

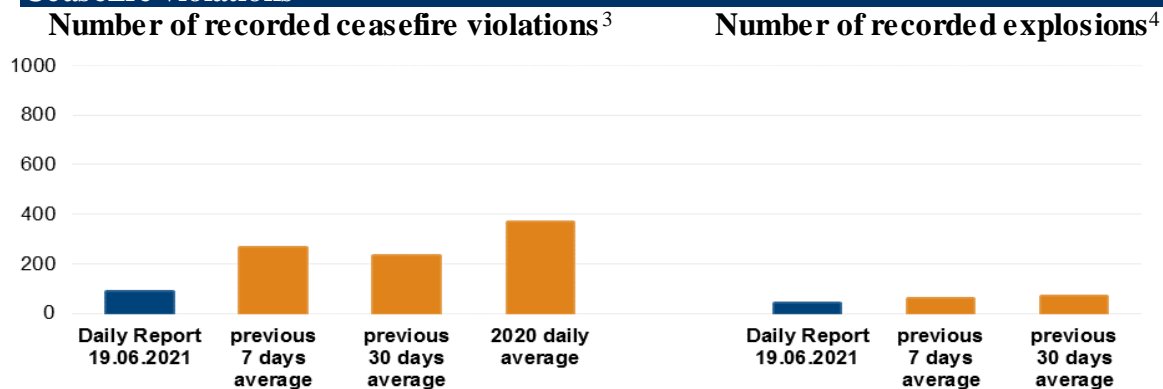
# Daily Report 141/2021

19 June 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 41 ceasefire violations, including 18 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 196 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 45 ceasefire violations, including 21 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 993 ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire heard near an SMM patrol in non-government-controlled Sentianivka, Luhansk region.\*
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations near the disengagement area near Zolote.
- 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 five 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. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again experienced instances of GPS signal interference.\*

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



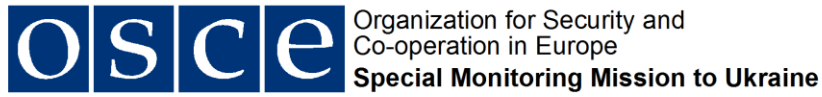
<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 18 June 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<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.

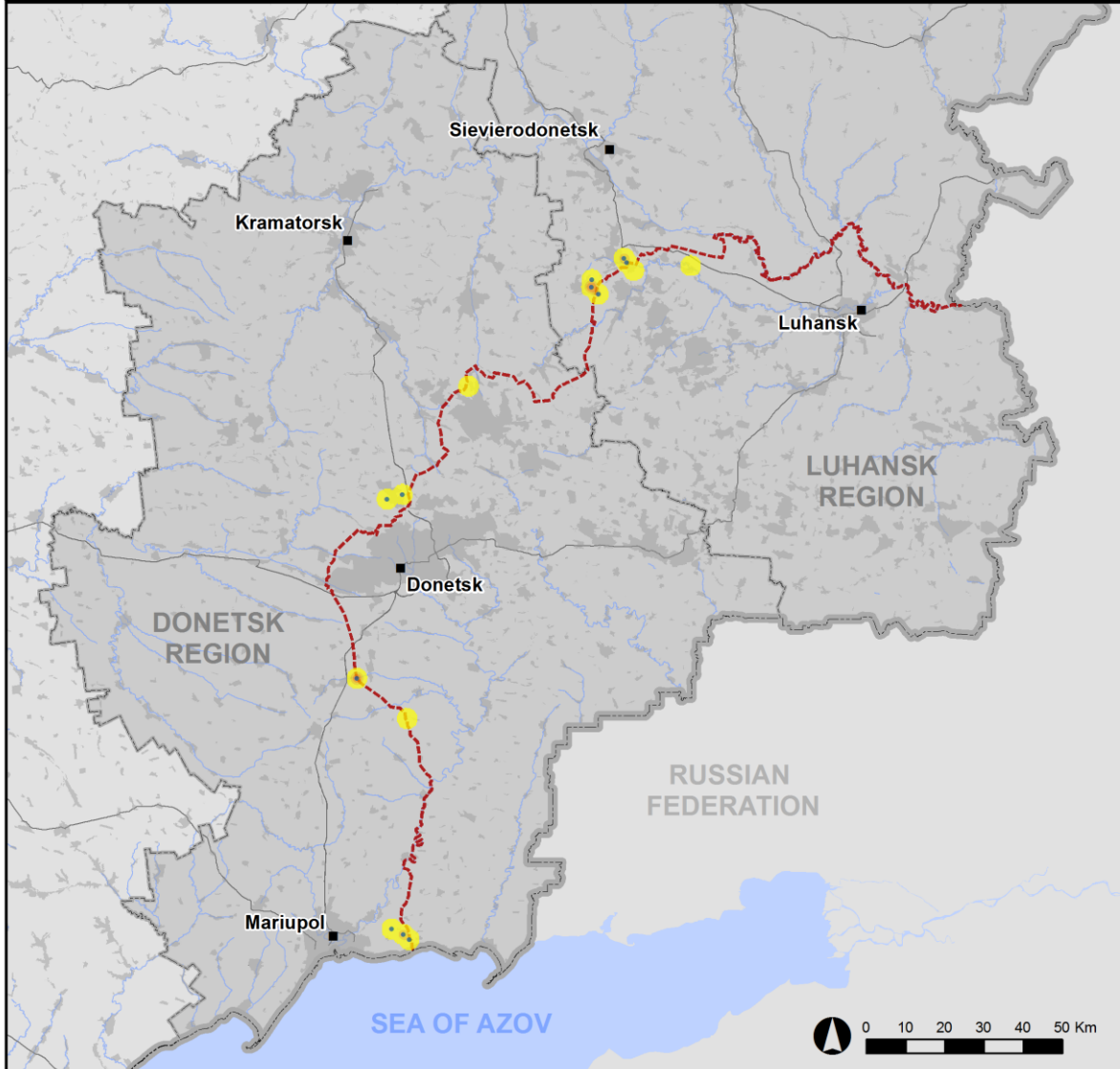
<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

