

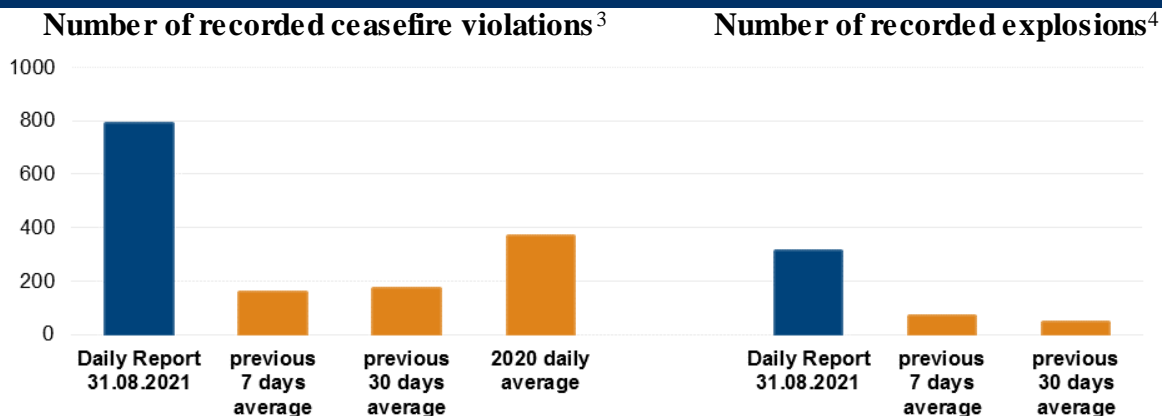
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 112 ceasefire violations, including 16 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 11 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 676 ceasefire violations, including 298 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission followed up on reports of two children injured on 28 August in non-government-controlled Horlivka, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and 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 five entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM monitored two gatherings in Odessa.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference.*

Ceasefire violations²



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

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

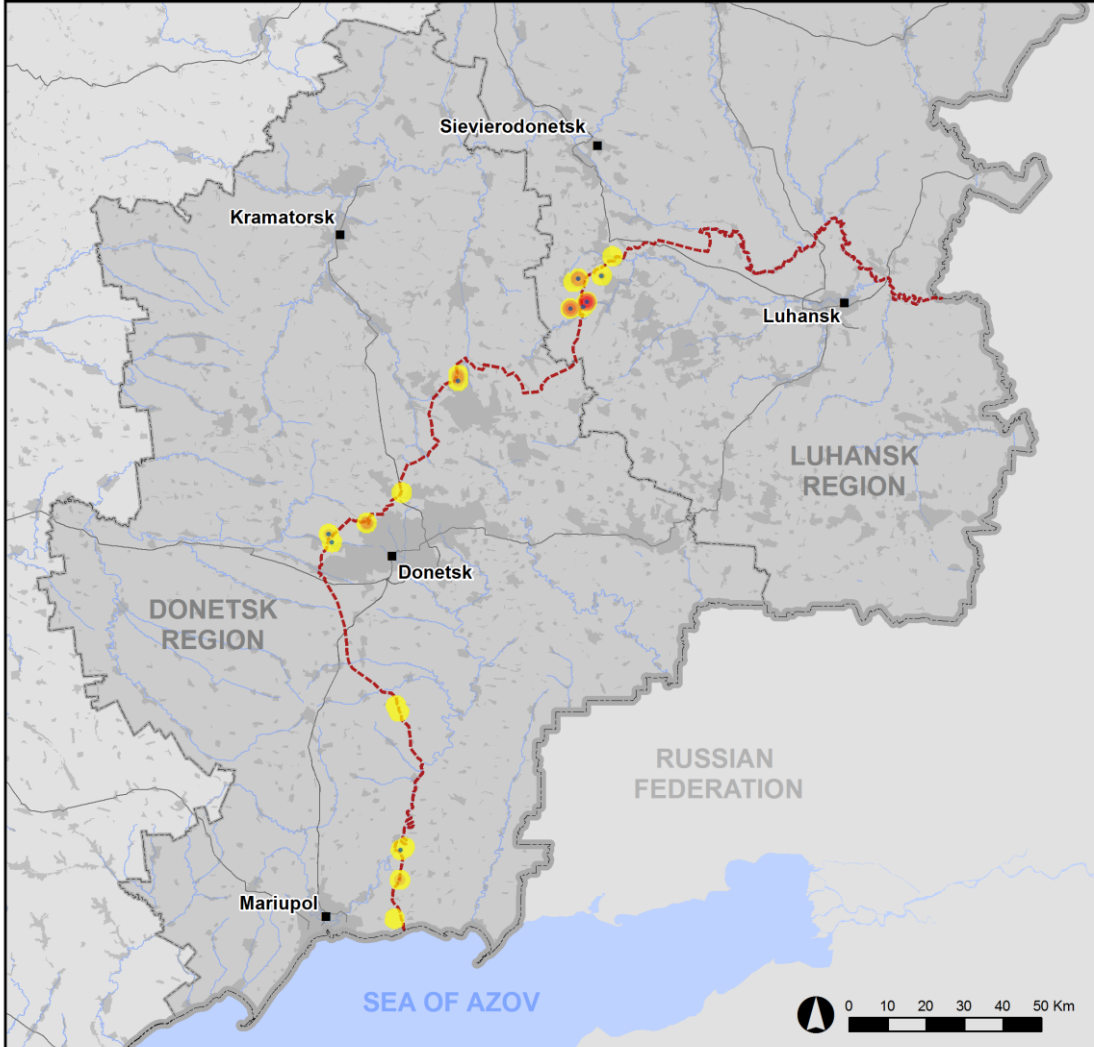
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 30 August 2021



