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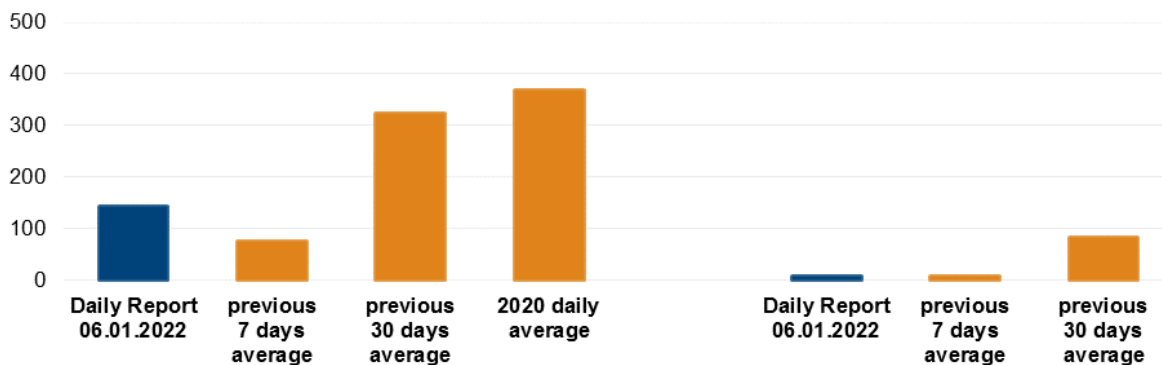
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 85 ceasefire violations, including five explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 54 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 58 ceasefire violations, including four explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded three ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near non-government-controlled Staromykhailivka, Donetsk region. Its unmanned aerial vehicle encountered an instance of GPS signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 5 January 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

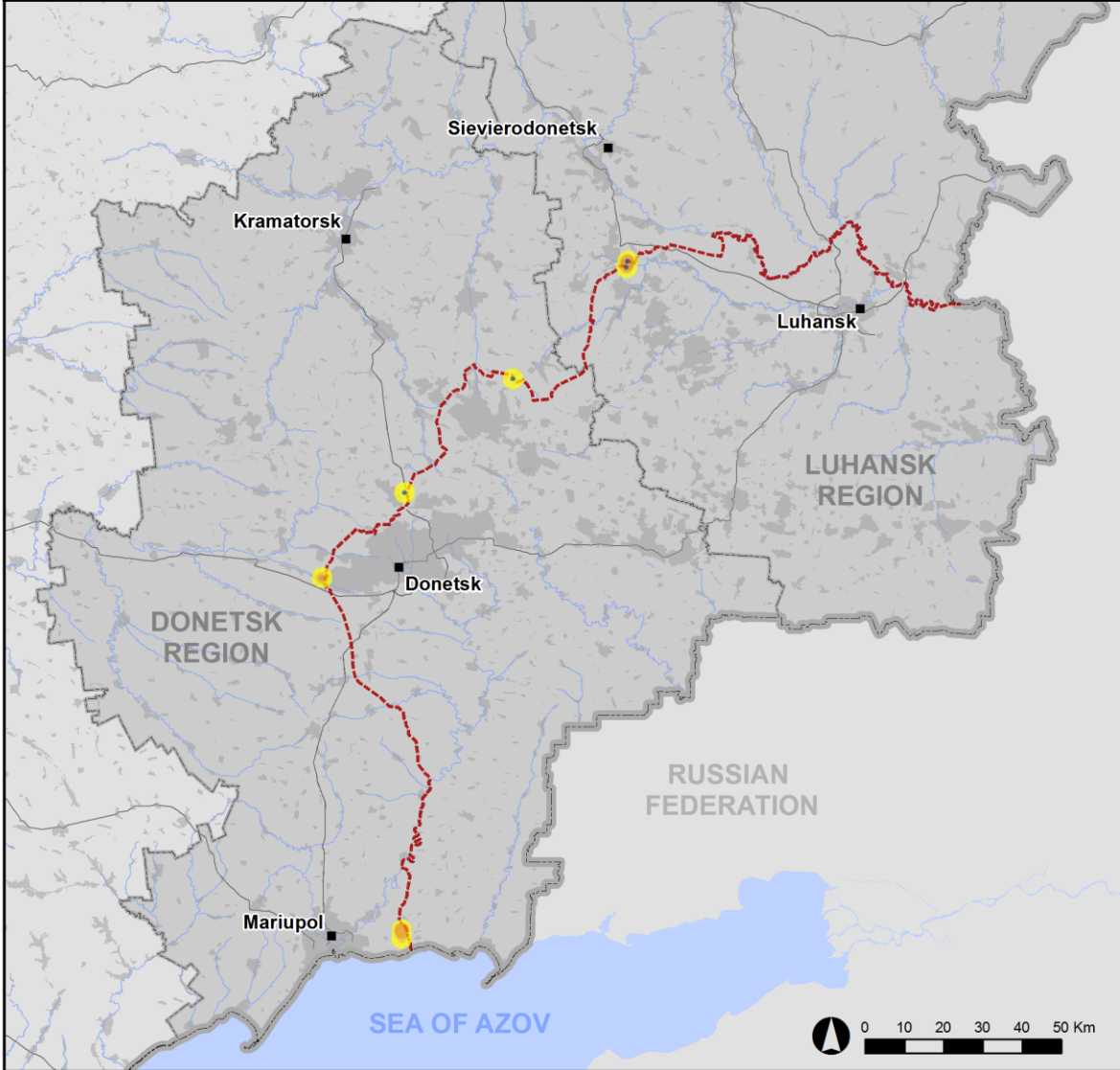
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

