

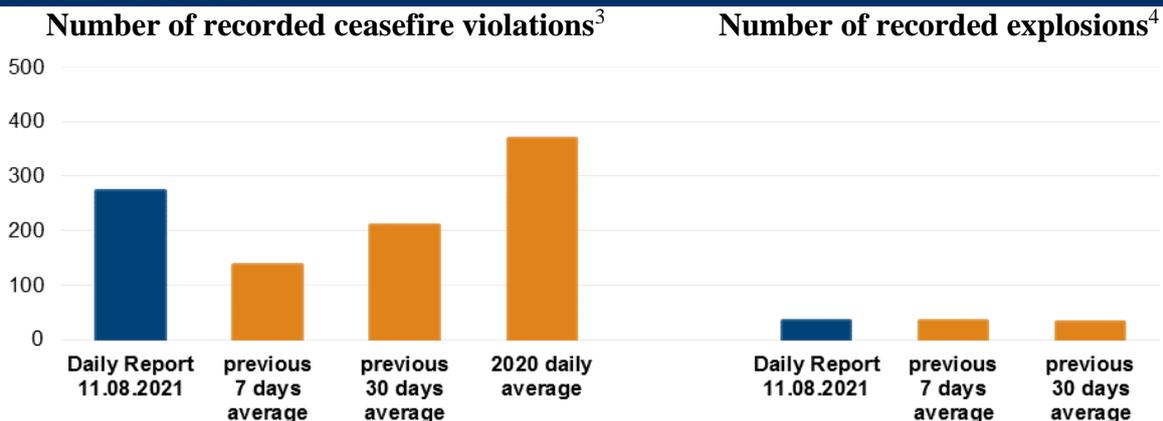
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 174 ceasefire violations, including 12 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 28 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 99 ceasefire violations, including 21 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded no ceasefire violations.
- The Mission saw damage to a medical facility in government-controlled Zolote-4/Rodina, Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- In the past weeks, the SMM spotted extensions to existing trenches in government-controlled and non-government-controlled areas of southern Donetsk region.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable the operation and repairs of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The Mission monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation in Luhansk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 10 August 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

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

³ Including explosions.

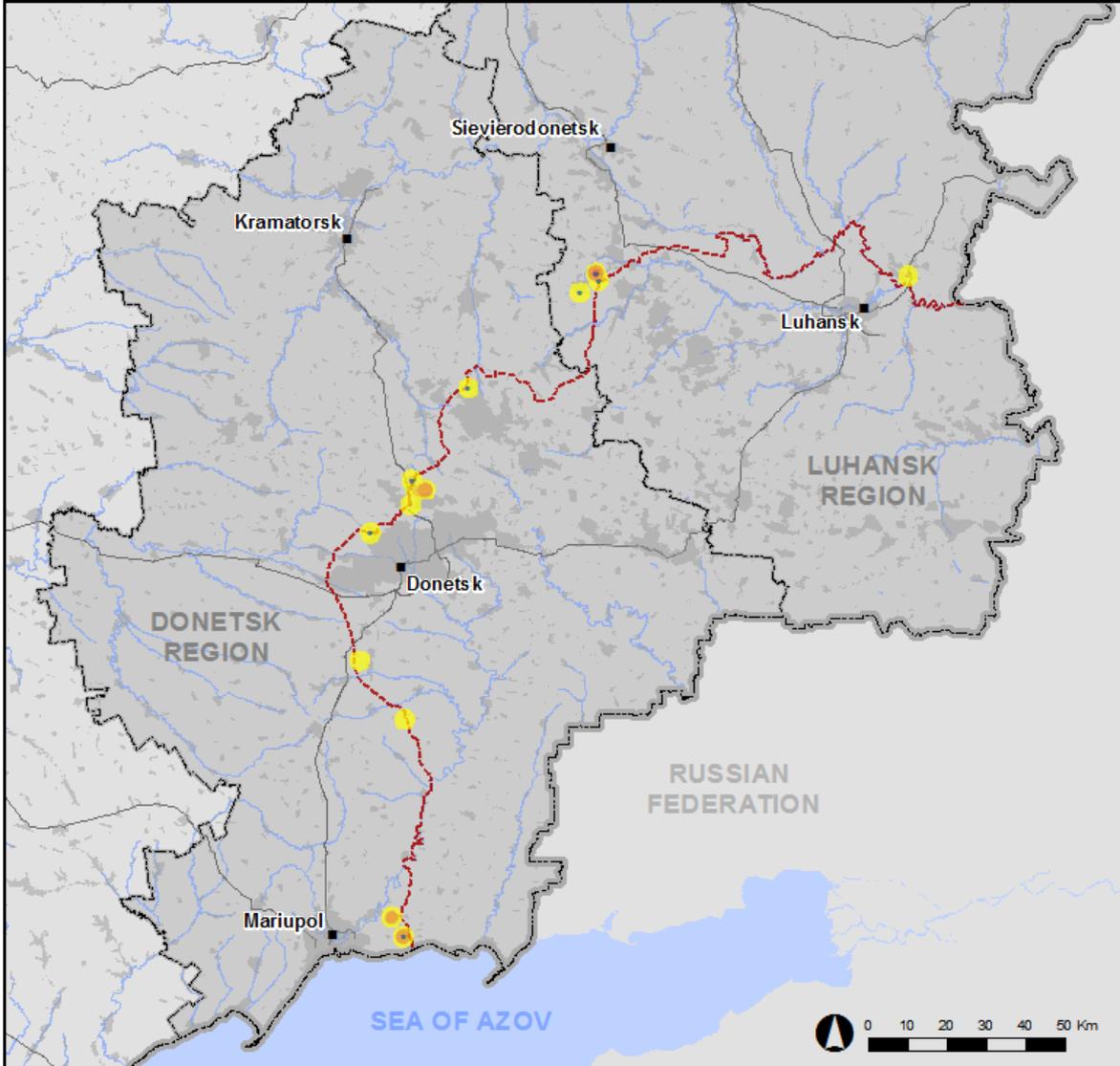
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

