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Summary

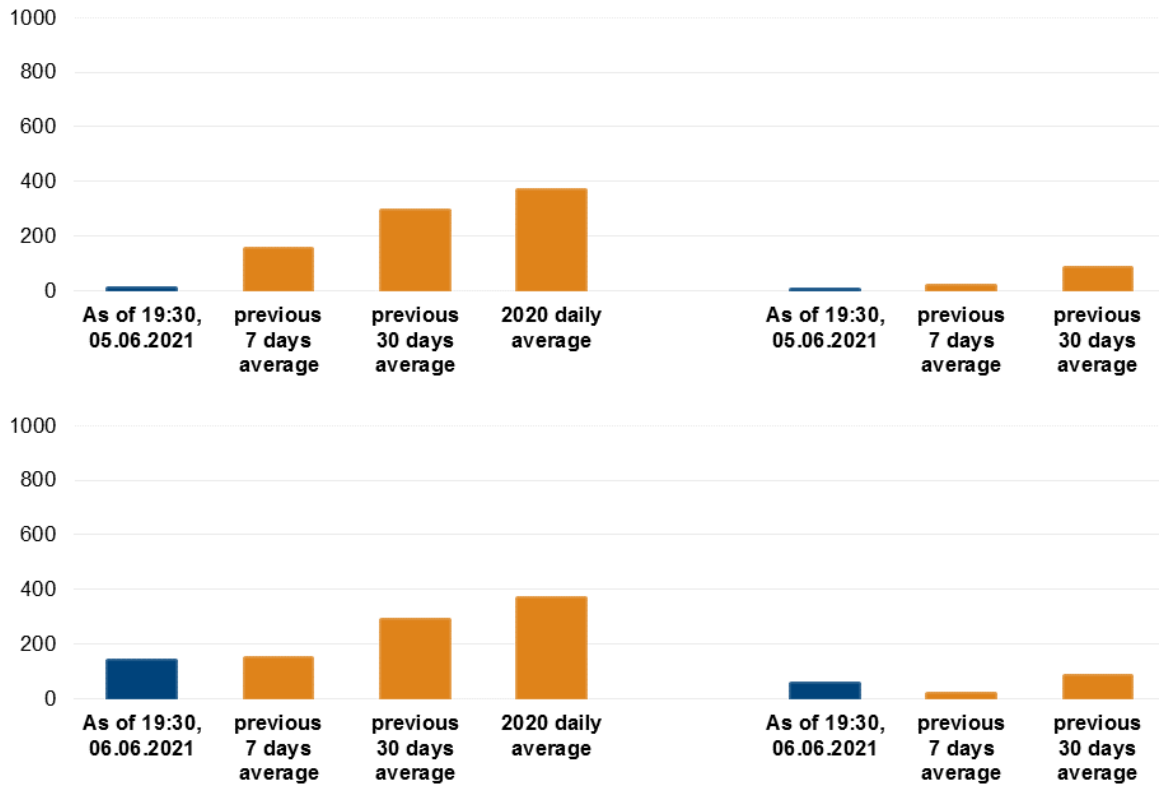
- In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 4 and 6 June, the SMM recorded 72 ceasefire violations, including 41 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 83 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 4 and 6 June, the Mission recorded 76 ceasefire violations, including 17 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 141 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside the area near Petrivske.
- SMM mini-UAV spotted anti-tank mines on both sides of the contact line in Luhansk region, some seen for the first time and assessed as recently laid.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM 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 Mission observed no change in the security situation in south-east Kherson region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Vasylivka and in Starolaspa, both in southern Donetsk region. Its mini-UAVs again experienced instances of GPS signal interference.*

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 6 June 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras in Petrivske and in Stanytsia Luhanska were not operational.

³ Including explosions.

