

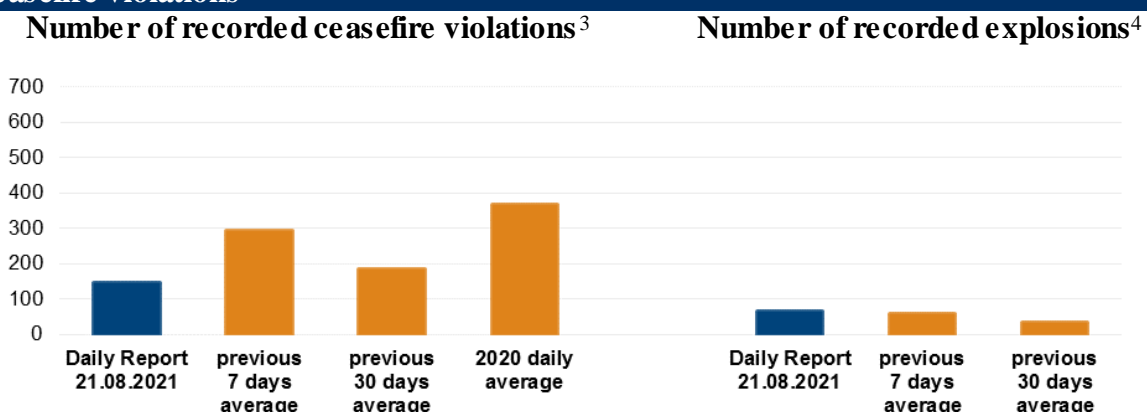
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 55 ceasefire violations, including six explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 117 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 92 ceasefire violations, including 60 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 12 ceasefire violations.
- Man killed due to the detonation of an explosive object in non-government-controlled Luhansk city and woman injured due to shelling in government-controlled Zolote-4/Rodina, Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations close to the disengagement area near Zolote and inside and close to the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of 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.
- SMM monitored a gathering in Kyiv.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 20 August 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some of the SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

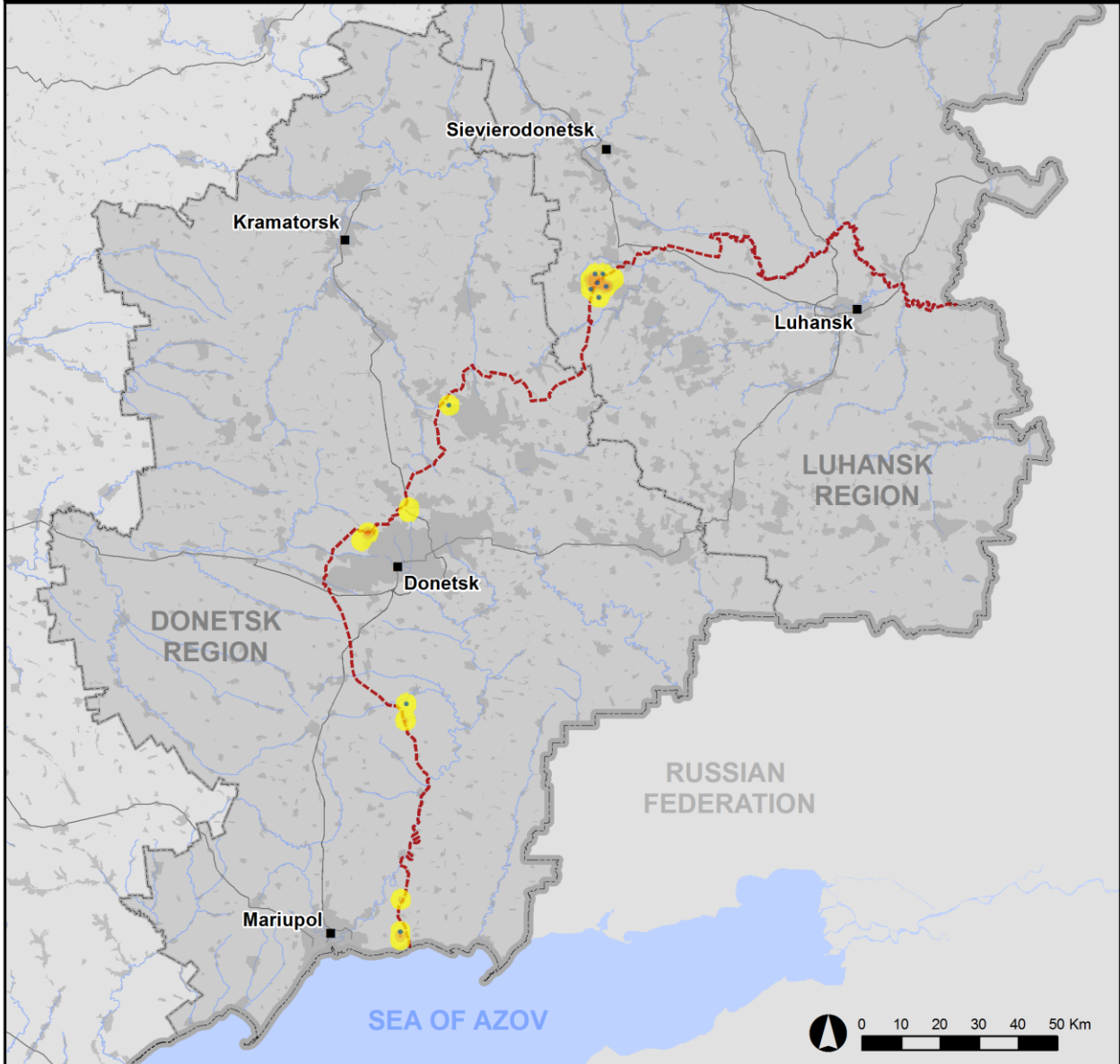
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