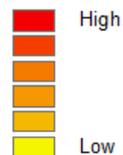


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 10 August 2021



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 174 ceasefire violations, including 12 explosions (11 undetermined and one airburst). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north and south of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below) and north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 28 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 99 ceasefire violations, including 21 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas west and south-west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded no ceasefire violations.

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 49,050 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 14,010 explosions, 9,400 projectiles in flight, 265 muzzle flashes, 188 illumination flares and at least 25,187 bursts and shots).

Damage to a medical facility in Zolote-4/Rodina, Luhansk region

The SMM followed up on reports of damage to a medical facility in Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km west of Luhansk).

At 6 Standartna Street, the Mission observed a hole and cracks in the glass of a south-facing window on the first floor of a two-storey medical facility. The SMM assessed the damage as recent and caused by small arms fire.

Medical staff (a woman, in her sixties) told the SMM that there had been shooting in the area on the evening of 5 August and that the medical facility was closed during nighttime.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On the evening of 9 August, while on the eastern edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM heard eight shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 1-1.5km south, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) but within 5km of its periphery.

During the day on 10 August, inside the area, the Mission saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

On the same day, while on the northern edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard 19 undetermined explosions and 70 bursts of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire, all at assessed range of 3-6km east and east-south-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 9 August, at the checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces on the northern edge of the

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

disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw one stationary armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60).

On 10 August, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them).

On the evening of 9 August, the SMM camera about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded two projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-2km east-south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

During the day on 10 August, 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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the Mission saw eight tanks 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

On 21 May, 26 June and 22 July, aerial imagery available to the SMM and SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) indicated the presence of trench extensions to existing trenches in government-controlled and non-government-controlled areas of southern Donetsk region. These trench extensions were assessed as dug between 16 September 2020 and 27 June 2021.

On 26 June, an SMM UAV spotted two extensions (about 80m in length in total) to an existing trench in a field about 2.5km north-east of Novohryhorivka (government-controlled, 55km south of Donetsk), one running south-east for about 50m and the other running north-east for about 30m (not visible in imagery from 16 September 2020).

The same UAV spotted an extension (about 90m in length) to an existing trench in a field about 300m of the eastern edge of Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km south of Donetsk), running north-east (not visible in imagery from 25 January 2021).

All aforementioned extensions were assessed as consolidations of existing trenches of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On 21 May, aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed an extension (about 250m in length) to an existing trench in a field about 1.4km south of Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), crossing a road from north to south and running further alongside another road southward (not visible in imagery from 11 January 2021). The extension was assessed as consolidation of existing trenches of the armed formations.