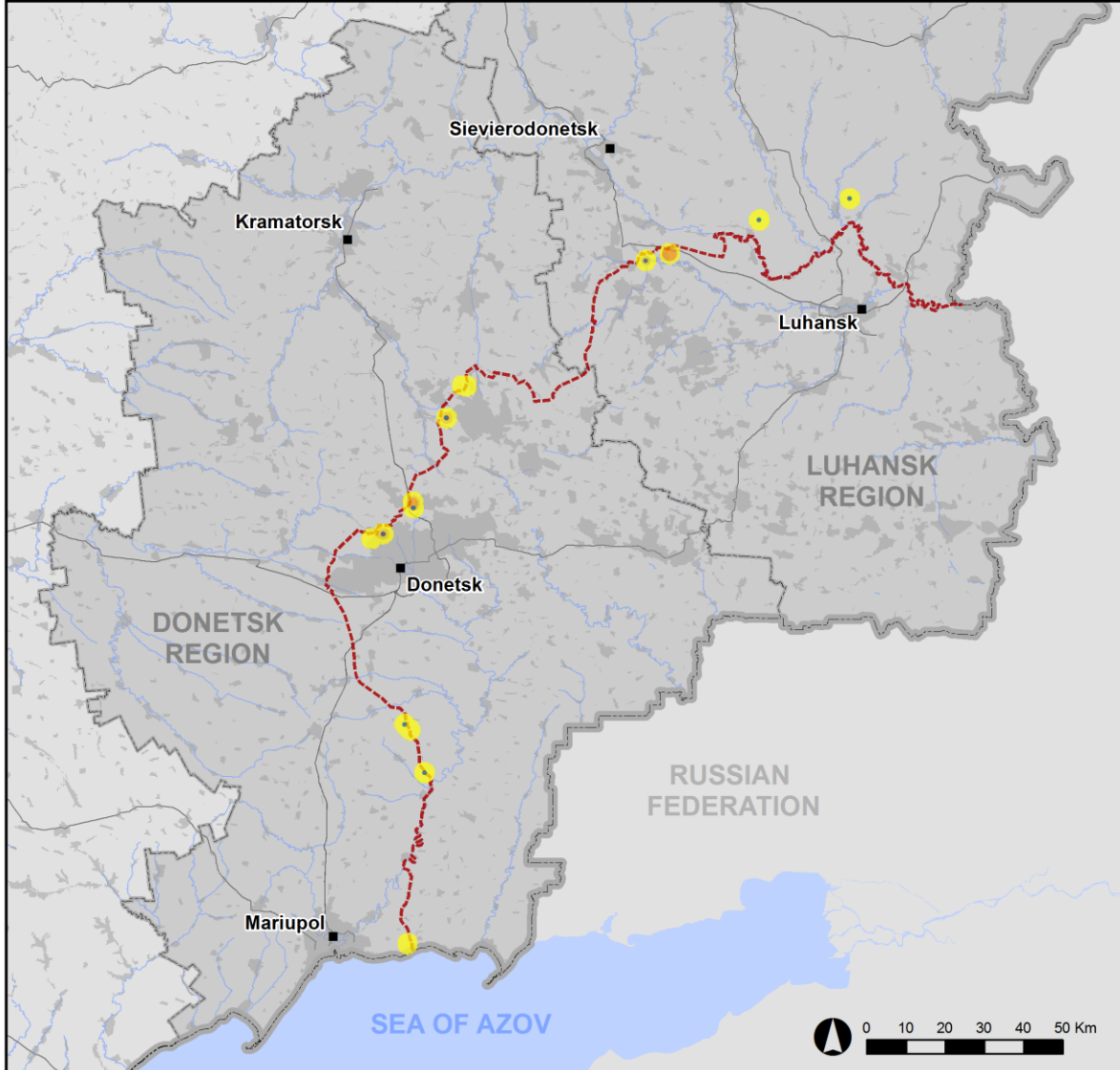
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

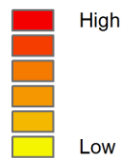


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 5-6 June 2021



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, between the evenings of 4 and 6 June, the SMM recorded 72 ceasefire violations, including 41 explosions (40 undetermined and one airburst). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at south-easterly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below), and at north-westerly directions of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled) and Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) on 6 June. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 83 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 4 and 6 June, the SMM recorded 76 ceasefire violations, including 17 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area north west of Dachne (non-government controlled, 47km west of Luhansk) on 6 June. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 141 ceasefire violations.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG) 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 33,620 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 10,613 explosions, 5,674 projectiles in flight, 230 muzzle flashes, 109 illumination flares and at least 16,994 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 5 and 6 June, while positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw 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 5 and 6 June, 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 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 night of 5-6 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded one airburst and two projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 1-3km south-east and assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). It also recorded two projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 3-5km south-east, which the Mission was unable to assess as inside or outside the disengagement area.

During the day on 5 and 6 June, while positioned at several locations near the area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM saw eight howitzers and a self-propelled anti-aircraft system in a training area and at two railway stations in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The SMM saw five armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk region, including in and near two residential areas. (For further information, see the table below.)

