

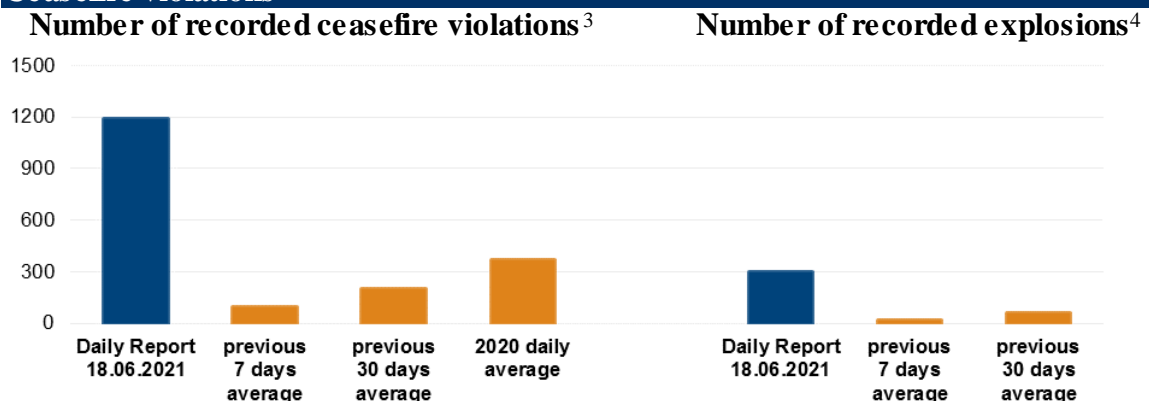
# Daily Report 140/2021

18 June 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 196 ceasefire violations, including 137 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 74 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 993 ceasefire violations, including 159 explosions, 867 of which were assessed as live-fire exercises outside the security zone. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 97 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations near the disengagement area near Zolote and inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation and maintenance to critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. Its unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) again experienced instances of GPS signal interference.\*

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



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 17 June 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 cameras in Petrivske and Hnutove were not operational, and weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some of the other SMM cameras.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

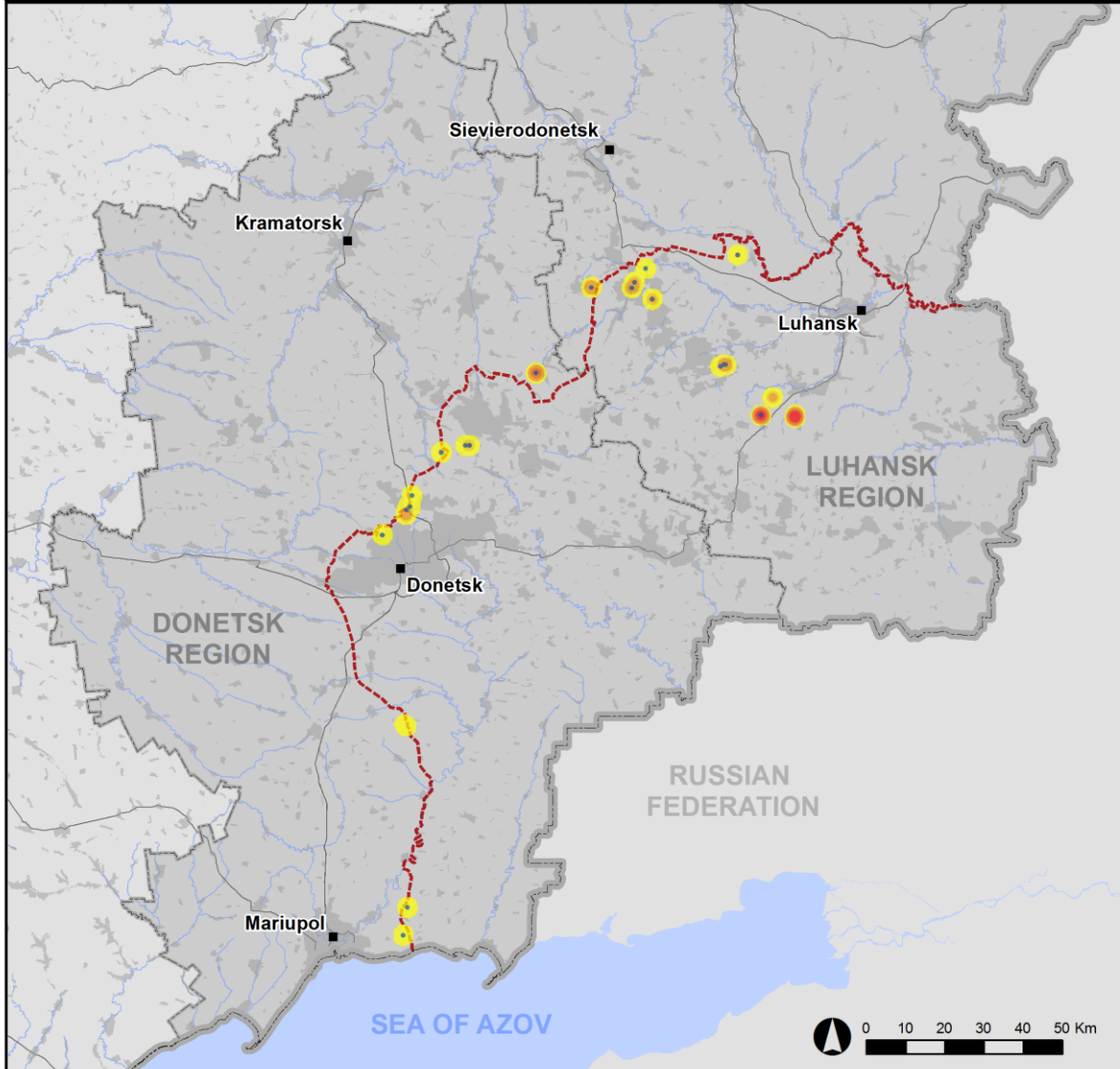
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

