

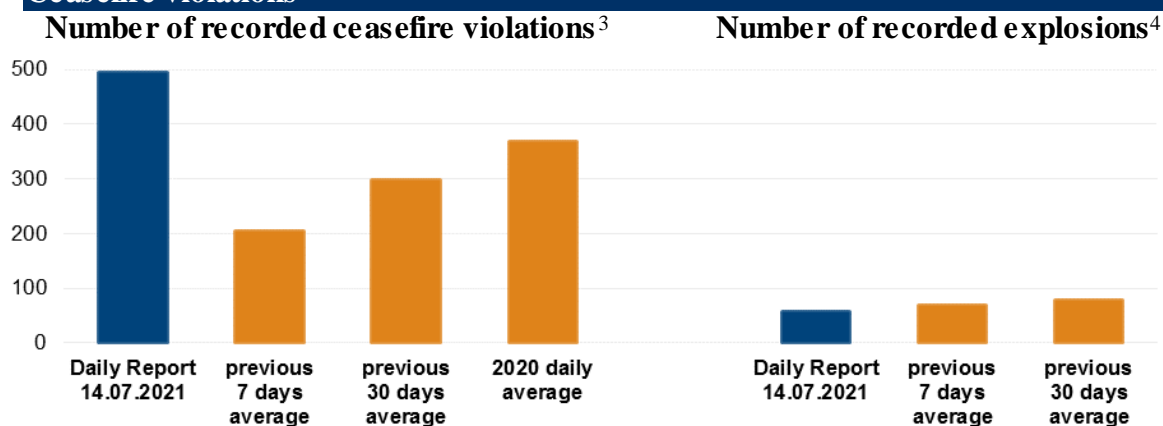
# Daily Report 162/2021

14 July 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 395 ceasefire violations, including 46 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 104 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 99 ceasefire violations, including 12 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 104 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Zolote.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of critical civilian infrastructure. It recorded a ceasefire violation near the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) during the transfer of DFS workers between Yasynuvata and the station.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The SMM monitored two crossing points on the border with Belarus and saw that they were open, with traffic entering and exiting Ukraine at one of them.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at four checkpoints of the armed formations, including three in southern Donetsk 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, 13 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.

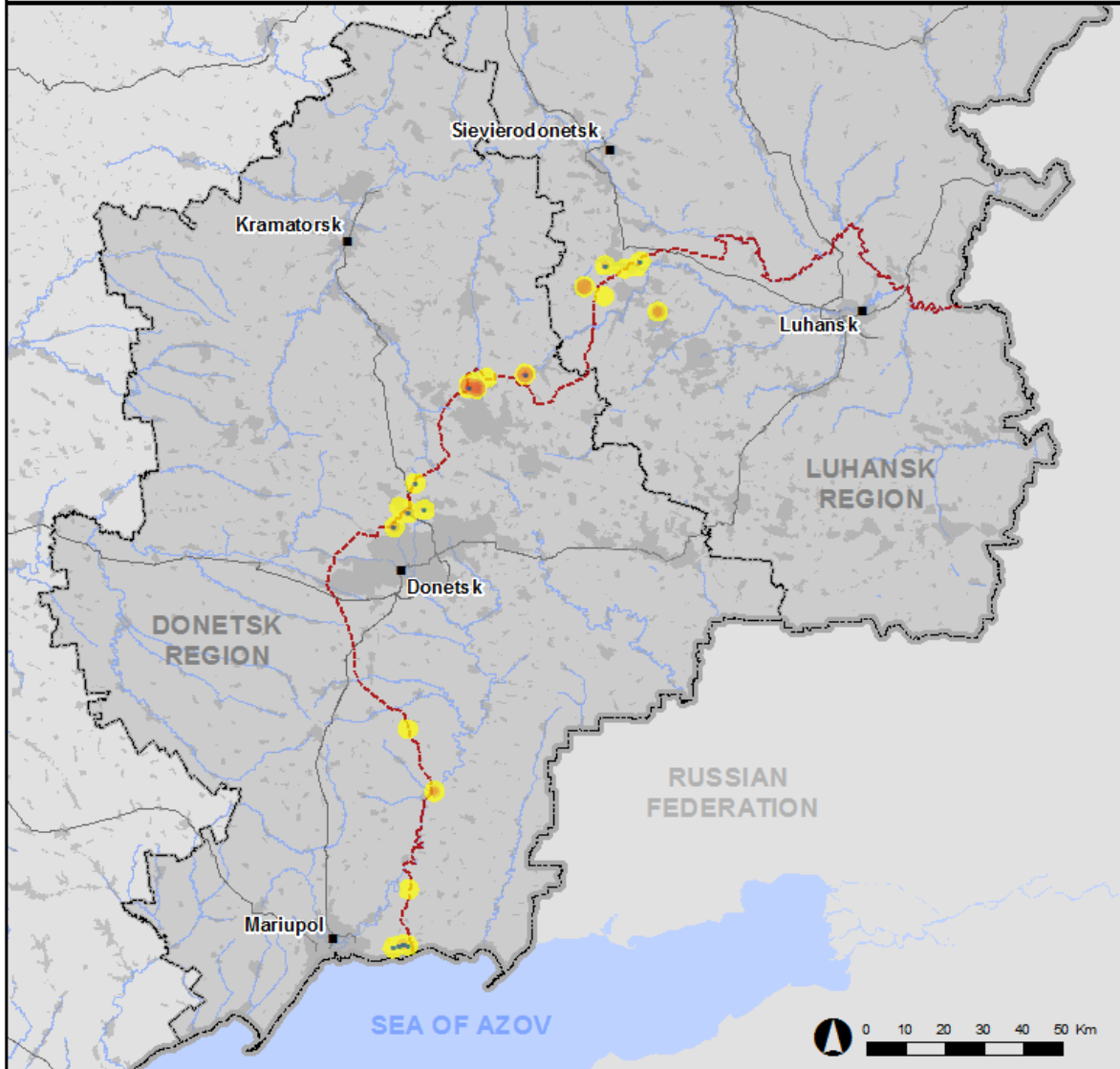
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

