

# Daily Report 260/2021

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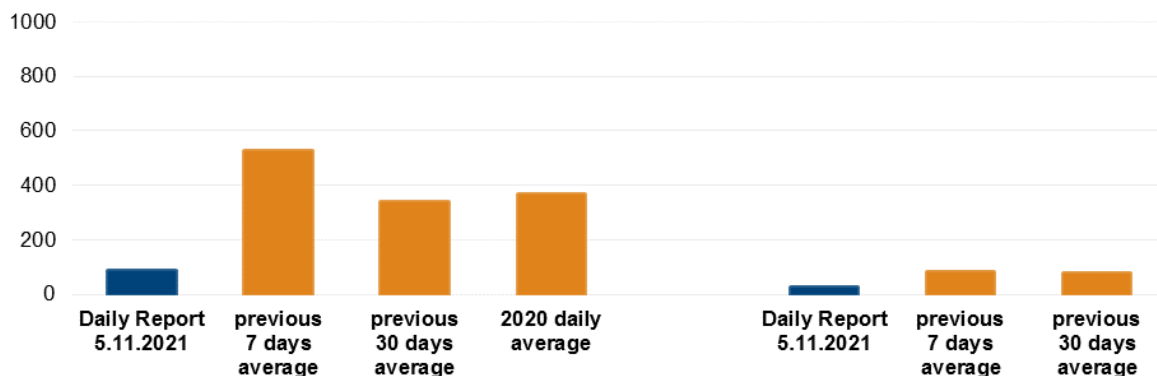
## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 78 ceasefire violations, including 22 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 204 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded eight ceasefire violations, including five explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 46 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation, assessment and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at five entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission monitored border areas outside government control in Luhansk region.
- The SMM observed a gathering in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in Staromykhailivka, Donetsk region.

## 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, 4 November 2021. All times are in Eastern European Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

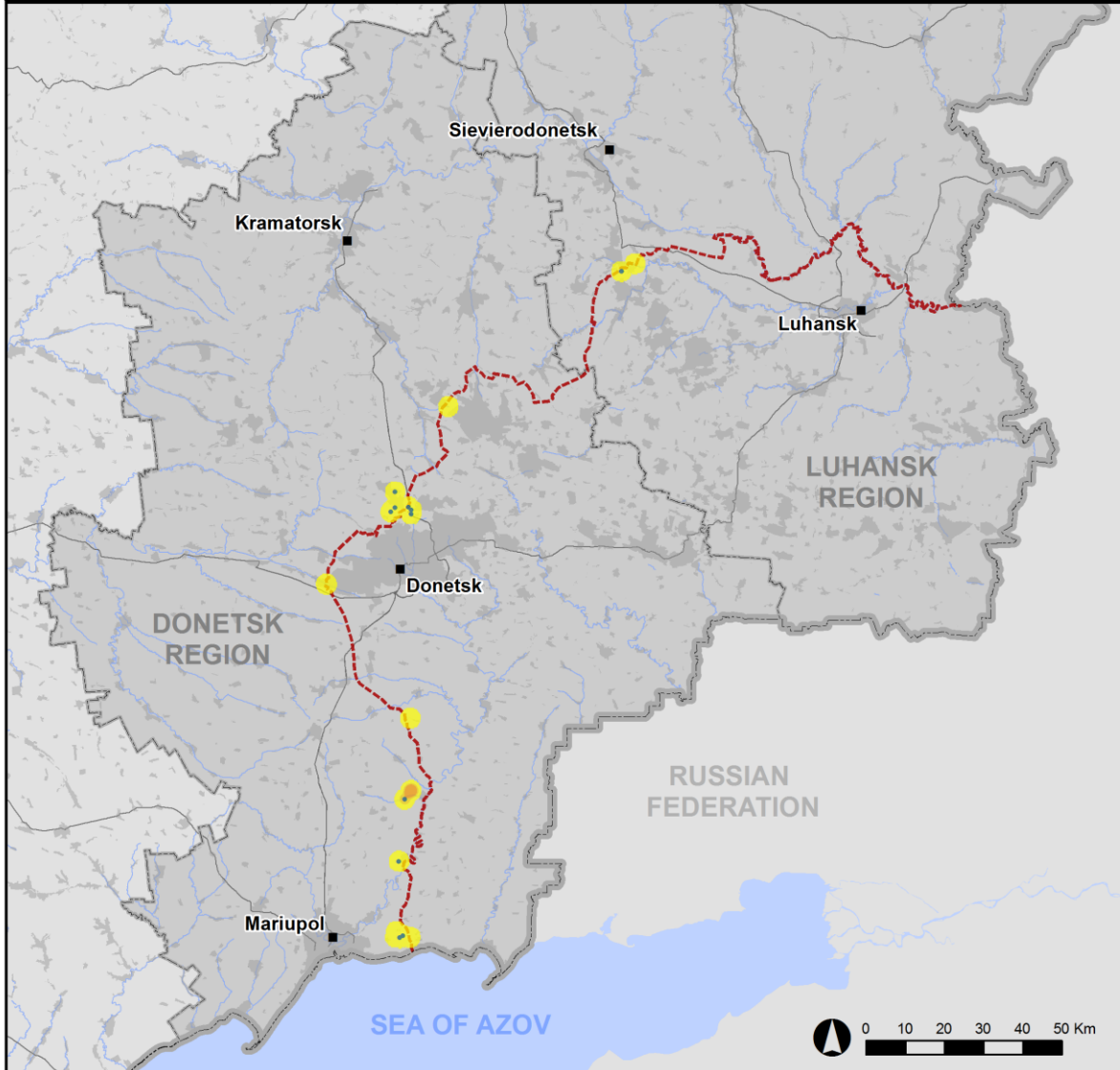
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

