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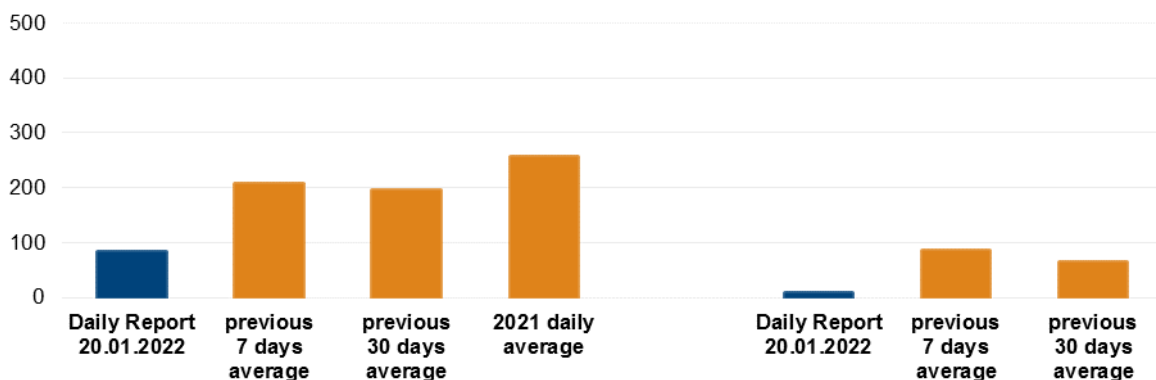
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 68 ceasefire violations, including eight explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 14 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 15 ceasefire violations, including one explosion. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 44 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM followed up on reports of damage to civilian properties in Donetskyi, Luhansk region.
- 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 monitored the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and two corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The SMM observed a gathering in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including near non-government-controlled Korsun in Donetsk region. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again experienced multiple instances of 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, 19 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.

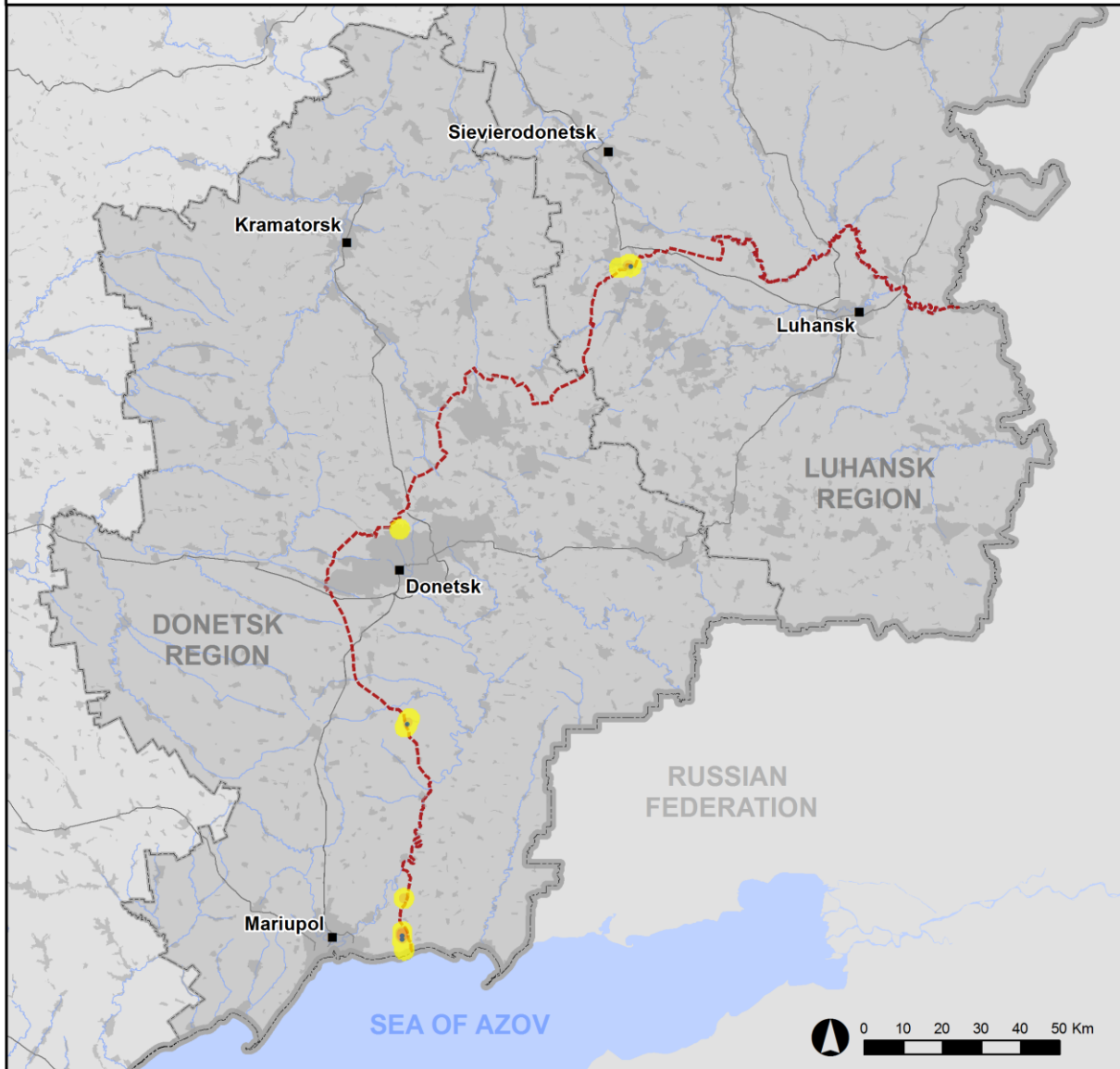
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