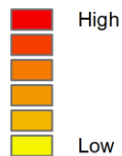


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 5 January 2022



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 85 ceasefire violations, including five undetermined explosions, most of which occurred in two areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 54 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred in an area north of Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 58 ceasefire violations, including four undetermined explosions. All ceasefire violations occurred in two areas north-east and east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded three 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 99,058 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 27,010 explosions, 24,063 projectiles in flight, 430 muzzle flashes, 453 illumination flares and at least 47,102 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 5 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw four 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 evening of 4 January, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded five undetermined explosions, 53 projectiles in flight and a muzzle flash, all assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, but within 5km of its periphery.

On 5 January, 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 also observed that the previously reported road barriers across road T-1316, on the area’s southern edge, continued to be closed.

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

Weapons storage sites

At a permanent storage site in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region

5 January

The Mission noted that all weapons observed at the site during the previous visit on 13 November 2021 were present.

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

5 January

The SMM noted that all weapons observed at this site during the previous visit on 21 December 2021 were present.

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 violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM saw a surface-to-air missile system in a 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 SMM saw 15 armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (For further information, see the table below.)

SMM facilitation of the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission 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 SMM heard four undetermined explosions, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kremiets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open, with people queueing to travel in both directions. While at the EECP, the SMM observed the visit of a high-ranking delegation of the European Union to the area.

The SMM noted that the EECP near Zolote was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote was closed.

The SMM noted that the EECP near Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) was open.

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.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, 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 [SMM Daily Report of 4 January 2022](#)). 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), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage further west into the settlement. While at the checkpoint, the Mission saw civilians on foot 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

- An SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) experienced GPS signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming while flying over areas near Stepove (non-government controlled, 27km west 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.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
4/1/2022	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Near Vrubivka (72km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
4/1/2022	4	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	4	Probable armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB variant)		
	3	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		
5/1/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (type undetermined)	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	In Zolote-3/Stakhanovets (60km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Voitove (33km north-west of Luhansk)	

