

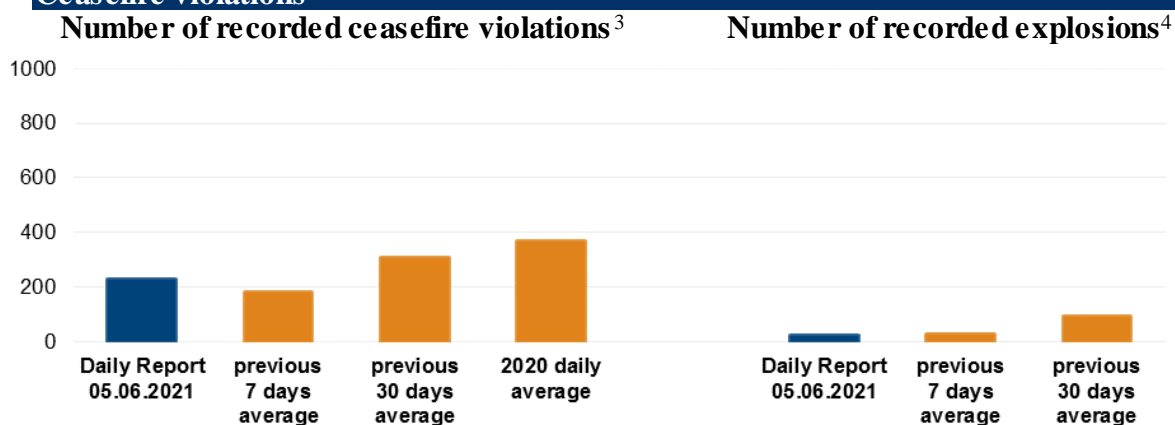
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 83 ceasefire violations, including 16 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 79 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 141 ceasefire violations, including nine explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM followed up on reports of a man injured due to an explosion of an object in Zhovte, Luhansk region.
- The Mission saw damage to four civilian properties and a functional school in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside the area near Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission 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's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Shevchenko, Donetsk region, and a functional school in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 4 June 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.

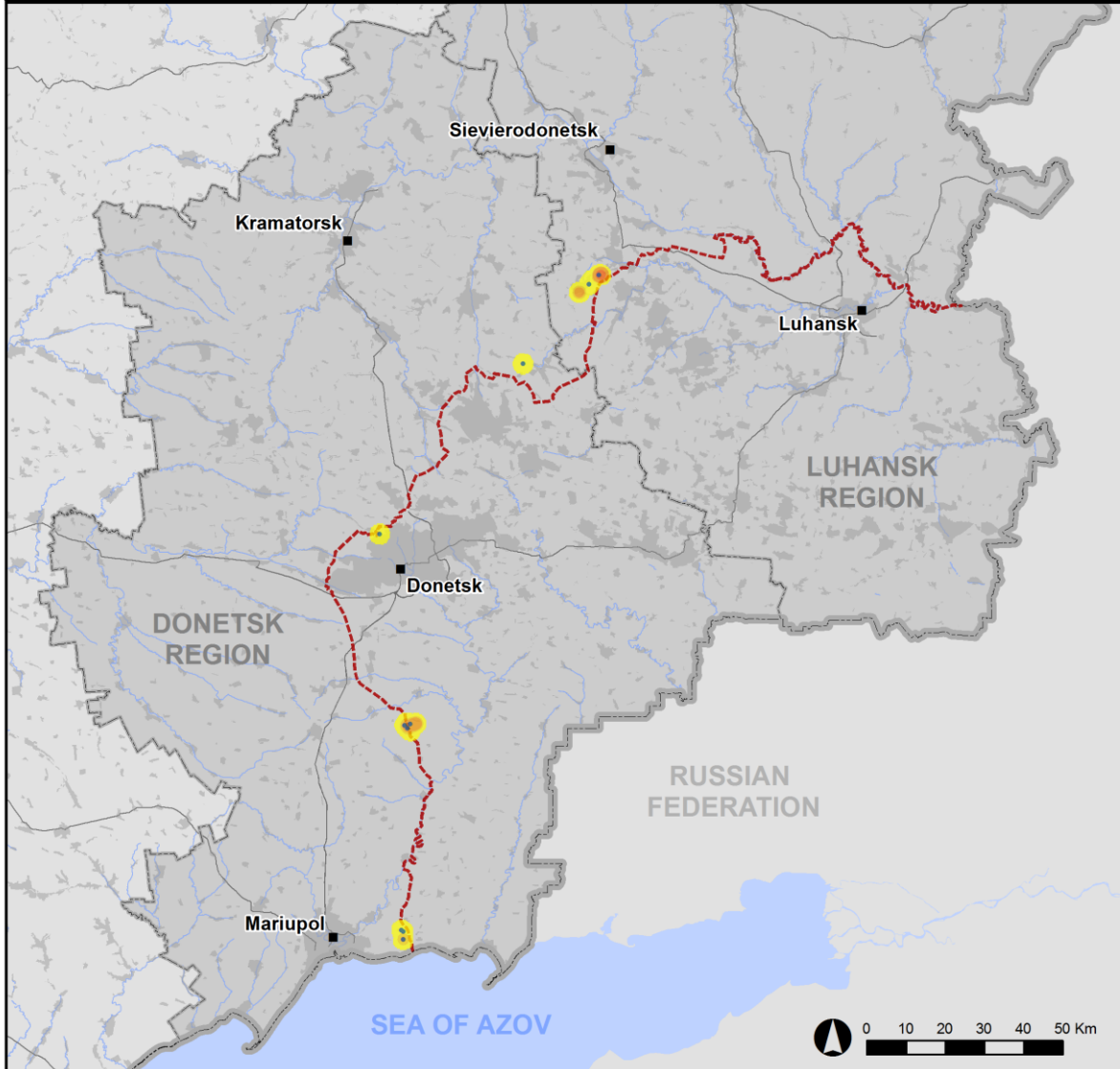
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

