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Summary

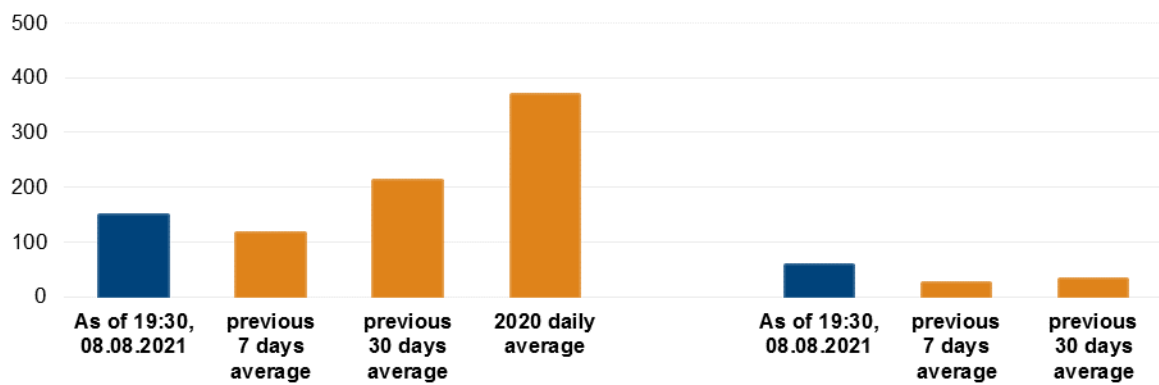
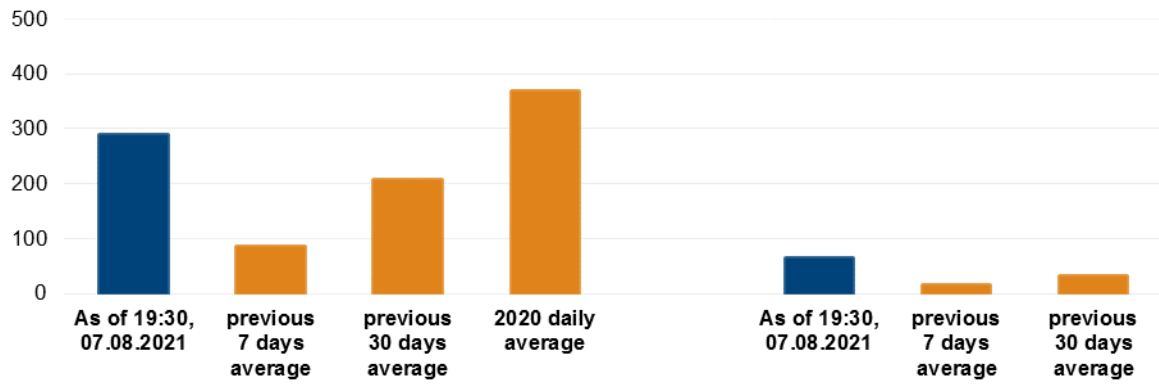
- In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 6 and 8 August, the SMM recorded 168 ceasefire violations, including 63 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 96 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 6 and 8 August, the Mission recorded 283 ceasefire violations, including 71 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 138 ceasefire violations.
- The SMM followed up on reports of damage to an inhabited apartment in non-government-controlled Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region.
- An SMM patrol was threatened in non-government-controlled Staromykhailivka, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Petrivske and near the disengagement area near Zolote.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable 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 Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at three checkpoints of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region as well as at a border crossing point and a railway station near and in non-government-controlled Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk), Luhansk region. Its UAVs again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference.*

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 8 August 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

³ Including explosions.

