

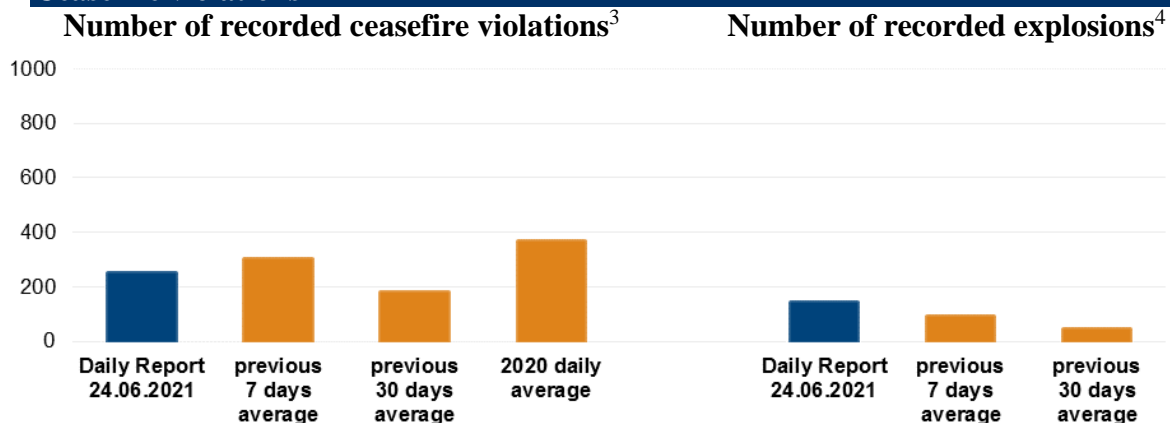
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 179 ceasefire violations, including 115 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 77 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 71 ceasefire violations, including 26 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 89 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 and near the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation and maintenance 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's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again experienced instances of GPS signal interference.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 23 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 and weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some of the other SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

