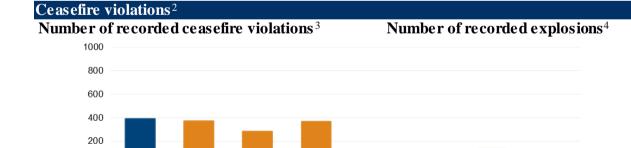
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 255 ceasefire violations, including 29 explosions. In the previous 24 hours it recorded 522 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 135 ceasefire violations, including 36 explosions. In the previous reporting 24 hours, it recorded 72 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM resumed patrolling at its Forward Patrol Base in Horlivka in the afternoon of 18 October.
- The Mission observed that the gathering in front of the hotel where Mission members reside in non-government-controlled Donetsk city continued. There was no patrol movement in and out of its premises on 18 October. The gathering continued on 19 October.*
- The SMM observed a poster with a message critical of its activities attached to the fence of its office premises in Luhansk city.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.* It recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation, repairs and construction of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at five entry-exit checkpoints and two corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including due to the presence of an anti-personnel mine near a checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Popasna, Luhansk region. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again experienced instances of probable jamming.*



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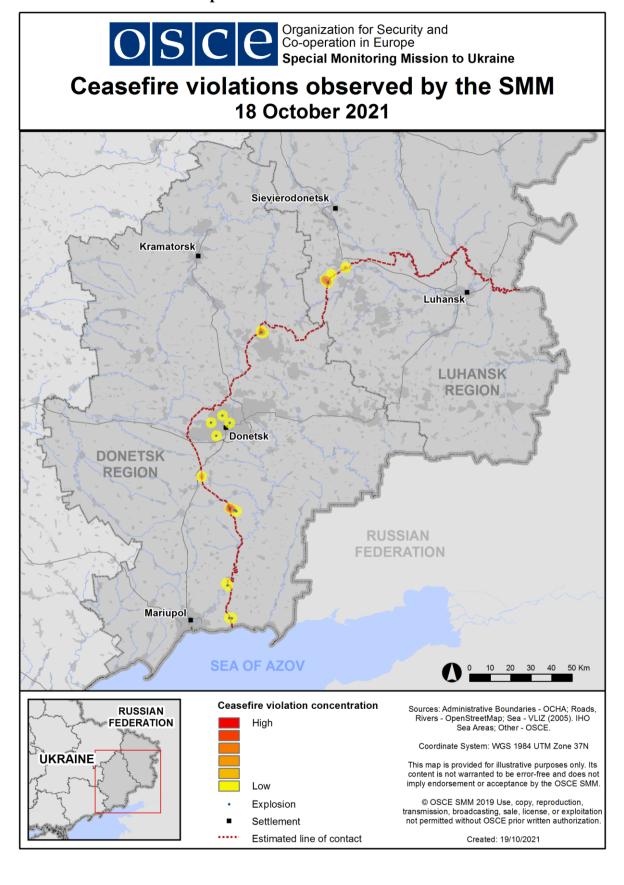
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 18 October 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

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



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 255 ceasefire violations, including 29 explosions (six airbursts and 23 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred inside and near the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below). In the previous 24 hours, the Mission recorded 522 ceasefire violations in the region, the majority of which also occurred inside and near the aforementioned disengagement area.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 135 ceasefire violations, including 36 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). In the previous 24 hours, the Mission recorded 72 ceasefire violations in the region.

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 66,125 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 18,277 explosions, 13,618 projectiles in flight, 302 muzzle flashes, 266 illumination flares and at least 33,662 bursts and shots).

SMM resumed patrolling from its Forward Patrol Base in Horlivka

Between 09:00 and 15:00, the SMM observed a gathering of about 50-60 people (mixed genders and ages) outside the hotel where its Forward Patrol Base (FPB) is located in Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk). By the early afternoon, the crowd had dispersed and the SMM saw that the previously observed padlock and chain had been removed from the vehicle gates. Between 15:40 and 16:03, the SMM left the FPB to conduct a local patrol. In front of the FPB, the Mission observed a previously installed tent, but saw no people or vehicles nearby. The Mission observed a calm situation. (See also SMM Spot Reports 20/2021 and 22/2021.)

The gathering continued in front of the hotel where Mission members reside in nongovernment-controlled Donetsk city

The SMM continued to observe a gathering in front of the hotel where Mission members reside in the central part of non-government-controlled Donetsk city. There was no patrol movement in and out of its premises in Donetsk city on 18 October.

Throughout the day, around the hotel, the SMM observed a gathering of between 20 and 60 people (mixed genders and ages). It also heard protesters playing extremely loud music over a speaker.⁵ It observed that some of them communicated with handheld radios and that they placed wooden pallets on the driveway of the hotel, which could hamper vehicle access to the hotel entrance.

The SMM saw that several protesters arriving during the morning of 18 October examining, exchanging, and signing papers with what appeared to contain lists of names. The SMM also observed media representatives who filmed statements and speeches made by participants.

