

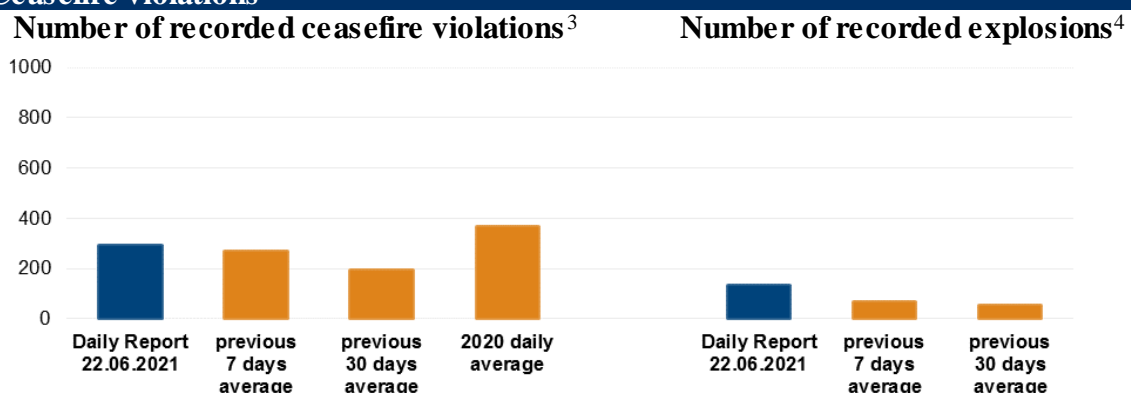
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 254 ceasefire violations, including 117 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 91 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 36 ceasefire violations, including 17 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM followed up on reports of a woman injured due to the detonation of an explosive object in non-government-controlled Pervomaisk, Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside and in areas close to the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- 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 four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Horlivka, Starolaspa, Nova Marivka, Donetsk region as well as at a border crossing point outside government control near Dovzhanske, Luhansk region. Its mini-UAVs again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference.*

Ceasefire violations²



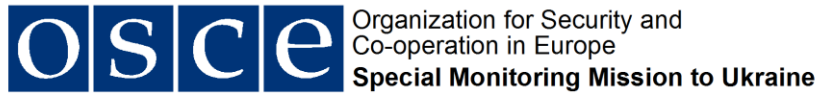
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 21 June 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