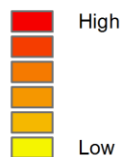


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 17 June 2021



#### 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 196 ceasefire violations, including 137 explosions (one airburst, seven impacts and 129 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area east of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 74 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 993 ceasefire violations, including 159 undetermined explosions. 867 of these ceasefire violations occurred at north-westerly directions of Kruhlyk (non-government-controlled, 31km south-west of Luhansk) and at northerly directions of Malomykolaivka (non-government-controlled, 36km south-west of Luhansk) and were assessed as live-fire exercises outside the security zone. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 97 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 35,755 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 11,151 explosions, 5,972 projectiles in flight, 234 muzzle flashes, 115 illumination flares and at least 18,283 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 Mission 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 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.

While positioned at two locations near the disengagement area near Zolote, the SMM heard 54 undetermined explosions, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the night of 16-17 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded five projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

### **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 saw four anti-tank guns in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region.

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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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM saw 12 tanks and two multiple launch rockets systems in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, including at a railway station. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

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

#### **Presence of anti-tank mines at destroyed Donetsk international airport**

On 15 June, in two locations about 1km north-north-east and 2km north-east of Vesele (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted in total 123 anti-tank mines laid across a former runway and two former taxiways of the destroyed Donetsk international airport (8km north-west of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report of 10 April 2021](#).)

#### **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 at two locations near the DFS, the SMM heard four undetermined explosions and 27 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS. Three of the explosions occurred during the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving between the station and Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk).

The SMM also monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk) and adherence to a localised ceasefire to enable maintenance to power lines near Novoselivka (government-controlled, 31km north of Donetsk).

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

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (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 for civilian traffic.

At the EECP near Shchastia and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia, the Mission saw six trucks, all bearing the logo of an international humanitarian organisation, crossing the contact line and travelling towards government-controlled areas.

## Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point<sup>6</sup> near Marynivka (78km east of Donetsk) for about 45 minutes, the SMM observed 12 cars (including two with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) and two women (in their thirties) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it observed seven cars (including four with “DPR” plates), one covered cargo truck (with “DPR” plates) and three buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) exiting Ukraine.