Ceasefire violation concentration

- High
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- Low

- 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 112 ceasefire violations, including 16 explosions (one impact, one airburst and 14 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north-east and south-east of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk), west of the Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk city centre), and south-east of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 11 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 676 ceasefire violations, including 298 explosions (one airburst and 297 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at southerly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded no ceasefire violations.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July 2020 regarding 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 53,563 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 15,382 explosions, 10,432 projectiles in flight, 269 muzzle flashes, 209 illumination flares and at least 27,271 bursts and shots).

A boy and a girl injured in non-government-controlled Horlivka, Donetsk region

The Mission followed up on reports of two children (a ten-year-old boy and a seven-year-old girl) injured in Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) on 28 August.

On 29 August, at Hospital No.2 in Horlivka, a woman (in her late twenties) who introduced herself as the mother of the children, told the SMM that, on the evening of 28 August, she and her children had all been at their house at 16 Chaikovskoho Street in Horlivka. The children were playing in the garden when she heard sounds of shelling and then saw that her children had been thrown to the ground. She told the Mission that she called an ambulance, as she saw that her son was bleeding from his left shoulder and both children were disoriented.

On the same day, medical staff at the same hospital in Horlivka told the Mission that on the evening of 28 August, two children (a ten-year-old boy and a seven-year-old girl) had been admitted, with the boy having sustained a wound to his upper left shoulder blade, contusions and swelling from blast pressure and the girl has sustained contusions.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

On the evening of 29 August, SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) recorded three projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km east. During the day on 30 August, while positioned on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM heard nine undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 2-3km south-west. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, 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.

Inside the disengagement area, about 350m north of its southern edge and 12m west of road T-1316, the SMM saw a [previously reported](#) underground structure covered with a green camouflaged net, assessed as a rain cover.

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them). The SMM again saw the seven previously observed containers located south of the disengagement area’s southern edge and inside the area.

An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over the southern edge of the disengagement area.*

On the night of 29-30 August, the SMM camera 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), as well as three projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km south-east, unable to be assessed if inside or outside the area.

On 30 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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the Mission saw four howitzers in a training area in non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites, in Donetsk region the SMM observed one anti-tank guided missile system and one tank in government-controlled areas, as well as 13 tanks and three howitzers in the aforementioned training area. (For further information, see the tables below.)