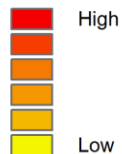


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 4 November 2021



#### 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 78 ceasefire violations, including 22 explosions (one outgoing and 21 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area south-south-west of Novohryhorivka (government-controlled, 55km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 204 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded eight ceasefire violations, including five undetermined explosions. Five of these ceasefire violations occurred inside the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) and three in an area south-east of the disengagement area (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 46 ceasefire violations in the region, the majority of which also occurred close to the disengagement area near Zolote.

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 72,615 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 19,484 explosions, 16,141 projectiles in flight, 355 muzzle flashes, 306 illumination flares and at least 36,329 bursts and shots).

#### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>5</sup>**

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).\*

On 3 November, outside the disengagement area, at a previously reported position of the armed formations about 130m south-south-east of the area’s south-eastern edge, just north of the Prince Ihor Monument, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a crane moving concrete blocks, assessed as probable construction or refurbishment works of a bunker. Nearby, the UAV also spotted two piles of timber and two civilian cars.

On the evening of 3 November, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded five undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 2-4 km south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**.

On 4 November, while positioned near Zolote 5 (Mykhailivka) (non-government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard three bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 3-4km north-north-east, assessed as outside the disengagement area, but within 5km of its periphery.

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw two 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 disengagement area. It saw that the [previously reported](#) road barriers across road T-1316, on the area’s southern edge, continued to be closed.

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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.

On the night of 3-4 November, the SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) recorded three projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 0.5-1km west-north-west, assessed as inside **the disengagement area near Petrivske**.

During the day on 4 November, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

### **Withdrawal of weapons**

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the SMM observed 83 tanks and 31 howitzers/mortars/field guns in three training areas in non-government controlled areas of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The Mission observed seven armoured combat vehicles, including in a residential area, in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, and three armoured combat vehicles, including in a residential area, in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region. It also observed one anti-aircraft gun in a non-government controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

### **SMM facilitation of the operation, assessment and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure**

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at four locations near the DFS, the SMM heard five explosions (one outgoing and four undetermined) and two bursts of small-arms fire, assessed as inside a 5km radius of the DFS.