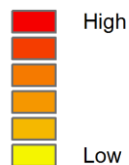


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 20 August 2021



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 55 ceasefire violations, including six explosions (five undetermined and one impact of an undetermined weapon). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and south-west and west of the Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk city centre). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 117 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 92 ceasefire violations, including 60 explosions (48 undetermined, as well as eight impacts of mortar rounds and four of automatic grenade launcher). All ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and south-west and west of the disengagement area near Zolote. (See below.) In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 12 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 51,462 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 14,559 explosions, 10,018 projectiles in flight, 266 muzzle flashes, 198 illumination flares and at least 26,421 bursts and shots).

A man killed due to the detonation of an explosive object in Luhansk city and a woman was injured due to shelling in Zolote-4/Rodina, Luhansk region

The Mission followed up on the death of a man on 17 August, due to the detonation of an explosive object in non-government-controlled Luhansk city and of a woman injured due to shelling in Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk).

On 20 August, a 50-year-old woman and a 20-year-old man who introduced themselves as the wife and son of a 48-year-old deceased man, told the SMM, that on the evening of 17 August, they were at their house located in the north-eastern part of Luhansk city when they had heard an explosion nearby. The woman told the Mission that she had been in her front yard and that her son had been in the house, and that they had both ran to their backyard, where they found their husband and father, lying on the ground with multiple injuries.

According to a medical certificate shared with the SMM by the wife on 20 August, the 48-year-old man had died in Luhansk city on 17 August due to injuries, including to his head, limbs and internal organs, consistent with the detonation of an explosive object.

On the same day, a 40-year-old woman who introduced herself as a neighbour of the deceased man, told the Mission that on evening of 17 August, while working in her garden, she had heard an explosion and saw smoke rising from the man's backyard, after which she had called an ambulance.

On 19 August, a 48-year-old woman told the SMM that on the evening of 17 August, she had been walking on Vilna Street in Zolote-4/Rodina to return to her house, when she had heard an explosion and saw that she had been injured by metal fragments to her neck, back and legs. She said that her neighbors provided first aid and called an ambulance which transferred her to a hospital in Lysychansk (government-controlled, 75km north-west of Luhansk).

On 18 August, a neighbor (a woman, age unknown) of the 48-year-old woman told the Mission that on 17 August, she heard an explosion which occurred in the middle of Vilna Street and

saw shrapnel from the explosion injuring the 48-year-old woman and damaging two houses on the same street.

On the same day, medical staff at a hospital in Lysychansk told the Mission over the phone that on 17 August, a 48-year-old woman from Zolote-4/Rodina was admitted to the hospital with multiple shrapnel injuries to her body.

On the evening of 17 August, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded 26 ceasefire violations in the area, including eight undetermined explosions. (See [SMM Daily Report of 19 August 2021](#).)

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

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).

During the night of 19-20 August, while on the northern edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard 48 undetermined explosions, 29 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun fire and undetermined weapons. During the day on 20 August, while positioned on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the Mission heard three bursts of fire at an assessed range of 1-2km south-west. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, but within 5km of its periphery.

