

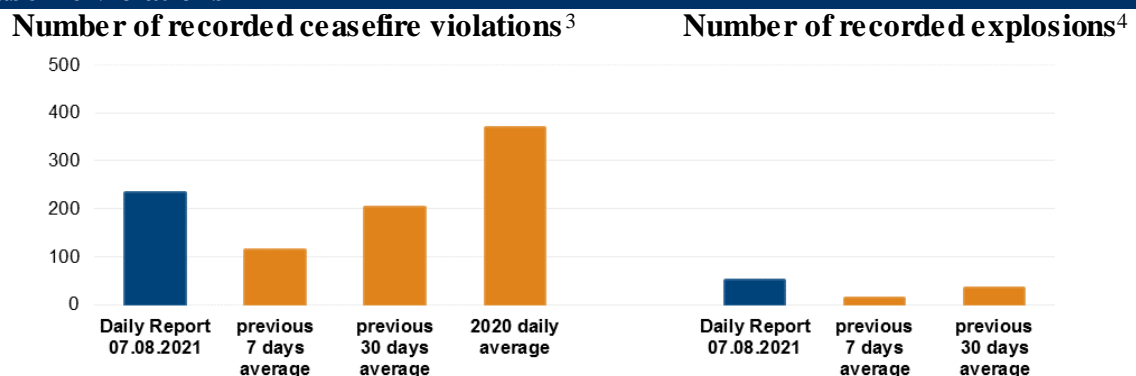
# Daily Report 183/2021

7 August 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 96 ceasefire violations, including four explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 57 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 138 ceasefire violations, including 47 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded ten ceasefire violations.
- The SMM followed up on reports of a man injured due to the detonation of an explosive object in Donetsk city.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Petrivske as well as in the vicinity of the disengagement area near Zolote.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable operation and repairs 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 three border crossing points outside government control and monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation, in Donetsk region.
- The Mission observed a gathering in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at five checkpoints of the armed formations, in 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, 6 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.

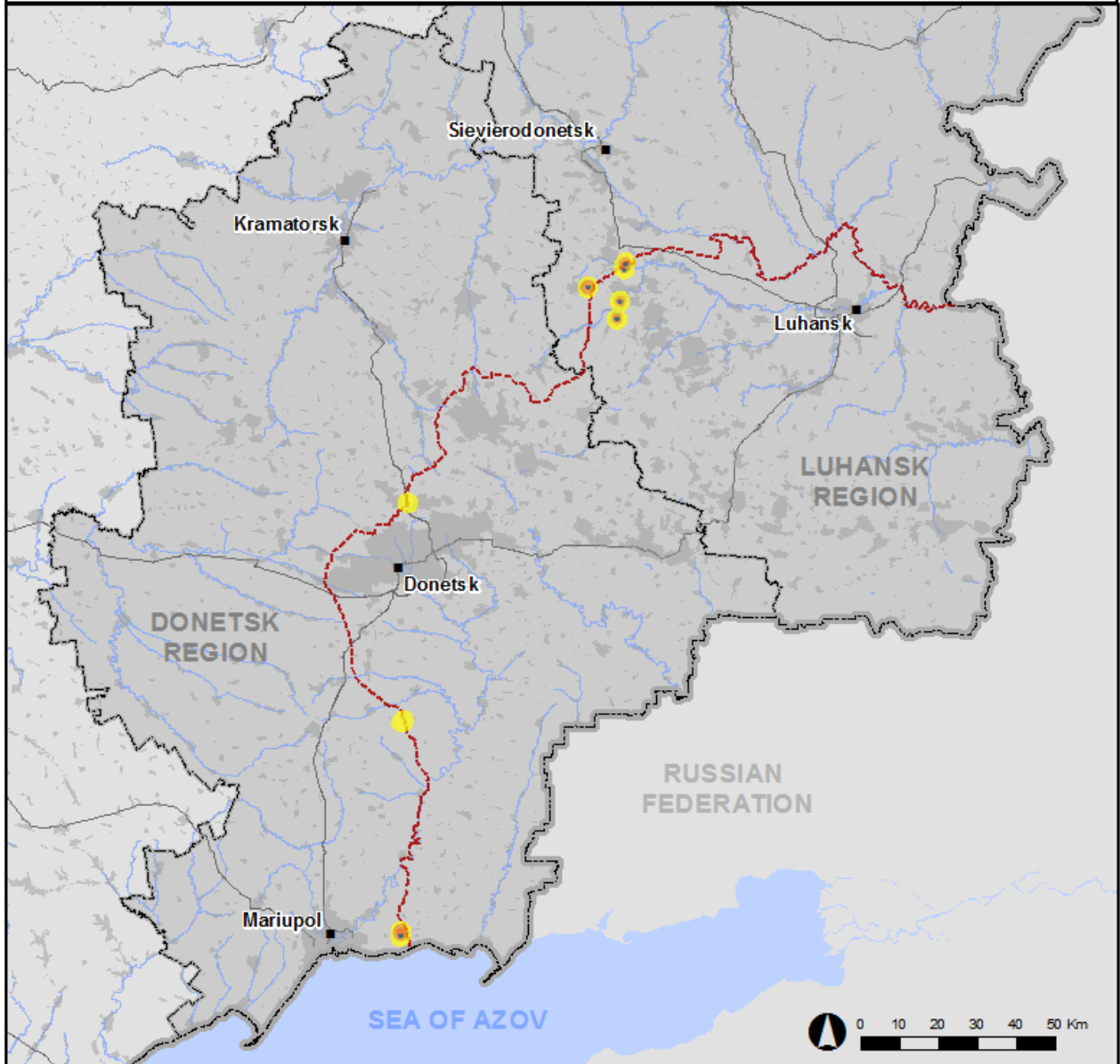
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