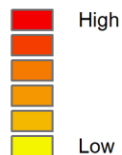


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 4 June 2021



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 83 ceasefire violations, including 16 explosions (ten undetermined, four impacts and two airbursts). The majority of them occurred at south-easterly directions of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) (see below) and in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In [the previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 79 ceasefire violations, some of which in areas north of Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 141 ceasefire violations, including nine undetermined explosions, all at easterly and southerly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded no 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 recorded at least 33,472 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 10,555 explosions, 5,663 projectiles in flight, 230 muzzle flashes, 109 illumination flares and at least 16,915 bursts and shots).

Man injured due to an explosion in Zhovte, Luhansk region

The Mission followed up on reports of a man who was injured due to an explosion in Zhovte (non-government-controlled, 17km north-west of Luhansk) on 7 April.

On 4 June, a man (in his fifties) told the Mission over the phone that on 7 April he had gone fishing near his house in Zhovte about 200m from Siverskyi Donetsk river when he had stepped on an object that had exploded. He said that an ambulance had brought him to a hospital in Luhansk city (non-government-controlled). The man added that his left foot had been amputated first, followed by the amputation of his left leg. On the same day, a woman (in her fifties), who introduced herself as the man's wife, told the Mission that her husband had been injured on 7 April, near their home when he had gone out for a walk and had stepped on an object. According to the medical certificate which was shared with the SMM on 4 June, a man (in his fifties) had been admitted to a hospital in Luhansk city on 7 April with multiple shrapnel injuries to his legs, as a result of which a part of his left leg had been amputated.

Civilian properties and a school building damaged in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region

On 3 June, the SMM followed up on reports of damage to civilian properties and a school building in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) that occurred on 31 May in the afternoon and on 2 June.

At 6 Myru Street in a top-floor apartment of a four-storey building, the SMM saw a hole in a pane of a north-facing bedroom window and shards of glass beneath it. The SMM observed that the window frame was also damaged. A woman (in her sixties), who introduced herself as a resident of the apartment, told the Mission that she had been at home on 31 May when she heard shooting. The SMM assessed the damage as fresh and caused by a projectile from an undetermined weapon, coming from a north-north-westerly direction.

At the same building, in a second-floor apartment, the SMM saw a hole in a pane of a west-facing kitchen window. A woman (in her fifties), who introduced herself as a resident of the

apartment, told the SMM that on 31 May, she had heard the whistling sound of several bullets outside and had seen that her window and a plastic water bucket placed on the windowsill were damaged. The SMM assessed the damage as fresh and caused by a projectile from an undetermined weapon, coming from a south-westerly direction.

At a functional school at 3a Voikova Street, the SMM saw a hole in the upper part of pane of a west-facing first-floor window. The SMM assessed the damage as fresh and caused by a projectile from an undetermined weapon, coming from a north-north-westerly direction. The Mission also saw a hole in a pane of another, north-facing first-floor window. The SMM assessed the damage as fresh and caused by a projectile from an undetermined weapon, coming from an east-north-easterly direction. The previous time the Mission saw damage to the same school was on 26 March (see the [SMM Daily Report of 29 March 2021](#)).*

At 10 Dundycha Street, at an apartment in a one-storey building, the SMM saw a hole in a pane of north-north-east-facing window. The SMM assessed the damage as fresh and caused by a projectile from an undetermined weapon, coming from a north-westerly direction.