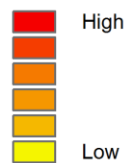


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 19 January 2022



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 68 ceasefire violations, including eight explosions (one airburst and seven undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), as well as inside and north of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 14 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 15 ceasefire violations, including one undetermined explosion, all of which occurred in areas north-east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 44 ceasefire violations in the region, all of which also occurred in an area 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 101,974 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 27,927 explosions, 24,559 projectiles in flight, 447 muzzle flashes, 470 illumination flares and at least 48,571 bursts and shots).

Damage to civilian properties in Donetsk, Luhansk region

On 18 January, the Mission followed up on reports of damage to civilian properties in the south-eastern part of Donetsk (non-government-controlled, 49km west of Luhansk).

At number 21, 30 Rokiv Peremohy Quarter, about 20m east-south-east of an inhabited two-storey apartment building, the SMM observed a severely damaged wooden storage shed, with a hole in the roof, damaged walls and windows, and metal fragments assessed as shrapnel inside the structure as well as multiple dents assessed as shrapnel marks. The Mission assessed the damage as recent and caused by a probable mortar round.

About 60m south of the aforementioned address, at number 29, 30 Rokiv Peremohy Quarter, in a yard about 40m east-south-east of an inhabited two-storey apartment building, the Mission observed a crater (about 1m in diameter) and, near the crater, a damaged fence with multiple dents assessed as shrapnel marks. The SMM assessed the damage as recent and caused by a probable mortar round.

About 100m north of the aforementioned address, at number 31, 30 Rokiv Peremohy Quarter, in an inhabited two-storey apartment building, the Mission observed three windows with broken panes on the first floor and seven windows with broken panes on the second floor, covered with plastic film, as well as multiple dents assessed as shrapnel marks in the building's east-south-east facing concrete wall. Just east of the building, the SMM saw a hole in the west-north-western part of the roof of a wooden storage shed with rubble underneath and several holes in its west-north-west facing wall, as well as a dent assessed as a shrapnel mark on the ground in front of the shed. The SMM assessed the damage as recent and caused by two probable projectiles, but was unable to assess the weapon used and the direction of fire.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

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

During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded 14 projectiles in flights assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery. While positioned about 3km north of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard one undetermined explosion, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery. (For details please see the table below.)

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

During the reporting period, the SMM cameras 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) and in Petrivske recorded one undetermined explosion, six projectiles in flight and one illumination flare, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, as well as four projectiles in flight, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery. (For details please see the table below.)

During the day on 19 January, while positioned at three locations near the disengagement area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁶

At two heavy weapons holding areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region
19 January

The SMM noted that ten multiple launch rocket systems (BM-21 *Grad*, 122mm) and 11 self-propelled howitzers (2S1 *Gvozdika*, 122mm) were present. However, nine multiple launch rocket systems (BM-21 *Grad*, 122mm) were missing compared with the previous visits on 10 and 13 December 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 violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM saw one probable tank in a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, non-government-controlled, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014, and one probable mortar in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region.