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁶

At a heavy weapons holding area in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region
30 August

The SMM noted that four towed howitzers (D-20, 152mm) were present, and that 11 weapons were missing, including six anti-tank guns (MT-12 *Rapira*, 100mm) and five self-propelled howitzers (2S3 *Akatsiya*, 152mm), compared to the previous visit on 14 May 2021.

⁶ The SMM observed weapons that could not be verified as withdrawn, as their storage did not comply with the criteria set out in the 16 October 2015 notification from the SMM to the signatories of the Package of Measures on effective monitoring and verification of the withdrawal of heavy weapons.

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).

The SMM also monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable repairs to power lines in Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km west of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Maiorsk was open, but did not see any traffic passing through. The SMM noted that 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 civilian traffic passing through in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel in both directions.

The Mission noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote and 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia were closed for civilian traffic.

SMM monitored public gatherings in Odessa

On 28 August, in Odessa, the SMM monitored a march and a gathering of protesters. First it saw about 200 people (mostly women in their twenties), marching from Colonnade of the Vorontsov Palace to the City Council, some of whom were holding posters and banners with messages supporting the LGBTI community. The Mission observed about 1,000 law enforcement officers (predominantly men, mixed ages).

During the same time, in front of the City Council building, the SMM observed a second gathering of about 300 people, some of them holding flags of *Tradition and Order* and expressing messages critical of the LGBTI community. When participants of the march passed by the City Council the SMM heard a detonation close by and saw red smoke rising into the air. After the march ended, and the participants were preparing to board buses, the Mission saw about 50 men (in their twenties and thirties), some wearing black balaclavas, walking quickly towards their direction. Shortly after, the SMM observed people (mixed genders and ages) running away from the same location.

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, 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 27 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:⁷

- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during 11 flights: twice near Kurdiuvivka (government-controlled, 54km north of Donetsk), Lohvynove (non-government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), Zolote-2/Karbonit (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk), and the southern edge of the Zolote disengagement area (see above); and once near Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 61km north-east of Donetsk), Debaltseve (non-government-controlled, 58km north-east of Donetsk), and Zolote.
- The SMM cancelled two mid-range UAV flights due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, near Lohvynove.

⁷ 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 | | | | |
| 27/8/2021 | 4 | Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm) | In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk) | Mini-UAV |

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

| Date | No. of weapons | Type of weapon | Location | Source of observation |
|--|----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Government-controlled areas | | | | |
| 28/8/2021 | 1 | Anti-tank guided missile system (9P148 <i>Konkurs</i> , 135mm) | Near Donske (57km south of Donetsk), | Mini-UAV |
| 30/8/2021 | 1 | Tank (type undetermined) | Near Memryk (33km north-west of Donetsk) | Patrol |
| Non-government-controlled areas | | | | |
| 27/8/2021 | 13 | Tank (ten T-72B and three T-64B/T-64BM) | In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk) | Mini-UAV |
| | 3 | Towed howitzer (D-44, 85mm) | | |

