

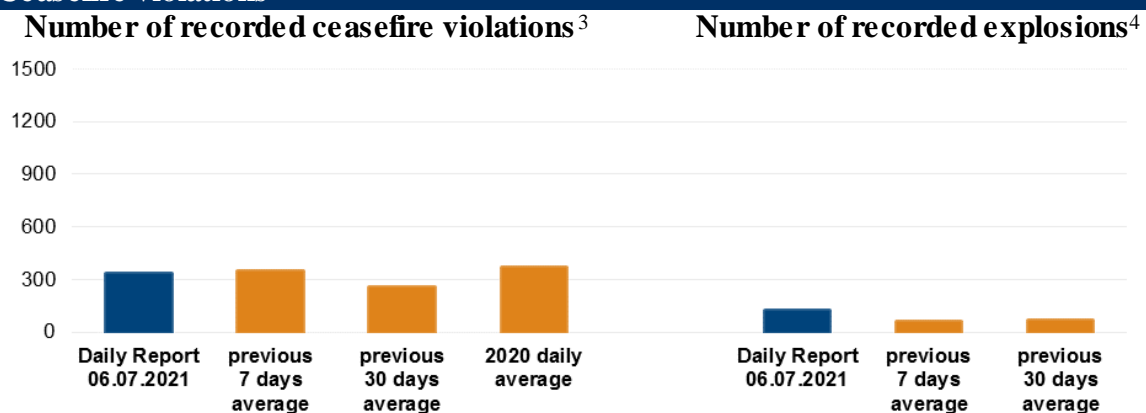
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 114 ceasefire violations, including 27 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 204 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 220 ceasefire violations, including 101 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded three ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) near non-government-controlled Tavrycheske, Donetsk region.*
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission 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 SMM monitored border areas outside government control in Luhansk region and observed no change in the security situation.
- On 4 July, the SMM monitored a crossing point on the border with Belarus and saw it was open with traffic entering and exiting Ukraine.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in Khreshchatytske (formerly Krasnoarmiiske) in southern Donetsk region. Its UAVs again experienced instances of GPS signal interference.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 5 July 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.

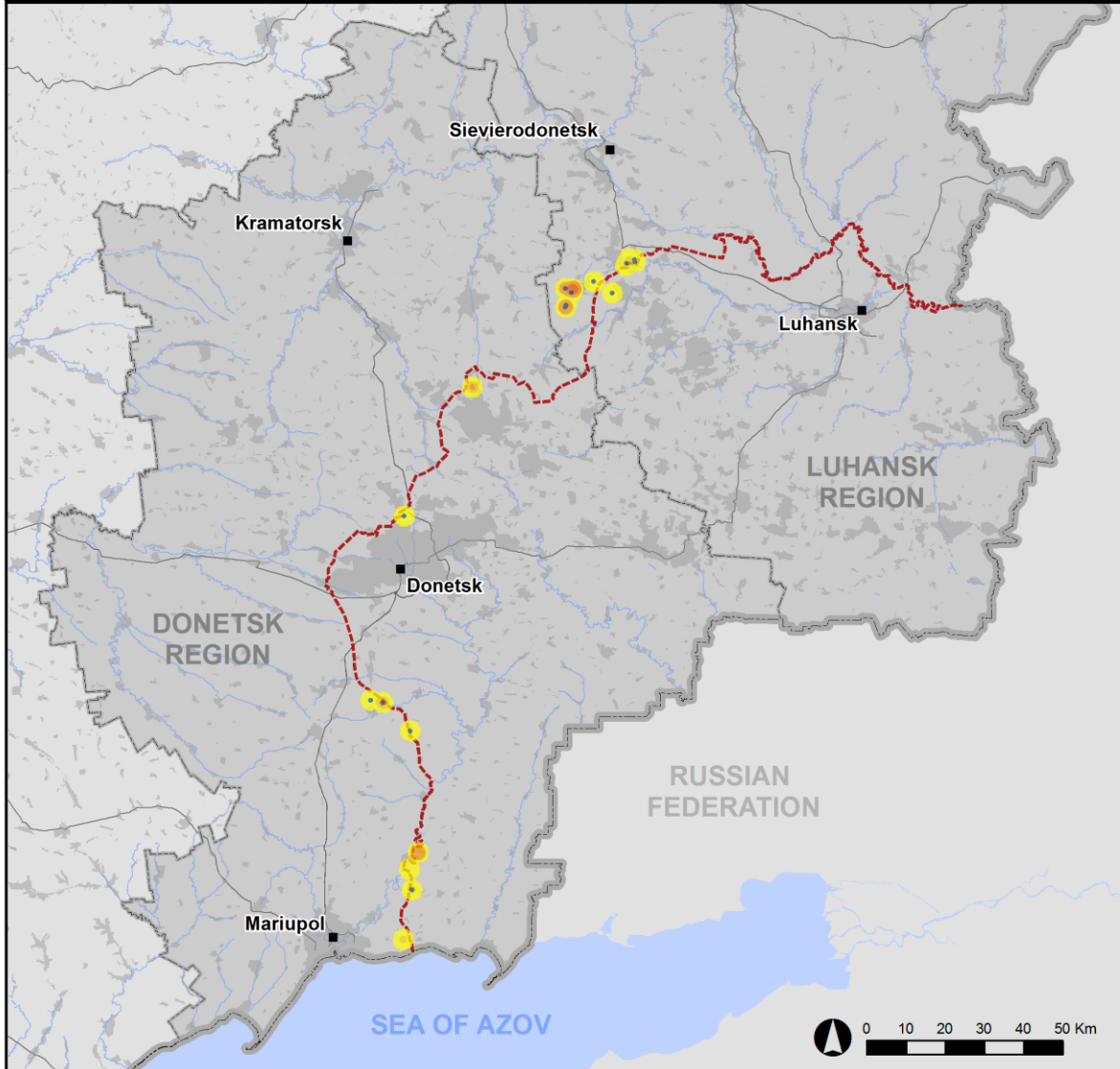
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

