

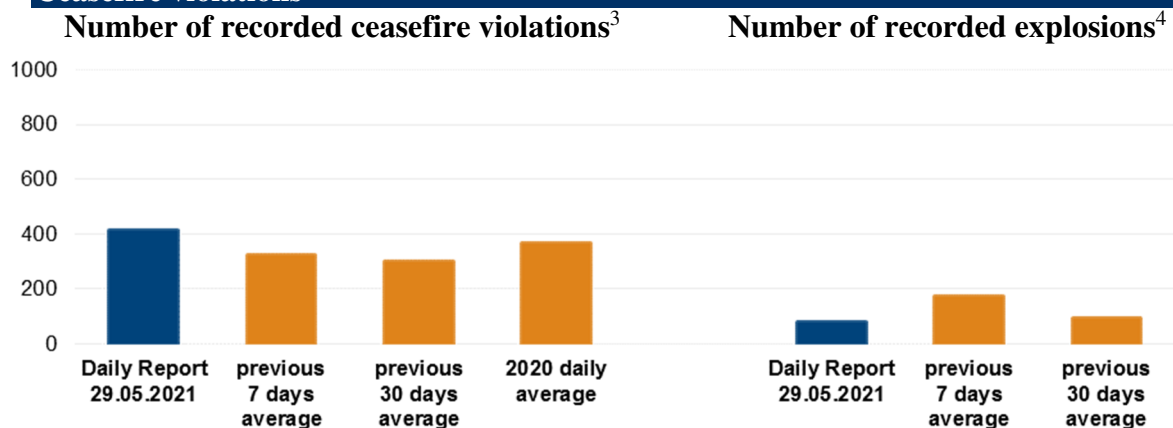
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 383 ceasefire violations, including 77 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 91 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 32 ceasefire violations, including three explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded two ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM followed up on reports of a girl injured due to an explosion of a signal cartridge in Sievierodonetsk, Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske and recorded ceasefire violations inside the area near Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation, cleaning and repairs of critical civilian infrastructure.
- 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 freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in the western part of Donetsk city. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again experienced instances of GPS signal interference.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 28 May 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.

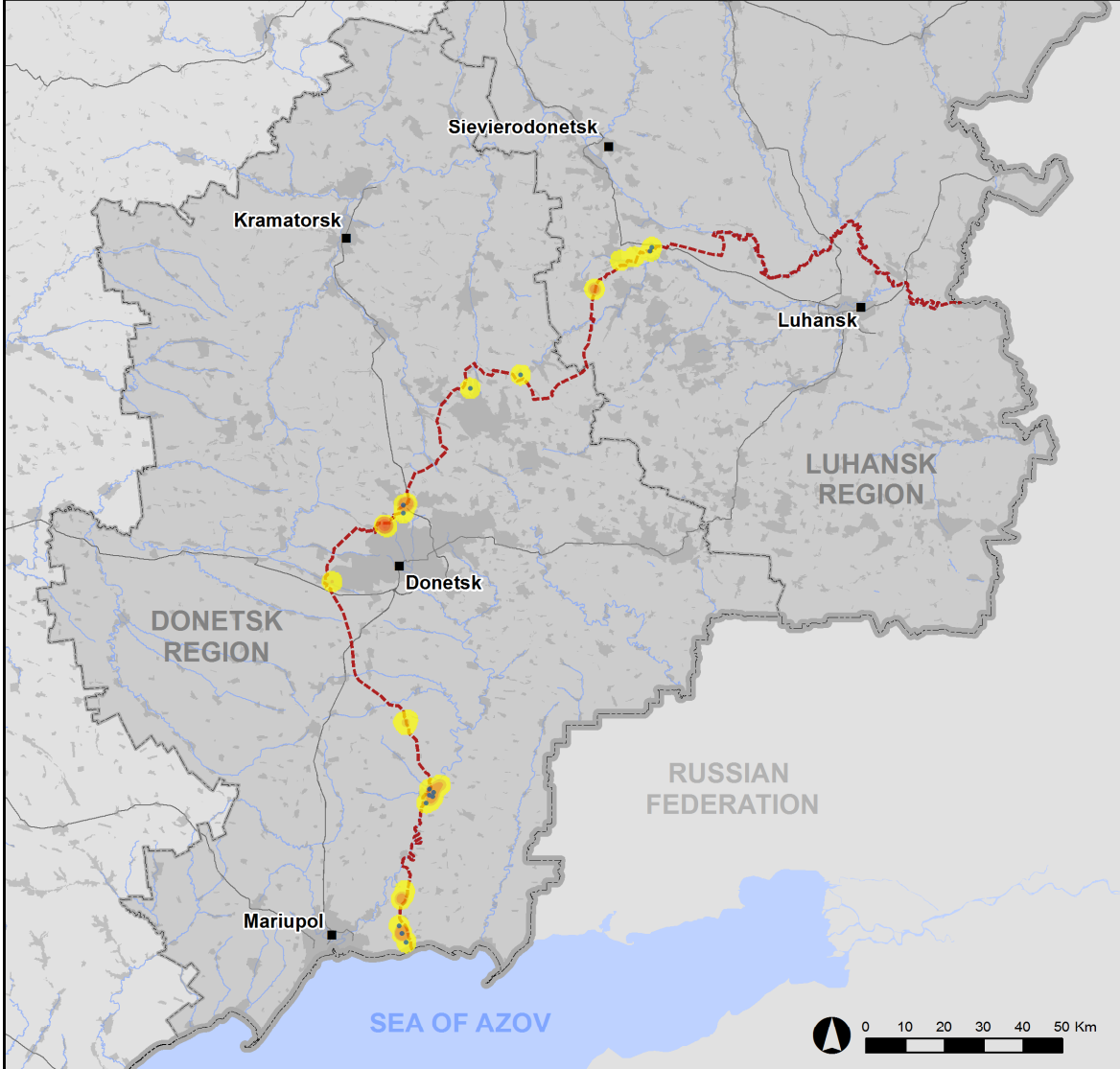
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

