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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 145 ceasefire violations, including 40 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 442 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 51 ceasefire violations, including 21 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 178 ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near government-controlled Talakivka, Donetsk region.
- The Mission corroborated reports of a civilian casualty in non-government-controlled Dovhe, Luhansk region.
- Members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas near Zolote and Molodizhne and delayed its passage near Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region.*
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored the operation and repairs of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The SMM visited four border crossing points and a railway station outside government control in Donetsk and Luhansk regions and monitored areas near the border outside government control in Donetsk region.
- The Mission monitored the security situation in east and south-east Kherson region.
- The SMM observed two gatherings in Lviv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region and near border crossing points outside government-control in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Its unmanned aerial vehicles encountered multiple instances of GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.*

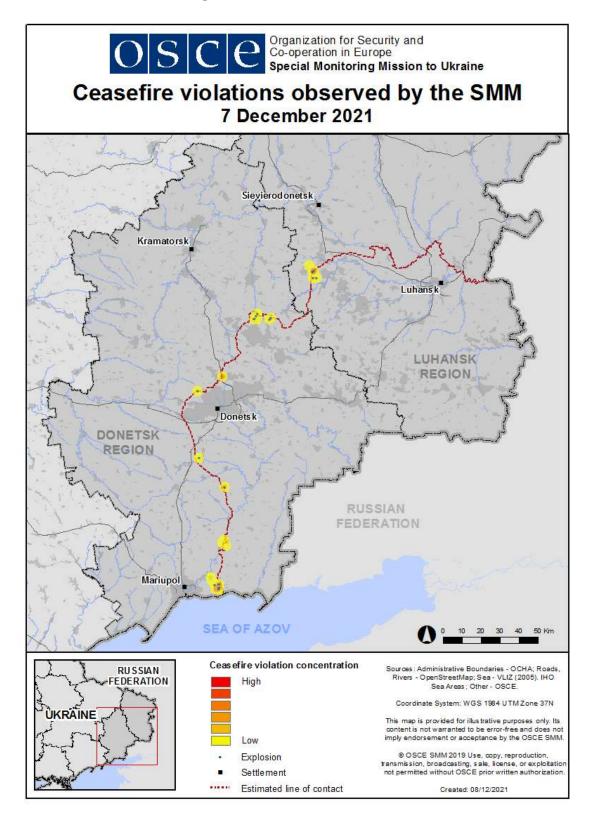
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 7 December 2021. All times are in Eastern European Time.



² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera near Petrivske was not operational and weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of other SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.



Map of recorded ceasefire violations

In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 145 ceasefire violations, including 40 explosions (two impacts, one airburst, and 37 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), west of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) and south-south-east of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). (See below.) In the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded 442 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred in areas close to the disengagement area near Petrivske.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 51 ceasefire violations, including 21 undetermined explosions. All ceasefire violations occurred in areas south, south-west and west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). (See below.) In the <u>previous reporting period</u>, the Mission recorded 178 ceasefire violations in the region, all 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 89,992 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 24,713 explosions, 21,337 projectiles in flight, 403 muzzle flashes, 392 illumination flares and at least 43,147 bursts and shots).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at an SMM mini-UAV near government-controlled Talakivka, Donetsk region

On 7 December, while positioned on the north-eastern edge of Talakivka (governmentcontrolled, 90km south of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight, the Mission heard eight shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 2km east-south-east, assessed as targeting the UAV. The SMM landed the UAV and left the area.

Civilian casualty corroborated in non-government-controlled Dovhe, Luhansk region

The Mission followed up on reports of a woman (in her forties) injured as a result of shelling in the southern part of Dovhe (non-government-controlled, 22km north-west of Luhansk).

On 6 December, a woman (in her forties) told the SMM over the phone that on the morning of 19 November she had been in her garden on Myru Street in Dovhe when she heard a whistling sound followed by an explosion, and realised she had sustained an injury to her right leg. She said that her neighbor (man, age unknown) called an ambulance which took her first to a hospital in Slovianoserbsk (non-government-controlled, 28km north-west of Luhansk) and after that to another hospital in non-government-controlled Luhansk city.

On 20 and 22 November, a man (in his fifties), who introduced himself as the husband of the aforementioned woman, told the SMM that on 19 November while he had been inside their house, he had heard an explosion after which he ran outside and saw that his wife had been wounded in her right leg.

On 22 November, medical staff at a hospital in Luhansk city told the Mission that on 19 November a woman (in her forties) had been admitted with injuries to the lower part of her right leg, consistent with those caused by an explosion.

(For observations of damage to the above mentioned civilian property, please see <u>SMM Daily</u> <u>Report of 22 November 2021</u>.)

Armed formations denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas near Zolote and Molodizhne and delayed its passage near Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region

On 7 December, the armed formations in Luhansk region twice denied the SMM passage to government-controlled areas and once delayed its passage.