On the morning on 6 June, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the Mission observed a non-SMM unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flying about 400m north-east of the SMM position; and later on the same morning, while at the same location, the Mission heard the sound of a non-SMM UAV from the same direction, despite the ban on operation of any types of aerial vehicles included in the 22 July 2020 TCG decision regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire.

Presence of anti-tank mines, some seen for the first time, on both sides of the contact line in Luhansk region

On 3 June, about 2.5km east-south-east of Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km west of Luhansk), an SMM mid-range UAV spotted for the first time ten anti-tank mines laid across a road leading to Zholobok (non-government-controlled, 47km west of Luhansk), assessed as recently laid and belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

About 1.2km west-north-west of Donetsk (non-government-controlled, 49km west of Luhansk), the same UAV again spotted 20 anti-tank mines laid across a road leading to Novotoshkivske, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Reports of 18 March 2021](#).)

On the same day, in a field about 3.5km east-north-east of Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time about 65 anti-tank mines, assessed as not recently laid and belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

On 5 and 6 June, the Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. On 6 June, while positioned in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) the SMM heard 20 shots of small-arms-fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

On both days, the SMM also monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, on 5 and 6 June, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open, but did not observe any traffic passing through. On both days the SMM observed that the corresponding

checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, on 5 and 6 June, 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 queuing to travel in both directions.

On both days, 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

On 5 June, while at a border crossing point⁶ near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the Mission observed 34 cars (including 20 with “DPR” plates), seven covered cargo trucks and 53 people (33 women, 17 men and three children, mixed ages) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it saw 31 cars (including 16 with “DPR” plates), 13 covered cargo trucks (including three with “DPR” plates) and 40 people (14 women, 22 men and four children, mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

On the same day the SMM also monitored border areas near Manych (76km east of Donetsk) and Komyshevka (75km east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

Security situation in south-east Kherson region

On 4 and 5 June, the Mission monitored areas of south-east Kherson region at checkpoints near Kalanchak (67km south-east of Kherson), Chaplynka (77km south-east of Kherson) and Chonhar (163km south-east of Kherson) and observed no change in the security situation.

The SMM continued monitoring in 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.

⁶ According to decisions in 2014 by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, operations are officially designated as suspended at these and other border crossing points located outside government control.

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:

- On 6 June, at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 47km south of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage towards Starolaspa (non-government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk) only after about 42 minutes. While stationary at the checkpoint, the Mission observed traffic passing through in both directions.

Conditional:

- On the same day, in Starolaspa a member of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed towards Novolaspa (non-government-controlled, 50km south of Donetsk) only with an escort by a member of the armed formations.

Other impediments:⁷

- On 5 June, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during a flight over areas near Troitsko-Khartsyzk (non-government-controlled, 35km east of Donetsk) and during four flights over areas near Toretsk (formerly Dzerzhynsk, government-controlled, 43km north of Donetsk).
- On 6 June, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Verkhnotoretske (government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk).

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 weapons

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
5/6/2021	2	Towed howitzer (2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm)	In a training area near Urzuf (132km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	6	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	At a railway station in Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	
6/6/2021	1	Self-propelled anti-aircraft system (2K22 <i>Tunguska</i>)	At a railway station in Bakhmut (formerly Artemivsk, 67km north of Donetsk)	

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
3/6/2021	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near a residential area of Novotoshkivske (53km west of Luhansk)	Mid-range UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB variant)	Near Novotoshkivske (53km west of Luhansk)	
	2	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)		
6/6/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BTR-3)	In a residential area of Vynohradne (101km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

