12 April 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer 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.

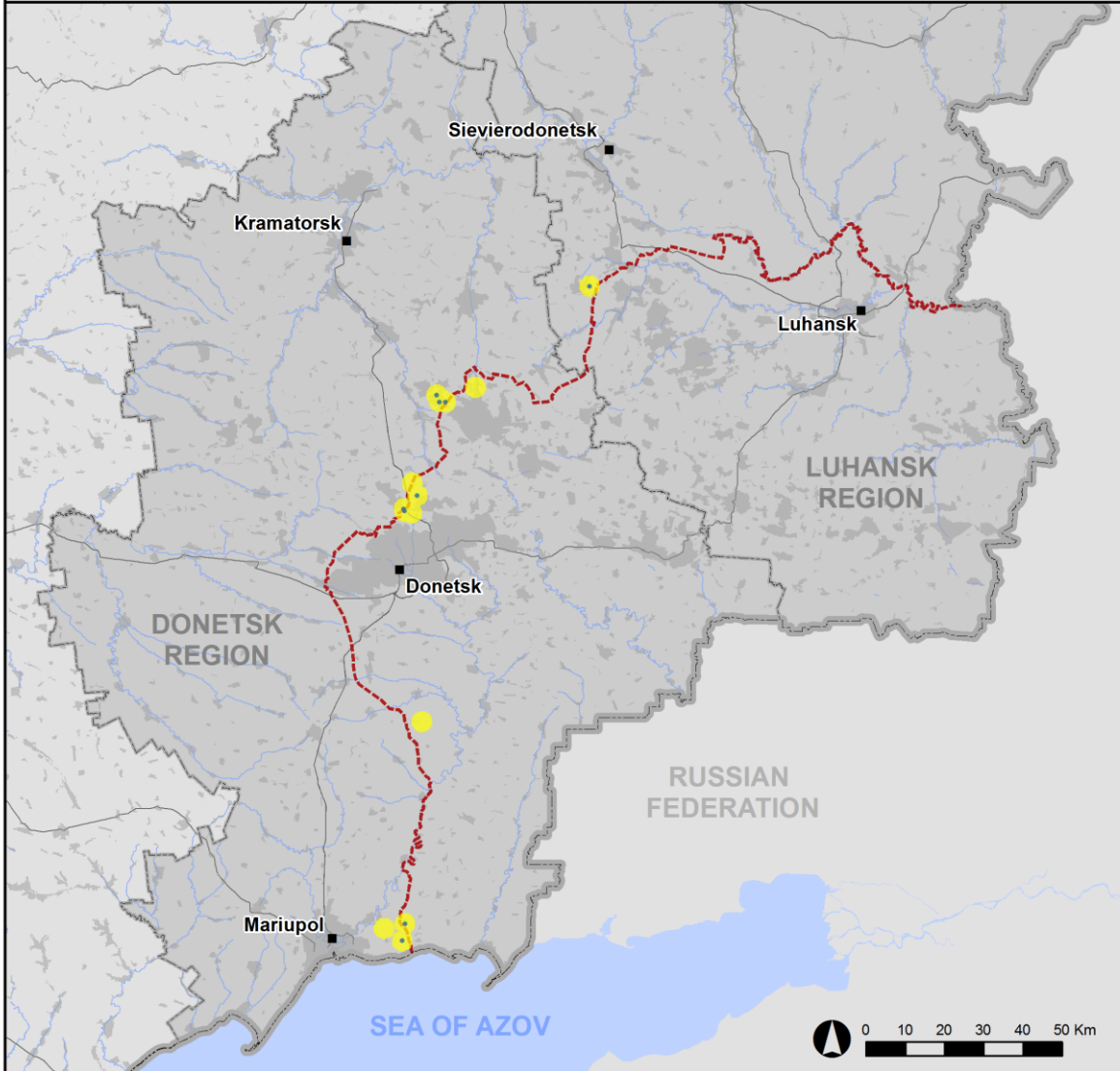
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

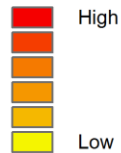


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 12 April 2021



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 40 ceasefire violations, including 20 explosions (two assessed as impacts and 18 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at northerly and southerly directions of Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km north-east of Donetsk), at northerly and southerly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk), and at northerly directions of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 211 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded two ceasefire violations, both undetermined explosions, in an area east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 223 ceasefire violations.

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 18,093 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 6,122 explosions, 1,885 projectiles in flight, 182 muzzle flashes, 74 illumination flares and at least 9,830 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 12 April, while positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw three 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).

While positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), 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.

Also, the Mission 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 about 2km north of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM recorded four shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 2-3km south-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** but within 5km of its periphery.

Withdrawal of weapons

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

⁵ 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, in two training areas in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, the SMM saw 23 howitzers (11 self-propelled and 12 towed) and an anti-tank gun.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the Mission observed four surface-to-air missile systems (three of which probable) and two tanks in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, as well as 99 tanks, 20 howitzers (eight self-propelled and 12 towed), six mortars (one self-propelled), four anti-tank guns and three surface-to-air missile systems in four training areas in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region and in a training area in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The SMM saw armoured combat vehicles, on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk region and in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, including two in residential areas. (For further information, see the table below.)

Anti-personnel mine near Molodizhne, Luhansk region

On 9 April, about 2.5km south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk) and about 10m north of road T-0504, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) again spotted an anti-personnel mine (probable MON-100), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 21 September 2020](#).)

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned at four locations near the station, the Mission heard ten ceasefire violations, including two explosions (one undetermined and the other assessed as an impact), assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS. The SMM also monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

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 maintenance of power lines in Opytne (government-controlled, 12km north-west of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the EECF 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 open, with traffic passing through in both directions.

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

In Luhansk region, the Mission noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open, with people queueing to travel in both directions. The SMM saw a woman (in her fifties) push a wheelchair with a woman (in her eighties) across the bridge from non-government-controlled areas. North of the bridge, both were picked up by a minivan bearing the logo of an international humanitarian organization, which then departed towards government-controlled areas.

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.

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk), the Mission observed two cars (with “LPR” plates) and a bus entering Ukraine, as well as 20 cars (including 13 with “LPR” plates) and 24 people (15 women and nine men, mixed ages) exiting Ukraine. After about five minutes, a member of the armed formations told the Mission to leave the area.*

On the same day, while at a pedestrian border crossing point near Sievernyi (50km south-east of Luhansk) for about 20 minutes, the SMM observed four people (one woman and three men, mixed ages) entering Ukraine, as well as six people (three women and three men, mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

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.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage towards Prymorske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), citing “the safety of the SMM and an ongoing operation in the area”.

- At a border crossing point near Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area, referring to orders from superiors.

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

- On 12 April, an SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk).
- On the same day, two SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk).
- On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk).
- On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Krasnyi Lyman (non-government-controlled, 30km north-west of Luhansk).
- On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Smile (non-government-controlled, 31km north-west of Luhansk).
- On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 33km west of Luhansk).
- On the same day, two SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Dovhe (non-government-controlled, 22km north-west of Luhansk).

⁷ 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.

Tables of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
10/4/2021	11	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	12	Towed howitzer (D-30A <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	1	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk)	

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
10/4/2021	3	Probable surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	In a compound near Kasianivka (81km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
12/4/2021	2	Tank (T-80)	Near Polkove (65km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	Near Kasianivka (81km south of Donetsk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
10/4/2021	24	Tank (13 T-64 and 11 T-72)	In a training area near Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk), where 95 armoured combat vehicles were also spotted, four of which with an anti-aircraft gun mounted atop (ZU-23, 23mm) ⁸	Mini-UAV
	3	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)		
	5	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)		
	1	Self-propelled mortar (2S9 <i>Nona-S</i> , 120mm)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk)	
	11	Tank (T-72)		
	8	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk), where 10 armoured combat vehicles were also spotted	
	12	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	4	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		
	21	Tank (T-64)		
	23	Tank (21 T-64 and two T-72)	In a training area near Kruhlyk (31km south-west of Luhansk), where five armoured combat vehicles were also spotted	
7/4/2021	20	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery

⁸ The armoured combat vehicles and the anti-aircraft guns mentioned in this table are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
12/4/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Krasnohorivka (24km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	In a residential area of Avdiivka (17km north of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	Near Pavlopil (84km south of Donetsk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
10/4/2021	1	Armoured combat vehicle	In a compound near Vesele (9km north-west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
12/4/2021	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (probable BMP-1)	In a residential area of Stare (formerly Chervonyi Prapor, 58km west of Luhansk)	Patrol

