

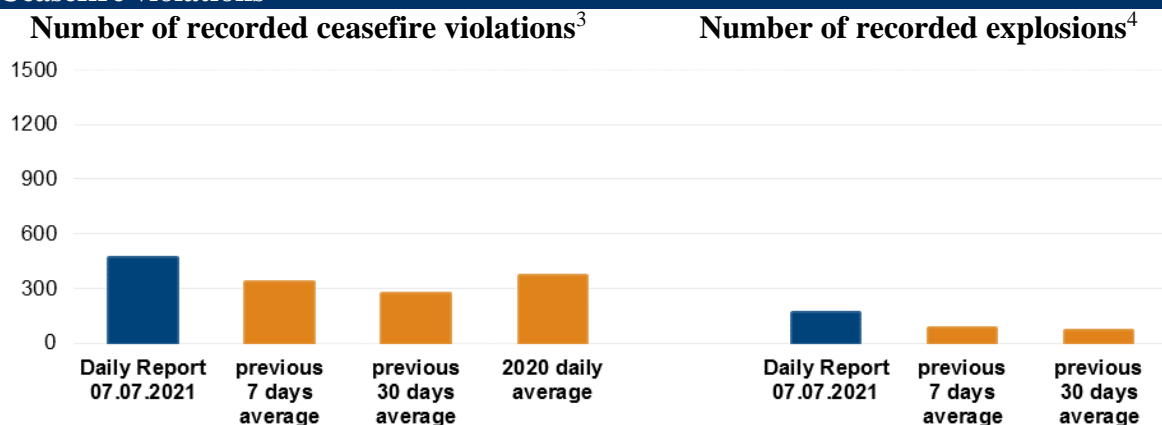
# Daily Report 156/2021

7 July 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded 136 ceasefire violations, including seven explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 114 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 328 ceasefire violations, including 161 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 220 ceasefire violations in the 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 visited border crossing points and monitored border areas outside government control in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at two heavy weapons holding areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region and a railway station near a border crossing point outside government control in Luhansk region. 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, 6 July 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 camera in Petrivske was not operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

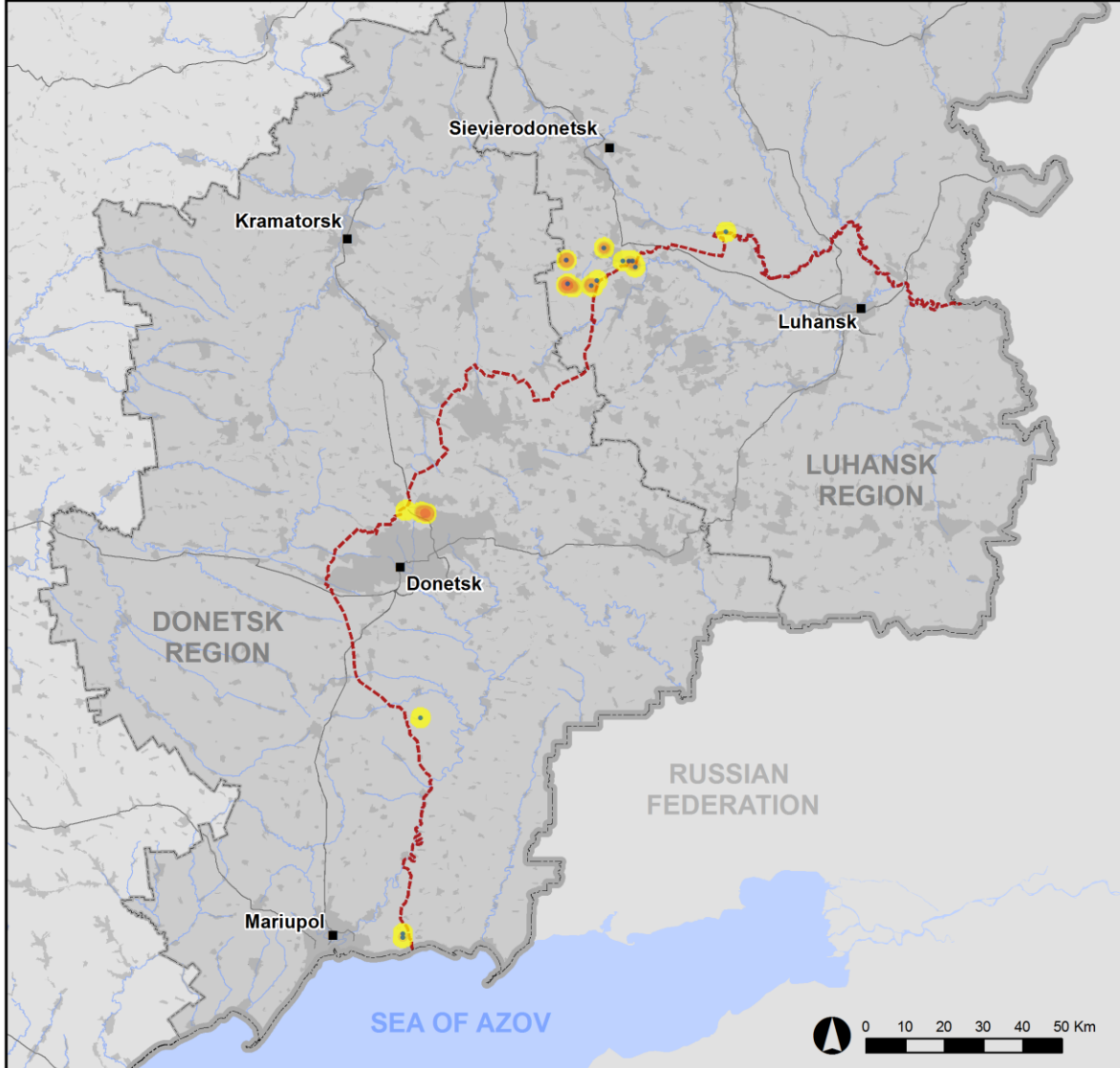
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