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

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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the Mission spotted 24 tanks, including ten probable, ten self-propelled howitzers and 12 towed artillery pieces in training areas near Ternove (non-government-controlled, 57km east of Donetsk) and Myrne (non-government-controlled, 28km south-west of Luhansk). (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The SMM observed two armoured combat vehicles in and near residential areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region and two probable armoured combat vehicles in the training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014. (For further information, see the table below.)

Additionally, outside the security zone, the Mission observed four armoured combat vehicles (including three probable) in the training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.

The SMM followed up on reports of an alleged occupation of a school in government-controlled Novohnativka, Donetsk region

On 19 January, the Mission followed up on reports of an alleged occupation of a school by a group of armed people without insignias in Novohnativka (government-controlled, 40km south of Donetsk). During a UAV flight, the Mission observed no signs of military occupation at the school, which appeared to be closed. The Mission observed a calm situation in the area and will continue to follow up.

SMM facilitation of the operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north 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 was open, with people queueing to travel towards government-controlled areas.

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.

The Mission observed gatherings in Kyiv

In Kyiv, at the Pechersk District Court on 15 Volodymyrska Street, the SMM observed about 3,500 people (mixed genders and ages) in support of a former President of Ukraine who was in Court, some of whom were giving speeches supporting the former President and expressing messages critical of the current government, others were holding banners with similar messages, as well as flags of Ukraine, the *European Solidarity* party, and flags of different

regions of Ukraine. The Mission noted that a makeshift screen had been set up in front of the Court's entrance, transmitting proceedings and screening the aforementioned speeches. It saw about 500 law enforcement officers nearby.

After the Court announced its decision, the SMM saw the former President address his supporters in front of the court, and observed the supporters sing the national anthem of Ukraine, march towards the Office of the President of Ukraine at 11 Bankova Street, and give speeches there and noted some participants lighting red flares. The Mission observed about 250 law enforcement officers nearby.

At both locations, the SMM observed a calm situation.

Additionally, at multiple locations, the Mission observed civilians engaged in religious celebrations to mark the Orthodox Epiphany, and observed a calm situation.

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, 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 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:

- About 2km north-east of Korsun (non-government-controlled, 31km north-east of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage further east, citing “ongoing training exercises”.

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-unmanned aerial vehicles experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during 12 flights: five times while flying over areas near Sanzharivka (non-government-controlled, 67km north-east of Donetsk), four times while flying over areas near Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk), twice while flying over areas near Nyzhnie Lozove (non-government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), and once while flying over areas near Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 61km north-east of Donetsk).

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 in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
15/1/2022	1	Probable tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Aerial imagery
18/1/2022	1	Probable mortar (2B14 <i>Podnos</i> , 82mm)	Near Berehove (23km east of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
17/1/2022	10	Probable tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery
	14	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 51 armoured combat vehicles (type undetermined). ⁸	
	10	Self-propelled howitzer		
	12	Towed artillery piece (type undetermined)		

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
19/1/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	Near a residential area of Maiorsk (45km north-east of Donetsk)	SMM camera
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a residential area of Starohnativka (51km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
15/1/2022	2	Probable armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Aerial imagery

⁸ The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this table are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreement 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.