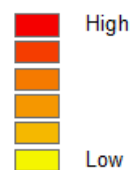


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 6 August 2021



#### 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 96 ceasefire violations, including four undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 57 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 138 ceasefire violations, including 47 explosions (one impact and 46 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred to the north-east and east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below) and to the south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded ten ceasefire violations, the majority of which occurred in the vicinity of the disengagement area near Zolote.

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 48,298 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 13,841 explosions, 9,237 projectiles in flight, 265 muzzle flashes, 187 illumination flares and at least 24,768 bursts and shots).

### **Man injured due to the detonation of an explosive object in Donetsk city**

The SMM followed up on reports of a man injured in Donetsk city's Budionivskyi district (non-government-controlled) on 17 July.

On 5 August, a man (in his thirties) told the SMM over the phone that on 17 July, he had been outside the entrance of a building at 32A Andriia Malyshka Street when an object detonated, causing several injuries to his body.

On 18 July, medical staff at a hospital in Donetsk city told the SMM over the phone that on 17 July, the man (along with three other people) had been admitted to the hospital with blast injuries to his lower body.

On the same day, a woman (in her thirties) told the SMM that while standing outside the entrance of the aforementioned building, she had seen one of her neighbours (man, age unknown) throw a green object and heard an explosion after which she and three others (including the man in his thirties) were injured. (The SMM is following up on the case of another person injured due to the detonation of this explosive object. For information on the two other people injured, see the [SMM Daily Report of 30 July 2021](#).)

### **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 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).

On the evening of 5 August, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded three explosions (one impact and two undetermined), 22 projectiles, one muzzle flash and 13 bursts of undetermined

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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.

weapons, all at an assessed range of 3-5km east and east-south-east. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 5 August, inside the area, about 1.5km south-east of its north-western corner, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a crater, assessed as recent and probably caused by a 120mm mortar round.

On the same day, while positioned on road T-1316, the SMM heard hammering and a chainsaw operating behind a metal fence at the checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. On 6 August, the SMM observed one worker with a tractor clearing vegetation on the same road. Two officers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces of the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC) told the SMM that these were maintenance works.

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 5-6 August, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded four 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 6 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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the Mission observed three surface-to-air missile systems at two compounds in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The Mission saw two armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including at a compound, and one probable armoured combat vehicle in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

The SMM also monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to power lines near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and Taramchuk (government-controlled, 29km south-west of Donetsk).

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

In Donetsk region, the SMM observed 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 were open, with civilian traffic passing through in both directions.

While at the checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka, the Mission observed four trailer trucks and a car, all bearing the logo of an international humanitarian organization. They saw the convoy crossing the contact line to non-government-controlled areas and returning later that day, as well as a minivan from the same international humanitarian organization, travelling to government-controlled areas separately. The SMM also saw two vehicles bearing the logo of a different international humanitarian organization cross the contact line and travel to non-government-controlled areas.

In Luhansk region, the SMM 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 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.

Inside the EECP near Zolote, the SMM observed four workers laying bricks south of the document processing booths.