On 19 August, on the area’s northern edge, the SMM observed one armoured combat vehicle (BTR-variant) stationary on the western edge of road T-1316.

On 20 August, about 35m north of the northern edge of the area, the SMM observed four Ukrainian Armed Forces soldiers with one crane and one heavy utility truck removing concrete barriers from the eastern edge of road T-1316, and placing them at a location about 100m further north-east, on the northern edge of the road leading north-eastwards to Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk).

On 20 August, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the SMM saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them).

During the night on 19-20 August, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), recorded an illumination flare and seven projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-3km east-south-east, all assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

On 20 August, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the Mission heard an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 2-3km north-west, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

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

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 observed seven tanks and three mortars in a training area in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region, in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites, in non-government controlled areas, the SMM saw: five mortars in Donetsk region, in the abovementioned training area, in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014, as well as a tank in Luhansk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

In a government-controlled area of Luhansk region, the Mission saw one armoured combat vehicle. (For further information, see the table below.)

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 at two locations in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM heard four shots: three of heavy-machine-gun and one of small-arms fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the station.

The Mission also monitored the adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to water pipelines near Yasynuvata and Zaitseve (50km north-east of Donetsk) and to power lines near Zaitseve, to a phenol sludge reservoir near Nelipivka (government-controlled, 40km north of Donetsk), as well as to railway tracks near Yasne (non-government-controlled, 30km 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 (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were open, with people queuing to travel in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations were open, with large numbers of people queueing to travel in both directions. At the parking lot of the EECP, Stanytsia Luhanska, the SMM observed a bulldozer, a steam roller, an excavator, a dump truck, an asphalt conveyor-belt vehicle and about seven workers, assessed as performing preparatory work for resurfacing the parking area.

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.

On 19 August, about 200m south of the EECF near Zolote, the Mission observed one crane, one military general purpose truck and one van, as well a crane operator and five Ukrainian Armed Forces soldiers manoeuvring a number of reinforced concrete blocks, assessed for building a square-shaped shelter with wooden poles placed on the upper part.

SMM monitored a gathering in Kyiv demanding the release of people allegedly held captive in non-government-controlled areas

On 20 August, in Kyiv, in front of the French Embassy, at 39 Reitarska Street, the Mission saw six people (three women and three men, between their forties and sixties), all holding banners demanding the release of people allegedly being held in non-government-controlled areas. The Mission observed a calm situation and did not see law enforcement officers on site.

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.

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:⁶

- An SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Mariupol (government-controlled, 102km south of Donetsk).
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk).

⁶ 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 in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
18/8/2021	7	Tank (T-72)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Mini-UAV
	3	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)		

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
18/8/2021	5	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Mini-UAV
20/8/2021	1	Tank (T-72)	Near Yurivka (27km west of Luhansk)	Patrol

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
19/8/2021	1	Armoured combat vehicle (BTR-variant)	On the northern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	Patrol