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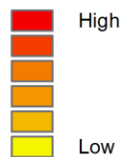
### Map of recorded ceasefire violations



## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 18 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 41 ceasefire violations, including 18 explosions (one impact, two airbursts and 15 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area north-east of Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 196 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 45 ceasefire violations, including 21 explosions (one airburst and 20 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at south-easterly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and at northerly directions of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 993 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 35,841 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 11,190 explosions, 5,990 projectiles in flight, 234 muzzle flashes, 118 illumination flares and at least 18,309 bursts and shots).

#### **Small-arms fire near an SMM patrol in Sentianivka, Luhansk region**

While positioned in a residential area on the northern edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk), an SMM patrol heard two shots of small-arms fire, assessed as originating 200-700m north-east and a whistling sound, assessed as caused by small-arms fire nearby. The Mission left the area and relocated to a location in the same vicinity.\*

#### **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 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**, 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 night of 17-18 June, the SMM camera in Popasna recorded an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 3-4km east-south-east.

On the same night, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded two explosions (one airburst and one undetermined) and ten projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 2-4km east-north-east and east.

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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.

During the day on 18 June, while positioned on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM heard a shot of an undetermined weapon at an assessed range of 3-4km east-north-east.

All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the night of 18 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded an illumination flare at an assessed range of 1-3km east, which was unable to be assessed as inside or outside 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 three mortars in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM saw 69 tanks, 13 howitzers and six anti-tank guns in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, including in two training areas. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

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

### **Presence of mine hazard sign near Vasylivka, Donetsk region**

About 150m south-south-west of the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk), the SMM saw a mine hazard sign for the first time (red square with white skull and “Stop, Mines” and “Danger, Mines” written on it in Cyrillic and English respectively), about 10m west of a local road. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 26 May 2021](#).)

### **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 around the pumping station near Vasylivka.

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

In Donetsk region, the Mission 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.

The SMM also observed that the EECP near Novotroitske 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. While positioned at the EECF, the Mission heard eight undetermined explosions and 12 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 2-4km east-south-east.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the EECF 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 EECFs 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<sup>6</sup> near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about sixty minutes, the SMM observed 40 cars (including 28 with “DPR” plates), five covered cargo trucks (including four with “DPR” plates), two buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) and 22 people (11 men, nine women and two children, mixed ages) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it observed 27 cars (including 18 with “DPR” plates), ten covered cargo trucks (including two with “LPR” plates and six with “DPR” plates), three buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) and 45 people (23 women, 16 men and six children, mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Ulianiivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about sixty minutes, the Mission saw one man (in his sixties) 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 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.*

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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.

Denials:

- While in the centre of Luhansk city (non-government-controlled), to follow-up on an explosion of a gas pipe, a member of the armed formations denied the Mission access to the site, citing “orders from superiors” and referred it to those in 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.

Other impediments:<sup>7</sup>

- While positioned on the northern edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk), an SMM patrol heard two shots of small-arms fire and a whistling sound close to its position. The Mission left the area and relocated to a location in the same vicinity.\*

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during four separate flights over areas near Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk).

- The SMM was also unable to launch an SMM mid-range UAV due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, in an area near Lomakyne.

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<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.

## Tables of weapons

### Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
18/6/2021	3	Mortar (type undetermined)	Near Marianivka (13km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

### Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
17/6/2021	30	Tank (T-64B)	In a training area near Kruhlyk (31km south-west of Luhansk), where imagery also revealed presence of one probable armoured recovery vehicle (type undetermined). <sup>8</sup>	Mini-UAV
	4	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 90 armoured combat vehicles and one anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm).	
	9	Towed howitzer (D-30A <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	6	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		
	36	Tank (16 T-72B and 20 T-64B)		
18/6/2021	3	Tank (one T-72 and two T-64)	In Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk)	Patrol

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>9</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
18/6/2021	2	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	Near Voitove (33km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol

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

<sup>9</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 18 June 2021<sup>10</sup>**