In the morning of 18 October, three Mission members exited the hotel to perform vehicle checks in the parking lot of the hotel. Ten participants of the gathering (men in their twenties

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⁵ Measured by the SMM as reaching up to 110 decibels.

and thirties) in civilian clothes allowed the Mission members to approach the SMM vehicles only after about 2-3 minutes, and one of them (a man in his thirties), informed the Mission members that they would monitor the SMM's maintenance activities. Several of the participants used their mobile devices to record these activities of Mission members. After checking the vehicles, the Mission members returned to the hotel.

On several occasions during the reporting period, the SMM observed different vehicles blocking the gate leading to the parking lot at the rear of the hotel and the presence of members of the armed formations around the hotel, some of whom were visibly armed.

Due to the situation, the SMM was not able to conduct the regular COVID-19 tests for its staff because of dwindling stocks in addition to not conducting patrols (For previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Report of 18 October 2021.)

SMM observed poster attached to the fence of its office premises in Luhansk city

On 17 October, via CCTV cameras, the SMM saw two civilians (a woman and a man, in their thirties) attaching a hand-written cardboard poster to the fence of the Mission's office premises in Luhansk city with a message critical of the Mission's activities. The SMM removed the poster.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

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

During the night of 17-18 October, the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km West of Luhansk) recorded ten projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 3-5km east, assessed as outside of the **disengagement area near Zolote**, but within 5km of its periphery.

During the day on 18 October, while positioned 1.5km south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk), the Mission heard four bursts and shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 2-3km north, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 18 October, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the 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 area's southern edge and inside the area. It again saw that road barriers across road T-1316, on the area's southern edge and about 20m north of it, were closed. (For previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Report of 18 October 2021.)

On the evening of 17 October, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded six explosions (five airbursts and one undetermined), 146 projectiles in flight and a muzzle flash at an assessed range of 2-3km east-south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske.** On the same evening, the camera recorded 18 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east,

⁶ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

which it was unable to assessed as inside or outside the area and two undetermined explosions and seven projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 4-6km east-south-east, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

Due to the situation in front of the hotel where Mission members reside in Donetsk city (see above), the SMM was unable to send a patrol to monitor the disengagement area from Petrivske.*

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 of designated storage sites, aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed the presence of 22 tanks in a training area in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The Mission observed four infantry fighting vehicles in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of an anti-personnel fragmentation mine near Popasna

On 16 October, in response to a request by the SMM for the removal of a previously observed anti-personnel fragmentation mine (MON-90) (see <u>SMM Daily Report of 15 October 2021</u>), placed on the northern side of road T-0504 near Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), about 100m south-east of a checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF) and assessed as belonging to the UAF, the UAF Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC) had submitted an official notice according to which the mine had been removed.

On 18 October, the SMM saw that the mine was still present.

Due to the presence of this mine, which poses a direct threat to the safety and security of civilians as well as that of the SMM and restricts the Mission's freedom of movement, the SMM was unable to conduct a visual assessment of the route between Popasna and Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk).*

SMM facilitation - the operation, repairs and construction of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) (DFS) and monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable repairs to the roofs of its buildings. Due to the gathering in front of the hotel where Mission members reside in Donetsk city (see above), the SMM was unable to send a patrol to the area of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk).*

The Mission also monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable the construction of a road connecting Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk) with road T-0519.

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission saw that the entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) and Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) were open, and observed civilian traffic passing through in both directions at the latter EECP. Due to the gathering in front of the hotel where Mission members reside in Donetsk city (see above), the SMM was unable to send a patrol to monitor the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk).*

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel in both directions. About 150m north of the EECP, the Mission observed that the installation of radioactive material detectors was ongoing. (For previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Report of 7 October). The SMM also saw that three workers (men, in their forties and fifties) were installing two additional radioactive material detectors on the western side of the road. The SMM also observed three men (in their forties), including two wearing military-style clothing, conducting construction works on a 3-4m high concrete structure adjacent to the aforementioned additional detectors near the EECP and about 50m north of the northern edge of the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska.

The Mission 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 11 October, in a compound in Samiilove (non-government-controlled, 89km south of Donetsk), about 3km from the international border with the Russian Federation, aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed the presence of four military-type trucks. (For previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Report of 7 October 2021.)

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 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 15 October 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:

- Due to the presence of an anti-personnel fragmentation mine (MON-90) near a checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the SMM was unable to conduct a visual assessment of the route between Popasna and Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk). (See above.)

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

- As a result of an ongoing situation in Donetsk city, the SMM was unable to deploy any patrols from that location to conduct its mandated tasks. (See above).
- Due to the gathering in front of the hotel where Mission members reside in Donetsk city (see above), the SMM was unable to send a patrol to the area of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk).
- On 16 October, an SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk), Uzhivka (formerly Leninske, non-government-controlled, 96km south of Donetsk), Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), Bezimenne (non-government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk).
- On 18 October, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during five flights: on two occasions over areas near Hrechyshkyne (government-controlled, 45km north-west of Luhansk) and on one occasion each over areas near Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), near Staryi Aidar (government-controlled, 20km north-west of Luhansk) and near Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk).