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

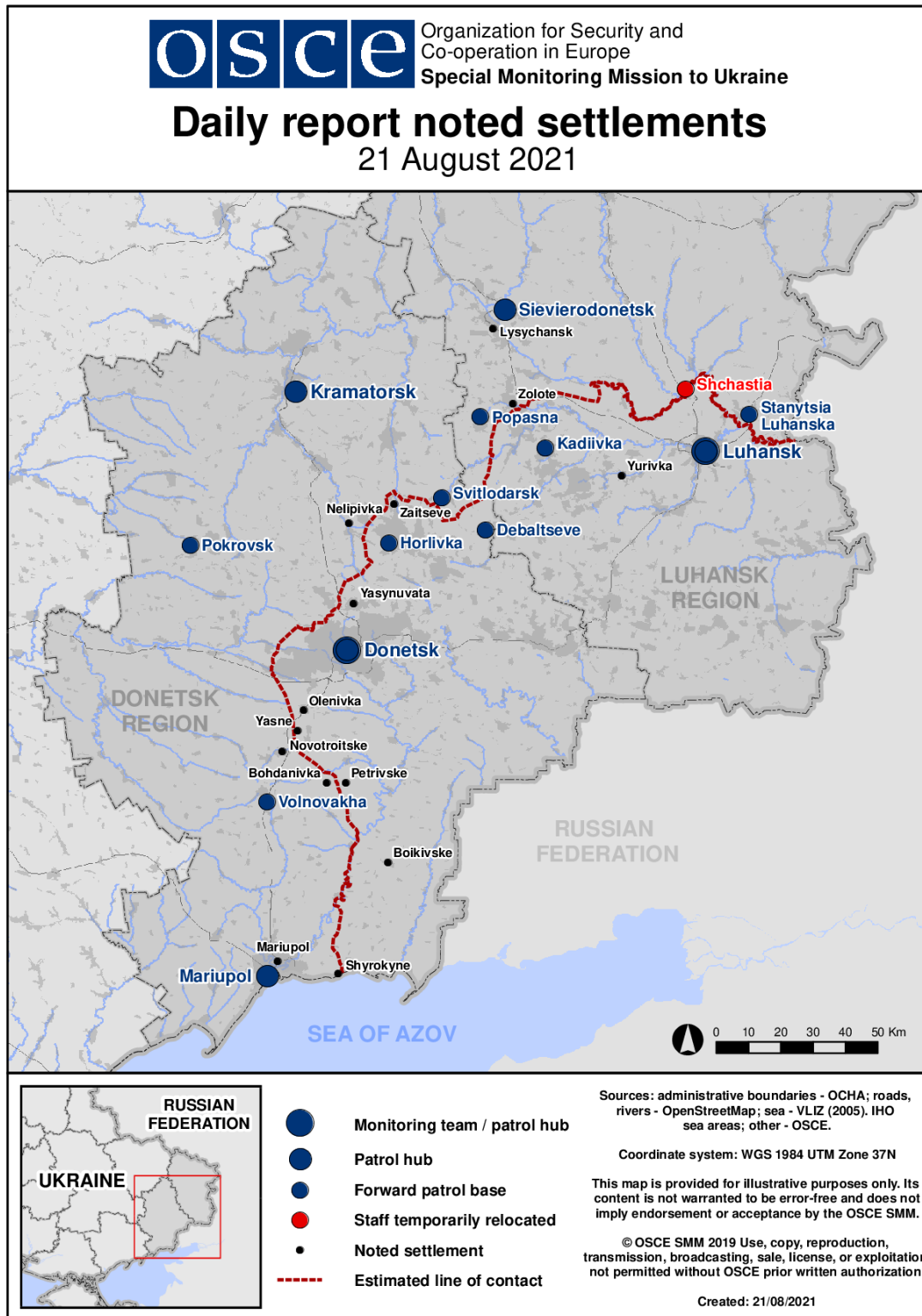
Table of ceasefire violations as of 20 August 2021⁸

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	19-Aug, 22:55
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	20-Aug, 00:15
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	20-Aug, 00:23
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	N to S	N/K	20-Aug, 00:26
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km W	Recorded	16	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	19-Aug, 22:24
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	19-Aug, 23:29
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	19-Aug, 23:21
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	19-Aug, 23:22
	2-4km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	19-Aug, 23:23
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	19-Aug, 23:55
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	19-Aug, 23:55
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Aug, 00:56
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Aug, 01:03
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	20-Aug, 01:03
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact, subsequent to previous event	N/K	20-Aug, 01:03
Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	5-6km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Aug, 10:51
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	20-Aug, 12:08
About 700m WSW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	3	Shot		HMG	20-Aug, 13:35
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	20-Aug, 14:01
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-6km E	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	19-Aug, 19:52-20:05
	5-7km ESE	Heard	23	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	19-Aug, 22:05-22:55
	3-5km ESE	Heard	11	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	N/K	19-Aug, 22:20-22:55
	3-5km ESE	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	19-Aug, 22:20-22:55
	7-10km SE	Heard	8	Explosion	Impact	Mortar (type N/K)	19-Aug, 22:30-22:55
	5-6km SE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	19-Aug, 22:45-22:55
	5-6km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Impact	AGL	19-Aug, 22:50-22:55

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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	7-10km ESE	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	Mortar (type N/K)	19-Aug, 23:01-23:36
	7-10km ESE	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	19-Aug, 23:10
	7-10km ESE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	19-Aug, 23:13
	7-10km ESE	Heard	7	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	N/K	20-Aug, 00:59-01:21
	7-10km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	20-Aug, 01:03
	6-8km E	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	20-Aug, 05:03-05:07
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	1-2km SW	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	N/K	20-Aug, 13:08

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).