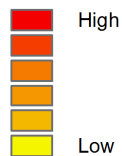


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 28 May 2021



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 383 ceasefire violations, including 77 explosions (including 74 undetermined explosions, two airbursts and one impact). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area south of the destroyed Donetsk international airport (8km north-west of Donetsk) and in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), where most of the explosions were also recorded. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 91 ceasefire violations, some of which also occurred in an area south of the destroyed Donetsk international airport.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 32 ceasefire violations, including three undetermined explosions, the majority of which in an area south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded two 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 recorded at least 32,384 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 10,430 explosions, 5,471 projectiles in flight, 228 muzzle flashes, 107 illumination flares and at least 16,148 bursts and shots).

Girl injured due to an explosion of a signal cartridge in Sievierodonetsk, Luhansk region

The Mission followed up on reports of a ten-year-old girl who sustained injuries in Sievierodonetsk (government-controlled, 74km north-west of Luhansk) due to the explosion of a signal cartridge.

On 19 May in Sievierodonetsk, a police representative told the SMM that on the afternoon of 18 May near a playground at 12a Enerhetykiv Street in Sievierodonetsk a ten-year-old girl found three signal cartridges, one of which exploded. As a result, she sustained a shrapnel injury to her right eyelid and was taken to a hospital in Sievierodonetsk. The police representative added that the two other empty cartridges had been found at the same location and that an investigation had been initiated under article 263 “Unlawful handling of weapons, ammunition or explosives” and article 125 “Intended minor bodily injury” of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

On 21 May in Sievierodonetsk, a woman (age unknown), who introduced herself as the mother of the injured girl told the Mission by phone that her daughter had sustained a shrapnel injury to an eyelid due to the explosion of a signal cartridge near a playground at 12a Enerhetykiv Street on the afternoon of 18 May.

On 27 May, staff at a hospital in Sievierodonetsk told the SMM by phone that a ten-year-old girl had been admitted on 18 May with a wound to the upper eyelid of her right eye caused by shrapnel.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

While positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw two members of the armed

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

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 27 May, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a person near a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 500m west-south-west of the area’s north-eastern corner, and a person near a former position of the armed formations near the area’s eastern edge, about 1.5km north of its south-eastern corner.

On the night of 27-28 May, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded a projectile at an assessed range of 1-3km east. On 28 May, while positioned on the north-east edge of Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk), the SMM heard five bursts of heavy-machine-gun-fire at an assessed range of 3-4km south. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area, but within 5km of its periphery.

On 28 May, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), one of whom walked inside the area 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.

On the evening of 27 May, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded four projectiles at an assessed range of 1-3km south-east. During the day of 28 May, while positioned in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the Mission heard three shots of small-arms-fire at an assessed distance of 1.5km south-west. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.