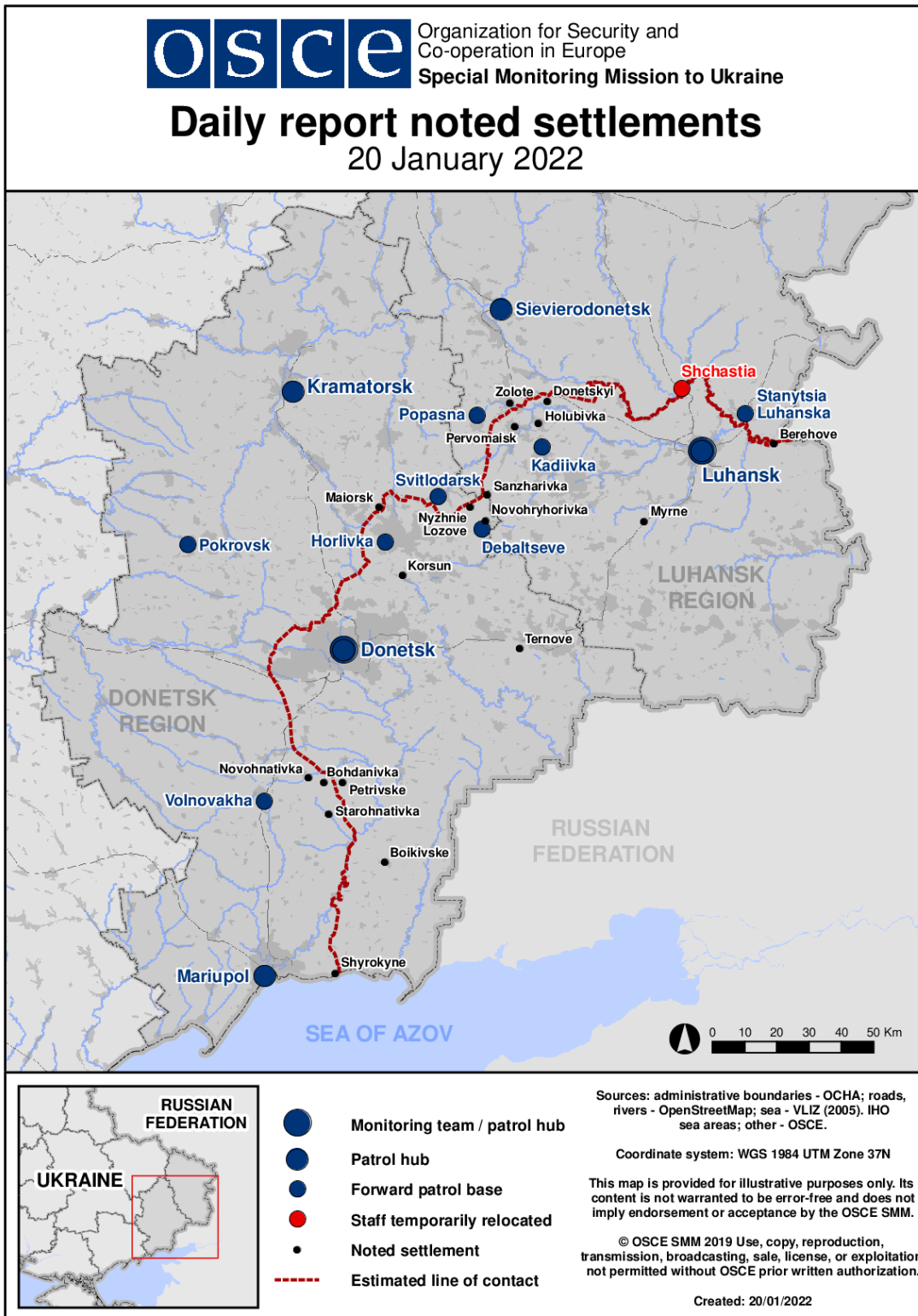
Table of ceasefire violations as of 19 January 2022¹⁰

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	ENE to WSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 19:38
	2-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 20:55
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 21:10
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 21:11
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 21:19
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	18-Jan, 21:46
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (subsequent to previous event, assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 21:46
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event, assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 21:46
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 22:17
	2-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	18-Jan, 22:22
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	18-Jan, 19:11
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	18-Jan, 19:12
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	4-6km ENE	Recorded	4	Muzzle flash		N/K	19-Jan, 03:50
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	0.5-1km WNW	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Jan, 21:33
	0.5-1km WNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Jan, 22:28
	0.5-1km WNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	19-Jan, 03:25
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	18-Jan, 19:29
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	18-Jan, 19:58
	5-7km N	Recorded	13	Projectile	W to E	N/K	18-Jan, 20:00
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	18-Jan, 20:02
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	19-Jan, 00:51
	1-2km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	19-Jan, 02:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jan, 18:15
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jan, 18:16
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jan, 18:18
4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	19-Jan, 18:21	

¹⁰ 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
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	19-Jan, 18:22
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	19-Jan, 18:23
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jan, 18:30
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jan, 18:30
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	19-Jan, 18:30
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	19-Jan, 18:30
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jan, 18:35
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	19-Jan, 03:01
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	19-Jan, 03:01
	3-5km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	19-Jan, 17:40
	4-6km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	19-Jan, 18:02
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	19-Jan, 18:42
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	19-Jan, 10:15

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹¹



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 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).