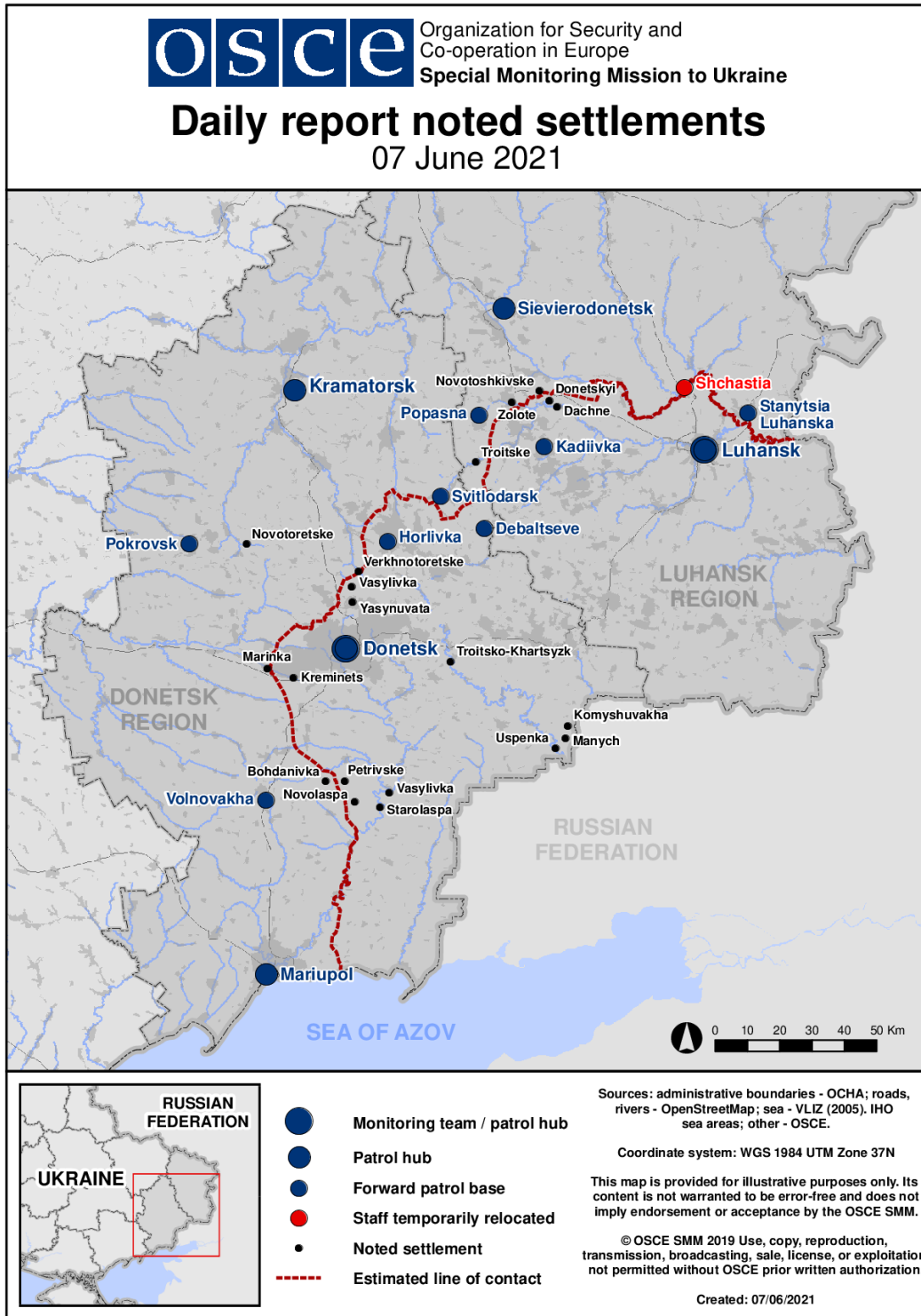
Table of ceasefire violations as of 6 June 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jun, 00:13
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event, assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jun, 00:13
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jun, 00:45
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jun, 00:46
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jun, 00:47
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jun, 00:48
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km WSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Jun, 01:12
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Jun, 01:54
Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	5-6km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jun, 11:08
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 02:31
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 02:32
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 02:38
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 02:40
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 02:41
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 02:43
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 02:45
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	5-Jun, 21:14
	300-500m ENE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Jun, 21:17
	300-500m ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	5-Jun, 21:17

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
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	5-Jun, 23:29
Donetsk City centre (non-government-controlled)	8-10km NW	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 04:27-04:37
	8-10km NW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 04:38-04:42
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk)	5-7km WNW	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 05:27-05:30
	5-7km WNW	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 06:00-06:02
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km W	Heard	20	Shot		Small arms	6-Jun, 09:15-09:30
NW edge of Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	4-6km N	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 10:05-11:25
NE edge of Vesela Hora (non-government-controlled, 16km N of Luhansk)	15-25km WNW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 10:10-10:11
E edge of Artema (government-controlled, 26km N of Luhansk)	3-6km N	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jun, 10:20-10:21
N edge of Dachne (non-government controlled, 47km west of Luhansk)	2-4km NW	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	6-Jun, 11:23-11:46
	2-4km NW	Heard	54	Shot		Small arms	6-Jun, 11:23-11:46

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).