The Mission previously published a summary of its observations on trench extensions on both sides of the contact line on 25 June 2021. (See [SMM Daily Report of 25 June 2021](#).)

In government-controlled areas, the SMM saw 18 armoured combat vehicles and three anti-aircraft guns in Donetsk region, including in a compound and near a residential area, and an armoured combat vehicle in Luhansk region. In non-government-controlled areas, it saw three armoured combat vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun in Luhansk region, all in compounds and residential areas. (For further information, see the table below.)

On 10 August, about 500m north of Petrivske, on the western edge of a road leading north to Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south of Donetsk), inside a probable position of the armed formations, the SMM saw part of an automatic grenade launcher (AGS-17/30 *Plamya*, 30mm) feeding belt and a fragmentation grenade (*Plamya*, 30mm).

Presence of anti-tank mines near Betmanove, Donetsk region and mine hazard signs near Dachne, Luhansk region

On 9 August, near a residential area on the north-western edge of Betmanove (formerly Krasnyi Partyzan, non-government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted five previously reported anti-tank mines (TM-62) laid across a road leading north to Verkhnotoretske (government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 26 June 2021](#).)

On 10 August, the SMM observed four mine hazard signs (not previously reported and assessed as recent) (red squares, with “Stop. Mines” written on them in Cyrillic), along the eastern edge of a local road in Dachne (non-government-controlled, 47km west of Luhansk).

On the same day, the Mission saw that a previously reported mine hazard sign on the south-western edge of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) was no longer present. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 7 December 2020](#).)

SMM facilitation of the operation and repairs of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned at three locations near the station, the SMM heard 75 ceasefire violations (including ten undetermined explosions), all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The Mission also monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable repairs of a water pipeline near Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk). The Mission saw a mine hazard sign (wooden square with “MINES” written on it in Cyrillic), not previously reported, lying on the ground at the eastern edge of a road leading north of the pumping station.

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 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.

Border areas outside government control

The SMM monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation near Bobrykove (71km south of Luhansk), Platonivka (69km south of Luhansk), Liubyme (77km south of Luhansk), Novoborovytsi (79km south of Luhansk), Dovzhansk (formerly Sverdlovsk, 60km south-east of Luhansk), Sorokyne (formerly Krasnodon, 43km south-east of Luhansk), Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, 65km south-east of Luhansk), Provallia (60km south-east of Luhansk), Cheremshyne (59km south-east of Luhansk), Maiak (59km south-east of Luhansk), Bobrykivka (57km south-east of Luhansk), and Prokhladne (54km south-east of Luhansk) and observed no change in the security situation.

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 9 August 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.

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 Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk) four armed members of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage south-west toward

Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) only after 28 minutes.

Other impediments:⁶

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Zaichenko.

⁶ 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 UAV's position.

Table of weapons

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
9/8/2021	8	Tank (T-64)	Near Tymofiiivka (39km north-west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
8/8/2021	9	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMD-1)	Near Petrivske (24km north of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	7	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-DG, including two mounted with anti-aircraft gun ZU-23, 23mm)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		
9/8/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Hranitne (60km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	Patrol
10/8/2021	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In a residential area of Avdiivka (17km north of Donetsk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
9/8/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB) mounted with an anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In a compound near a residential area of Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, 50km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In a compound in a residential area of Brianka (46km south-west of Luhansk)	
	1		In a residential area of Luhansk city	Patrol