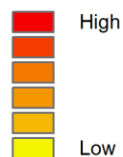


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 5 July 2021



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 114 ceasefire violations, including 27 explosions (17 impacts and ten undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area south-west of Tavrycheske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), assessed as aimed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) (see below), and in an area north-west of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 204 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 220 ceasefire violations, including 101 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at south-westerly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded three 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 41,608 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 12,623 explosions, 6,541 projectiles in flight, 238 muzzle flashes, 127 illumination flares and at least 22,079 bursts and shots).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near non-government-controlled Tavrycheske, Donetsk region

While positioned on the northern edge of Tavrycheske to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard 52 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 700m south-west, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 700m south-west of the SMM's position. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area. (See below.)*

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 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 at three locations close to the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard 12 undetermined explosions and eight bursts and shots of small-arms fire, all 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 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 4-5 July, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka recorded an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 3-5km south-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) 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.

During the day on 5 July, while positioned at three locations near the disengagement 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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM saw eight tanks in a training area, in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014, and a howitzer in a compound near a residential area in non-government-controlled areas in Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the Mission saw eight howitzers at a railway station in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region, and 98 weapons in three training areas in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The SMM saw an anti-aircraft gun in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region, as well as 29 armoured combat vehicles in two compounds in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

While positioned about 2.5km south-south-east of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed a black non-SMM mid-range UAV flying about 2.5km north-north-west of the SMM's position, despite the ban on the operation of any aerial vehicles included in the 22 July 2020 Trilateral Contact Group decision regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire.

Presence of anti-tank mines near Pakhalivka and a fresh crater near Prychepylivka, Luhansk region

On 2 July, about 3km north of Pakhalivka (non-government-controlled, 40km west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time two probable anti-tank mines on road T-1303 and at least 26 anti-tank mines in a field near the same road's southern edge. All these mines were assessed as belonging to the armed formations and as not recently laid (not visible in imagery from 4 November 2019).

On the same day, in a field about 5km south-south-east of Prychepylivka (government-controlled, 50km north-west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time a crater, assessed as recent (not visible in imagery from 6 May 2021). The Mission could not assess the type of weapon used or the direction of fire.

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 near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted 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 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. At the latter checkpoint, the Mission observed five workers (men, mixed ages) preparing the ground for asphaltting under a shelter.

Border areas outside government control

The SMM monitored areas outside government control in Luhansk region near Makariv Yar (formerly Parkhomenko, 28km east of Luhansk) and observed no change in the security situation.