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.

Tables of weapons

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapon Location		Location	Source of observation				
Non-government-controlled areas								
15/10/2021	22	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 48 armoured combat vehicles. ⁸	Λarial				

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Туре	Location	Source of observation				
Government-controlled areas								
18/10/2021	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variants)	Near Myrne (63km south of Donetsk)	Patrol				

 $^{^8}$ The armoured combat vehicles in this table are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

⁹ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

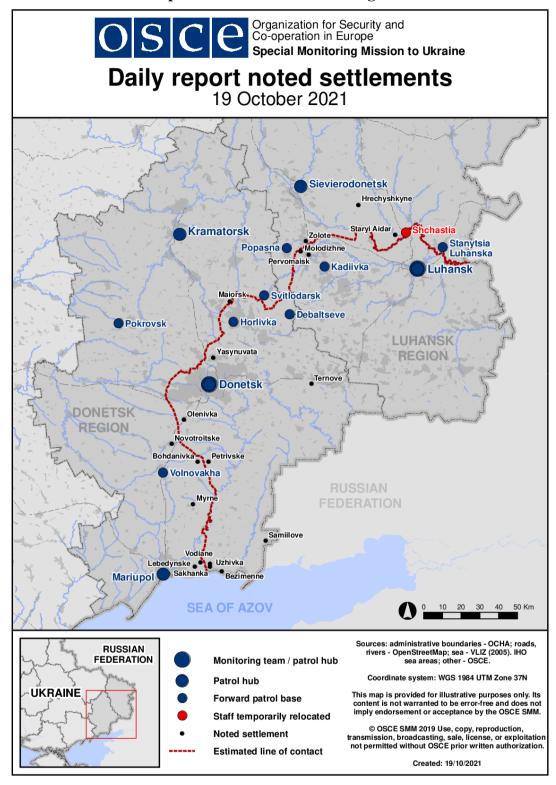
Table of ceasefire violations as of 18 October 2021¹⁰

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-	2-4km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	18-Oct, 05:13
controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	18-Oct, 05:14
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	10	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:27
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	36	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:28
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:28
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event, assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	17-Oct, 20:28
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:29
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Airburst (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	17-Oct, 20:29
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	12	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:29
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:30
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka	4-6km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:31
(government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	17-Oct, 20:31
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	10	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:31
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	44	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:32
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	Unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:32
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:38
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:39
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	17-Oct, 20:40
	5-7km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	17-Oct, 20:41
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	23	Projectile	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:41

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
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	Unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:48
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	Unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:50
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	12	Projectile	Unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Oct, 20:51
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	17-Oct, 19:38
	1-3km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Oct, 20:26
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Burst		N/K	17-Oct, 20:36
	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	17-Oct, 20:41
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	17-Oct, 20:48
	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile		N/K	17-Oct, 21:30
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	18-Oct, 18:16
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	Subsequent to previous event	N/K	18-Oct, 18:16
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	18-Oct, 18:16
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zonetsk)	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	18-Oct, 18:22
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Oct, 18:22
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	18-Oct, 18:22
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile		N/K	18-Oct, 18:22
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Oct, 18:23
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	7	Projectile		N/K	18-Oct, 18:25
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	4	Projectile		N/K	18-Oct, 18:25
	1-3km E	Recorded	4	Projectile		N/K	18-Oct, 18:28
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile		N/K	18-Oct, 18:29
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Oct, 19:46
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Oonetsk city centre (non-government-	N/K W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Oct, 06:58- 07:01
onitroned)	8-10km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Oct, 07:03
	8-10km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Oct, 07:03
Pavlopil (government-controlled, 84km S of	3km NNE	Heard	3	Burst	Chacterininea	Small arms	18-Oct, 10:38
Pavioph (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-3km NE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Oct, 10:58
About 2.5km SE of Lebedynske (government- controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Oct, 12:58
Solitoned, 77km 3 of Bolicisk)	3-5km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Oct, 22:30
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled,	3-5km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Oct, 22:32
60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	17-Oct, 23:21
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Oct, 00:58
	5-7km SE	Heard	36	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Oct, 22:00- 23:15
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 59km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SE	Heard	29	Burst		HMG	17-Oct, 22:00- 23:15
	3-5km SE	Heard	56	Shot and burst		Small arms	17-Oct, 22:00- 23:15
1.5km SW of Molodizhne (non-government-	2-3km N	Heard	3	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	18-Oct, 10:38
controlled, 63km NW of Luhansk)	2-3km N	Heard	1	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	18-Oct, 10:38

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions 11



¹¹ 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 ment ioned 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 daylighthours and also patrols in this settlement during daylighthours).