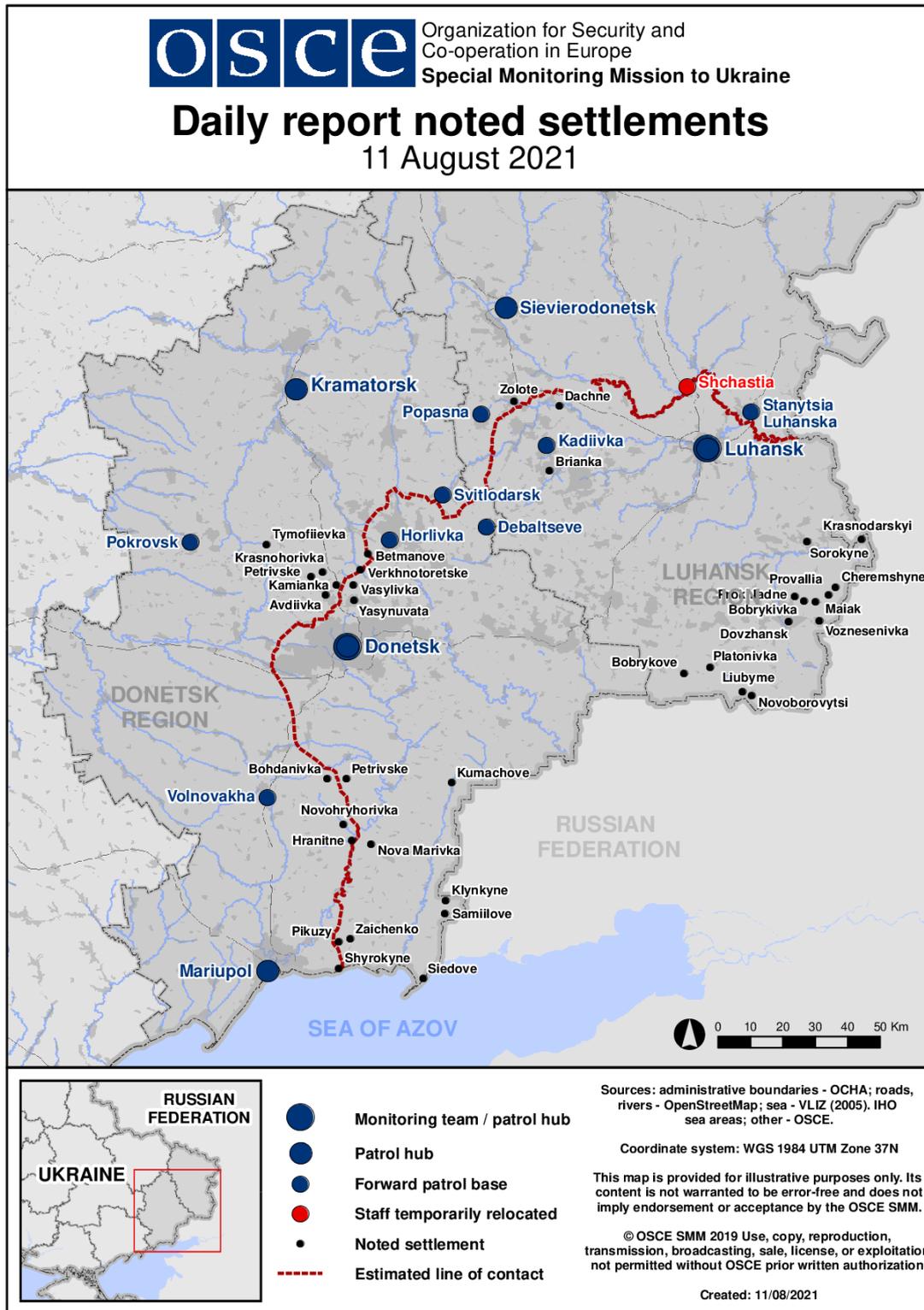
⁷ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 10 August 2021⁸

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-2km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	9-Aug, 23:34
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion		N/K	10-Aug, 03:04
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	9-Aug, 21:06
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	9-Aug, 22:52
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	25	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	9-Aug, 23:27
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Aug, 23:27
	3-5km N	Recorded	18	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	9-Aug, 23:28
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	10-Aug, 01:26
About 2.5km SSE of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	10-Aug, 09:36-09:38
	3-4km NE	Heard	27	Burst		Small arms	10-Aug, 09:36-09:38
About 1km SE of Kruta Balka (non-government-controlled, 16km N of Donetsk)	4-5km NNW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Aug, 09:40
	4-5km NNW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Aug, 09:42
	2-3km NE	Heard	48	Burst		HMG	10-Aug, 09:55-10:00
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	10-Aug, 10:20-10:25
E edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	10-Aug, 11:35
NW part of Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km SW of Donetsk)	1-2km W	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	10-Aug, 12:13
E edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	1-1.5km S	Heard	8	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	9-Aug, 21:24-21:26
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Heard	5	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	10-Aug, 17:30-17:35
	4-6km ESE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	10-Aug, 17:30-17:35
	3-5km E	Heard	35	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	10-Aug, 17:55-18:00
	3-5km E	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	10-Aug, 17:55-18:00
	3-5km E	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	10-Aug, 18:05-18:08
	3-5km E	Heard	30	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	10-Aug, 18:05-18:08
	4-6km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Aug, 18:10-18:12

⁸ 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 regions⁹



⁹ 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).