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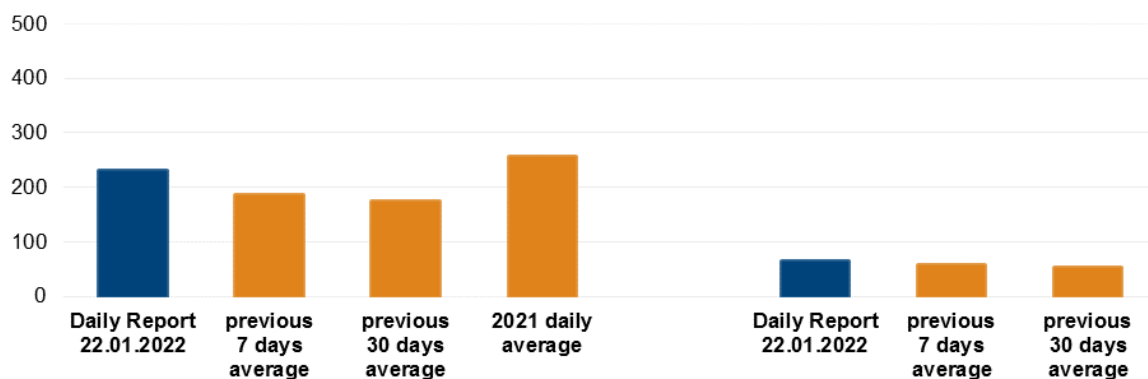
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 75 ceasefire violations, including 14 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 152 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 156 ceasefire violations, including 50 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 268 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote, and Petrivske.
- The Mission monitored the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at five entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission visited two border crossing points and monitored areas near the border outside government control in Donetsk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at two checkpoints of the armed formations near Yasynuvata and Kreminets, Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



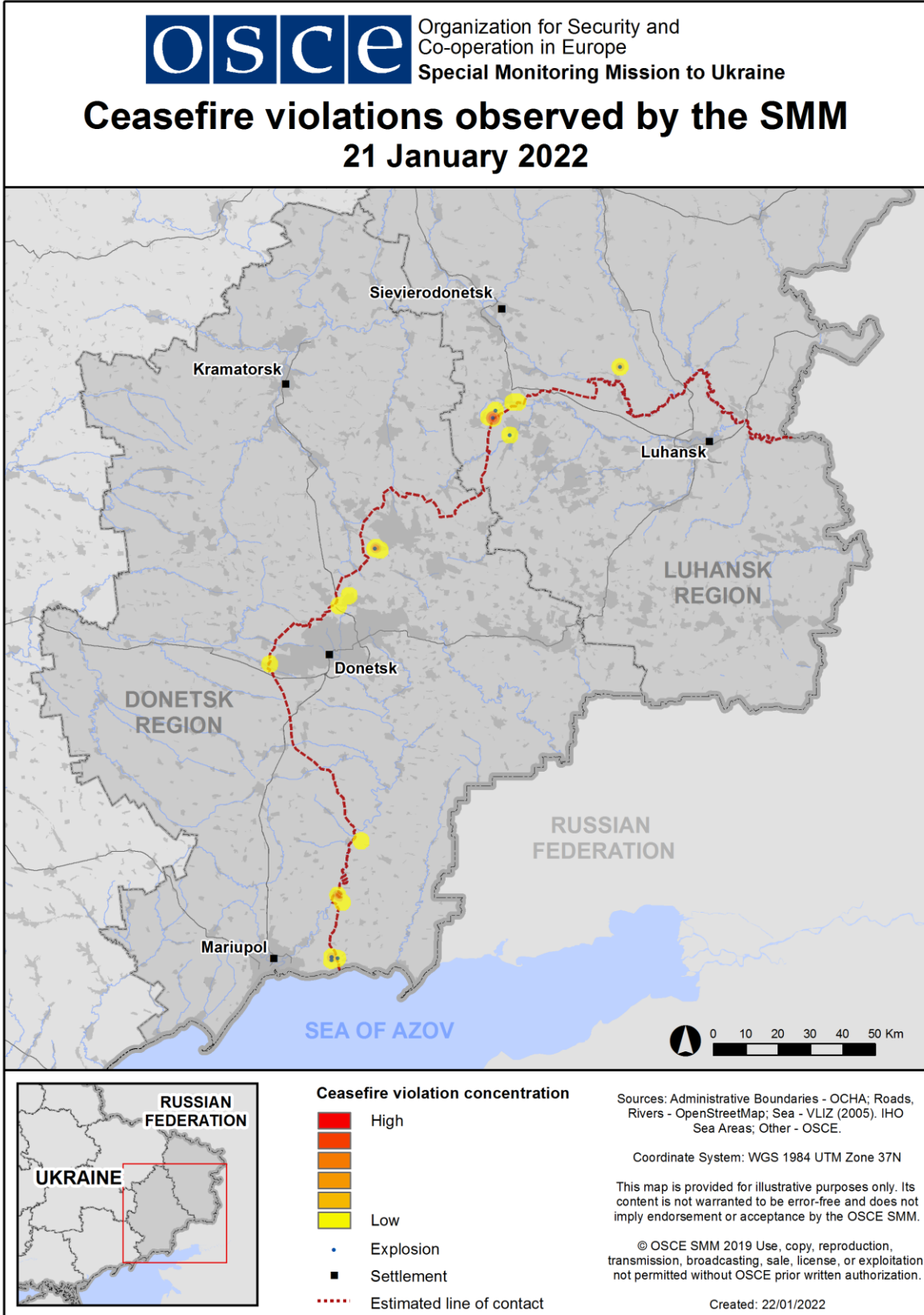
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 21 January 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. The SMM camera at Oktiabr mine was not operational during the reporting period.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 75 ceasefire violations, including 14 explosions (one impact and 13 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas east-south-east and south-east of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk), south-west and south-south-west of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) and north-north-east and north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 152 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 156 ceasefire violations, including 50 undetermined explosions. Almost all ceasefire violations occurred in areas close to the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 268 ceasefire violations in the region, all of which occurred in areas 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 102,625 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 28,196 explosions, 24,655 projectiles in flight, 448 muzzle flashes, 474 illumination flares and at least 48,852 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

