

# Daily Report 193/2021

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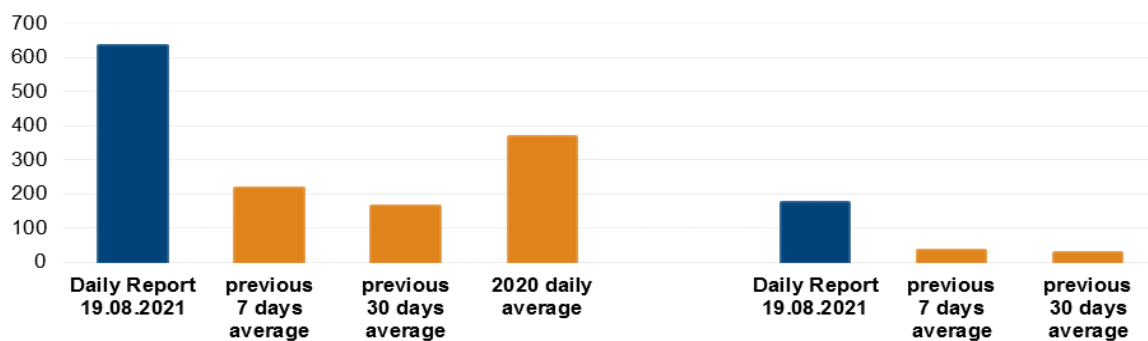
## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 160 ceasefire violations, including 24 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 165 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 475 ceasefire violations, including 149 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded five ceasefire violations.
- Man killed due to shelling in government-controlled Novoselivka Druha, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded multiple ceasefire violations close to the disengagement area near Zolote and inside and in the vicinity of the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation and repairs to critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission monitored a gathering in Kyiv.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at two checkpoints of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again experienced instances of GPS signal interference.\*

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

Number of recorded ceasefire violations<sup>3</sup>

Number of recorded explosions<sup>4</sup>



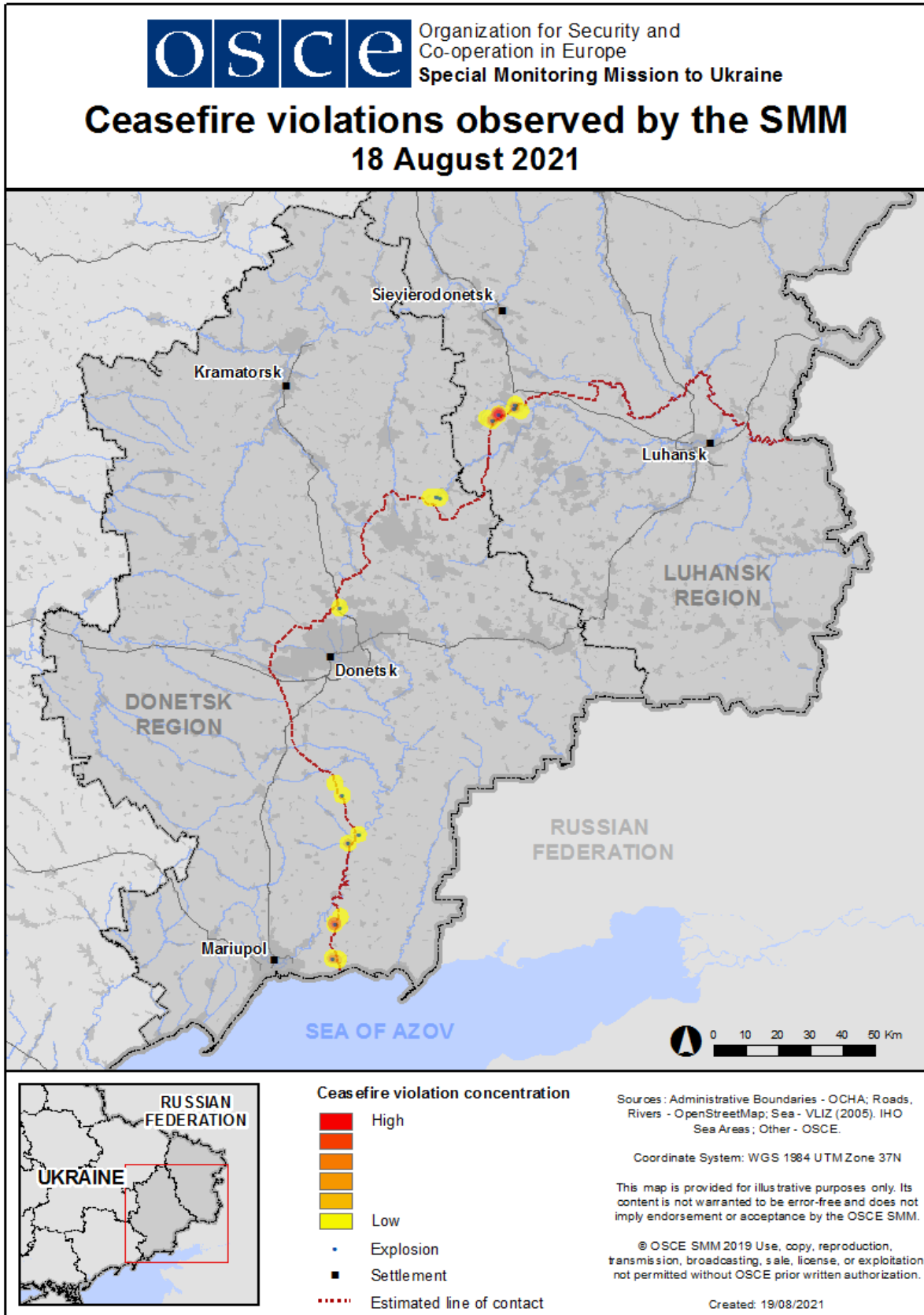
<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 18 August 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<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