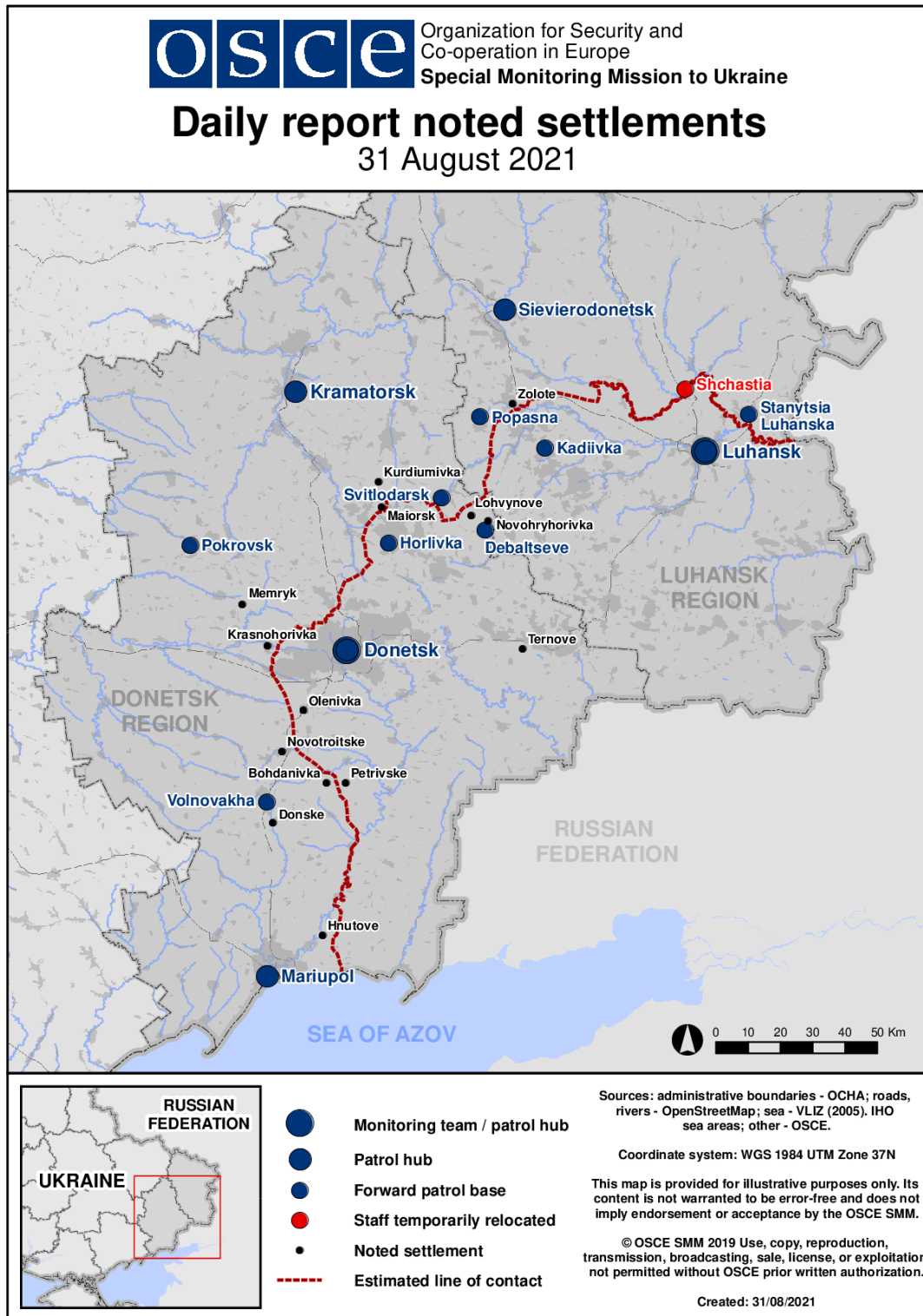
Table of ceasefire violations as of 30 August 2021⁸

