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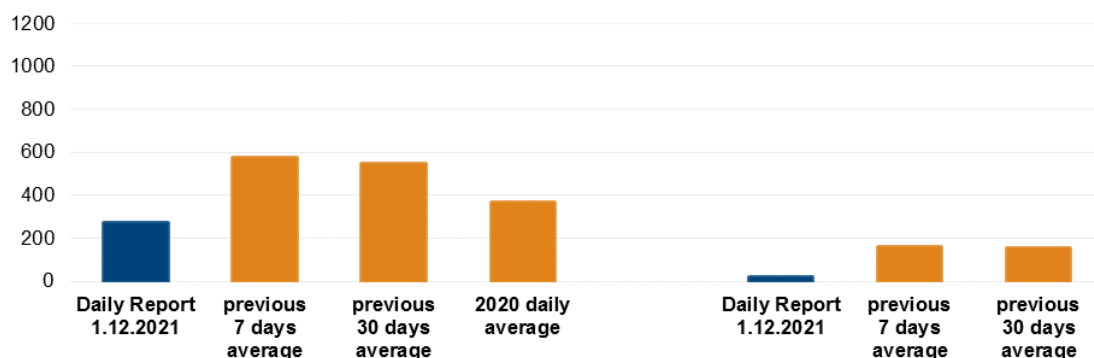
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 265 ceasefire violations, including 22 explosions, 146 of which were assessed as live-fire training exercises in the security zone. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 139 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded six ceasefire violations. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 163 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM visited two border crossing points outside government control in Donetsk region.
- The Mission monitored the security situation in east and south-east Kherson region.
- The SMM monitored a gathering in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Zaichenko, Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



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

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras near Oktiabr mine and near Petrivske were not operational and 11 other SMM cameras were not operational due to a technical issue during part of the reporting period.

³ Including explosions.