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 160 ceasefire violations, including 24 explosions (one airburst and 23 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area north-east of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and at northerly direction of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 165 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 475 ceasefire violations, including 149 explosions (two airbursts and 147 undetermined). All ceasefire violations occurred at northerly, south-westerly and westerly directions of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). (See below.) In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded five ceasefire violations, all of which also occurred near the aforementioned disengagement area.

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 51,186 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 14,424 explosions, 9,938 projectiles in flight, 266 muzzle flashes, 197 illumination flares and at least 26,361 bursts and shots).

### **Man killed due to shelling in government-controlled Novoselivka Druha, Donetsk region**

The Mission followed up on reports of a 86-year-old man killed due to shelling in Novoselivka Druha (government-controlled, 23km north of Donetsk) on 11 August.

On 12 August, staff at a morgue in Kostiantynivka (government-controlled, 60km north of Donetsk), told the SMM over the phone that on 11 August, the body of a 86-year old man had been brought to the morgue with multiple fractures and injuries to internal organs consistent with a blast injury.

On 16 August, a woman (in her sixties), who introduced herself as a neighbour of the 86-year-old deceased man, told the Mission over the phone that on 11 August she had been outside her house in Novoselivka Druha, when she had heard three explosions and subsequently saw her neighbour lying on the ground in his garden. The woman said that she had run towards the man and found him dead.

On 11 August, a representative (woman, age unknown) of the police in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), told the SMM over the phone that shelling had occurred on 11 August in Novoselivka Druha and that a 86-year-old man had died. (For damage to the house of the deceased man, see [SMM Daily Report of 16 August 2021](#).)

### **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 observed a calm situation.

On the evening of 17 August, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded one illumination flare, eight explosion (two airbursts and six undetermined) and 17 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km east and east-south-east. On the same evening, while on the northern edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard and saw 141 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.

explosions and 307 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 3-8km east and east-south-east. All of these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 18 August, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the SMM saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them).

On the night of 17-18 August, the SMM camera about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded one projectile in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km east-south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**. During the day on 18 August, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard six undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 5-7km south, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

### **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 five howitzers at a railway station 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**

In government-controlled areas, the SMM saw an infantry fighting vehicle in Donetsk region, as well as an electronic warfare system in Luhansk region, both near residential areas. In a non-government-controlled area in Luhansk region, the SMM saw three armoured combat vehicles in a residential area. (For further information, see the table below.)

### **Presence of anti-tank mines near Novotoshkivske, Luhansk region**

On 17 August, about 2.5km east-south-east of Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted five previously reported anti-tank mines laid across a local road, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 7 June 2021](#).)