The SMM monitored a crossing point on the border with Belarus

On 4 July, while at a border crossing point near Novi Yarylovychi (179km north of Kyiv) for about 40 minutes, the SMM saw that it was open and observed five trucks, two cars and ten people (five women and five men, mixed ages) entering Ukraine, as well as six trucks and a car 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 30 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.

Denial:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations on the western edge of Khreshchatytske (formerly Krasnoarmiiske, non-government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage westwards towards Kulykove (non-government-controlled, 87km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing de-mining activities in the area”.

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 impediments⁶:

- The SMM was unable to launch a mid-range UAV flight due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, near Druzhba (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk).
- While positioned on the northern edge of Tavrycheske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard 52 shots of small-arms fire, assessed as aimed at the UAV. (See above.)
- Six SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming: during one flight over areas near Sosnivske (non-government-controlled, 78km south of Donetsk), Ozarianivka (formerly Pershe Travnia, government-controlled, 52km north of Donetsk), Bilohorivka (government-controlled, 88km north-west of Luhansk) and Dovhe (non-government-controlled, 22km north-west of Luhansk), respectively; during two flights over areas near Khreshchatytske (formerly Krasnoarmiiske, non-government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk) and Kruta Hora (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk), respectively; and during three flights over areas near Druzhba.

⁶ For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interferences could have originated from anywhere within the radius of tens of kilometres from the UAVs’ positions.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
2/7/2021	8	Tank (T-64)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014	Mini-UAV
2/7/2021	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a compound near a residential area of Kalmiuske (formerly Komsomolske, 42km south-east of Donetsk)	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				
5/7/2021	8	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)	At a railway station in Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
2/7/2021	11	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 26 armoured combat vehicles (type undetermined) ⁷	Aerial imagery
	30		In a training area near Kruhlyk (31km south-west of Luhansk)	
	30		In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 101 armoured combat vehicles (type undetermined)	
	9	Self-propelled howitzer/mortar (type undetermined)		
	18	Towed howitzer/mortar (type undetermined)		

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
1/7/2021	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Ozarianivka (formerly Pershe Travnia, 52km north of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
Non-government-controlled areas				
2/7/2021	3	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	In a compound near a residential area of Kalmiuske (formerly Komsomolske, 42km south-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)		
	2	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)		
	23	Infantry fighting vehicle (22 BMP-1 and one BMP-2)	In a compound near a residential area of Rozdolne (46km south-east of Donetsk)	

⁷ The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk Agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