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

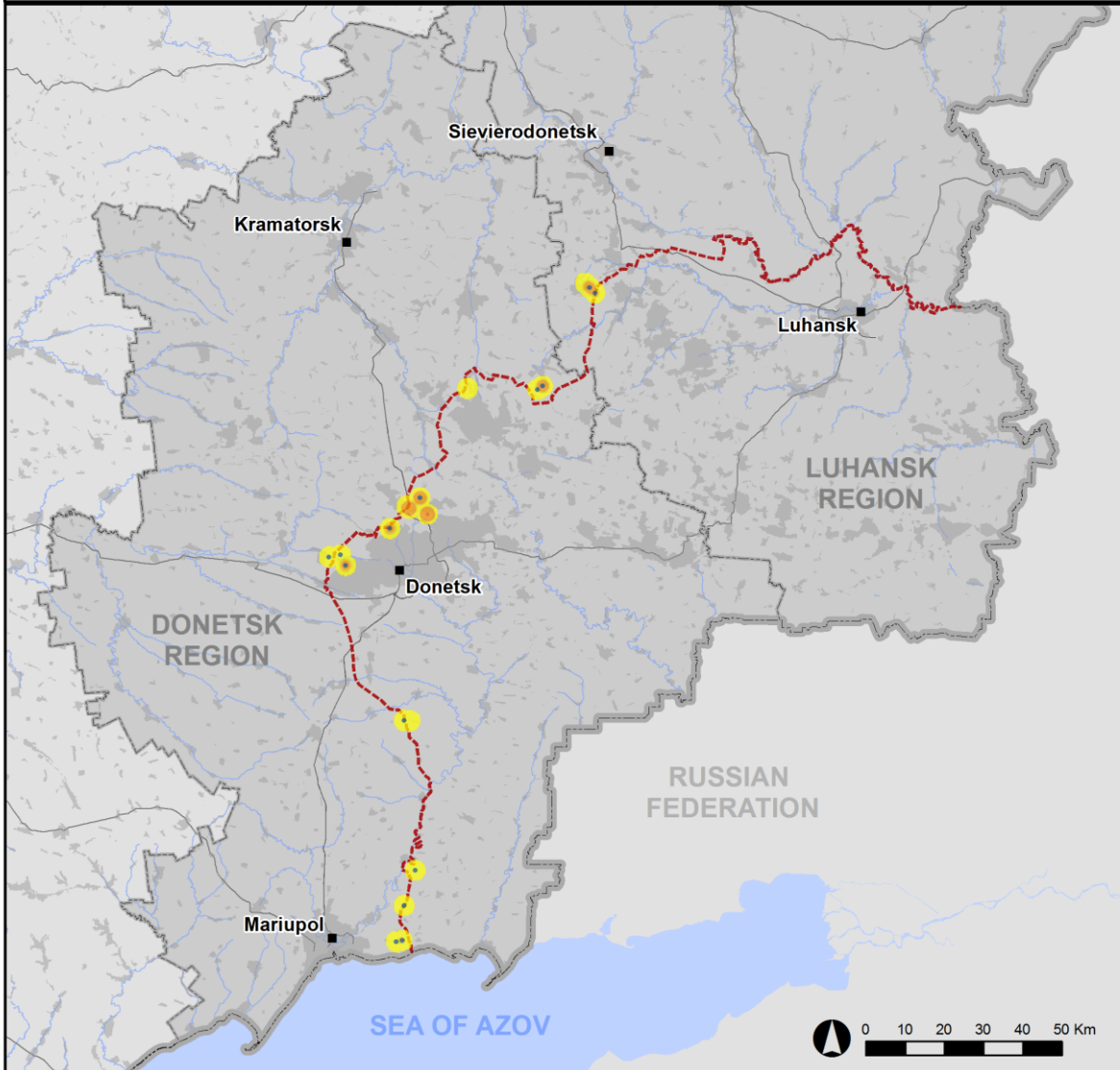
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 21 June 2021



Ceasefire violation concentration

- High
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- Low

- 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 254 ceasefire violations, including 117 explosions (two impacts and 115 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at south-westerly and north-easterly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below) and at southerly directions of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 91 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 36 ceasefire violations, including 17 undetermined explosions. All ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), 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 36,328 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 11,376 explosions, 6,117 projectiles in flight, 234 muzzle flashes, 121 illumination flares and at least 18,480 bursts and shots).

Woman injured due to the detonation of an explosive object in Pervomaisk, Luhansk region

The Mission followed up on reports of a woman who was injured due to the detonation of an explosive object in Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk) on 31 May.

On 16 June, the SMM saw a woman (in her sixties) in her house in Pervomaisk with the upper part of her right thigh bandaged. She told the Mission that on 31 May, while clearing vegetation in a cemetery, she had found an object (0.5-1m in length) and had heard a sharp cracking noise. She said that she had tried to move away and heard an explosion, after which she saw that she was bleeding from her right leg.

On the same day, medical staff of a hospital in Pervomaisk told the Mission that on 31 May, a woman (in her sixties) had been admitted to the hospital with shrapnel wounds to the upper part of her right thigh, caused by the detonation of an explosive object.

On 20 June, a man (age unknown), who introduced himself as the husband of the aforementioned woman, told the SMM over the phone that on 31 May, while at the cemetery with his wife, he had heard the sound of an explosion and seen that his wife's right leg was bleeding.

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 five 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).

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

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 five 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 20-21 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded two illumination flares at an assessed range of 2-4km east, which were unable to be assessed as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

On 21 June, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka, the Mission heard an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 1-2km east, assessed as inside the disengagement area.