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

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM heard one undetermined explosion, assessed as within a 5km radius of the station.

The SMM also monitored the adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to power lines in Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk), as well as in and near Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk).

## Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open and that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queuing 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.

About 200m south of the EECP near Zolote, the Mission observed a crane and six workers moving concrete blocks between a truck and the eastern edge of road T-1316.

While positioned near the EECP near Shchastia, the SMM saw 16 vehicles, bearing the logos of two international humanitarian organisations, cross the contact line and travel towards non-government-controlled areas.

## The Mission observed a gathering in Kyiv

On 17 August, in front of the Office of the President of Ukraine at 11 Bankova Street, the Mission monitored a gathering of about 35 people (mostly men in their twenties) expressing their support of the adoption of a law foreseeing amnesty for certain categories of inmates, including convicted veterans. It observed a calm situation and about 200 law enforcement officers nearby.

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 13 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.*

### Denial:

- At a checkpoint near Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), one

armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage southward towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), referring to ceasefire violations in the area. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.

- At a checkpoint near Bezimenne (non-government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), one armed member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage westward towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing demining in the area”.

*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>6</sup>

- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Zernove (non-government-controlled, 70km south of Donetsk), five flights over areas near Luhansk city’s Zhovtnevyi district (non-government-controlled), one flight over areas near Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk) and one flight over areas near Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk).

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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.

### Table 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>				
18/8/2021	5	Towed howitzer (D-44, 85mm)	At a railway station in Pokrovsk (formerly Krasnoarmiisk, 55km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol

#### **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>				
18/8/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near a residential area in Novoluhanske (53km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Electronic warfare system (TCI-737)	Near a residential area in Novotoshkivske (53km west of Luhansk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
18/8/2021	3	Armoured personnel carrier (type undetermined)	In a residential area of Luhansk city	Patrol

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<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 18 August 2021<sup>8</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	18-Aug, 00:28
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	7	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:05
	2-4km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Aug, 21:05
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Aug, 21:11
	2-4km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:15
	2-4km E	Recorded	27	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Aug, 21:15
	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:17
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Aug, 21:17
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:20
	2-4km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:21
	2-4km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:23
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:23
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	17-Aug, 21:23
	2-4km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:30
	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	17-Aug, 21:32
	2-4km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	17-Aug, 21:36
	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Aug, 21:38
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	17-Aug, 21:45
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	17-Aug, 21:45
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Aug, 21:55
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	17-Aug, 22:14
2-4km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	18-Aug, 00:37	
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	17-Aug, 22:01
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	17-Aug, 22:02
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	17-Aug, 22:05
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	17-Aug, 22:11
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Aug, 22:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	17-Aug, 22:47
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	17-Aug, 23:24
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	17-Aug, 23:25
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	17-Aug, 23:28
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	17-Aug, 23:42
	4-6km N	Recorded	14	Projectile	E to W	N/K	18-Aug, 01:24
4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	18-Aug, 01:30	
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Aug, 09:32
About 1km SW of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Aug, 10:39
	3-4km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Aug, 10:46
	1-2km E	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	18-Aug, 10:55
	3-4km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Aug, 10:56
	4-5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Aug, 11:16
About 2.km SSW of Novohryhorivka (government-controlled, 55km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	18-Aug, 10:44
	3-5km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Aug, 10:52-10:57
	5-7km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Aug, 11:15
	5-7km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Aug, 11:23