The Mission also monitored border areas outside government control along the border with the Russian Federation near Chervona Zoria (84km east of Donetsk), Tarany (74km east of Donetsk), Hryhorivka (75km east of Donetsk), Vilkhivchyk (formerly Novopetrivske, 78km east of Donetsk), Oleksiivske (74km east of Donetsk), Komyshevakha (75km east of Donetsk), Kalynove (72km east of Donetsk), Lysyche (66km south-east of Donetsk) and Kvashyne (65km south-east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

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 16 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.*

*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>

- The SMM was unable to launch an SMM mid-range UAV due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, near Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk).

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<sup>6</sup> 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.

<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.

- Two SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights in total over areas near non-government-controlled Staromykhailivka and Vesele (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk), respectively.

## Tables of weapons

### Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

| Date                               | No. of weapons | Type of weapon                              | Location                                    | Source of observation |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Government-controlled areas</b> |                |   |   |                       |
| 17/6/2021                          | 4              | Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm) | Near Metolkine (69km north-west of Luhansk) | Patrol                |

### 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> |                |   |   |                       |
| 17/6/2021                          | 12             | Tank (T-64)   | At a railway station in Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk) | Patrol                |
|                                    | 2              | Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm) | Near Stara Krasnianka (92km north-west of Luhansk)            |                       |

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

| Date                               | No. | Type   | Location   | Source of observation |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Government-controlled areas</b> |     |  |  |                       |
| 16/6/2021                          | 1   | Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)                          | Near Novotoshkiivske (53km west of Luhansk)                    | Mini-UAV              |
|                                    | 1   | Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)                              |  |                       |
|                                    | 2   | Probable infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-2 and type undetermined) | Near a residential area of Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk) |                       |
|                                    | 1   | Probable armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)                          |  |                       |
| 17/6/2021                          | 1   | Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)                                  | Near Peredilske (24km north-west of Luhansk)                   | Patrol                |

