

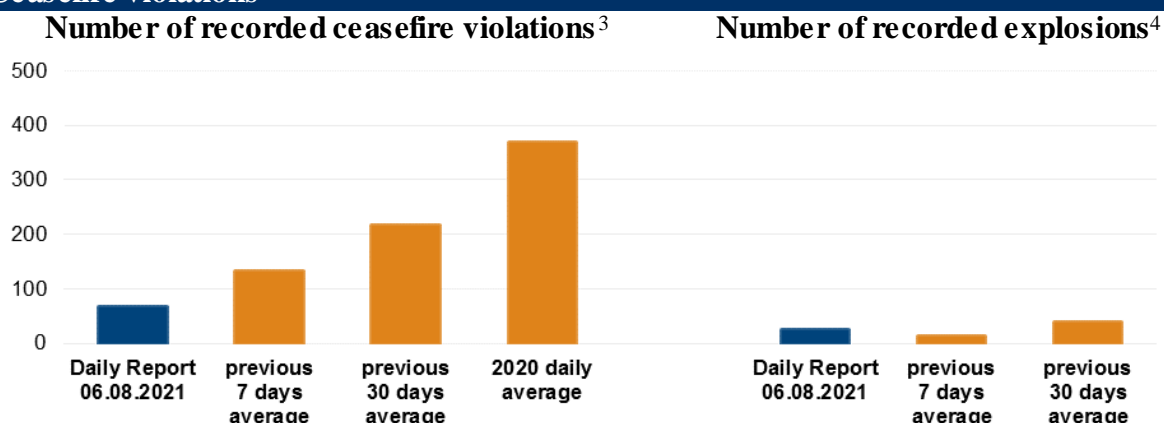
# Daily Report 182/2021

6 August 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 57 ceasefire violations, including 20 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 44 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded ten ceasefire violations, including five explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded eight ceasefire violations.
- The SMM followed up on reports of a woman injured due to shelling near Donetsk, Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near 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 three entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The SMM visited two border crossing points outside government control in Donetsk region and monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at two checkpoints of the armed formations, in southern Donetsk region.\*

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 5 August 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