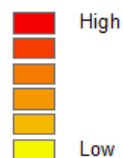


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 13 July 2021



#### 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 395 ceasefire violations, including 46 explosions (two impacts, six airbursts and 38 undetermined explosions, including 14 assessed as artillery rounds). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at easterly directions of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk), in areas west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 104 ceasefire violations, some of which also occurred at easterly directions of Maiorsk.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 99 ceasefire violations, including 12 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), and in a residential area of Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non-government-controlled, 50km west of Luhansk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 104 ceasefire violations, some of which also occurred in a residential area of Kadiivka.

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 43,520 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 13,161 explosions, 7,360 projectiles in flight, 253 muzzle flashes, 139 illumination flares and at least 22,607 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 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).

On the night of 12-13 July, the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) recorded two projectiles in flight, at an assessed range of 2-4km east-south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**.

On the evening of 12 July, while on the northern edge of Popasna, the SMM heard 11 undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 6-8km east-north-east. During the day on 13 July, while positioned in three locations near the disengagement area, the Mission heard a burst of heavy-machine-gun fire and three shots of small-arms fire, and saw one undetermined explosion. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 13 July, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote, 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 12 July, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (41 km south-west of Donetsk) recorded four projectiles in flight, at an assessed range of 2-4km south-east, unable

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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.

to be assessed as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

On 13 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 Mission saw a howitzer in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

On 11 July, aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed the presence of a military-type truck at a compound in Markyne (94km south of Donetsk), in an area outside government control about 4km west of the border with the Russian Federation.

On 12 July, during an announced flight over Kadiivka, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a member of the armed formations aiming a weapon at the UAV. (For additional information see [SMM Daily Report 13 July 2021](#).)

The SMM also saw four armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and three armoured personnel carriers and an anti-aircraft gun in a residential area in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region.

### **Presence of anti-tank mines near non-government-controlled Dokuchaievsk, Donetsk region and government-controlled Trokhizbenka, Luhansk region**

On 10 July, on a local road about 2km west of the southern edge of Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk), an SMM mid-range UAV again spotted 19 anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in this area, see [SMM Daily Report of 6 August 2020](#)).

On 12 July, on road T-1315 about 1.5km south of the southern edge of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km north-west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted two anti-tank mines for the first time on a road, surrounded by a barrier made of tree branches and dirt, assessed as not recently laid and belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces (not visible in imagery from 14 April 2021).

On 13 July, while positioned about 3km south-east of Semyhiria (government-controlled, 58km north-east of Donetsk), the Mission observed members of an international organization with personal protective equipment and metal detectors in nearby fields conducting de-mining activities.

### **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) (DFS). While positioned at three locations near the station, the SMM recorded and heard a total of 15 undetermined explosions, assessed as within a 5km radius of the station. One of the explosions occurred during the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving between Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) and the station.

The Mission also 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 Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) 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.

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.

