

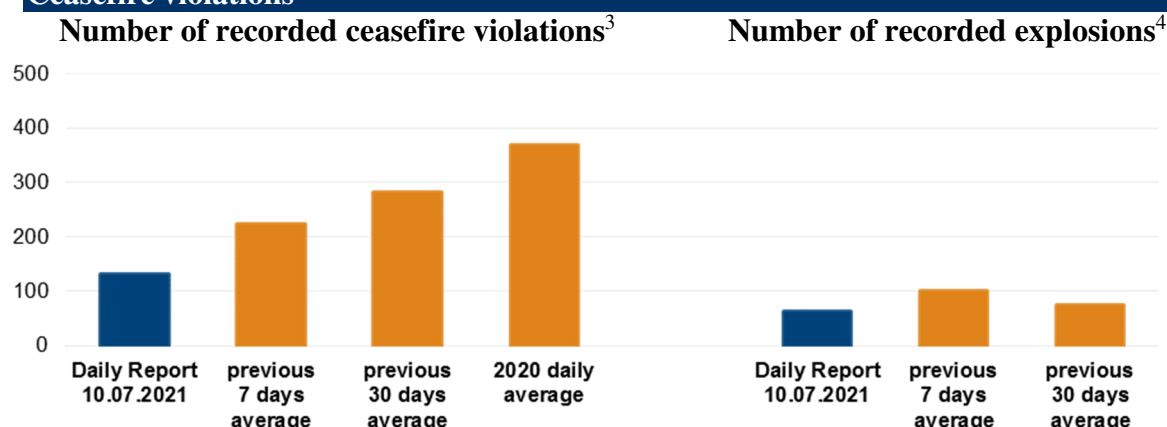
# Daily Report 159/2021

10 July 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded 15 ceasefire violations, including nine explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 86 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 114 ceasefire violations, including 53 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 43 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission saw damage due to small-arms fire to an inhabited apartment building in non-government-controlled Zolote 5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and 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 SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region. Its UAVs 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, 9 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.

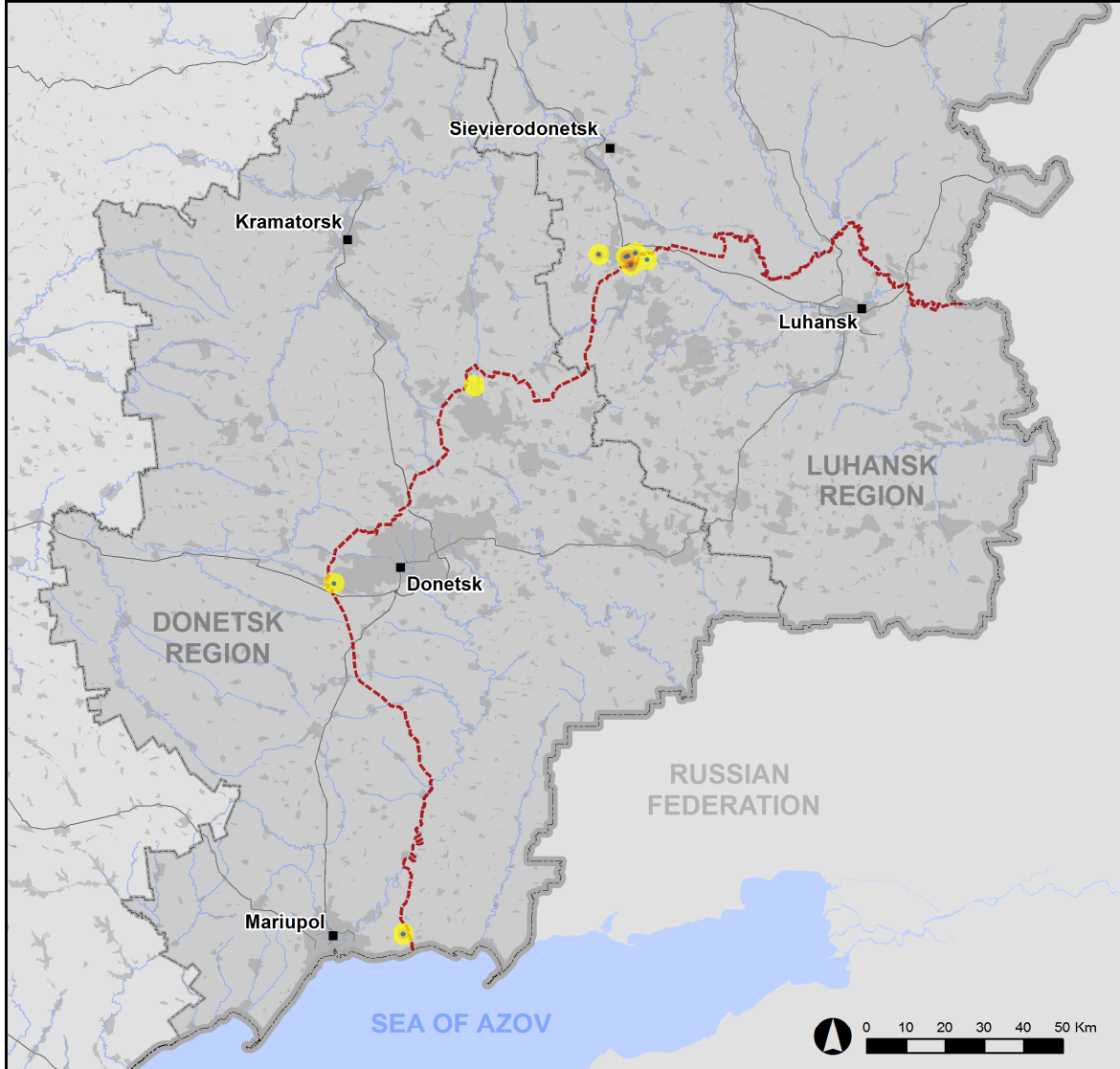
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