At the same address, at another apartment, the SMM saw a hole in a pane a north-northeast-facing window. The SMM assessed the damage as fresh and caused by a projectile from an undetermined weapon, coming from a north-westerly direction.

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 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).

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 four members of the armed formations wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them). The SMM again saw the seven previously observed containers located south of the disengagement area’s southern edge and inside the area.

On the evening and night of 3-4 June, while on the northern edge of Popasna, the Mission recorded and heard nine undetermined explosions, five projectiles and 127 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the night of 3-4 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka recorded seven explosions (three impacts, two airbursts and two undetermined), 11 projectiles in flight and a muzzle flash, all at an assessed range of 1-4km at south-easterly directions and assessed as inside **the disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). It also recorded eight projectiles in flight and four explosions (three airbursts and one undetermined) assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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

On 4 June, while positioned on four locations near the area, the SMM heard 34 bursts and shots of small-arms fire, 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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the Mission observed a surface-to-air missile system in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM saw 12 multiple launch rocket systems in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and, in non-government-controlled areas, it saw 41 tanks, ten self-propelled howitzers/mortars and 14 towed howitzers/mortars in two training areas: near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk) and near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk). (For further information, see the tables below.)

Indication of military and military-type presence in the security zone

On 3 June, the SMM saw two probable infantry fighting vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk region, and a probable anti-aircraft gun and five radio relay stations in two compounds in non-government-controlled Luhansk city. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of mine hazard signs near Raivka, Luhansk region

On 2 June, on the south-western edge of Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk) on the northern edge of a local road in a residential area, the SMM saw a mine hazard sign (a red square with “Stop Mines” written in Cyrillic) for the first time, lying on the ground.

On 4 June, on the south-western outskirts of Raivka in a wooded area, the Mission saw a mine hazard sign (a red square with “Stop Mines” written in Cyrillic) for the first time, mounted on a wooden pole.

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation in the area of the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the SMM observed 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 traffic in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed 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 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

The SMM monitored border areas near Chervona Zoria, (84km east of Donetsk), where it observed no change in the security situation.

While at a border crossing point near Novoazovsk (102km south-east of Donetsk) for about 15 minutes, the Mission observed vehicles entering and exiting Ukraine.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Lviv, Odessa, 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 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, see [SMM Daily Report of 2 June 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.

Denial:

- On 3 June, while following up on reports of alleged damage at a school in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see above), a member of the school staff denied the SMM entry to the building to conduct further assessment, saying that the SMM is not allowed to enter school and that it can conduct assessment of damage from the outside.
- On 4 June, at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the Mission passage towards Bezimenne (non-government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing demining activities in the area”. The SMM saw traffic passing through the checkpoint 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:

- While the SMM was preparing to launch an already pre-announced mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight between Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk), Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km west of Luhansk) and Zholobok (non-government-controlled, 47km west of Luhansk), an Ukrainian Armed Forces officer told the Mission that it had to wait to launch the flight for half an hour more.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
3/6/2021	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Near Zemliane (11km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
4/6/2021	12	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm), loaded onto train carts	At a railway station in Sloviansk (95km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
31/5/2021	31	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk), where the imagery also revealed presence of 101 armoured combat vehicles. ⁶	Aerial imagery
	10	Self-propelled howitzer/mortar (type undetermined)		
	14	Towed howitzer/mortar (type undetermined)		
3/6/2021	10	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk), where the imagery also revealed presence of 25 armoured combat vehicles. ⁷	

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
3/6/2021	2	Probable infantry fighting vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near a residential area of Novohnativka (40km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
3/6/2021	1	Probable towed anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In two compounds in Luhansk city	Mini-UAV
	5	Radio relay station (four R-419A and one R-161-A2M)		

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Table of ceasefire violations as of 4 June 2021⁹