The first denial occurred at 09:00, at the checkpoint of the armed formations near the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote. The second denial occurred at 11:05, at a checkpoint of the armed formations on road T-0504 about 1.5km south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk). On the first occasion, members of the armed formations cited a "lack of security guarantees".

At 09:42, the passage of another SMM patrol travelling through the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge was delayed for about 33 minutes after members of the armed formations cited a "lack of prior notification". (See <u>SMM Spot Report</u> <u>36/2021</u>.)

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (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.

During the day, SMM patrols heard 13 undetermined explosions and 21 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire 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 four 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.

An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over the disengagement area.*

During the day, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the Mission heard two undetermined explosions and 14 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** 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.

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁶

At two heavy weapons holding areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region 7 December

The SMM noted that 14 multiple launch rocket systems (eight BM-27 *Uragan*, 220mm and six BM-30 *Smerch*, 300mm) were present. The Mission last visited the same sites on 20 August 2021.

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.

In government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, the SMM saw 12 self-propelled howitzers, two anti-tank guided missile systems and a tank situated beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites. With the exception of the tank, all the aforementioned equipment was seen at a railway station in Zachativka (government-controlled, 74km south-west of Donetsk). (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The Mission observed seven armoured personnel carriers and one anti-aircraft gun in residential areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions (For further information, see the table below.)

SMM facilitation of operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) (DFS). While positioned on the western edge of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the Mission heard 20 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The SMM also monitored adherence to windows of silence to facilitate repair works to power lines in Semyhiria (government-controlled, 58km north-east of Donetsk), Dolomitne (53km north-east of Donetsk), Naberezhne (non-government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk) and Sosnivske (non-government-controlled, 78km south of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

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 queueing to travel in both directions.

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

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.

south of the disengagement area near Zolote and 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia were closed.

Areas near the border outside government control⁷

On 6 December, while at a border crossing point near Novoazovsk (102km south-east of Donetsk), for about five minutes, the Mission saw one car (with "DPR" plates) and one tanker entering Ukraine. During the same time, the SMM saw three cars (including one with "DPR" plates), and one bus (with "DPR" plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) exiting Ukraine.

On 7 December, at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Novoazovsk, a visibly armed member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage towards the border crossing point.*

On the same day, while at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 55 minutes, the SMM observed 12 cars (including nine with "DPR" plates), three covered cargo trucks, four buses (all with "DPR" plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) and 57 people (30 women and 27 men of mixed ages) entering Ukraine. At the same time, it saw seven cars (six with "DPR" plates and one with "LPR" plates), one bus (with "DPR" plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and one man, mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

Also on the same day, while at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk), for about 30 minutes, the Mission saw no civilian traffic.

On the same day, while at a border crossing point near Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, 65km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM did not observe any people or vehicles entering or exiting Ukraine. Upon its arrival at the location, a member of the armed formations told the Mission to leave the area.*

Also on the same day, while at the Chervona Mohyla railway station in Voznesenivka, for about 15 minutes, the SMM observed 25 empty cargo railway cars.

The Mission also monitored areas close to the border with the Russian Federation near Kuznetsy (89km south-east of Donetsk) and Samiilove (89km south of Donetsk).

Security situation in east and south-east Kherson region

From 3 to 6 December, 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) and along the North Crimean Canal. While monitoring these areas, the SMM observed no change in the security situation.

⁷ 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.

The Mission observed two gatherings in Lviv

On 6 December, at the square near the National Ground Forces Academy at 32 Heroiv Maidanu Street and at the Lychakiv cemetery at 33 Mechnykova Street in Lviv, the SMM observed two gatherings of about 500 people (mixed genders and ages) in total, as well as 300 soldiers and officers, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The Mission observed 35 law enforcement officers in total near the locations and a calm situation.

The SMM continued monitoring in Odessa, 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 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 below). 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.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint near Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage south towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing "orders from his superiors".
- At a checkpoint near Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south into the settlement and east towards the border crossing point near Novoazovsk citing "orders from superiors". (See above.) While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through in both directions.
- At a border crossing point near Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, nongovernment-controlled, 65km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area, citing "orders from her superiors". (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.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, one member of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage north towards government-controlled areas only after 18 minutes of waiting, citing a "lack of prior notification".

Other impediments:8

- An SMM mini-UAV was assessed as targeted by small-arms fire while flying over areas near Talakivka (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk). (See above.)
- An SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, on one occasion while flying over areas near Pyshchevyk (government-controlled, 84km south of Donetsk).
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during eleven flights: on three occasions while flying over areas near government-controlled Tarasivka (43km north-west of Donetsk), on two occasions each while flying over areas near non-government-controlled Lohvynove (59km north-east of Donetsk), Novohryhorivka (61km north-east of Donetsk) and Debaltseve (58km north-east of Donetsk), and once each while flying over areas near Talakivka (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and over the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see above).

⁸ 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' position.