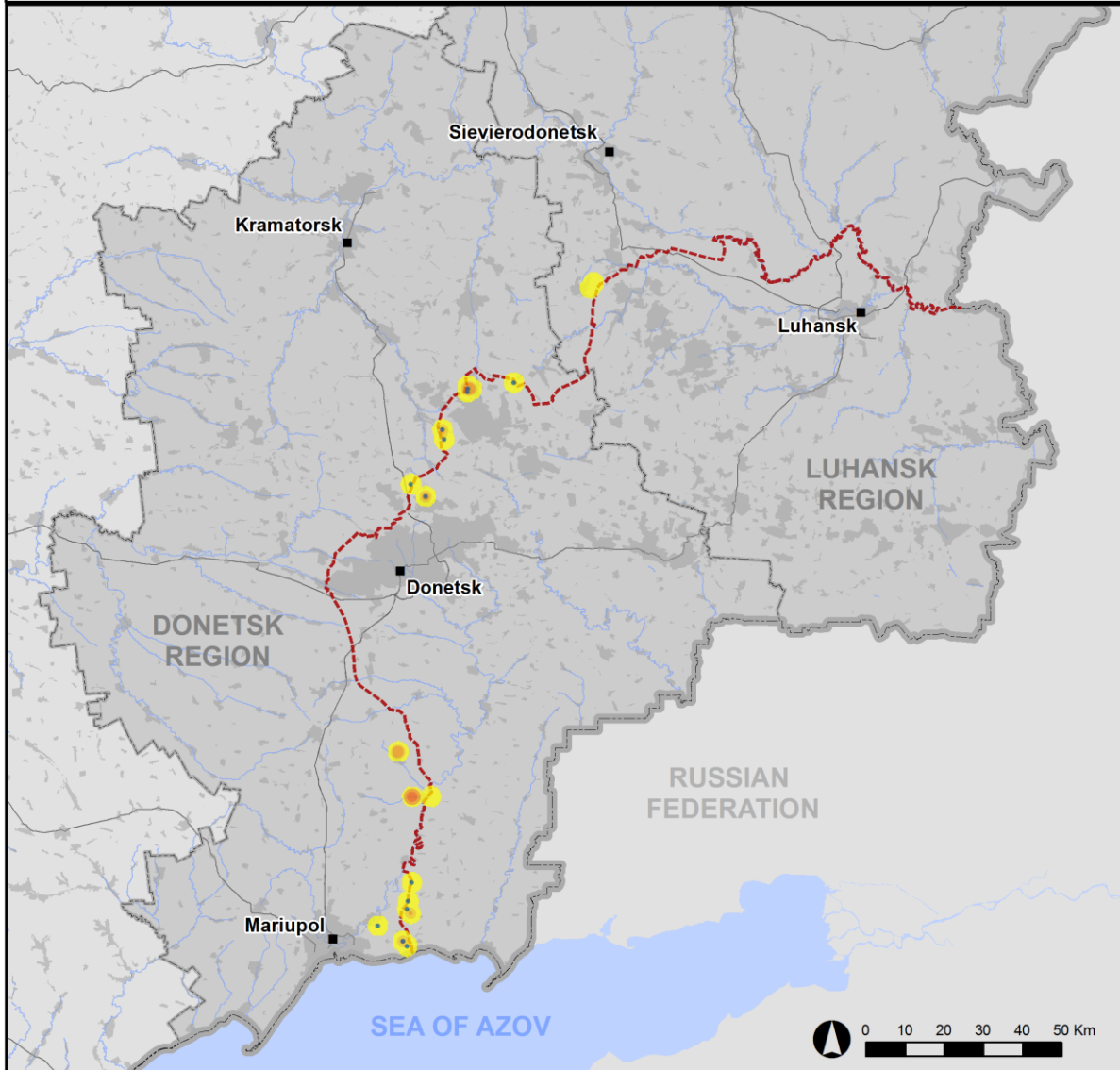
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 30 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 265 ceasefire violations, including 22 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area west of Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km south of Donetsk), in areas east of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) and in an area north of Starohnativka (government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk). The ceasefire violations heard near Hranitne and Starohnativka were assessed as live-fire training exercises, in violation of the decision of the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG) of 3 March 2016 that prohibits the conduct of live-fire training in the security zone. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 139 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded six projectiles. All ceasefire violations were recorded in areas west-south-west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). (See below.) In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 163 ceasefire violations in the region.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the TCG 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 87,374 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 24,024 explosions, 20,872 projectiles in flight, 395 muzzle flashes, 370 illumination flares and at least 41,713 bursts and shots).

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).

On the night of 29-30 November, the SMM camera in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), recorded six projectiles in flight assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

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). The Mission 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.

During the day, while positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed a calm situation.

Withdrawal of weapons

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

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

In violation of withdrawal lines, the Mission saw a surface-to-air missile system in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region, at a compound in a residential area of Katerynivka (formerly Yuvileine, 8km west of Luhansk).

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

On 29 November, at a different compound in a residential area of Katerynivka, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted about 100 people, assessed as members of the armed formations, and about 90 boxes, assessed as probable ammunition crates nearby.

The SMM also observed an armoured combat vehicle in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region, as well as three armoured combat vehicles and a trench digger in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, all in residential areas. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of mine hazard sign near Novotroitske, Donetsk region

About 3km north-north-east of Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM observed a recent mine hazard sign (a yellow and red rectangle with a skull and crossbones, and images of mines and unexploded ordnances, not previously reported), about 40m east of road H-20, on the south-eastern edge of a local road.

SMM facilitation of the operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) (DFS). While positioned at two locations near the DFS, the SMM heard two undetermined explosions and 17 bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The Mission also monitored the security situation close to the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission observed that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open, with people queuing 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 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 control⁶

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk), for about 65 minutes, the Mission saw 20 cars (including 12 with “DPR” plates), 13 covered cargo trucks (including six with “DPR” plates), three buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 29 people (12 women and 17 men, mixed ages) entering Ukraine and two cars (including one with “DPR” plates), three covered cargo trucks (including one with “DPR” plates), a bus (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 22 people (seven women and 14 men, mixed ages, and one child) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk), for about 15 minutes, the SMM saw no civilian traffic.