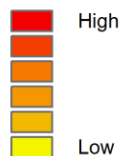


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 6 July 2021



#### 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 136 ceasefire violations, including seven explosions (one impact and six undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at south-easterly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below) and in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 114 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 328 ceasefire violations, including 161 explosions (one impact and 160 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at southerly and northerly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), including some near the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 220 ceasefire violations, the majority of which occurred at south-westerly directions of Popasna.

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 42,072 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 12,791 explosions, 6,556 projectiles in flight, 238 muzzle flashes, 129 illumination flares and at least 22,358 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).

During the evening of 5 July, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded four explosions (one impact and three undetermined) and ten projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 2-6km east. During the night of 5-6 July, the SMM camera in Popasna recorded an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 4-6km east-south-east. During the day on 6 July, while positioned at two locations close to the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the SMM heard four undetermined explosions and 15 shots of small-arms fire. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

Also on 6 July, 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.

While positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission heard two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 5-6km east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) but within 5km of its periphery.

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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.

### **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 a mortar in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the Mission saw 12 self-propelled howitzers at a railway station 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 seven armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as nine armoured combat vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun in two compounds in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Additionally, outside the security zone, the Mission saw two armoured personnel carriers (BTR variant) in a residential area of Pervomaiske (non-government-controlled, 68km south of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.

### **Presence of anti-tank mines near Myronivskiy and fresh craters near and in Vodiane, Donetsk region**

On 2 July, in a field about 6km east of Myronivskiy (government-controlled, 62km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted for the first time 75 anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces (not visible in imagery from 8 May 2021).

On 4 July, on the south-western edge of Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk), in a field about 20 to 50m west of a residential area, an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time three craters, as well as another crater inside the settlement. The Mission assessed all these craters as recent and caused by probable 120mm mortar rounds (not visible in imagery from 9 December 2019 and 8 March 2021, respectively).

### **SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned near the station, the SMM recorded 33 shots of small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

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

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open while the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

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 queueing to travel in both directions.

On the morning of 6 July, the SMM camera at the EECF near Stanytsia Luhanska bridge recorded an ambulance arriving from government-controlled areas and two men (in their thirties) arriving from non-government-controlled areas carrying a person (gender and age unknown) on a stretcher across the bridge to the ambulance. The two men handed over the person on the stretcher to the ambulance crew, who transferred the person into the ambulance, which was subsequently seen departing towards government-controlled areas. On the same morning, at the checkpoint of the armed formations south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, the SMM saw an ambulance and two medical staff (a woman and a man, in their thirties) providing medical assistance to a woman (in her sixties), who had reportedly collapsed.