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

During the reporting period, SMM cameras in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and Zolote recorded six projectiles in flight and two illumination flares. During the same period, SMM patrols heard 34 undetermined explosions and 98 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun fire. All of these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the SMM saw two 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.

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

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 storage site

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

21 January

The SMM noted that all weapons observed at this site were present, compared with the previous visit on 14 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.

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

The SMM spotted two armoured reconnaissance vehicles in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

SMM facilitation of the operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned about 1km north-west of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM heard nine bursts and shots of small-arms fire, all 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 Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) was open, but did not see any traffic passing through.

The SMM noted that the EECP near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were open, with civilian traffic passing through in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel towards non-government controlled areas.

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

Areas near the border outside government control⁶

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 70 minutes, the Mission observed 13 cars (including 12 with “DPR” plates), seven covered cargo trucks (including five with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 37 people (16 women and 21 men of mixed ages) entering Ukraine. At the same time, the SMM observed 15 cars (including eight with “DPR” plates), seven covered cargo trucks (including six with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) and 16 people (six women and ten men of mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 20 minutes, the SMM observed no traffic in either direction.

The SMM also monitored areas close to the border with the Russian Federation near Amvrosiivka (56km south-east of Donetsk), Lysyche (66km south-east of Donetsk), Kalynove (72km east of Donetsk), Vasylivka (65km south-east of Donetsk), Petropavlivka (68km south-east of Donetsk), Kosharne (61km south-east of Donetsk) and Stepne (72km south-east of Donetsk). While monitoring these areas, the SMM observed no change in the security situation.

The Mission continued monitoring in Kyiv, 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.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint near Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the Mission passage south-west towards the DFS, citing “orders from superiors”.

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.

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 near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), two members of the armed formations (one visibly armed), allowed the Mission passage towards non-government-controlled Donetsk city only after about 70 minutes of waiting, citing the need to wait "for a disinfection of SMM vehicles".

Other impediments:⁷

- SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicles experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, on two occasions while flying over areas near Chasiv Yar (government-controlled, 62km north 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 unmanned aerial vehicles' (UAV) 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				
21/1/2022	22	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	Near Khrustalnyi (formerly Krasnyi Luch, 56km south-west of Luhansk)	Patrol

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
20/1/2022	2	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Shchastia (20km north of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