Security situation in east and south-east Kherson region

From 26 to 29 November, the SMM monitored areas in east and south-east Kherson region at checkpoints near Kalanchak (67km south-east of Kherson), Chonhar (163km south-east of Kherson) and at a State Border Guard Service of Ukraine post in Valok (193km south-east of Kherson). The Mission also visited areas along the coast of the Sea of Azov near Henichesk (176km east of Kherson), Novooleksiivka (162km east of Kherson), Novotroitske (135km east of Kherson) and near Askaniia-Nova (98km east of Kherson). It also visited areas along the North Crimean Canal. While monitoring these areas, the Mission observed no change in the security situation.

The SMM monitored a gathering in Kyiv

On 29 November, in front of the Ministry of Interior of Ukraine at 10 Akademika Bohomoltsia Street in Kyiv, the SMM monitored a gathering of about 400 people (mixed genders, mostly in their twenties and thirties), some of whom were holding banners displaying messages condemning recent violence in the district of Podil and calling for the prosecution of the far-right groups reported to have been involved. It also observed the presence of about 250 law enforcement officers nearby and a calm situation.

The SMM continued monitoring in Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi and Lviv.

***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

⁶ According to decisions in 2014 by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, operations are officially designated as suspended at these and other border crossing points located outside government control.

to Ukraine's border outside control of the government (for example, see [SMM Daily Report of 30 November 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), a visibly armed member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage towards Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) and Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing "kinetic activity" in the area. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.

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 four flights: once each while flying over areas near Troitske (government-controlled, 30km north of Donetsk), Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk) and Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk). During a fourth flight near the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as probable jamming after which the SMM lost spatial control over it. The UAV was retrieved with minor damage to its propellers.

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.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
29/11/2021	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	In a residential area of Katerynivka (formerly Yuvileine, 8km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁸

Date	No.	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
30/11/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	Near Novotroiske (36km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
29/11/2021	1	Trench digger (TMK-2)	In a residential area of Katerynivka	Mini-UAV
30/11/2021	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP type)	In a residential area of Donetskyi (49km west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB type)		