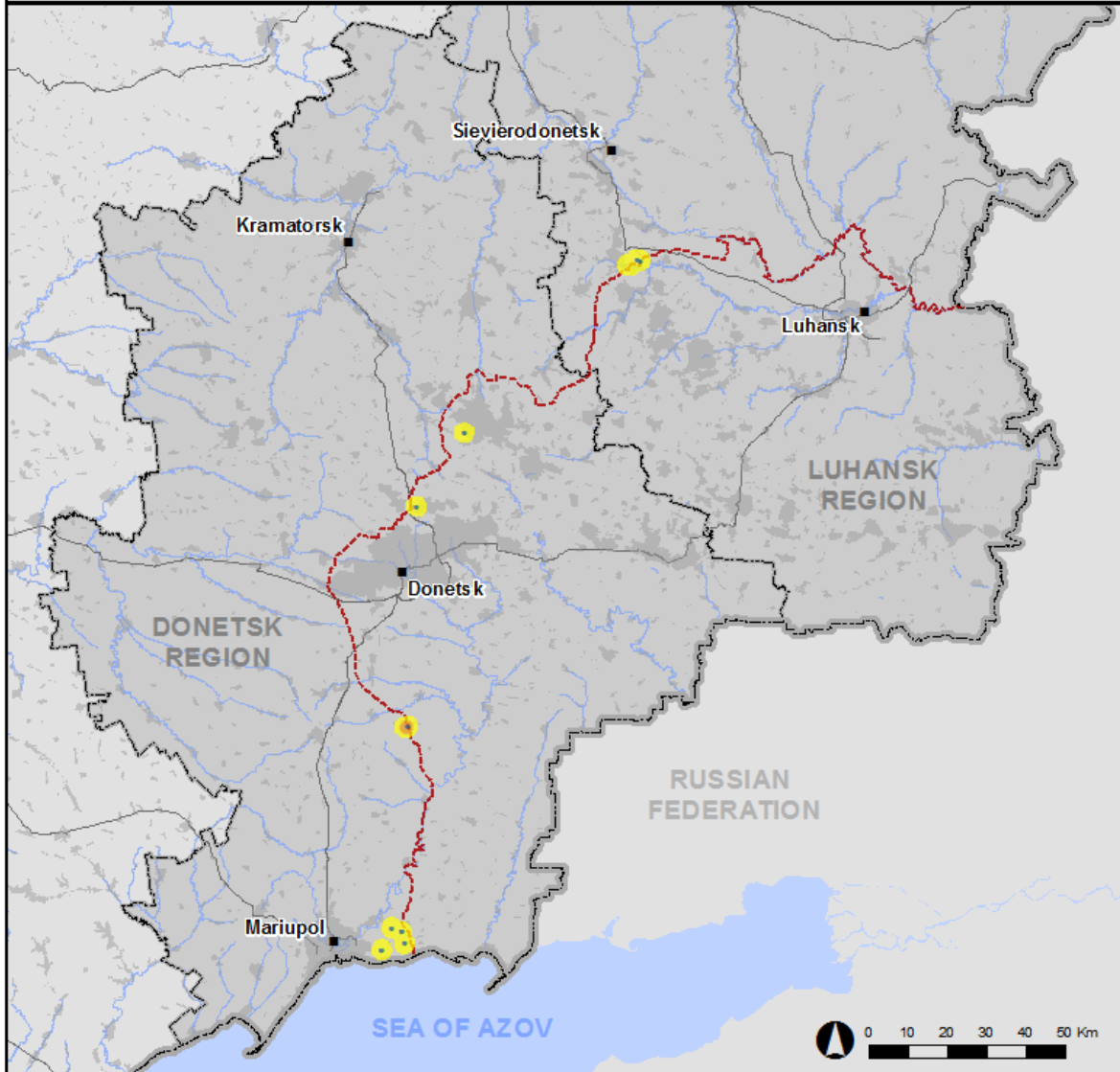
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

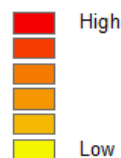


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 5 August 2021



#### 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 57 ceasefire violations, including 20 explosions (seven outgoing of artillery rounds and 13 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred inside the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below) and at northerly directions of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 44 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded ten ceasefire violations, including five undetermined explosions. All 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 eight ceasefire violations.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG) 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 48,064 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 13,790 explosions, 9,129 projectiles in flight, 263 muzzle flashes, 182 illumination flares and at least 24,700 bursts and shots).

### **Woman injured due to shelling in Donetsk, Luhansk region**

The SMM followed up on reports of a woman injured in Donetsk (non-government-controlled, 49km west of Luhansk) on 7 July.

On 5 August, a woman (in her sixties) told the Mission over the phone that on the evening of 7 July, when she was mowing the grass near her house in Donetsk, she had heard sounds of shooting or shelling and decided to shelter inside. She said that, in her courtyard, she heard an explosion and felt something very hot on her back, saw blood and sustained a temporary loss of hearing. According to her, the neighbours called an ambulance, which took her to a hospital in Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk).

On 9 July, medical staff at a hospital in Holubivka told the SMM over the phone that a woman (in her sixties) had been admitted to the intensive care unit on 7 July and was subsequently transferred to another hospital in non-government-controlled Luhansk city.

On 5 August, the SMM saw a medical certificate issued by a hospital in Luhansk city, according to which an injured woman (in her sixties) had been admitted to the hospital on 8 July with internal bleeding and multiple blast injuries and shrapnel wounds on her back and abdominal cavity.

### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>5</sup>**

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 night of 4-5 August, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded two projectiles in flight and

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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.

three bursts of undetermined weapons at an assessed range of 2-5km east. During the day of 5 August, while positioned at two locations near the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the Mission heard five undetermined explosions. 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 SMM saw four members of the armed formations wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them.

On the night of 4-5 August, the SMM camera about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded one undetermined explosion and 35 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km east-south-east and south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.