During the same day, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka, the Mission heard four shots of small-arms-fire at an assessed range of 3km south-east of its position, assessed as outside the disengagement area, 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.

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

The SMM saw three armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region and in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Demining activities near Novoluhanske, Donetsk region

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

About 2km north of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk) the SMM observed ten members of an international organization (men, mixed ages) conducting de-mining activities in fields on both sides of a local road.

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned on the south-eastern edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), it heard an undetermined explosion assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The Mission also monitored adherence to a localised ceasefire to enable the cleaning of sewage infrastructure near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), and repairs to a phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km north-east of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit 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 open, with people queueing to travel in both directions.

While positioned at the checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka, the Mission observed a convoy of an international organisation consisting of three cargo trucks crossing from non-government to government-controlled areas.

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 Mission also noted that the EECP 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.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kyiv, Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, and Chernivtsi.

***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 Coordination (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, [SMM Daily Report of 25 May 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.

Delay:

- At the checkpoint of the armed formations in the Trudivski area of the Petrovskiy District of non-government-controlled Donetsk city, two members of the armed formations (one of them visibly armed) allowed the Mission passage south only after about 45 minutes.

Other impediments:⁷

- On 27 May, an SMM long-range UAV experienced dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying between government-controlled Illinivka (formerly Illich, 56km north of Donetsk) and Avdiivka (17km north of Donetsk), between Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and Luzhky (non-government-controlled, 58km south-east of Donetsk), between non-government-controlled Mokroielanchyk (62km south-east of Donetsk) and Zhytenko (70km east of Donetsk) and between government-controlled Zolote (60km west of Luhansk) and Bakhmut (formerly Artemivsk, 67km north of Donetsk), as well as GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying between Avdiivka and Marinka, between Luzhky and Mokroielanchyk and between Zhytenko and Zolote, and while flying near Bakhmut.
- Three SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near the EECP near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk).
- While positioned in the Trudivski area of the Petrovskiy District of Donetsk city to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the SMM heard seven shots of small-arms fire, about 100m south-west of its location. The Mission cancelled the planned mini-UAV flight and left the area. This incident resulted in the SMM not being able to conduct a flight in this area to follow up on allegations of damaged property.

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.

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
27/5/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Kodema (57km north-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
28/5/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
27/5/2021	1	Probable armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	Near Kalynove-Borshchuvate (61km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV