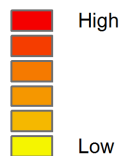


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 9 July 2021



#### 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 15 ceasefire violations, including nine explosions (three airbursts and six undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 86 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 114 ceasefire violations, including 53 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred 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 43 ceasefire violations, the majority of which also occurred 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 42,415 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 13,010 explosions, 6,602 projectiles in flight, 238 muzzle flashes, 130 illumination flares and at least 22,435 bursts and shots).

### **Damage to an inhabited apartment building in Zolote 5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region**

On 9 July, the Mission followed up on reports of damage to an inhabited apartment building in Zolote 5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

At 8 Voikova Street, in an inhabited third-floor apartment in a four-storey apartment building, the SMM saw a hole in the glass pane of a north-north-east facing window. A man and a woman (in their fifties), who introduced themselves as the owners of the apartment, told the Mission that on the evening of 16 June they had heard a bullet hitting the window, after which they had taken shelter in a room on the other side of the apartment.

In another apartment on the same floor, the SMM saw a hole in a north-north-east-facing balcony window as well as broken glass on the balcony's floor. It also observed a hole in the outside pane of the balcony's door. The Mission saw two holes in the window frame of another north-north-east facing window, a corresponding hole in the south-facing wall of the living room, as well as debris from the damaged window frame on the floor.

A woman in her fifties, who introduced herself as the owner of the apartment, told the SMM that she had not been at home on 16 June, but that she had seen the aforementioned damage to her apartment when she had returned home on 17 June.

The Mission assessed all the damage as recent and caused by small-arms fire.

### **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).

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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.

On the evening of 8 July, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded 37 undetermined explosions and one projectile in flight at an assessed range of 3-7km east-north-east. During the day on 9 July, while positioned on the south-western edge of Zolote 5/Mykhailivka, the Mission heard three undetermined explosions and 23 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 2-5km north-east. On the evening of 9 July, while positioned on the northern edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard ten undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 6-8km north-east. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, 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.

While positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), 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.

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

The SMM saw six armoured combat vehicles and one anti-aircraft gun, including in and near residential areas, in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as one infantry fighting vehicle in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk 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 non-SMM UAV (black, fixed-wing) flying about 1-1.5km north-east 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.

### **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).

The SMM monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable an assessment and maintenance of the phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km north-east of Donetsk).

The Mission also monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable a transfer of funds from non-government-controlled areas to government-controlled areas across the bridge in Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk), reportedly related to water payments.

## 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 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.

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 8 July 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.*

### Denials:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Prymorske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), four armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage westwards towards Naberezhne (non-government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing engineering activities in the area”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission saw traffic passing through in both directions.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage westwards towards Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) and southwards towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), referring to “the SMM's safety”.

### *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.

Conditional:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage towards Lukove (non-government-controlled, 72km south of Donetsk) only, on the condition that it would not proceed further south, citing "ongoing engineering works". While at the checkpoint, the Mission saw traffic passing through in both directions, including southerly directions.

Other impediments<sup>6</sup>:

- The SMM was unable to launch a mid-range UAV due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, near Kurdiumivka (government-controlled, 54km north of Donetsk).
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Kurdiumivka, one flight over areas near Druzhba (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) and one flight over areas near Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km west of Luhansk).

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<sup>6</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 military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Source of observation</b>
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
8/7/2021	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In residential areas of Troitske (69km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)		
	3	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	In a residential area of Sukha Balka (36km north of Donetsk)	
9/7/2021	1	Probable anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near a residential area of Romanivka (41km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (probable BTR-70)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
9/7/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Haiove (14km west of Luhansk)	Patrol

<sup>7</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 9 July 2021<sup>8</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time	
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	9-Jul, 01:17	
	3-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	9-Jul, 01:17	
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 21:29	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jul, 22:12	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:12	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:12	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jul, 22:16	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:16	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 22:18	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jul, 22:26	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:26	
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jul, 22:26	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jul, 02:20	
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	9-Jul, 02:20	
	Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jul, 09:48
	SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:08
3-4km ENE		Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:19	
3-4km ENE		Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:20	
3-4km ENE		Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:20	
3-5km ENE		Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:21	
5-7km ENE		Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:22	