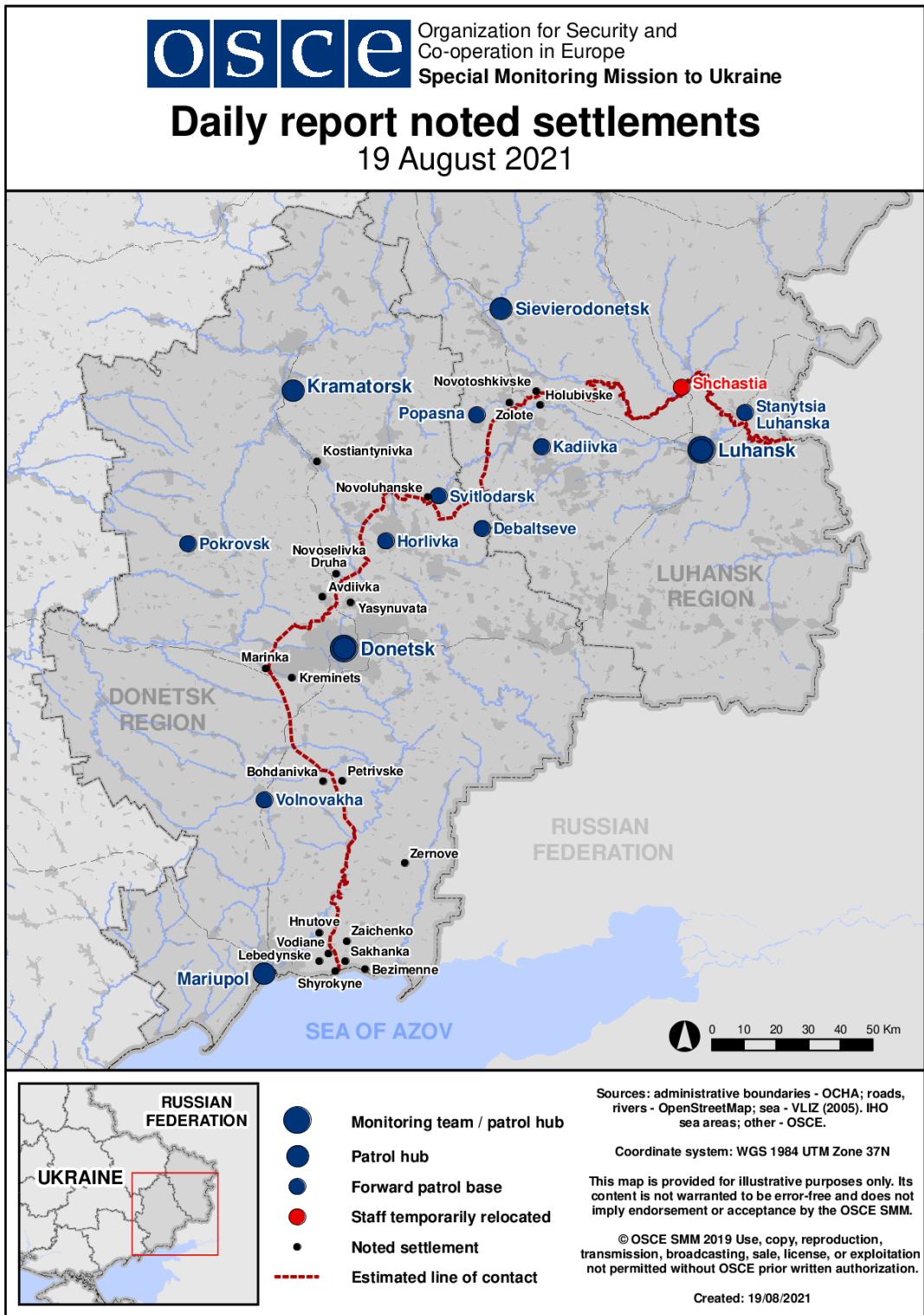
<sup>8</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras, and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based 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.



About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	5-7km S	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Aug, 10:54-10:58	
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	17-Aug, 20:51	
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:42	
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:42	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area.	N/K	17-Aug, 20:42	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event (assessed as outside the disengagement area))	N/K	17-Aug, 20:42	
	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:44	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:45	
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSE to NNW (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:45	
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:46	
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:46	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area.)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:47	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:47	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:48	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to the previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:48	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area.)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:48	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:48	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area.)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:43	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:47	
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:53	
	N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-8km E	Heard and saw	300	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	17-Aug, 20:33-21:10
		5-8km E	Heard and saw	110	Explosion	Undetermined (Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:33-21:10
3-7km ESE		Heard and saw	20	Explosion	Undetermined (Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	17-Aug, 20:33-21:10	

	3-7km ESE	Heard and saw	11	Explosion	Undetermined (Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	17-Aug, 21:20-21:35
	5-8km E	Heard	7	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	17-Aug, 23:15

### 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).