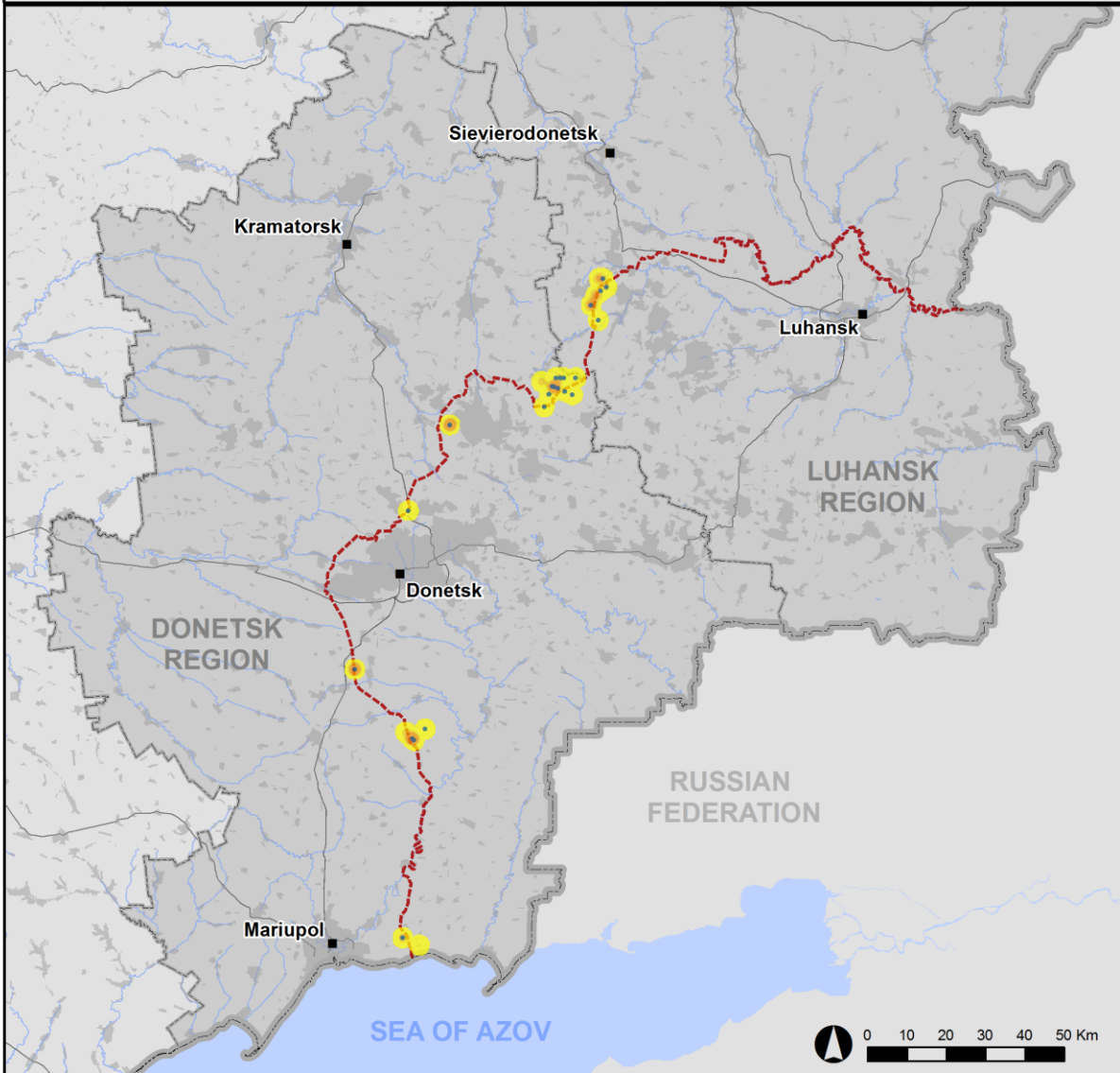
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 23 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 179 ceasefire violations, including 115 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations, occurred at south-easterly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk), in an area north-west of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) and south of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 77 ceasefire violations, some of which in areas near Svitlodarsk.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 71 ceasefire violations, including 26 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at northerly, southerly and westerly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), including some at south-westerly directions of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 89 ceasefire violations, some of which near the aforementioned disengagement area.

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 36,744 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 11,577 explosions, 6,158 projectiles in flight, 235 muzzle flashes, 122 illumination flares and at least 18,652 bursts and shots).

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 four 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 the evening of 22 June, while on the northern edge of Popasna, the SMM heard three undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 5-7km east and south-east. During the day on 23 June, while positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the SMM heard nine undetermined explosions and 15 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area, but within 5km of its periphery.

While positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, 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 of 22 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded seven projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-3km south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.

During the day on 23 June, while positioned at two locations near the area, the Mission heard nine undetermined explosions, 30 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all 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.

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 a surface-to-air missile system near a residential area in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and two howitzers in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, in government-controlled areas, the SMM saw four surface-to-air missile systems in a compound near a residential area of in Donetsk region and two other surface-to-air missile systems at a railway station in Luhansk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The SMM saw four armoured combat vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including at a compound and in and near residential areas. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of anti-tank mines near Yasne, Donetsk region

On 22 June, in a field about 800m north of Yasne (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted for the first time at least 60 anti-tank mines (TM-62), assessed as not recently laid, belonging to the armed formations.

On 23 June, in a field on the northern edge of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM observed eight members (genders and ages unknown) of an international organization using mine detectors. (For previous observations in the area, please see the [SMM Daily Report of 23 June 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 on the eastern edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard one undetermined explosion, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The SMM also monitored the security situation around the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk), and adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable maintenance of a power line in Pryshyb (non-government-controlled, 34km north-west of Luhansk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) was open, but did not observe any traffic

passing through; and that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) was closed.