## **Border areas outside government control**

While at a border crossing point<sup>6</sup> near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the SMM observed one woman (in her forties) and three men (two in their twenties and one in his fifties) entering Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the SMM observed six cars (including three with “DPR” plates), two buses (with “DPR” plates, with passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 26 people (nine women, and twelve men, of mixed ages as well as five children and teenagers) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it also saw 13 cars (including four with “DPR” plates), seven covered cargo trucks (including three with “DPR” plates), two buses (with “DPR” plates, with passengers of mixed genders and ages), one minibus (with passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 26 people (13 women and seven men of mixed ages, as well as six children and teenagers) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Marynivka (78km east of Donetsk) for about 45 minutes, the Mission observed 13 cars (including nine with “DPR” plates), three buses (with “DPR” plates, with passengers of mixed genders and ages), one minibus (with “DPR” plates), and 11 people (five women and six men of mixed ages) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it also saw 17 cars (including 12 with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates with passengers

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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.

of mixed genders and ages), one mini bus (with “DPR” plates, with passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 25 people (ten women and 15 men of mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

On the same day, the SMM also monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation near Ilovaisk (30km south-east of Donetsk), Kuteinykove (42km south-east of Donetsk) and Amvrosiivka (56km south-east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

### The SMM observed a gathering in Kyiv

The Mission observed about 500 people (mostly men, in their twenties and thirties), some holding flags and wearing T-shirts of the *National Corps* and *Azov Movement*, outside the Shevchenkivskiy District Court of Kyiv at 31A Dehtiarivska Street, expressing criticisms of court proceedings against seven defendants of the *National Corps*. It also saw about 300 law enforcement officers, some of whom were securing the entrance to the building and its courtyard. The SMM observed a calm situation.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, 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 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 Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south into the settlement. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.
- At a checkpoint near Bezimenne (non-government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), four armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage west, citing “demining activities in the area”.
- At a checkpoint near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the Mission passage north, citing “safety and security reasons”.

#### *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 near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), members of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage south-westward only after 25 minutes.
- At a checkpoint near Donetsk city (non-government-controlled), two armed members of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage northward only after 30 minutes.

Other impediments:<sup>7</sup>

- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight near Ternove (non-government-controlled, 57km east of Donetsk), during two flights near Novodvirsk (non-government-controlled, 31km south-east of Donetsk), and during one flight near Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk).
- An SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying near Pidlisne (government-controlled, 70km north-west 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.

## Tables of weapons

### 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>				
4/8/2021	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i> )	In a compound near Kalynove (35km north of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
5/8/2021	2	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i> )	In a compound near Kasianivka (81 km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range 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>				
5/8/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR- 70)	In compound near Myrne (63km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
6/8/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	Near Klynove (68km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
5/8/2021	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Tsvitni Pisky (11km north of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

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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.