| SMM position | Event location | Means | No. | Observation | Description | Weapon | Date, time | |
|--|---|----------|----------|--------------|---|----------|---------------------|---------------|
| SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk) | 2-4km SE | Recorded | 3 | Projectile | SW to NE (unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske) | N/K | 29-Aug, 23:43 | |
| | 1-2km ESE | Recorded | 2 | Projectile | SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske) | N/K | 30-Aug, 01:39 | |
| SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk) | 2-4km SE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | NE to SW | N/K | 30-Aug, 02:17 | |
| | 2-4km SSE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Airburst (subsequent to previous event) | N/K | 30-Aug, 02:18 | |
| SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk) | 0.3-1km S | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | NNW to SSE | N/K | 30-Aug, 04:12 | |
| SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk) | 3-5km ESE | Recorded | 6 | Projectile | NNE to SSW | N/K | 29-Aug, 20:56 | |
| | 3-5km ESE | Recorded | 5 | Projectile | NNE to SSW | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:27 | |
| | 3-5km ESE | Recorded | 4 | Projectile | NNE to SSW | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:49 | |
| SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk) | 1-3km ENE | Recorded | 2 | Projectile | In vertical flight | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:10 | |
| | 1-3km ENE | Recorded | 6 | Projectile | SSW to NNE | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:10 | |
| | 1-3km ENE | Recorded | 4 | Projectile | SSW to NNE | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:11 | |
| | 1-3km ENE | Recorded | 4 | Projectile | SSW to NNE | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:15 | |
| | 1-3km ENE | Recorded | 9 | Projectile | SSW to NNE | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:22 | |
| | 1-3km ESE | Recorded | 5 | Projectile | NNW to SSE | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:34 | |
| | 1-3km ESE | Recorded | 5 | Projectile | NNW to SSE | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:36 | |
| | 1-3km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | N to S | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:37 | |
| | 1-3km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Impact (subsequent to previous event) | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:37 | |
| | 1-3km ESE | Recorded | 5 | Projectile | N to S | N/K | 29-Aug, 22:37 | |
| | SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre) | 1-3km W | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | SE to NW | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:19 |
| | | 1-3km W | Recorded | 12 | Projectile | SE to NW | N/K | 29-Aug, 23:43 |
| 1-3km W | | Recorded | 19 | Projectile | SE to NW | N/K | 29-Aug, 23:53 | |
| SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk) | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:03 | |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:05 | |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Muzzle flash | | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:06 | |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E (subsequent to previous event) | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:06 | |
| E part of Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km W of Donetsk) | 2-4km NE | Heard | 9 | Explosion | Undetermined | | 30-Aug, 14:40-14:46 | |
| | 2-4km E | Heard | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | | 30-Aug, 14:53 | |
| | 2-4km NE | Heard | 2 | Explosion | Undetermined | | 30-Aug, 14:55 | |
| | 2-4km NE | Heard | 2 | Explosion | Undetermined | | 30-Aug, 15:13 | |
| SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk) | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 16 | Projectile | SW to NE | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:19 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 5 | Projectile | SW to NE | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:20 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 17 | Projectile | SW to NE | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:21 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 9 | Projectile | SW to NE | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:22 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 6 | Projectile | SW to NE | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:23 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 2 | Projectile | NE to SW | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:23 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 2 | Projectile | NE to SW | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:33 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 2 | Projectile | NE to SW | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:34 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:36 | |
| | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Airburst | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:36 | |
| SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk) | 3-5km SE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | NE to SW | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:37 | |
| | 3-5km SSE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | SW to NE | N/K | 29-Aug, 21:58 | |
| SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk) | 2-4km E | Recorded | 3 | Projectile | NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 29-Aug, 20:30 | |
| N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk) | 5-7km SE | Heard | 192 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 29-Aug, 19:55-22:20 | |
| | 5-7km SE | Heard | 134 | Burst | | HMG | 29-Aug, 19:55-22:20 | |

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 |
|---|----------------|-------|-----|-------------|---|------------|---------------------|
| | 5-7km SE | Heard | 87 | Burst | | Small arms | 29-Aug, 19:55-22:20 |
| | 5-7km SE | Heard | 52 | Shot | | Small arms | 29-Aug, 19:55-22:20 |
| | 5-7km S | Heard | 87 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 29-Aug, 19:55-22:20 |
| | 5-7km S | Heard | 41 | Burst | | HMG | 29-Aug, 19:55-22:20 |
| | 10-12km SSE | Heard | 2 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 30-Aug, 00:35 |
| | 10-12km SSE | Heard | 3 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 30-Aug, 00:52 |
| | 10-12km SSE | Heard | 2 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 30-Aug, 01:14 |
| S edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk) | 10-12km SSE | Heard | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 30-Aug, 01:23 |
| | 2-3km SW | Heard | 8 | Explosion | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 30-Aug, 08:33 |
| | 2-3km SW | Heard | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 30-Aug, 09:57 |

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).