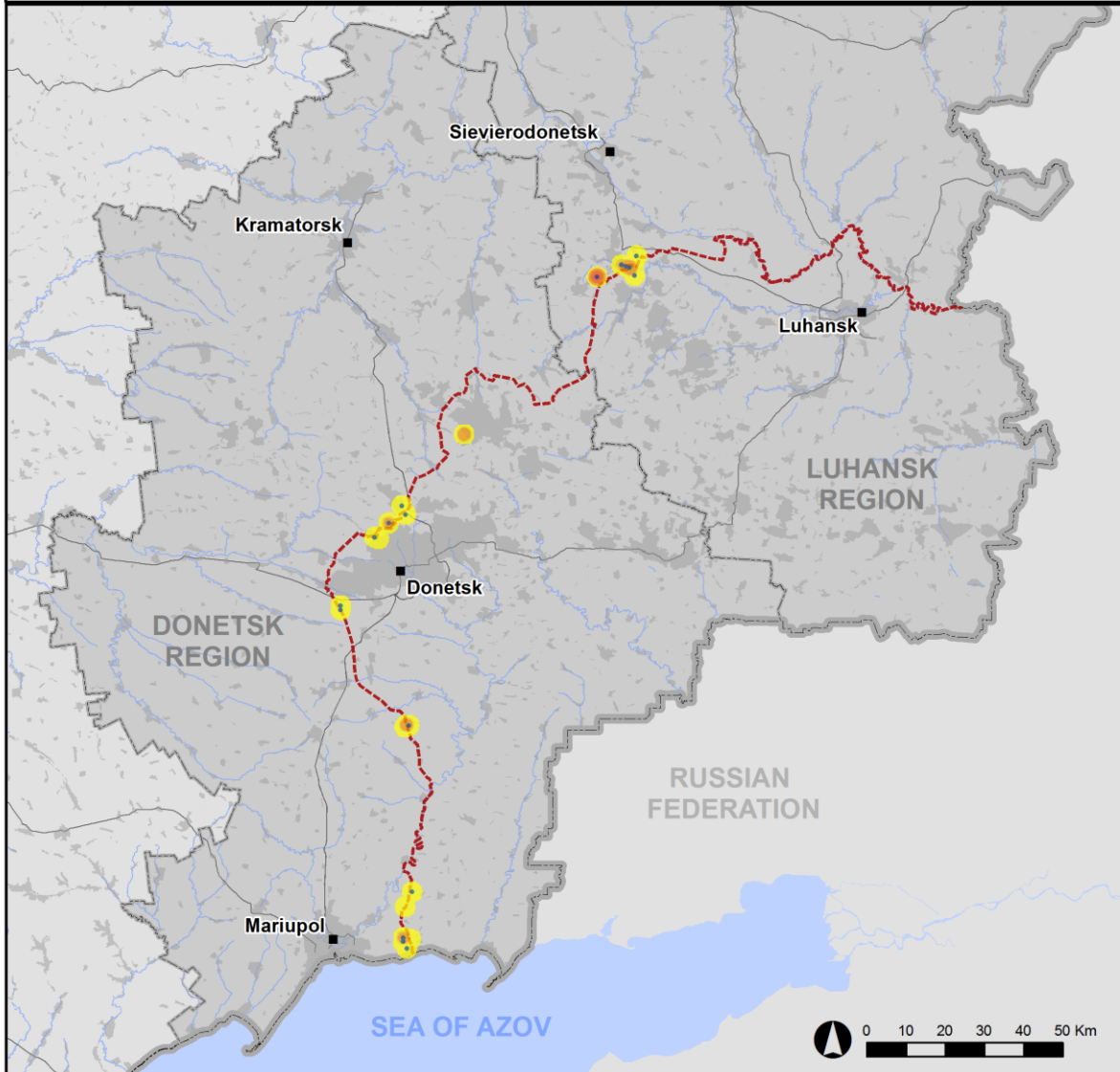
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

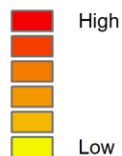


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 7-8 August 2021



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, between the evenings of 6 and 8 August, the SMM recorded 168 ceasefire violations, including 63 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-west of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) on the evening of 7 August, inside the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) on the nights of 6-7 and 7-8 August (see below), in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) on the evenings of 6 and 7 August, and in areas north-east of the Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk city centre) on the evening of 7 August. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 96 ceasefire violations, the majority of which occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 283 ceasefire violations, including 71 undetermined explosions. All ceasefire violations occurred in areas near the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 138 ceasefire violations, the majority of which also occurred in areas near the disengagement area near Zolote.