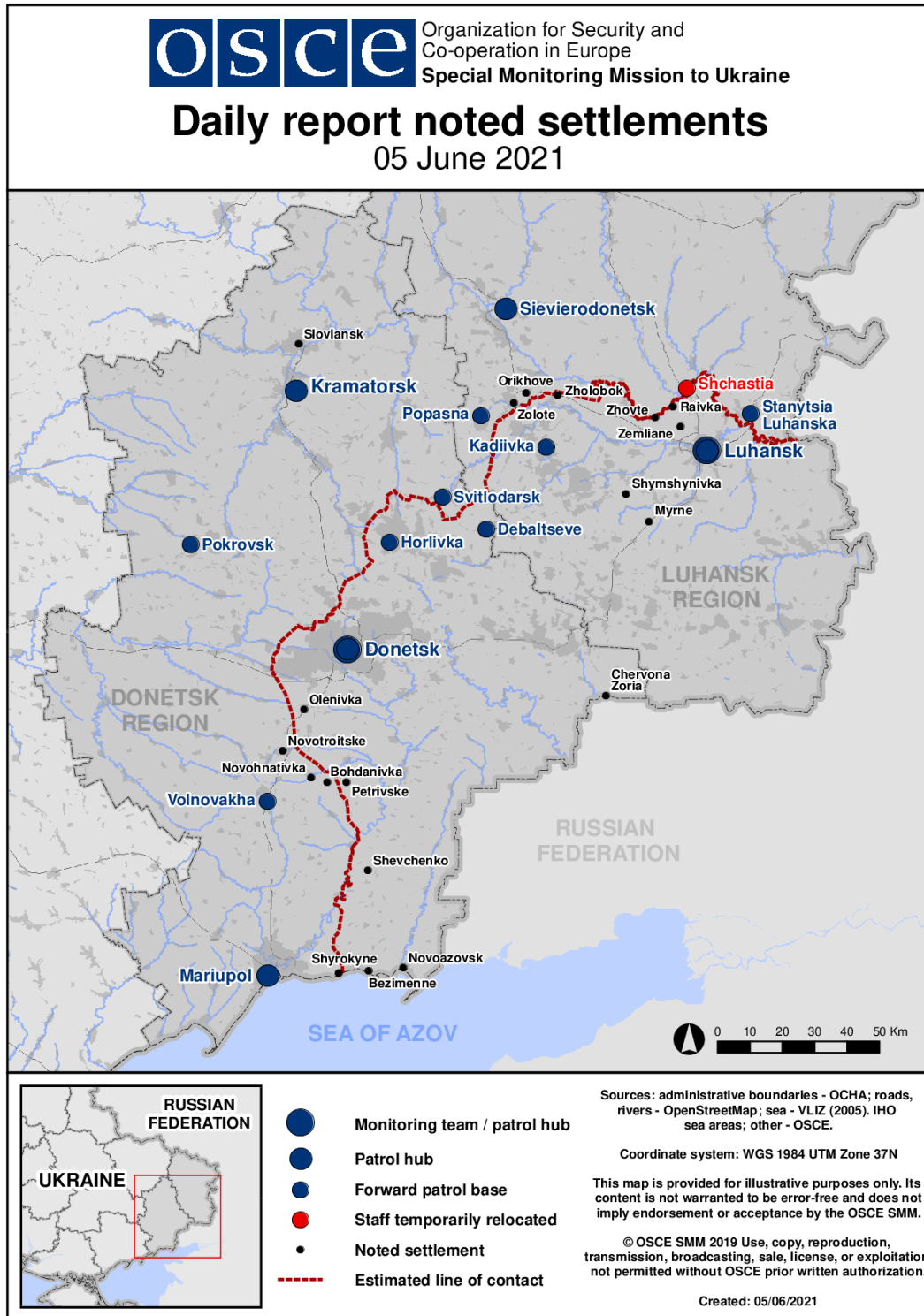
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 22:57
	3-5km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 21:33
	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 21:34
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 21:34
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:23
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area	N/K	3-Jun, 23:24
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:26
	1-3km SE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event, assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:26
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:31
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:31
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:36
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:43

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
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:43
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area	N/K	3-Jun, 23:57
	2-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:57
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event, assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:57
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:58
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:59
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event; assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 23:59
	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jun, 00:06
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	0.5-1km WNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 04:42
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 23:36
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Jun, 01:14
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jun, 01:14
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 21:53
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	4-Jun, 23:36
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jun, 23:49
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	3-Jun, 20:48
About 2.5km SSE of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	4-6km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 09:53
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	9	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	4-Jun, 11:05-11:07
	2-3km S	Heard	25	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	4-Jun, 11:05-11:07
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	4-Jun, 00:12
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	4-Jun, 00:49
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	4-Jun, 00:50
	3-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 01:03
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	4-Jun, 01:10
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	4-Jun, 01:29
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-7km E	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	3-Jun, 20:58-21:25

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	4-7km E	Heard	10	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	3-Jun, 20:58-21:25
	4-7km E	Heard	24	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	3-Jun, 20:58-21:25
	4-7km E	Heard	31	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	3-Jun, 20:58-21:25
	4-7km E	Heard	37	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	3-Jun, 20:58-21:25
	4-5km S	Heard	20	Burst		HMG	4-Jun, 00:05-00:25
	4-5km S	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	4-Jun, 00:45-00:50

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).