<sup>8</sup> The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

**Table of ceasefire violations as of 17 June 2021<sup>9</sup>**

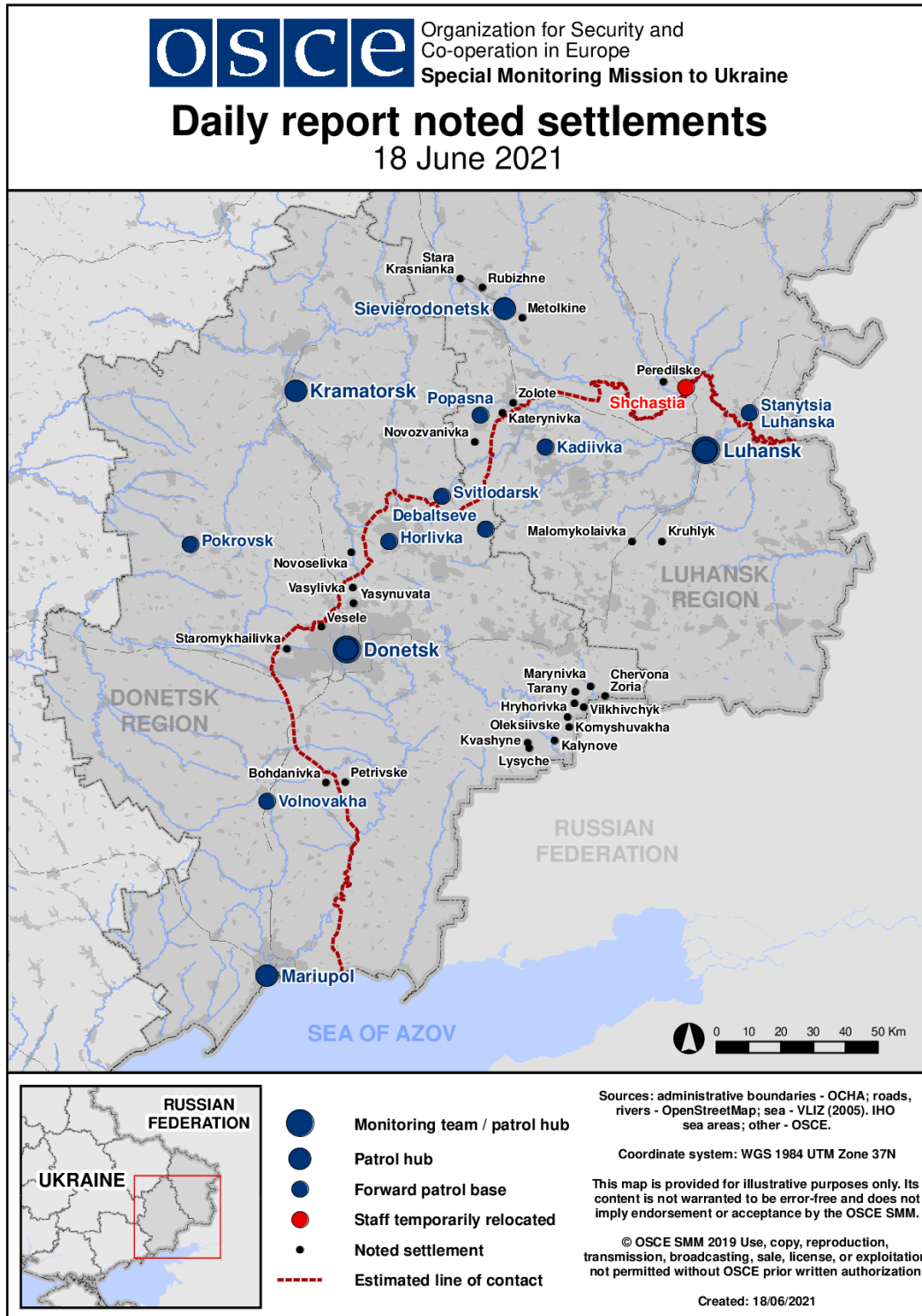
| SMM position  | Event location | Means    | No. | Observation | Description  | Weapon | Date, time          |
|---|----------------|----------|-----|-------------|--|--------|---------------------|
| SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)                        | 2-3km SE       | Recorded | 2   | Projectile  | Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske                                     | N/K    | 16-Jun, 21:58       |
|   | 1-3km SE       | Recorded | 2   | Projectile  | Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske                                     | N/K    | 16-Jun, 21:59       |
|   | 2-3km SE       | Recorded | 1   | Projectile  | Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske                                     | N/K    | 17-Jun, 00:13       |
| SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)                                      | 0.7-2km SSW    | Recorded | 2   | Projectile  | Also recorded by the SMM camera in Avdiivka  | N/K    | 16-Jun, 22:13       |
|   | 0.7-2km S      | Recorded | 2   | Explosion   | Undetermined (subsequent to the previous event, also recorded by the SMM camera in Avdiivka) | N/K    | 16-Jun, 22:13       |
|   | 0.7-2km S      | Recorded | 1   | Projectile  | Also recorded by the SMM camera in Avdiivka  | N/K    | 16-Jun, 22:16       |
|   | 0.7-2km S      | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Airburst (subsequent to previous event, also recorded by the SMM camera in Avdiivka)         | N/K    | 16-Jun, 22:16       |
| SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)             | 10-100m ENE    | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Impact   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 04:22       |
|   | 10-100m NE     | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Impact   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 04:22       |
|   | 10-100m ENE    | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Impact   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 04:24       |
|   | 10-100m NE     | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Impact   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 04:24       |
|   | 10-100m ENE    | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Impact   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 04:26       |
|   | 10-100m ENE    | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Impact   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 04:35       |
|   | 10-100m ENE    | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Impact   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 04:40       |
| SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)                        | 4-6km N        | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 16-Jun, 23:10       |
|   | 4-6km N        | Recorded | 1   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 16-Jun, 23:20       |
| About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk) | 4-5km SW       | Heard    | 15  | Burst       |  | HMG    | 17-Jun, 11:22-11:52 |
|   | 4-5km SW       | Heard    | 12  | Burst       |  | HMG    | 17-Jun, 13:03-13:52 |
|   | 2-3km NW       | Heard    | 3   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 14:43-14:44 |
| Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)   | 0.75-1km E     | Heard    | 93  | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 06:13-06:34 |
|   | 0.75-1km E     | Heard    | 27  | Burst       |  | HMG    | 17-Jun, 06:13-06:34 |
| Troitske (government-controlled, 30km N of Donetsk)   | 10km E         | Heard    | 5   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 10:10       |
|   | 10-12km E      | Heard    | 6   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 11:03       |
|   | 10-12km E      | Heard    | 6   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 11:46       |
| About 3km SE of Verkhnotoetske (government-controlled, 23km NE of Donetsk)                        | 5-6km N        | Heard    | 9   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 10:58-11:05 |
| SE edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)                                    | 2-3km SE       | Heard    | 1   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 14:14       |
| About 2km NE of Chemenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)                               | 4-6km SE       | Heard    | 2   | Explosion   | Undetermined   | N/K    | 17-Jun, 11:32       |