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 20 multiple launch rocket systems in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM saw 13 tanks at a railway station and near a residential area in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The SMM saw two probable infantry fighting vehicles in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

De-mining activities near Novoluhanske, Donetsk region

About 1.2km north-north-west of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM observed six members of an international de-mining organisation (gender and ages unknown) using metal detectors in a field west of a local road. It also saw two minibuses with the logos of the same organization nearby.

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned on the eastern edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard 38 undetermined explosions and 50 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

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 passing through in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECF 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. At a parking lot about 300m south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, the SMM observed an ambulance, providing medical assistance to a man (in his seventies).

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 point⁶ near Dovzhanske (84km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed one car (with “LPR” plates) entering Ukraine. After about 15 minutes, a member of the armed formations asked the SMM to leave the area. (See below.)*

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 below). 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.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Starolaspa (non-government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage southwards, citing “ongoing engineering works”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed vehicles (including some carrying people with military-style clothing) passing through the checkpoint in both directions.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations on the southern edge of Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed

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.

formations denied the SMM passage eastwards, citing “security considerations”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian vehicles passing towards the settlement.

- At a launching site for a pre-announced SMM UAV flight in Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations prevented the Mission from launching its UAV, saying that he personally had “no prior information about the flight”.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM access to a certain area of the checkpoint to conduct regular monitoring activities, citing “lack of prior notification”.
- At a border crossing point near Dovzhanske (non-government-controlled, 84km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations asked the SMM to leave the area, citing “orders from superiors”. (See above.)

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.

Delays:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations in Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations allowed the Mission to proceed westwards only after 32 minutes, citing “lack of approval from superiors.” While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian vehicles passing through the checkpoint in both directions.

Other impediments:⁷

- Two SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Staromykhailivka, during one flight over areas near Donetsk city’s Petrovskiy district (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk city centre) and during one flight over areas near Oleksandrivka.

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.

Tables of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
20/6/2021	20	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	Near Khrustalnyi (formerly Krasnyi Luch, 56km south-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				
21/6/2021	10	Tank (five T-64 and five type undetermined)	At the railway station near Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	3	Tank (T-64)	Near a residential area of Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/6/2021	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (probable BMP variant)	Near Talakivka (90km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV

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

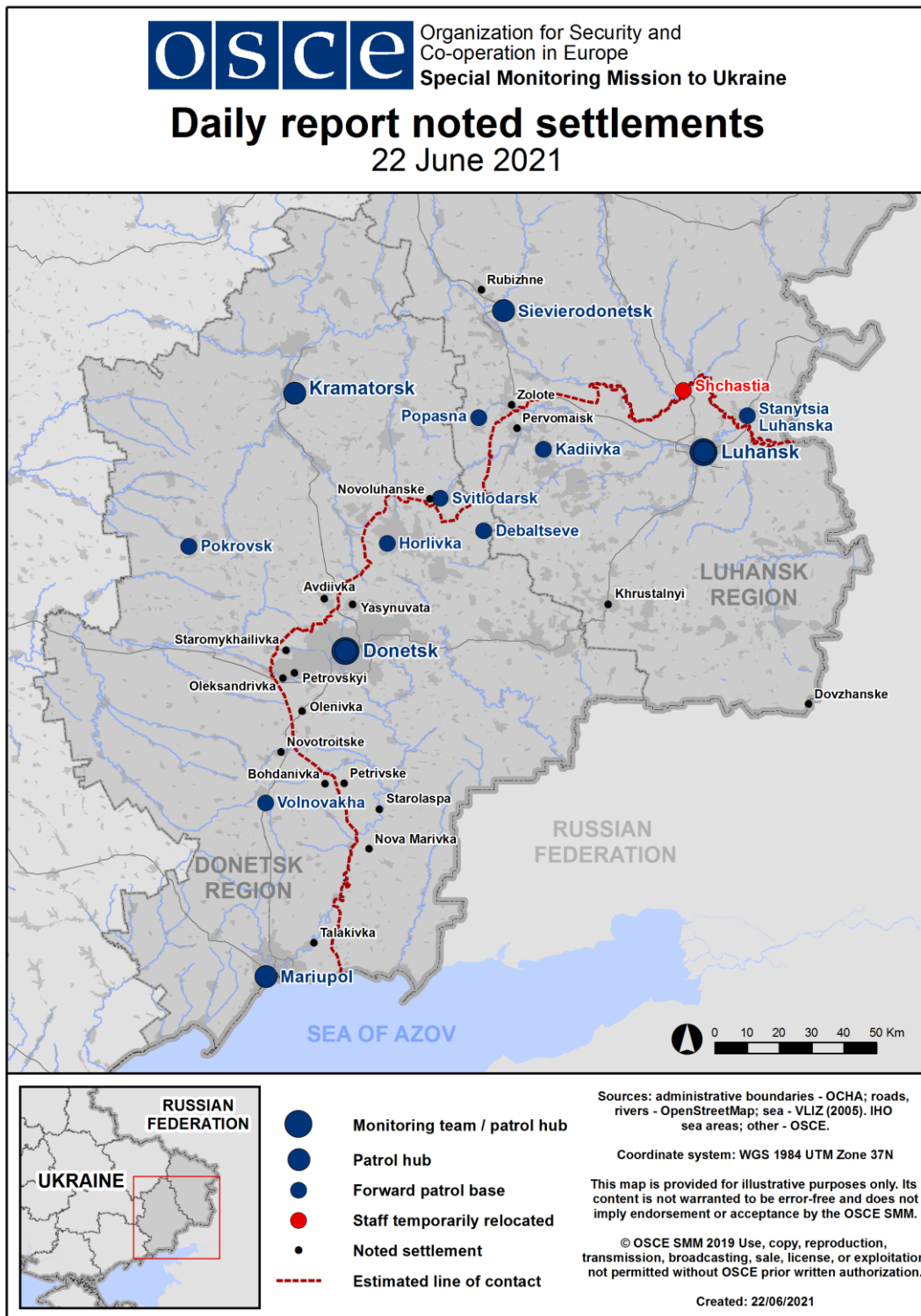
Table of ceasefire violations as of 21 June 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement near Petrivske)	N/K	21-Jun, 02:15
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement near Petrivske)	N/K	21-Jun, 02:31
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 02:43
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	20-Jun, 21:52
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	20-Jun, 21:52
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	20-Jun, 21:54
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	20-Jun, 21:54
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	20-Jun, 21:54
	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 22:08
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	20-Jun, 22:10
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	20-Jun, 22:10
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	20-Jun, 22:10
	SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km NE	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 23:12
	2-4km NE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	20-Jun, 23:13
	2-4km NE	Recorded	11	Projectile	W to E	N/K	20-Jun, 23:14
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 21:54
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 22:08
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	20-Jun, 22:10
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 22:12
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	20-Jun, 22:12
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 22:12
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 22:15
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 00:18
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 00:18
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	64	Burst		HMG	21-Jun, 09:52-09:56
E edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	21-Jun, 10:42
	3-5km SE	Heard	40	Burst		HMG	21-Jun, 11:02-11:06
	5-6km E	Heard	18	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 11:15-11:17
	5-6km E	Heard	20	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 11:45-11:55

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
About 300m SW Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km W of Donetsk)	1-2km NNW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 10:53-10:58
About 2.5km SSW of Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km W of Donetsk)	1-2km NE	Heard	21	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 11:20-11:43
	4-5km NW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 11:20-11:43
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-2km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement near Petrivske)	N/K	21-Jun, 12:23
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	25	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 17:10-17:35
	3-5km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 18:03-18:04
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 18:13
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km SE	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 21:10-21:31
	2-3km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	20-Jun, 21:10-21:31
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 22:36-22:40
	3-5km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	20-Jun, 22:36-22:40
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jun, 23:20-23:40
	3-5km SE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	20-Jun, 23:20-23:40
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 01:06-01:15
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	21-Jun, 01:06-01:15

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).