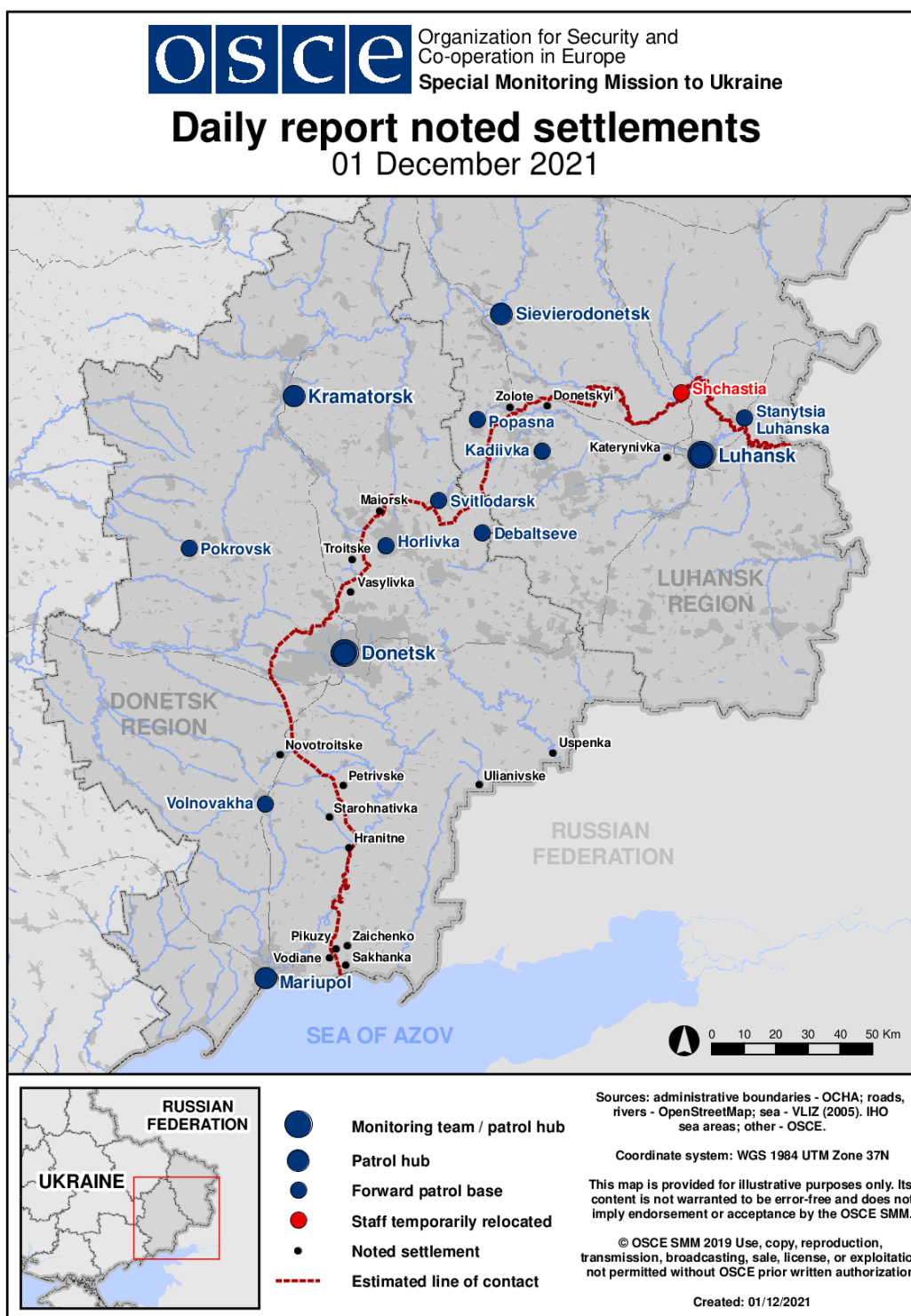
⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 30 November 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 20:58
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 22:23
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 22:31
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	29-Nov, 20:32
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 20:15
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	29-Nov, 21:20
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	29-Nov, 23:36
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	30-Nov, 00:00
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Nov, 00:00
	2-4km E	Recorded	10	Projectile	W to E	N/K	30-Nov, 00:43
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	30-Nov, 00:44
	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	30-Nov, 01:22
	1-3km E	Recorded	15	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	30-Nov, 06:08
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 20:56
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 21:04
	3-5km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 21:05
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 23:16
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Nov, 23:32
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	29-Nov, 23:07
	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 23:14
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	5-8km WSW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 21:30-21:34
	5-8km WSW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	29-Nov, 21:30-21:34
	5-8km W	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Nov, 22:12-22:16
	5-8km W	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	29-Nov, 22:12-22:16
	5-8km W	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	29-Nov, 22:12-22:16
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	1-2km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Nov, 12:46
Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	30-Nov, 12:32-12:35
	2-3km S	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	30-Nov, 12:32-12:35
	2-3km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Nov, 12:44
About 2.5km NNW of Starohnativka (government-controlled, 51km S of Donetsk)	1km E	Heard	30	Shot		Small arms	30-Nov, 13:15-13:25
About 1km N of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	14	Shot		Small arms	30-Nov, 11:50-12:05
Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	2-4km W	Heard	116	Shot		Small arms	30-Nov, 11:25-11:45
About 1.5km SE of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	1km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Nov, 11:27
	1km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Nov, 11:41
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	30-Nov, 03:31
	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	30-Nov, 04:28

⁹ 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.

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹⁰



¹⁰ 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).