### **The SMM monitored two crossing points on the border with Belarus**

While at border crossing points in Slavutyich (120km north of Kyiv), Kyiv region and in Novi Yarylovychi (179km north of Kyiv), Chernihiv region, the Mission saw that they were open and saw traffic entering and exiting Ukraine at the latter border crossing point.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Lviv, Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro and Chernivtsi.

### **\*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 Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk) an armed member of the armed formations twice denied the SMM passage westwards, citing “the unstable security situation”. As a result of these denials, the Mission was unable to conduct an impact site assessment in the area.

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage citing “ongoing roadworks in the area”. As a result of this denial, the Mission was unable to conduct an impact site assessment 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), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south-westwards towards Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) and southwards towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk) citing “ongoing roadworks in the area”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission saw traffic passing through towards Pikuzy.

*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.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Prymorske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), on the road to Shevchenko (government-controlled, 102km south of Donetsk), the Mission was delayed for about 60 minutes by an armed member of the armed formations, who cited “shelling in the area”.

Other impediments:<sup>6</sup>

- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight each over areas near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, non-government-controlled, 67km south-east of Donetsk), near Kozatske (non-government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk) and near Oleksandrivske (formerly Rozy Liuksemburh, non-government-controlled, 90km south-east of Donetsk).

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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.

## Tables 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>				
12/7/2021	1	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> )	Near Krynychne (45km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
10/7/2021	2	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Mykolaivka (40km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
13/7/2021	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Vozdvyzhenka (formerly Krasnyi Pakhar, 66km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Prychepylyvka (50km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
12/7/2021	3	Armoured personnel carrier (MT -LB)	In a compound in a residential area of Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, 50km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZPU-1, 14.5mm)		

<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 13 July 2021<sup>8</sup>**

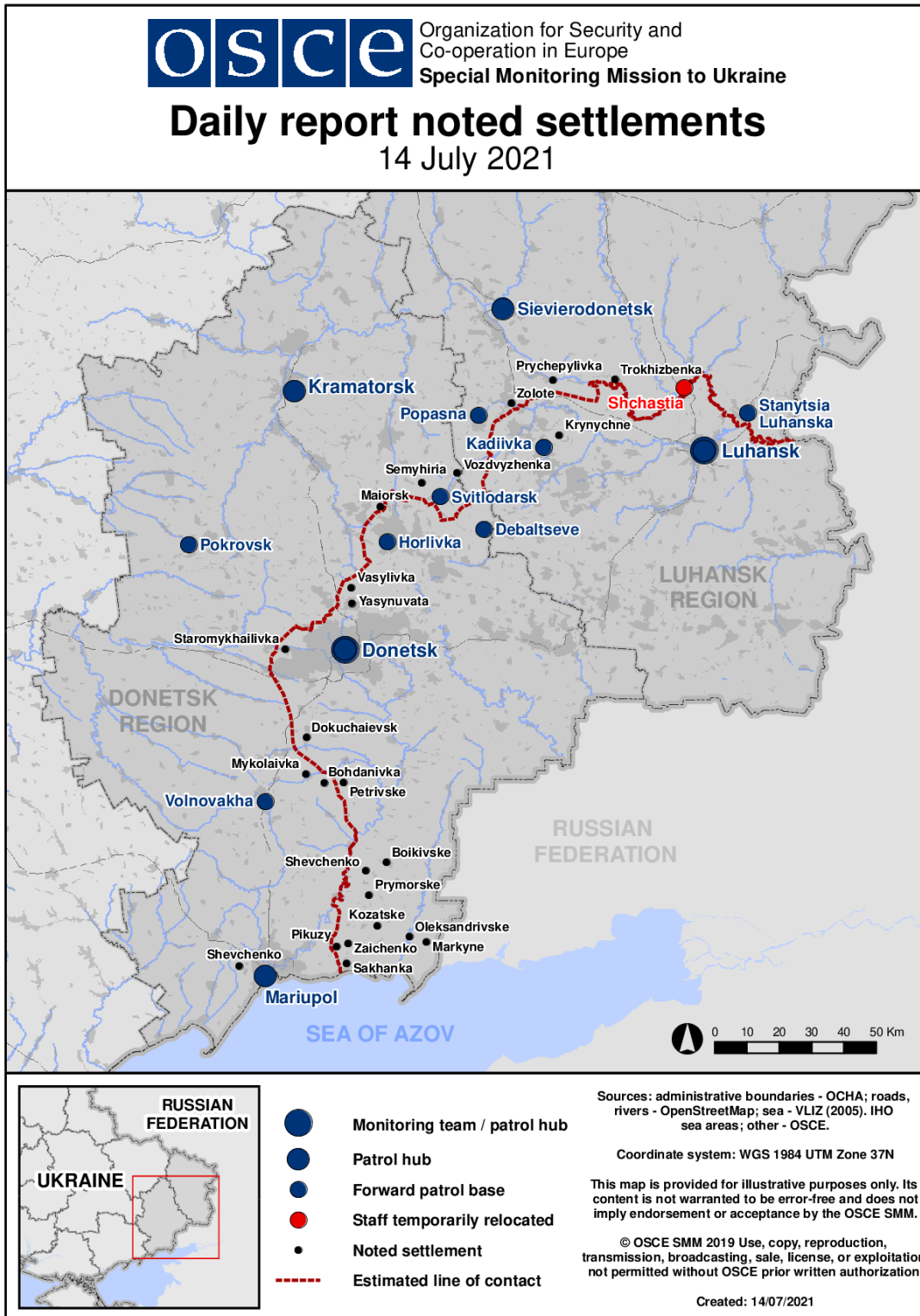
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	12-Jul, 22:18
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	2-4km WSW	Recorded	3	Burst	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 00:49
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	1-3km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	13-Jul, 00:26
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 00:26
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	13-Jul, 00:26
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	13-Jul, 00:27
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	13-Jul, 00:28
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 22:02
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	6	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 22:55
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	1	Burst	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 22:56
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 23:00
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	30	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 23:04
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	13	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 23:05
	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	12-Jul, 23:12
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 23:13
	1-3km E	Recorded	10	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:13
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 23:14
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 23:14
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	12-Jul, 23:14
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:17
	3-5km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:19
	3-5km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:20
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	12-Jul, 23:21
	6-8km ENE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:52
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 00:03
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	13-Jul, 00:40
	3-5km E	Recorded	11	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 00:48
	3-5km E	Recorded	82	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 00:49
	3-5km E	Recorded	30	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 00:50
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	13-Jul, 01:16
3-5km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	13-Jul, 01:16	
3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Jul, 01:16	
3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 02:26	
3-5km E	Recorded	14	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 02:27	
3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jul, 02:28	
2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	13-Jul, 03:01	
1-3km E	Recorded	9	Projectile	N to S	N/K	13-Jul, 03:10	
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jul, 22:19
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	12-Jul, 22:20
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	12-Jul, 22:21
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Jul, 22:25
	2-4km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jul, 22:30
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jul, 22:30
	2-4km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	12-Jul, 22:31
	2-4km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	12-Jul, 22:32
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 22:33