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

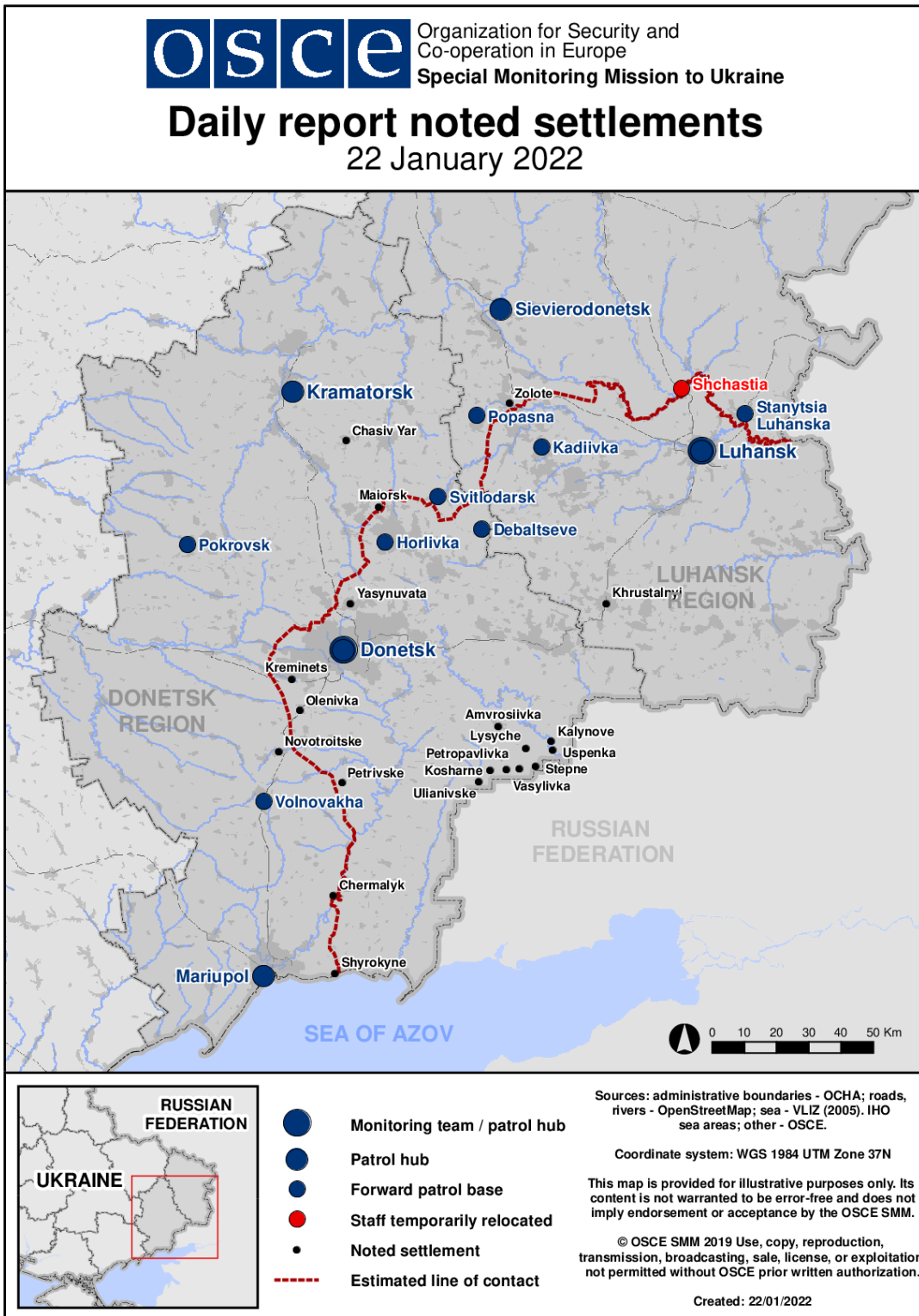
Table of ceasefire violations as of 21 January 2022⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	20-Jan, 19:59
	1-2km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	20-Jan, 20:06
	1-2km ESE	Recorded	8	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	20-Jan, 20:20
	1-2km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	20-Jan, 20:20
	1-2km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	20-Jan, 20:22
	1-2km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	20-Jan, 20:22
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	20-Jan, 19:32
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	20-Jan, 20:58
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	20-Jan, 21:02
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	20-Jan, 21:02
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	20-Jan, 21:02
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jan, 21:16
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jan, 00:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jan, 00:17
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jan, 00:35
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jan, 00:58
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	21-Jan, 01:00
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	21-Jan, 03:12
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	21-Jan, 04:21
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jan, 18:02
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	21-Jan, 18:10
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	21-Jan, 18:26
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	21-Jan, 18:26
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	21-Jan, 18:27
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	21-Jan, 18:27
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SSW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	21-Jan, 08:58
	4-5km SW	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jan, 09:15
	3-5km SW	Heard	12	Shot		HMG	21-Jan, 09:25
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	21-Jan, 11:38
	2km NE	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	21-Jan, 11:43
	2km NE	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	21-Jan, 11:48
	2km NE	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	21-Jan, 11:53
	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	21-Jan, 11:53

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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	2-3km SW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	21-Jan, 12:30-12:50
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	21-Jan, 18:05
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	20-Jan, 21:20
	3-5km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	21-Jan, 03:25
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	21-Jan, 03:25
1km SE of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	3-4km NNE	Heard	13	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jan, 10:29-10:55
2km NW of Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km W of Luhansk)	2-4km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	21-Jan, 10:50
On the western edge of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-5km SSE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jan, 12:38
	3-5km WNW	Heard	32	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	21-Jan, 12:40-13:00
	3-5km WNW	Heard	66	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	21-Jan, 12:40-13:00
	3-5km WNW	Heard	32	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	21-Jan, 12:40-13:00

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).