<sup>9</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.



| SMM position   | Event location | Means | No. | Observation    | Description   | Weapon     | Date, time          |
|--|----------------|-------|-----|----------------|---|------------|---------------------|
| N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)                     | 4-5km SE       | Heard | 10  | Burst          |   | HMG        | 16-Jun, 23:08-23:32 |
|  | 4-5km SE       | Heard | 6   | Burst          |   | Small arms | 16-Jun, 23:08-23:32 |
|  | 4-5km SE       | Heard | 26  | Explosion      | Undetermined  | N/K        | 16-Jun, 23:08-23:32 |
|  | 4-5km SE       | Heard | 4   | Explosion      | Undetermined  | N/K        | 17-Jun, 03:41-03:42 |
| Alchevsk (non-government-controlled, 40km W of Luhansk)                          | 5-7km SE       | Heard | 2   | Explosion      | Undetermined  | N/K        | 17-Jun, 10:50-11:05 |
| NE edge of Alchevsk (non-government-controlled, 40km W of Luhansk)               | 5-7km SE       | Heard | 11  | Explosion      | Undetermined  | N/K        | 17-Jun, 11:19-11:43 |
|  | 5-7km SE       | Heard | 2   | Burst          |   | HMG        | 17-Jun, 11:19-11:43 |
|  | 5-7km SE       | Heard | 6   | Shot           |   | Small arms | 17-Jun, 11:19-11:43 |
|  | 5-7km SE       | Heard | 24  | Explosion      | Undetermined  | N/K        | 17-Jun, 12:45-13:10 |
| About 2km N of Kruhlyk (non-government-controlled, 31km SW of Luhansk)           | 1-2km W        | Heard | 300 | Shot           |   | Small arms | 17-Jun, 10:20-11:30 |
|  | 1-2km WNW      | Heard | 100 | Burst          |   | HMG        | 17-Jun, 10:20-11:30 |
|  | 1-2km WNW      | Heard | 50  | Shot           |   | HMG        | 17-Jun, 10:20-11:30 |
| About 2km NE of Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km W of Luhansk)           | 7-10km E       | Heard | 5   | Explosion      | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote) | N/K        | 17-Jun, 11:06-11:36 |
|  | 6-8km SE       | Heard | 9   | Explosion      | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote) | N/K        | 17-Jun, 11:42-12:01 |
|  | 6-8km SE       | Heard | 8   | Explosion      | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote) | N/K        | 17-Jun, 12:03-12:13 |
|  | 6-8km SE       | Heard | 6   | Explosion      | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote) | N/K        | 17-Jun, 12:19-12:27 |
|  | 6-8km SE       | Heard | 7   | Explosion      | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote) | N/K        | 17-Jun, 12:33-12:50 |
| N edge of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)               | 6-8km SSW      | Heard | 8   | Explosion      | Undetermined  | N/K        | 17-Jun, 11:30-11:40 |
| NE edge of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km NW of Luhansk)            | 10-15km ESE    | Heard | 18  | Explosion      | Undetermined  | N/K        | 17-Jun, 11:49-11:57 |
| SW edge of Malomykolaivka (non-government-controlled, 36km SW of Luhansk)        | 3-4km N        | Heard | 340 | Burst and shot |   | N/K        | 17-Jun, 11:50-13:35 |
|  | 3-4km N        | Heard | 12  | Explosion      | Undetermined  | N/K        | 17-Jun, 11:50-13:35 |
| About 1km NE of the E edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk) | 10-13km E      | Heard | 19  | Explosion      | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote) | N/K        | 17-Jun, 12:03-12:35 |
| About 700m S of Myrne (non-government-controlled, 28km SW of Luhansk)            | 2-4km NW       | Heard | 20  | Shot           |   |            | 17-Jun, 12:25-12:48 |

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</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).