<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
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	12-Jul, 22:33
	2-4km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jul, 23:19
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Jul, 00:15
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	13-Jul, 00:15
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	12-Jul, 23:12
	1-3km W	Recorded	9	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:12
	1-3km W	Recorded	58	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:13
	1-3km W	Recorded	10	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:14
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jul, 23:14
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jul, 23:15
Donetsk city centre (non-government-controlled)	9-10km NNW	Heard	14	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	13-Jul, 07:15-08:45
	12-13km N	Heard	13	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jul, 07:50-08:00
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jul, 14:32
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jul, 12:31
About 2.5km SE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	N/K E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jul, 12:05
	N/K N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jul, 12:22
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km SSE	Recorded	17	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:12
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	42	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jul, 23:13
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (also recorded by the second SMM camera in Zolote, assessed as inside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	13-Jul, 01:28
Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non-government-controlled, 50km W of Luhansk)	0.5-1km NNW	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	12-Jul, 18:50-18:53
	0.5-1km NNW	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	12-Jul, 18:50-18:53
	0.5-1km NNW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	12-Jul, 19:10-19:12
	0.5-1km NNW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	12-Jul, 19:10-19:12
	0.5-1km NNW	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	12-Jul, 19:40-19:42
	0.5-1km NNW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	12-Jul, 19:40-19:42
	0.5-1km NNW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	12-Jul, 21:08-21:09
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	6-8km ENE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote but within 5km of its periphery)	N/K	12-Jul, 20:00-20:04
	6-8km ENE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote but within 5km of its periphery)	N/K	12-Jul, 21:15
Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-3km NE	Heard	1	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery	HMG	13-Jul, 13:30
Berezhivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km N	Seen	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote but within 5km of its periphery)	N/K	13-Jul, 15:25
Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	2-4km SW	Heard	3	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote but within 5km of its periphery	Small arms	13-Jul, 17:50

### 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).