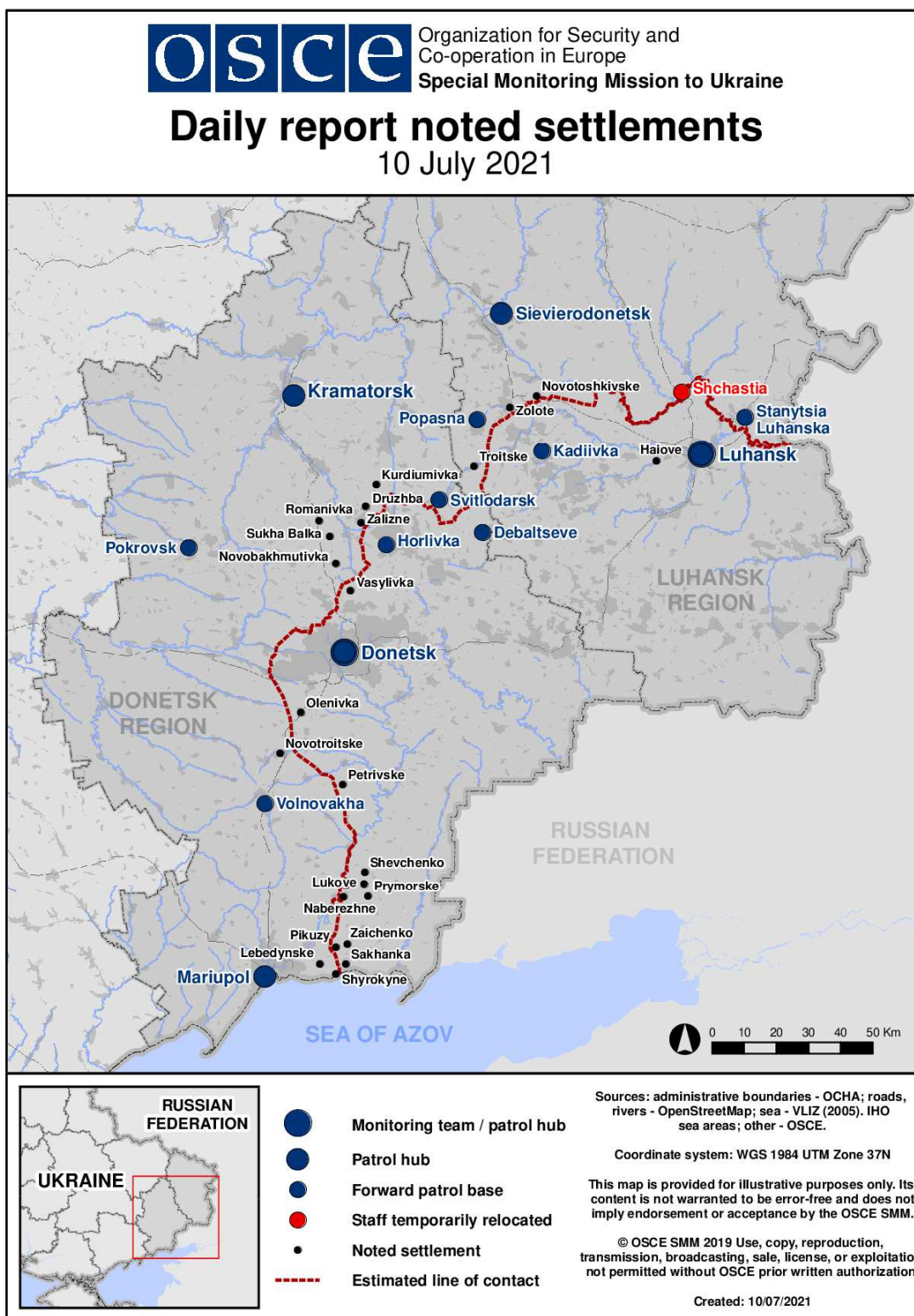
<sup>8</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras, and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based 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 ENE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:23
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:24
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:25
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:26
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:27
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:28
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:29
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:31
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:33
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:36
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:37
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:38
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:39
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:40

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:42
	5-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jul, 22:56
SW edge of Dmytrivka (government-controlled, 43 km N of Luhansk)	300-400m NNW	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	9-Jul, 09:57-10:17
	300-400m NNW	Heard	30	Shot		Small arms	9-Jul, 09:57-10:17
SW edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-5km NE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	9-Jul, 10:20-10:37
	2-5km NE	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	9-Jul, 10:20-10:37
	2-5km NE	Heard	20	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	9-Jul, 10:20-10:37
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	2km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jul, 10:37
	2km W	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	9-Jul, 10:37
	2km W	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	9-Jul, 10:37
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	6-8km NE	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	9-Jul, 18:00-18:20

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>9</sup>



<sup>9</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).