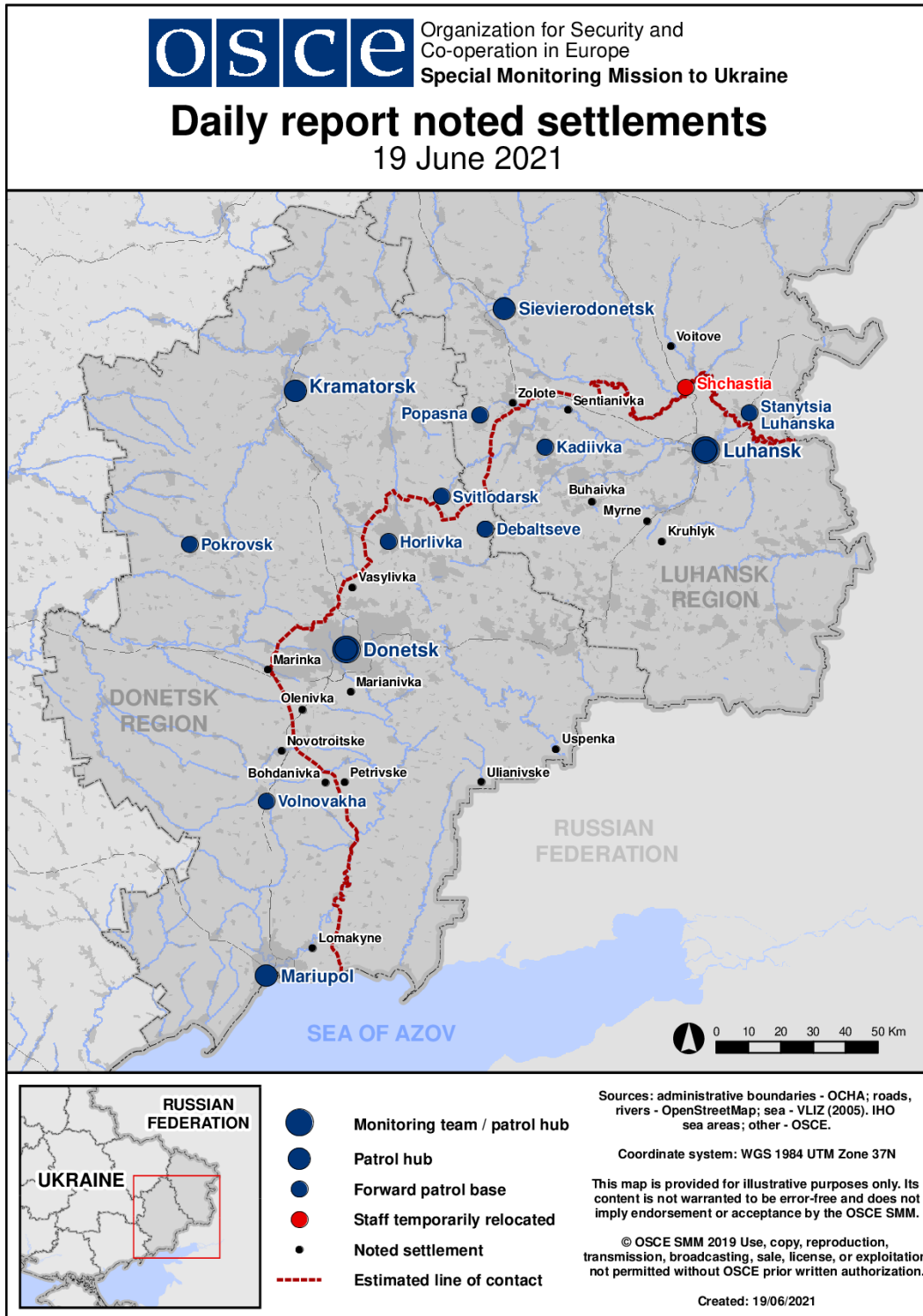
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Jun, 22:07
	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Jun, 22:09
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jun, 01:53
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	17-Jun, 22:41
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Jun, 21:39
	4-6km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	18-Jun, 00:38
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	18-Jun, 00:38
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	18-Jun, 00:38
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	18-Jun, 01:00
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	18-Jun, 02:03
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	18-Jun, 02:03
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	6-7km SW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jun, 10:35
	6-7km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jun, 10:46
About 2.5km SSE of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jun, 11:07
EECP about 2.5km NNE of Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	18-Jun, 12:48-12:50
	2-4km ESE	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jun, 12:48-12:50
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area )	N/K	18-Jun, 00:35
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	5	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Jun, 22:45
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Jun, 22:46
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Jun, 22:47
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Jun, 23:16
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Jun, 00:10

<sup>10</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
	3-4km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	W to E (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Jun, 02:37
	3-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Jun, 02:37
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-5km SE	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Jun, 23:18-23:56
	4-5km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	17-Jun, 23:18-23:56
	4-5km SE	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	17-Jun, 23:18-23:56
	6-8km SE	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jun, 00:32-00:49
About 3km N of Pervomaïsk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-4km ENE	Heard	1	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	N/K	18-Jun, 11:03
N edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	200-700m NE	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	18-Jun, 11:35

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>11</sup>



<sup>11</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).