At the EECP near Maiorsk, the SMM observed a hole in the lower part of the south-east-facing side of a metal container which serves as documents processing booth, about 10m north of road T-0516. The Mission assessed the hole as recent and caused by small-arms fire.

In Luhansk region, the Mission 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 Mission monitored border areas outside government control along the border with the Russian Federation near Novooleksandrivka (75km south-east of Donetsk), Zelenyi Hai (73km south-east of Donetsk) and Shevchenko (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 the [SMM Daily Report of 22 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:⁶

- Two SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Betmanove (formerly Krasnyi Partyzan, non-government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk).
- The Mission was also unable to launch one mid-range UAV near Betmanove due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.

⁶ 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
Government-controlled areas				
23/6/2021	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	Near a residential area in Krasnohorivka (24km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
23/6/2021	2	Towed howitzer (probable D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)	Near the Petrovskiyi district of Donetsk city (15km south-west of Donetsk city centre)	Patrol

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
22/6/2021	4	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	In a compound near a residential area of Andriivka (61km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	2		At a railway station in Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
22/6/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	In a compound near a residential area of Novoselivka (66km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
23/6/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	Near Shchastia (20km north of Luhansk)	Patrol
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near a residential area in Shchastia (20km north of Luhansk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	In a residential area in Orikhove-Donetske (44km north-west of Luhansk)	
	1		Near Muratove (51km north-west of Luhansk)	

⁷ 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.

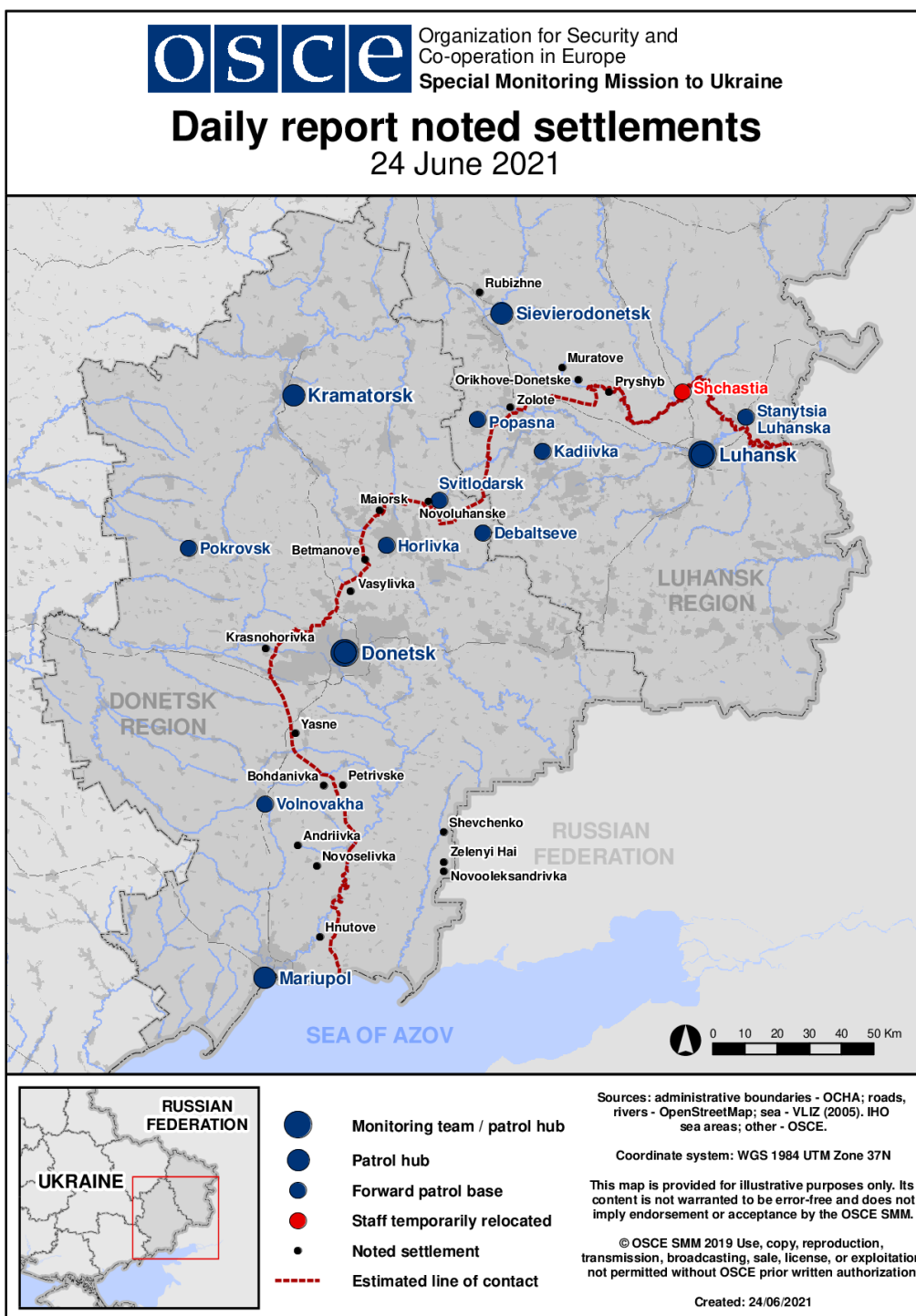
Table of ceasefire violations as of 23 June 2021⁸