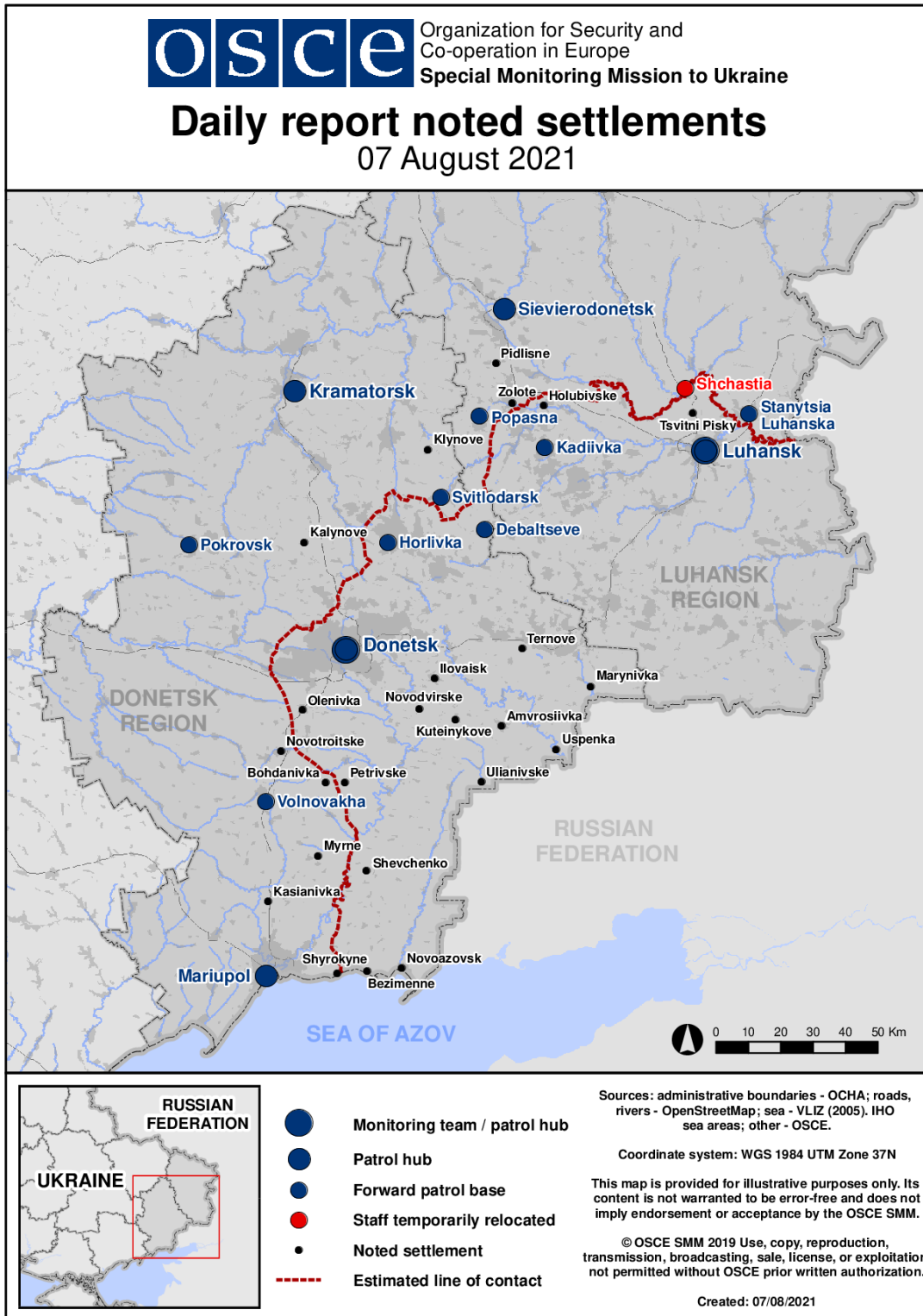
**Table of ceasefire violations as of 6 August 2021<sup>9</sup>**

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 ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Aug, 23:24
	1-3km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	6-Aug, 01:30
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	500-800m S	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	5-Aug, 21:55
	500-800m S	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	5-Aug, 21:59
	500-800m S	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Aug, 22:08
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Aug, 20:50
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:50
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Aug, 21:16
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Aug, 21:17
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Aug, 21:29
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	5-Aug, 21:29
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	5-Aug, 21:31
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	5-Aug, 21:41
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	NE to SW	N/K	5-Aug, 21:42
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Aug, 21:58
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Aug, 22:01
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 22:12
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 22:14
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	5-Aug, 22:17
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Aug, 22:25
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Aug, 23:09
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	5-Aug, 23:09
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	5-Aug, 23:44
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Aug, 23:55
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 00:27
4-6km N	Recorded	16	Projectile	W to E	N/K	6-Aug, 03:19	
4-6km N	Recorded	13	Projectile	W to E	N/K	6-Aug, 03:20	
4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	6-Aug, 03:22	
4-6km N	Recorded	13	Projectile	W to E	N/K	6-Aug, 03:23	
4-6km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	W to E	N/K	6-Aug, 03:25	
4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	6-Aug, 04:00	
4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	6-Aug, 04:10	
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	4	Burst	NE to SW (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:44
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Burst	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:45
	3-5km E	Recorded	4	Burst	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:46
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Burst	NE to SW (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:47
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Burst	NE to SW (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:48

<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
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:48
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Burst	WSW to ENE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:49
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:49
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:49
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:49
	3-5km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:52
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:57
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 20:58
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 21:00
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	5-Aug, 21:01
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 21:01
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 21:20
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 21:51
	3-5km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 22:22
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Burst	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Aug, 22:23
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk)	3-6km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 04:00-04:10
	3-6km SE	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	6-Aug, 04:01-04:29
	3-6km SE	Heard	25	Shot		Small arms	6-Aug, 04:17
	3-6km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	6-Aug, 04:23
	3-6km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 04:26
	3-6km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	6-Aug, 04:27
	3-6km SE	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	6-Aug, 04:29
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	10-12km S	Heard	15	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 09:30-09:52
	10-12km S	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 09:54-10:00
N edge of Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk)	7-12km S	Heard	19	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 09:35-09:55

### 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).