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

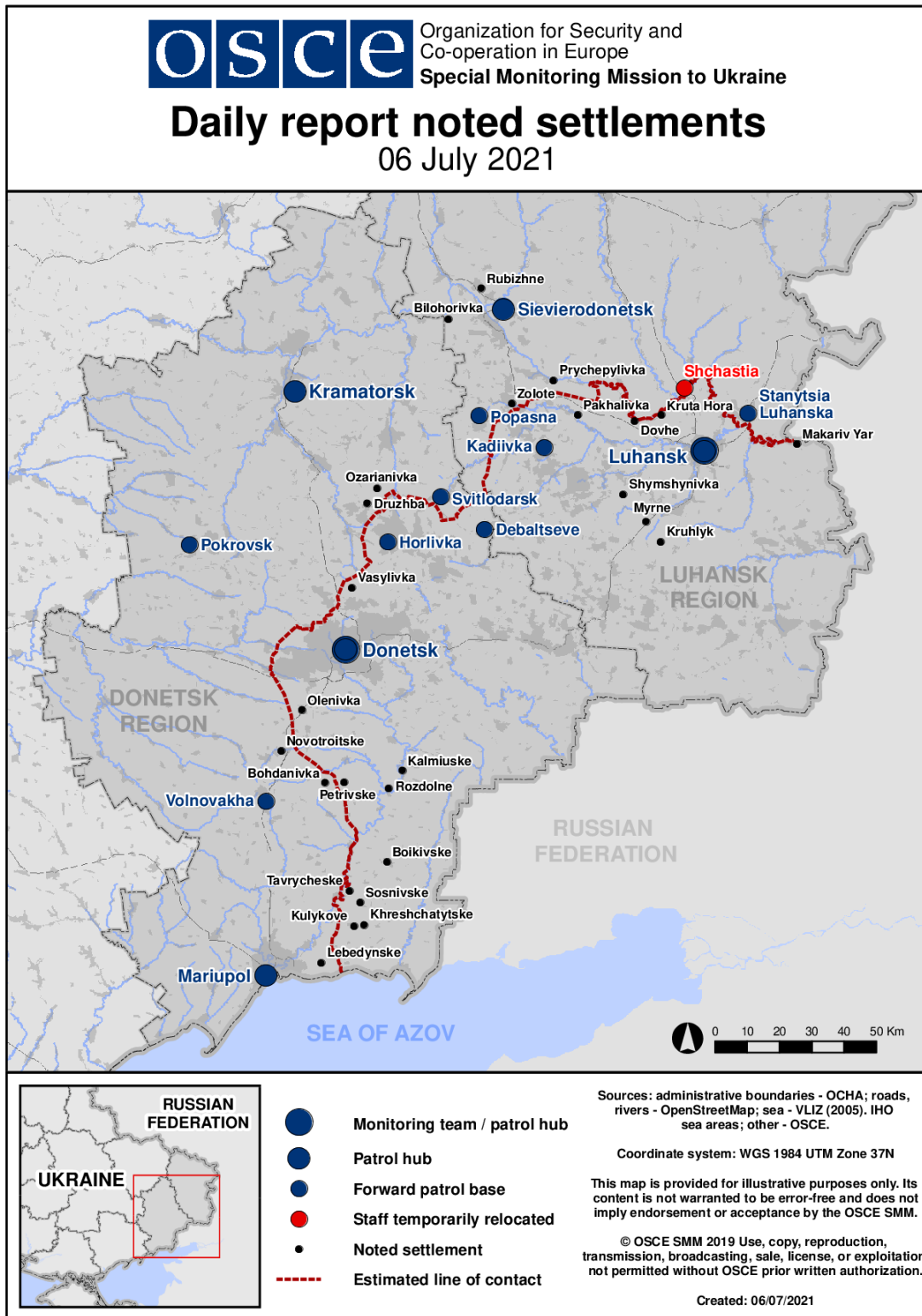
Table of ceasefire violations as of 5 July 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	4-Jul, 22:03
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Jul, 02:03
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Jul, 02:05
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jul, 22:54
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Jul, 01:58
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Jul, 02:03
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Jul, 02:04
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Jul, 02:05
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 02:09
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 02:11
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	10	Projectile	N to S	N/K	4-Jul, 23:09
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Burst	N to S	N/K	4-Jul, 23:12
	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K	4-Jul, 23:12
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	4-Jul, 23:13
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	E to W	N/K	4-Jul, 23:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	5-Jul, 03:00
Tavrycheske (non-government-controlled, 76km S of Donetsk)	700m SW	Heard	52	Shot		Small arms	5-Jul, 14:02
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	5-7km NW	Heard	17	Explosion	Impact	N/K	5-Jul, 11:18
Entry-exit checkpoint in Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km SW of Donetsk)	8-10km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 12:02-12:06
	8-10km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 12:22-12:24
	8-10km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 12:31
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-7km SW	Heard	30	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 01:18-02:15
	3-5km SSW	Heard	40	Burst		N/K	5-Jul, 01:20-01:58
	3-5km SSW	Heard	25	Shot		N/K	5-Jul, 01:25-01:58
	3-7km SSW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 02:28-02:35
	3-5km SSW	Heard	4	Burst		N/K	5-Jul, 02:29-02:35
	3-5km SSW	Heard	5	Shot		N/K	5-Jul, 02:30-02:31
	7-10km SSW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 02:53-03:08
	3-5km SSW	Heard	13	Burst		N/K	5-Jul, 02:53-03:19
	3-5km SSW	Heard	14	Shot		N/K	5-Jul, 02:55-03:21
	8-10km SSW	Heard	49	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 04:00-04:25
	3-5km SSW	Heard	5	Burst		N/K	5-Jul, 04:05
	3-5km SSW	Heard	5	Shot		N/K	5-Jul, 04:04-04:05

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
S edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	5-Jul, 09:57-10:04
	5-10km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	5-Jul, 09:57-10:04
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	2.5-3km NNE	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	5-Jul, 08:10-08:11
	3-4km NNE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	5-Jul, 09:52-10:10
	4-6km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	5-Jul, 13:22
SW edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km NW of Luhansk)	3-4km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 08:52
	3-4km N	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	5-Jul, 11:02

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).