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	2-5km SE	Recorded	10	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	22-Jun, 22:19
	2-5km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	22-Jun, 22:20
	2-5km SE	Recorded	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 22:20
	2-5km SE	Recorded	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 22:21
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Recorded	7	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	22-Jun, 22:57
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 22:11
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	22-Jun, 22:12
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	22-Jun, 22:12
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	22-Jun, 22:17
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	22-Jun, 22:17
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 22:20
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 22:22
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	22-Jun, 22:26
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 22:32
	5-7km NE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	22-Jun, 22:35
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	22-Jun, 22:35
	6-8km E	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 20:22-20:24
	5-7km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 20:56
	5-7km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:38
	7-9km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:41
	5-7km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:42
	6-8km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:43
	7-9km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:44
	5-7km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:45
	8-10km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:45
	5-7km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:46
	2-3km ESE	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	22-Jun, 21:46
	5-7km ESE	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:47-21:48
	8-10km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:49
	5-6km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:50
	5-6km ESE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:52-21:53
	10-12km ESE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:53
	5-7km ESE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:54
	5-7km ESE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:55
	10-12km E	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:56-21:58
5-7km ESE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 21:57-21:58	
5-7km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 22:00	

⁸ 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
	2-3km ESE	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	22-Jun, 22:02
	6-8km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jun, 13:44
	6-8km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jun, 13:53
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk)	4-6km WNW	Heard	32	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jun, 05:04-05:34
E edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (inside 5km around DFS)	N/K	23-Jun, 10:40
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jun, 11:12
	3-4km SE	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	23-Jun, 13:01
	4-6km SE	Heard	6	Burst	assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	23-Jun, 13:13-13:15
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	23-Jun, 13:13-13:15
	4-6km SE	Heard	20	Shot	assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	23-Jun, 13:13-13:15
	5-6km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	23-Jun, 13:58
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km E	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	22-Jun, 20:19-20:32
	5-7km SE	Heard	17	Burst		HMG	22-Jun, 22:15-23:00
	4-6km E	Heard	15	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	23-Jun, 18:30-18:35
Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	23-Jun, 09:30
SE edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km SE	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jun, 11:13-11:25
	2-4km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	23-Jun, 11:13-11:25
	2-4km SE	Heard	10	Burst		Small arms	23-Jun, 11:13-11:25
S edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk).	5-8km ENE	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	23-Jun, 14:05-14:15
W edge of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	6-10km SSW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jun, 12:50-13:02

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁹



⁹ 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).