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 three hours, the Mission observed 37 cars (including 20 with “DPR” plates), eight covered cargo trucks (including three with “DPR” plates), two buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying about 50 passengers of mixed genders and ages each) and 64 pedestrians (29 women and 25 men, mixed ages, as well as four girls and six boys) entering Ukraine. During the same time, the SMM saw 72 cars (including 55 with “DPR” and one with “LPR” plates), 38 covered cargo trucks (including 16 with “DPR” plates), three buses (with “DPR” plates) and 18 pedestrians (nine women and nine men, mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

While at a pedestrian border crossing point near Ulianiivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 30 minutes, the Mission observed no traffic in either direction.

The Mission also monitored areas along the border outside government control in Donetsk region near Shevchenko (65km south-east of Donetsk), Kuznetsovo-Mykhailivka (67km south-east of Donetsk), Hrekovo-Oleksandrivka (72km south-east of Donetsk), Novooleksandrivka (75km south-east of Donetsk), and Zelenyi Hai (73km south-east of Donetsk). It observed no change in the security situation.

While at a border crossing point near Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, 65km south-east of Luhansk) for about 30 minutes, the SMM observed five cars (including three with “LPR” plates) entering Ukraine, and one car and seven pedestrians (six men and one woman, in their twenties and thirties) exiting Ukraine.

At the Chervona Mohyla train station in Voznesenivka, the SMM saw two railway tank cars and 150 open cargo cars (contents not visible). After about ten minutes, a member of the armed formations asked the Mission to leave the area.\*

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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.

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:

- The SMM could not access two heavy weapons holding areas in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, as no personnel was present to open their locked gates.
- At Chervona Mohyla train station in Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, non-government-controlled, 65km south-east of Luhansk), an armed member of the armed formations asked the Mission to leave 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 impediments<sup>7</sup>:

- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming during: a flight over areas in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), a flight over Kashtanove (non-government-controlled, 13km north of Donetsk); and two flights over areas near Verkhnotoretske (government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk).

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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 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
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
5/7/2021	1	Mortar (2B11, <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)	Near Kruta Hora (16km north-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
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
5/7/2021	12	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	At a railway station in Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

### **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>				
2/7/2021	3	Armoured combat vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Myronivskyi (62km north-east of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
	3	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		
5/7/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	Near Lobacheve (17km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
4/7/2021	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In two compounds in Donetsk city	Mini-UAV
	8	Armoured personnel carrier (six MT-LB and two BTR-80)		
	1	Armoured combat vehicle (undetermined variant)		

<sup>8</sup> 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 6 July 2021<sup>9</sup>**