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 48,749 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 13,975 explosions, 9,316 projectiles in flight, 265 muzzle flashes, 188 illumination flares and at least 25,005 bursts and shots).

Damage to an inhabited apartment in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region

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

On 6 August, on the third floor of a three-storey apartment building at 5 Voikova Street, about 1km south-south-east of the contact line, the SMM saw a partially shattered upper part of a west-facing double-pane window, two 10x10cm holes in its lower part as well as shards of glass between the panes and on its inner and outer windowsills. On the outer windowsill, the Mission also saw a 2cm bullet with fragments of concrete on it, assessed as a ricochet (the SMM could not assess the calibre of the bullet). The SMM assessed the damage as recent and caused by small-arms fire. A woman (in her seventies), who introduced herself as the owner of the apartment, told the Mission that she had seen the damage when she had entered the apartment on 6 August.

SMM patrol threatened in Staromykhailivka, Donetsk region

On 7 August, while conducting an announced mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight over damaged civilian properties on the south-western edge of Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), a visibly upset unarmed man (in his sixties) in civilian clothing approached the SMM and threatened the patrol. He said he would break the mini-UAV should it continue flying in the area, citing that “the children are crying and are afraid of drones”. The Mission landed the mini-UAV and left the area.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 7 and 8 August, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw 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 6 August, while positioned on the northern edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the SMM recorded 54 undetermined explosions and 154 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire, all at an assessed range of 3-6km east. On the evening of 7 August, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded two undetermined explosions and 14 projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 1-3km east. During the day on 8 August, while positioned at two locations near the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the Mission recorded 15 undetermined explosions and 44 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 7 and 8 August, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the SMM saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them).

On the nights of 6-7 and 7-8 August, an SMM camera about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded a total of 36 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km east-south-east and south-east. On the night of 8 August, the SMM camera in Petrivske recorded an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 1-2km south-west. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.

On 7 August, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka, the Mission observed five members of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (men, in their thirties and forties) in demining gear clearing vegetation on road C-050563 leading east to Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk).

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 tank near a residential area in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The Mission saw seven armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including five infantry fighting vehicles near a residential area. (For further information, see the table below.)

⁵ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

Presence of anti-tank mines near Holubivske, Luhansk region

On 6 August, at two locations about 1km west-north-west of the western edge of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted 19 anti-tank mines laid across and near a local road leading westward towards Zolote for the first time, assessed as not recent and belonging to the armed formations.

On 7 August, on the eastern edge of Zolote-2/Karbonit (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk), the Mission saw 14 mine hazard signs on the southern edge of road T-1316 (red wooden squares with white skull and “Danger, mines” written on them in Ukrainian) for the first time, assessed as recent.

Craters in Horlivka, Donetsk region

On 6 August, on the north-western edge of Horlivka, an SMM mini-UAV spotted three craters in a field about 50m south of a house for the first time, assessed as recent and caused by probable 82mm mortar rounds (not visible in imagery from 25 April 2021).

SMM facilitation of the operation of critical civilian infrastructure

On 7 and 8 August, the SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Luhansk region, on 7 and 8 August, 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 queueing to travel in both directions.

On both days, 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 7 August, while at a border crossing point⁶ near Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, 65km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed one car entering Ukraine and four cars (two with “LPR” plates) and one covered cargo truck (with “LPR” plates) exiting Ukraine. After about five minutes, a member of the armed formations asked the Mission to leave the area.*

Security situation in east and south-east Kherson region

Between 6 and 8 August, the SMM monitored areas of east and south-east Kherson region at checkpoints near Kalanchak (67km south-east of Kherson), Chaplynka (77km south-east of

⁶ 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.

Kherson) and Chonhar (163km south-east of Kherson), as well as areas along the coast of the Azov Sea near Henichesk (176km east of Kherson). On 8 August, the Mission monitored areas along the North Crimean canal. While monitoring these areas, the Mission observed no change in the security situation.