On 4 August, outside the disengagement area, about 200m north of the area’s northern edge and about 400m north-east of the area’s north-western corner, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a new construction for the first time, assessed as a mortar pit inside a position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces (not visible in imagery from 13 May 2021).

On 5 August, while positioned close to the disengagement area near Petrivske, 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 Mission saw two armoured combat vehicles in and near residential areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (For further information, see the table below.)

### **Presence of anti-tank mines near Marinka, Donetsk region**

On 3 August, on the south-eastern edge of Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini- UAV again spotted five anti-tank mines, laid across road O-0529, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in this area, see [SMM Daily Report of 1 May 2021](#).)

### **SMM facilitation of the operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned on the south-eastern edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), the Mission heard one undetermined explosion, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The SMM 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**

On 5 August, in Luhansk region, the SMM 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.

Outside the EECP, in an adjacent parking lot, the Mission observed a number of ongoing building works. Two workers (men in their forties) cutting down a metal container, and five other workers (men in their forties) digging the ground around the toilet blocks. It also observed a crane moving large concrete blocks behind the EECP document processing booths. A worker (a man in his forties) told the SMM that the metal container would be relocated to a different location in the same lot, and another worker (a man in his forties) told the Mission that the toilet blocks would be moved to another location within the EECP.

On 4 August, about 300m south of the EECP near Zolote, the Mission observed a worker with an excavator clearing vegetation on the eastern edge of road T-1316. On 5 August, the SMM saw an excavator clearing vegetation in the same area near the EECP document processing booths.

On 5 August, the SMM 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**

On 4 August, the SMM monitored areas outside government control near the border with the Russian Federation near Liubyme (77km south of Luhansk) and Novoborovytsi (79km south of Luhansk) and observed no change in the security situation.

On 5 August, while at a border crossing point<sup>6</sup> near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 80 minutes, the SMM observed 64 cars (including 44 with “DPR” plates), 13 covered cargo trucks (including eight with “DPR” plates), four buses (with “DPR” plates, each carrying about 50 passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 50 pedestrians (20 women in their thirties, 25 men in their forties, and five children of mixed genders and ages) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it observed 59 cars (including 53 with “DPR” plates), seven trucks (with “DPR” plates, including five with covered cargo), a bus (with “DPR” plates, and about 50 passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 39 pedestrians (15 women in their thirties, and 20 men in their forties, and four children of mixed genders and ages) exiting Ukraine.

On the same day, while positioned at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about ten minutes, the SMM observed no traffic entering or exiting Ukraine.

On the same day, the SMM also monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation near Stepne (72km south-east of Donetsk), Petropavlivka (68km south-east of Donetsk) and Vasylivka (65km south-east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

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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, Odessa, Lviv, 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 31 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 near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south towards Bezimenne (non-government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), citing the “lack of a security guarantee”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.
- At a checkpoint near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 82km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage southward, citing “orders from superiors”.

#### *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>

- An SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Kremenivka (government-controlled, 78km south of Donetsk).
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Lyman (non-government-controlled, 12km north-west of Luhansk) and during one flight over areas near Tsvitni Pisky (non-government-controlled, 11km north of Luhansk).

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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 military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Source of observation</b>
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
5/8/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near a residential area of Zolote (60km west of Luhansk),	Patrol
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	In a residential area of Novoluhanske (53km north-east of Donetsk)	