Table of weapons

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites9

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation			
	Government-controlled areas						
	12	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 Gvozdika, 122mm)	At a railway station in Zachativka (74km south-west of				
7/12/2021	2	Anti-tank guided missile system (9P149 Shturm-S, 130mm)	Donetsk)	Patrol			
	1	Tank (type undetermined)	Near Zatyshne (64km south-west of Donetsk)				

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone¹⁰

Date	No.	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation		
	Government-controlled areas					
7/12/2021	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In a residential area of Starohnativka (51km south of Donetsk)	Detual		
7/12/2021	7	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In a residential area of Raihorodka (34km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol		

⁹ In the <u>SMM Daily Report of 30 November 2021</u> the table on "Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites" should not have contained 28 tanks at a compound near Bile (non-government-controlled, 22km west of Luhansk).

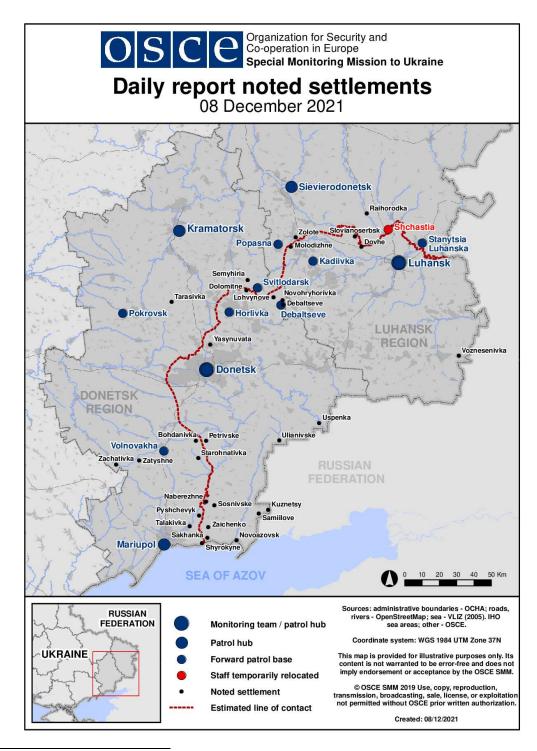
¹⁰ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 7 December 2021¹¹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1km SW of	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 21:42
Shyrokyne (government-controlled,	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	6-Dec, 21:42
100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	6-Dec, 21:42
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 22:48
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 23:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 23:11
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	6-Dec, 23:11
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	6-Dec, 23:17
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	6-Dec, 23:17
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 23:17
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 23:21
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 23:27
	5-7km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 23:30
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Dec, 23:45
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	7-Dec, 01:11
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	7-Dec, 01:11
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	7-Dec, 01:11
	2-4km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	7-Dec, 01:46
	2-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Dec, 16:40
	2-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	7-Dec, 16:42
	2-5km NNW	Recorded	20	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	7-Dec, 16:45
	2-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 18:06
SMM camera in Berezove	5-7km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	7-Dec, 17:18
(government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	5-7km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	7-Dec, 17:18
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk	5-7km WSW	Recorded	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 16:41
(government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km WSW	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 17:09
About 1km E of Holmivskyi (non-	3-5km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 10:26
government-controlled, 49km NE	4-5km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 11:00
of Donetsk)	4-5km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 11:05
	4-5km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 11:11
	3km W	Heard	3	Burst	[HMG	7-Dec, 11:18
	3-5km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 11:44
	3-4km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 13:14
About 2km WNW of Pisky (government-controlled, 12km NW of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 10:43
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km W	Heard	20	Burst		HMG	7-Dec, 12:35-12:50
About 2km N of Petrivske (non- government-controlled, 41km S of	4-5km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Dec, 11:37
Donetsk)	4-5km S	Heard	14	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	7-Dec, 13:30-13:4
About 1.5km NNW of Chermalyk	4km NE	Heard	6	Shot		HMG	7-Dec, 11:25
government-controlled, 77km Š of	4km E	Heard	4	Shot	1	HMG	7-Dec, 12:58
Donetsk)	2-3km NE	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	7-Dec, 13:15
NE edge of Talakivka (government- controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2km SSE	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	7-Dec, 12:03

¹¹ 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.

	3-4km SSE	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	7-Dec, 12:24-12:25
About 500m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	7-Dec, 11:05-11:15
4km N Pervomaisk (non- government-controlled, 58 km W of Luhansk)	6-8km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	7-Dec, 09:30
4km ENE Popasna (government- controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-3km NNW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	7-Dec, 11:13
	2-3km NNW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	7-Dec, 11:23
1km SE Molodizhne (non-	4-6km SW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 11:44-11:47
government-controlled, 63km NW	4-6km SW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	7-Dec, 11:44-11:47
of Luhansk)	2-4km W	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	7-Dec, 12:00-12:02
	2-4km W	Heard	12	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	7-Dec, 12:00-12:02
	2-4km W	Heard	7	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	7-Dec, 12:00-12:02
	2-4km W	Heard	2	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	7-Dec, 12:00-12:02
	3-5km SSW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Dec, 12:18
	3-5km SSW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	7-Dec, 12:18



Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹²

¹² 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).