The SMM continued monitoring in 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 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:

- On 7 August, at a checkpoint near Starolaspa (non-government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south-west into the settlement, citing “ongoing engineering works and de-mining activities in the area”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.
- On the same day, while at a border crossing point near Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, non-government-controlled, 65km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the Mission to leave the area.
- On the same day, upon arrival at the Chervona Mohyla railway station in Voznesenivka, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area, referring to a lack of prior coordination.
- On 8 August, at a checkpoint near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south to Prymorske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), citing “orders from superiors”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.
- On the same day, at a checkpoint near Bezimenne (non-government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage westward, citing “ongoing demining activities in the area”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.

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.

Delays:

- On 8 August, at a checkpoint near Bolotene (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk), two soldiers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces allowed the Mission to proceed westward into the settlement only after about an hour, referring to the security situation in the area.
- On the same day, at a checkpoint near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), three members of the armed formations (of whom one visibly armed), allowed the Mission to proceed westward towards another checkpoint near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk) only after about 35 minutes, citing the need to wait for “orders from their superiors”.

Other impediments:⁷

- On 6 August, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).
- On 7 August, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km west of Luhansk) and over areas near non-government-controlled Staromykhailivka (15km west of Donetsk) and Berezivske (53km north-west of Luhansk).
- On 8 August, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during three flights over areas near Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 24km north of Donetsk), three flights over areas near Yasnodolsk (non-government-controlled, 41km west of Luhansk), one flight over areas near Bolotene, one flight over areas near Lozivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 32km west of Luhansk), and one flight over areas near Berezivske.
- On the same day, an SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Krasnohorivka.

⁷ For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interference 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
Government-controlled areas				
7/8/2021	1	Tank (type undetermined)	Near a residential area in Orlivka (22km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁸

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
5/8/2021	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near New York (formerly Novhorodske, 35km north of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Yurivka (35km north of Donetsk)	
7/8/2021	5	Infantry fighting vehicle (four BMP-2 and one BMP-1)	Near a residential area in Olhynka (40km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol

⁸ The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

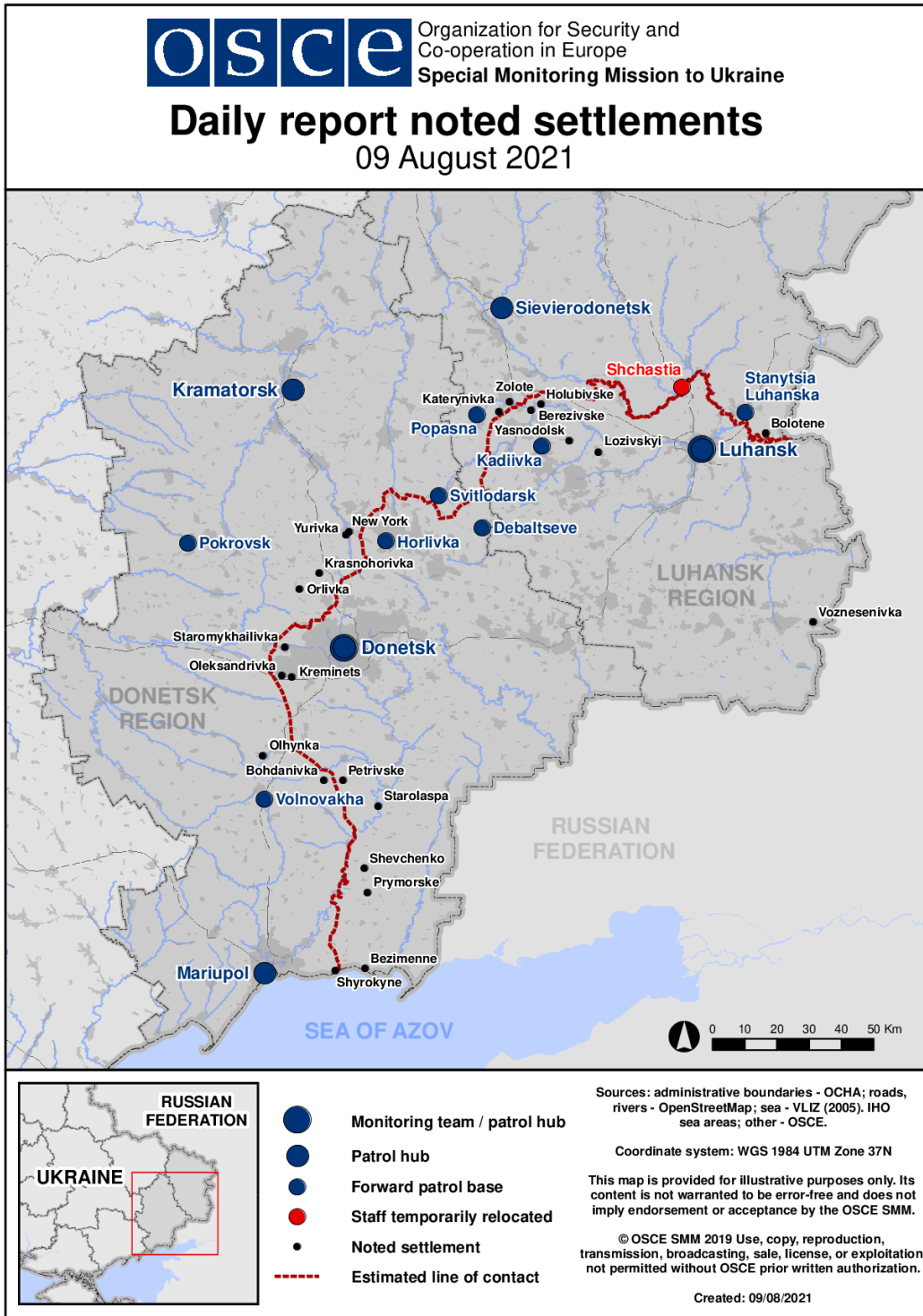
Table of ceasefire violations as of 8 August 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	7-Aug, 01:14
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	7-Aug, 00:19
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 23:31
	0.5-1.5km WSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	N to S	N/K	6-Aug, 23:34
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	22	Projectile	W to E	N/K	6-Aug, 22:38
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 22:50
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Aug, 23:15
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	6-Aug, 23:30
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	6-Aug, 23:33
About 3km SSE of Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km S of Donetsk)	8-10km SSE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 10:19-10:30
	8-10km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 10:32-10:45
	8-10km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 10:45-11:00
	8-10km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 11:00-11:15
Mineralne (non-government-controlled, 10km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km SSE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 10:30-10:34
About 3km WSW of Donetsk railway station (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-4km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 12:48
About 3km SE of Spartak (non-government-controlled, 9km N of Donetsk)	6-7km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 13:30
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-6km E	Heard	54	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	6-Aug, 20:14-22:36
	3-6km E	Heard	46	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	6-Aug, 20:14-22:01
	3-6km E	Heard	74	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	6-Aug, 20:14-22:01
	3-6km E	Heard	34	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	6-Aug, 20:14-22:14
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Aug, 02:45
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km ESE	Recorded	12	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	7-Aug, 22:50
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	8-Aug, 00:10
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	8-Aug, 00:10
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	9	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	8-Aug, 02:41
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	8-Aug, 04:10
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 22:17
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 22:22
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-5km NNE	Recorded	25	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 22:20

⁹ 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
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Aug, 04:21
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 21:24
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Aug, 23:04
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	36	Shot		Small arms	7-Aug, 22:18-22:19
	1-2km SW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	7-Aug, 22:19
Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Aug, 10:18-10:23
	2-4km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Aug, 10:18-10:23
	2-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Aug, 10:26
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km E	Recorded	14	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Aug, 21:44
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Aug, 22:04
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Aug, 22:39
Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km W of Luhansk)	1-2km E	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Aug, 14:09-14:15
	1-1.5km E	Heard	20	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	8-Aug, 14:09-14:15
	1-2km E	Heard	20	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	8-Aug, 14:09-14:15
	2-3km E	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	8-Aug, 14:28-14:29
S edge of Zolote-2/Karbonit (government-controlled, 62km W of Luhansk)	8km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined (as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Aug, 16:47-16:55

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹⁰



¹⁰ 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).