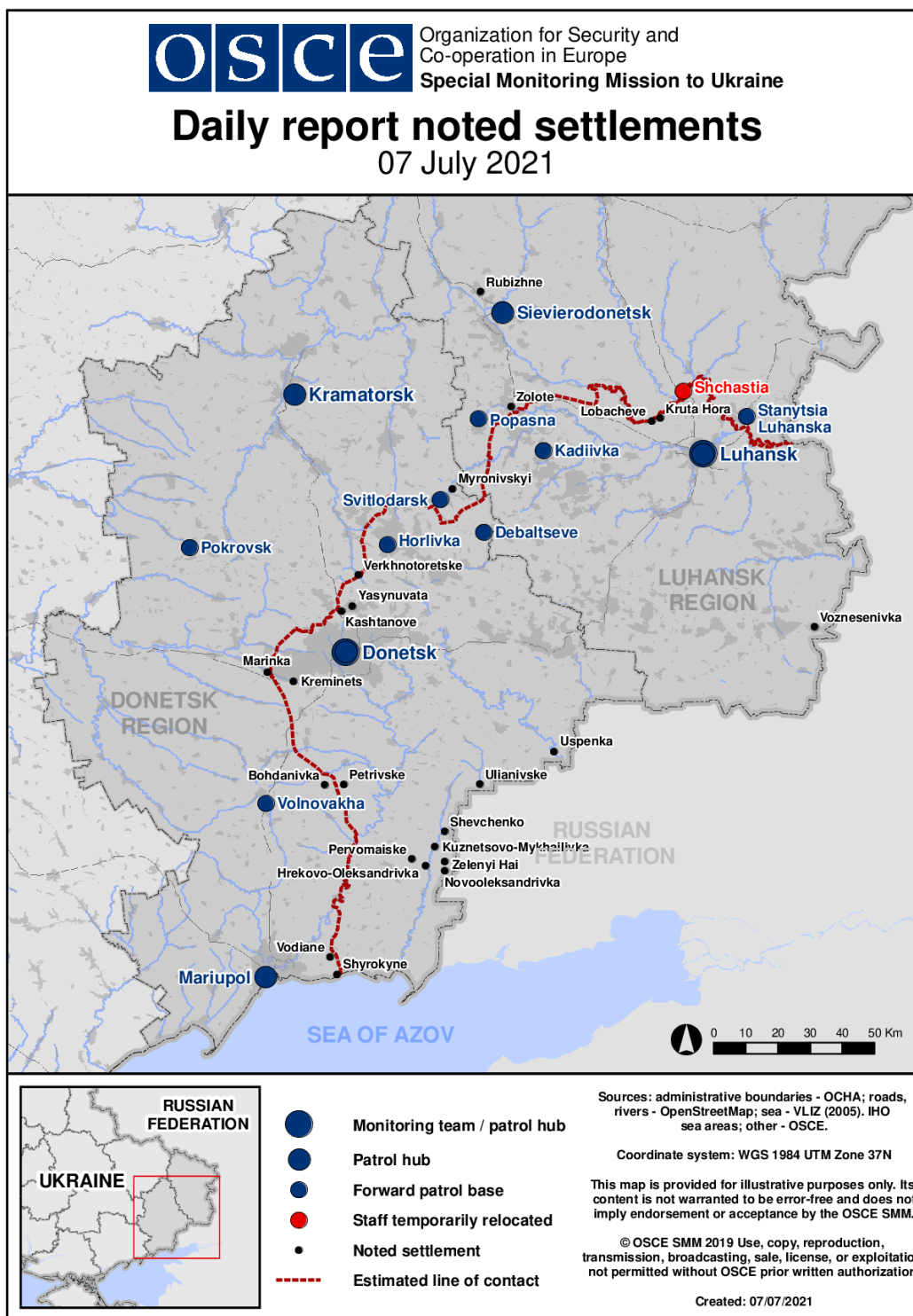
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Jul, 21:26
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Jul, 22:29
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 23:39
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	6-Jul, 00:15
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:15
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	6-Jul, 00:15
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 00:26
	3-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	6-Jul, 01:02
	3-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 01:12
	About 700m WSW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3km SE	Heard	35	Shot		Small arms
3km SE		Heard	55	Shot		Small arms	6-Jul, 12:22-12:32
Railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km S	Heard	33	Shot		Small arms	6-Jul, 13:10-13:15
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	5-6km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	6-Jul, 16:53
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 02:57
SMM camera on the N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle Flash		N/K	6-Jul, 01:27
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	6-Jul, 01:27
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 01:37
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:25
	3-5km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:33
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:33
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:33
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:34

<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
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	5-Jul, 21:41
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	Subsequent to previous event (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:41
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:41
	4-5km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jul, 23:21
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-6km NW	Heard	68	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jul, 19:09-20:11
	3-5km SSW	Heard	21	Shot		N/K	5-Jul, 19:40-20:00
	3-5km SSW	Heard	5	Burst		N/K	5-Jul, 20:02-20:05
	3-6km SE	Heard	48	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	5-Jul, 20:20-21:00
	3-6km SW	Heard	100	Shot		N/K	5-Jul, 20:27-21:00
	8-10km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	5-Jul, 20:33
	3-6km SW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	5-Jul, 20:46-21:00
	8-10km NE	Heard	25	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	5-Jul, 21:22-22:05
	3-5km SW	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jul, 01:55-02:06
	3-5km SW	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	6-Jul, 02:27
SW edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km NE	Heard	15	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	6-Jul, 15:20-15:59
Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	4-8km NE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	6-Jul, 16:50-16:53

### 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).