It also monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable assessment and maintenance of two phenol sludge reservoirs near Nelipivka (government-controlled, 40km north of Donetsk).

### **Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints**

In Donetsk region, the SMM 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.

It also observed that the EECP near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) was open and saw ongoing reconstruction works in its vicinity.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open. It did not see people queueing to travel in either direction.

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**

The SMM also monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation close to Ohulchansk (25km east of Luhansk), Kruzhylivka (34km east of Luhansk) and Makariv Yar (formerly Parkhomenko, 28km east of Luhansk), and observed no change in the security situation.

### **The SMM monitored a gathering in Kyiv**

In Kyiv, in front of the Office of the President at 11 Bankova Street, the Mission observed a gathering of about 100 men (mixed ages), holding flags of *Right Sector*, *Congress of Ukrainian Nationalists*, as well as Ukrainian flags demanding an investigation by the Ukrainian authorities. After about 90 minutes, the SMM observed participants walking to the building of the Ministry of Internal Affairs at 10 Akademika Bohomoltsia Street. The Mission observed the presence of about 150 law enforcement representatives and noted a calm situation.

The Mission 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 Co-ordination (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 3 November](#)). 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 in Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage west towards the settlement, citing “kinetic activity in the area” and the “SMM's safety”.

#### *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.

## Table of weapons

### Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites<sup>6</sup>

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
31/10/2021	25	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 74 armoured combat vehicles	Aerial imagery
	31	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Kruhlyk (31km south-west of Luhansk)	
	27	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk),	
	31	Howitzer/mortar/field gun (nine self-propelled and 22 towed)	where imagery also revealed the presence of 84 armoured combat vehicles	

### Other weapons<sup>7</sup>

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
31/10/2021	12	Towed artillery	In a training area near Buhaivka	Aerial imagery

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
3/11/2021	6	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Myronivskiyi (62km north-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
4/11/2021	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a residential area of Mariupol (102km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near a residential area of Heivka (27km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	2	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	In a residential area of Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	SMM camera in Stanytsia Luhanska
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
4/11/2021	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In a residential area of Dokuchaievsk (30km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol

<sup>6</sup> The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons

<sup>7</sup> The SMM was unable to assess whether these weapons were in violation of withdrawal lines in the absence of information on their calibre.

<sup>8</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 4 November 2021<sup>9</sup>**