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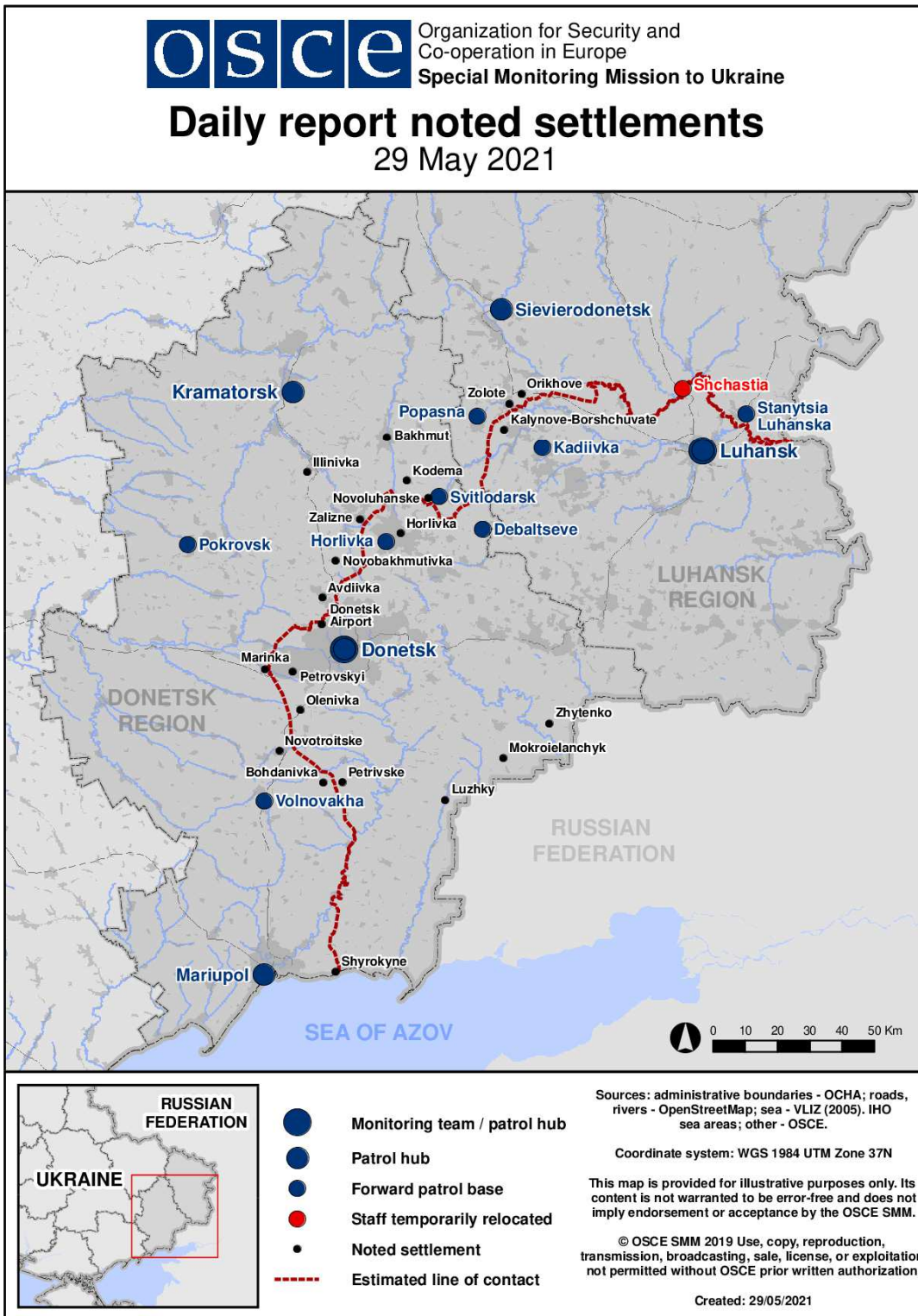
Table of ceasefire violations as of 27 May 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (also recorded by the SMM camera at the DFS)	N/K	28-May, 03:32
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event, also recorded by the SMM camera at the DFS)	N/K	28-May, 03:32
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	14	Projectile	SSW to NNE (also recorded by the SMM camera at the DFS)	N/K	28-May, 03:32
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	28-May, 03:32
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	28-May, 03:32
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	28-May, 03:32
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 03:32
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	27-May, 21:37
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	27-May, 21:47
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	36	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	27-May, 21:48
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-May, 22:44
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	27-May, 22:44
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	21	Projectile	SSW to NNE (also recorded by the SMM camera in Shyrokyne)	N/K	27-May, 22:52
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	28-May, 00:52
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	28-May, 03:36
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	28-May, 03:37
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	4-6km ENE	Recorded	12	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	27-May, 21:46
	4-6km ENE	Recorded	3	Burst	In vertical flight (approximately 25 rounds)	N/K	27-May, 21:47
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 22:17
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 22:24
	1-3km E	Recorded	7	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	28-May, 00:33
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	9	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	28-May, 00:55
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	28-May, 01:13
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	28-May, 01:14
	2-4km E	Recorded	11	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	28-May, 01:16
	2-4km SE	Recorded	11	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	28-May, 02:52
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 03:19
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-May, 03:19
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 03:19
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 03:20
2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-May, 03:20	

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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 03:20
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 03:20
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 03:27
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 04:10
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1-3km NNE	Recorded	99	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-May, 21:47
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	10	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-May, 21:47
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	18	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	27-May, 21:47
	1-3km NE	Recorded	15	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	27-May, 21:49
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	27-May, 23:26
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	27-May, 23:26
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-May, 23:28
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	38	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 23:10
	4-6km N	Recorded	14	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 23:11
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 23:40
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 23:46
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km WSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 01:00
Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km SW of Donetsk city centre)	100m SW	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	28-May, 11:40
W edge of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1.5km SW	Heard	3	Shot	Assessed as inside Petrivske disengagement area	Small arms	28-May, 12:00
SE edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-4km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (inside 5km radius DFS)	N/K	28-May, 14:35
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 10:56
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3km SE	Heard	4	Shot	Assessed as outside Petrivske disengagement area	Small arms	28-May, 11:58
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-May, 23:21
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km SE	Heard	23	Burst		HMG	28-May, 08:00-08:05
NE edge of Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk)	3-4km S	Heard	5	Burst	Assessed as outside Zolote disengagement area	HMG	28-May, 11:52
W edge of Berezhivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk)	5-7km NNE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 12:05-12:07
	4-6km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 12:05-12:07

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).