⁹ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

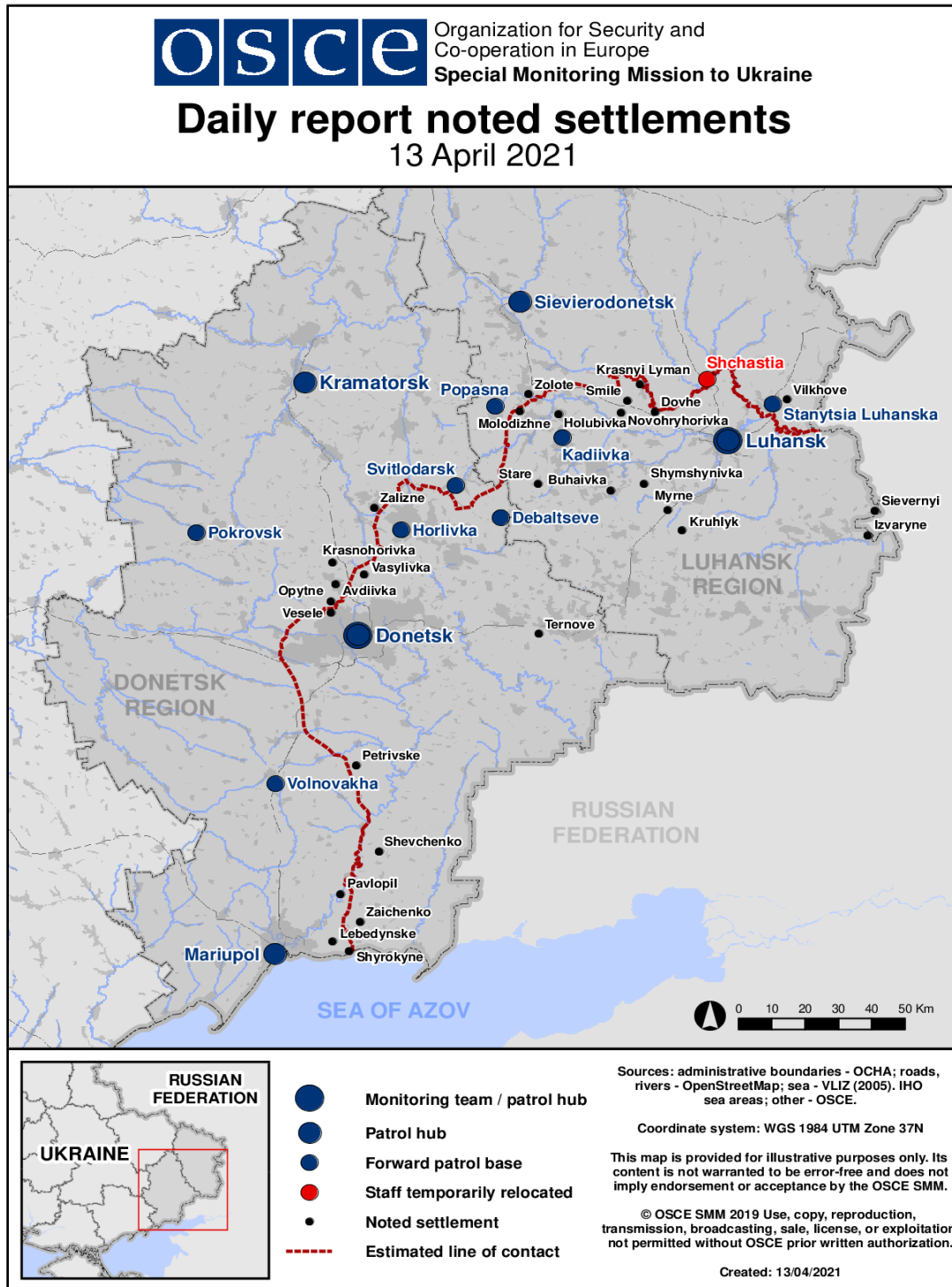
Table of ceasefire violations as of 12 April 2021¹⁰

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	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Apr. 22:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-Apr. 22:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-Apr. 22:00
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Apr. 02:19
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	12-Apr. 00:26
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	12-Apr. 01:29
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	12-Apr. 01:53
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	12-Apr. 01:53
About 1.5km WNW of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km NNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	12-Apr. 08:57
About 600m ESE of Kruta Balka (non-government-controlled, 16km N of Donetsk)	4-5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Apr. 10:20
About 700m WSW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km SW	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	12-Apr. 11:04
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	4	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	12-Apr. 12:59-13:03
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2km E	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	12-Apr. 12:45
About 2km WSW of Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Apr. 12:06
	2-3km NE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Apr. 12:20-12:26
	3-5km E	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Apr. 12:36-12:38

¹⁰ 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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
About 1.5km SE of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	1km SE	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	12-Apr, 11:45
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	5-6km NE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Apr, 12:10-12:28
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Apr, 17:25

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹¹



¹¹ 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).