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



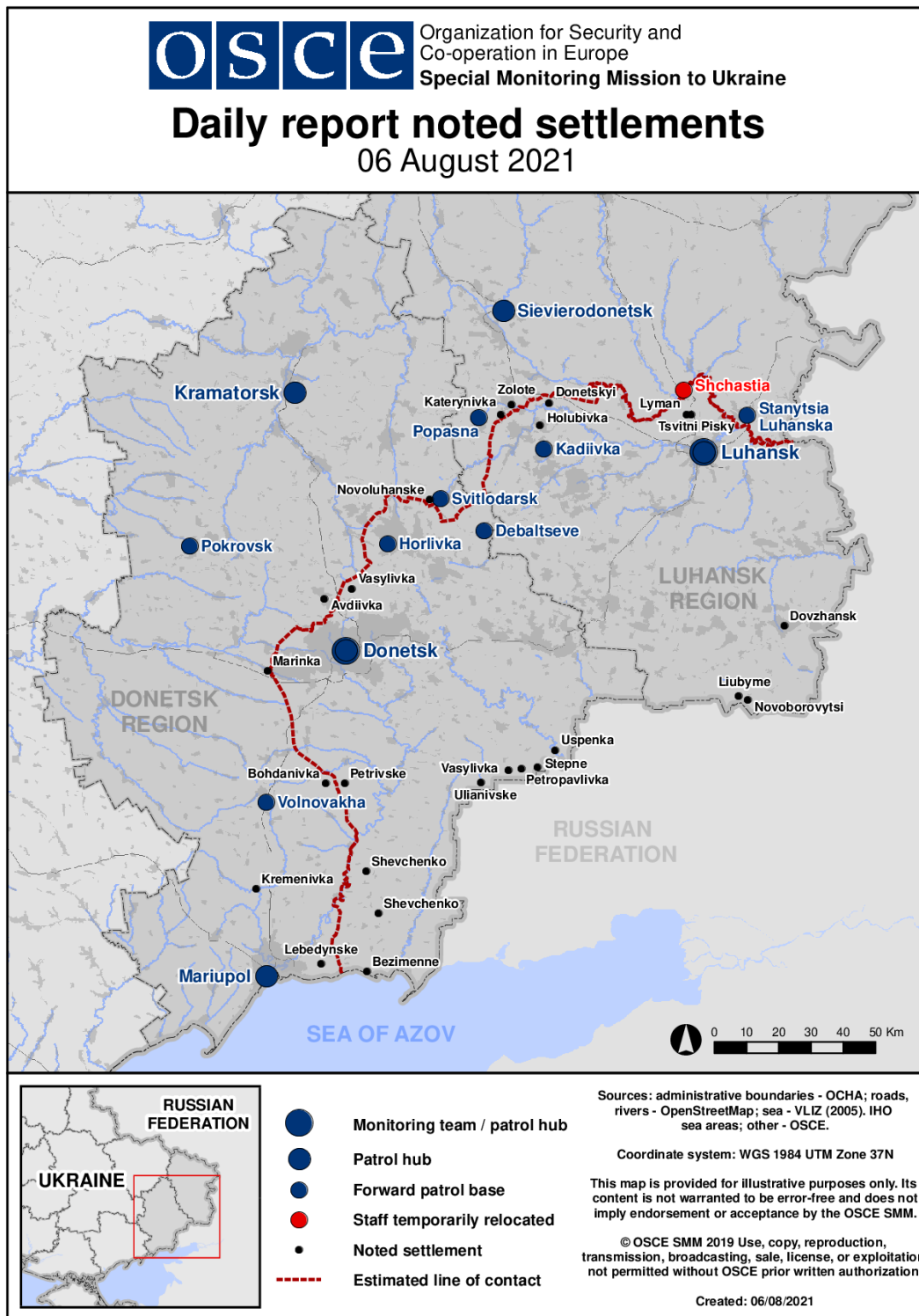
**Table of ceasefire violations as of 5 August 2021<sup>9</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdaniivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	4-Aug, 22:20
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	4-Aug, 22:48
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	4-Aug, 23:13
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	4-Aug, 23:13
	1-2km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Aug, 00:00
	1-3km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Aug, 00:46
	1-3km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Aug, 01:48
	1-2km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Aug, 02:33
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Aug, 03:23
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Aug, 03:25
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	4-Aug, 22:56
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	4-Aug, 22:56
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	4-Aug, 22:56
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 00:14
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km WSW	Heard	7	Explosion	Outgoing	Artillery (type N/K)	4-Aug, 18:50-18:57
Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 11:12
	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 11:24
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 11:37-11:38
	3-4km NE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 11:46-11:50
	3-4km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 11:46-11:50
SE edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 12:40
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Burst	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Aug, 23:27
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 00:14
About 3km N of Pervomaïsk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	5-7km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	5-Aug, 09:49
Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NNE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 12:03-12:13

<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.



### 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).