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

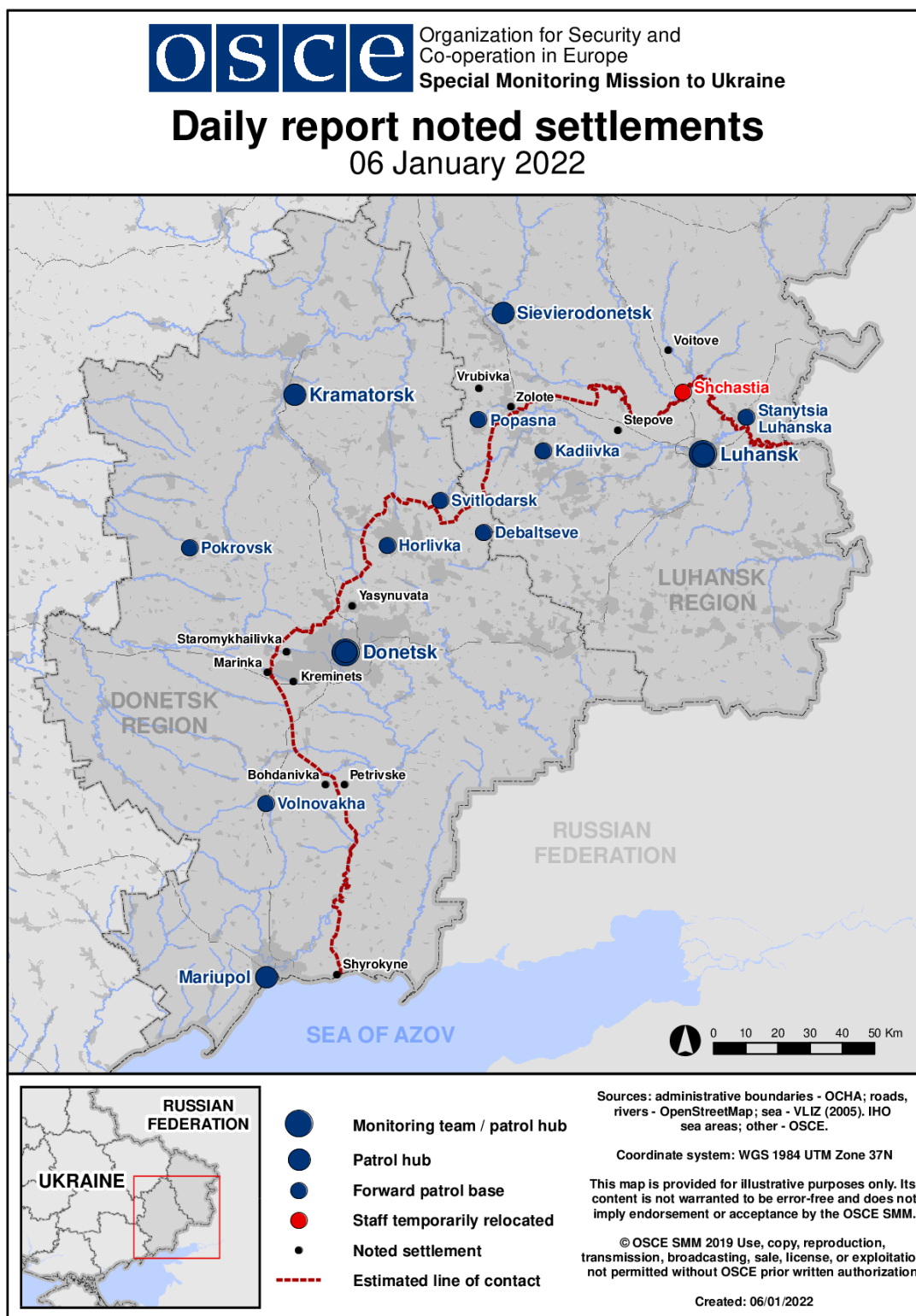
Table of ceasefire violations as of 5 January 2022⁹

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)	2-4km N	Recorded	9	Projectile	S to N	N/K	4-Jan, 19:47
	2-4km N	Recorded	8	Muzzle flash		N/K	4-Jan, 19:47
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jan, 16:59
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jan, 17:00
	5-7km N	Recorded	13	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jan, 17:02
	5-7km N	Recorded	22	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jan, 17:12
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jan, 17:15
	5-7km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	E to W	N/K	4-Jan, 17:15
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	4-Jan, 17:16
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jan, 19:55
	3-5km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jan, 19:56
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jan, 19:15
About 700m WSW of Yasynuvata Railway station (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km NW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 11:25
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:10
	3-5km E	Recorded	14	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:13
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:15
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:17
	3-5km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:19
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	4-Jan, 21:19
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:19
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:19
	3-5km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:19
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:20
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:24
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:25
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:26
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:26
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:27

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.

3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:27
3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:28
3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:29
3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:30
3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	4-Jan, 21:30
3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:30
3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectil e	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:31
3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:31
3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 22:14
3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 22:22
3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 22:23
3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 22:23

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).