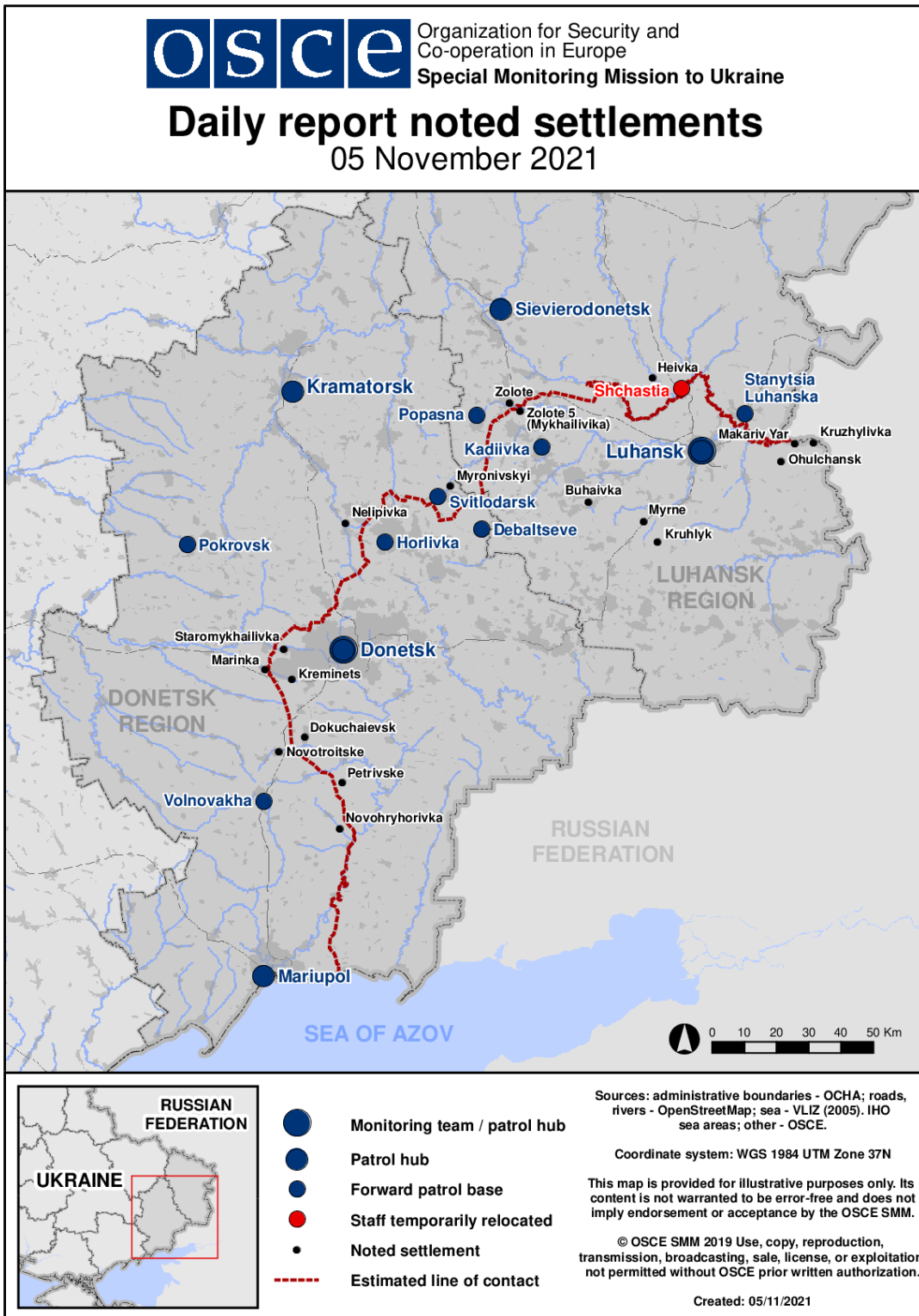
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Nov, 19:32
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Nov, 19:33
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	0.5-1km WNW	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Nov, 01:15
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	3-Nov, 19:21
	4-6km NNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	3-Nov, 22:08
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Nov, 03:00
About 7.5km WNW of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	1.5km NNW	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	4-Nov, 08:58
About 1.5km NNW of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Nov, 10:46
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	2-2.5km NE	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	4-Nov, 11:35-11:40
	2-3km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Nov, 11:35-11:40
About 2km SSW of Novohryhorivka (government-controlled, 55km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SSW	Heard	13	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Nov, 12:15-12:28
	1-2km S	Heard	21	Burst		HMG	4-Nov, 12:15-12:28
	1-2km S	Heard	14	Shot		Small arms	4-Nov, 12:15-12:28
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	4-Nov, 09:30
	2-3km SW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	4-Nov, 09:30
About 700m WSW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Nov, 10:40
	2-3km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Nov, 11:08
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Nov, 12:10
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Nov, 10:40
	1-2km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing	Mortar (type N/K)	4-Nov, 11:10
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Nov, 18:57
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Nov, 18:58

<sup>9</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.



SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Nov, 18:59
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Nov, 19:00
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Nov, 19:02
Zolote 5 (Mykhailivka) (non-government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk)	3-4km NNE	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	4-Nov, 12:00-12:05

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</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).