



# Daily Report 16/2022

24 January 2022<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 21 and 23 January, the SMM recorded 132 ceasefire violations, including 19 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 75 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 21 and 23 January, the Mission recorded 191 ceasefire violations, including 34 explosions, 45 of which were assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 156 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 five corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission monitored the security situation in east and south-east Kherson region.
- The SMM observed gatherings in Lviv and Kherson.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at three checkpoints of the armed formations near Novoazovsk, Yasynuvata, and Horlivka, Donetsk region. Its unmanned aerial vehicles encountered multiple instances of GPS signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming and jamming.\*

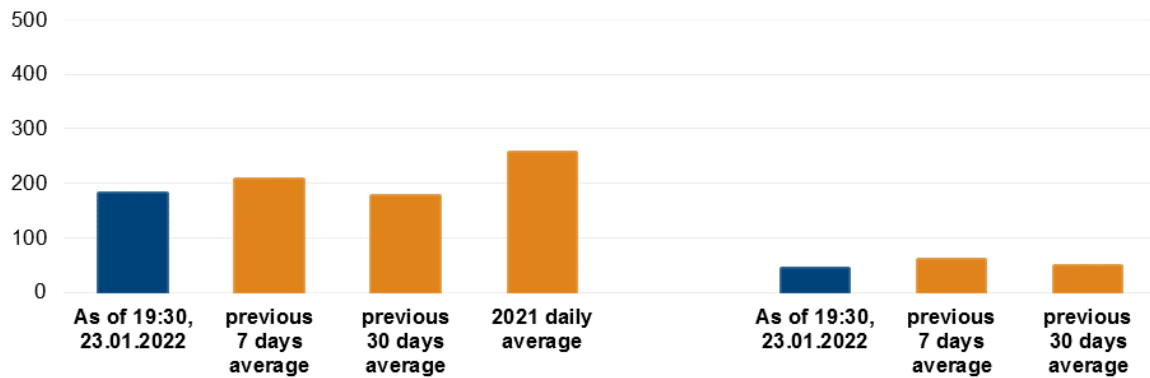
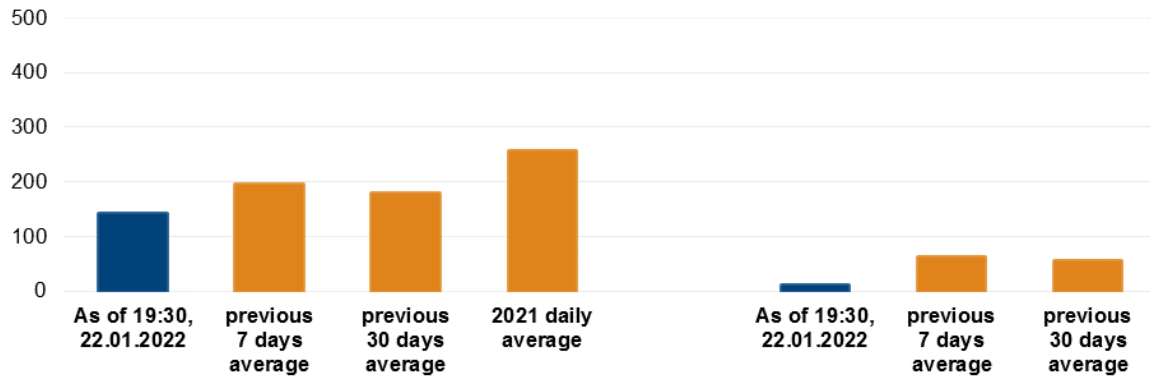
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<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 23 January 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>

Number of recorded ceasefire violations<sup>3</sup>

Number of recorded explosions<sup>4</sup>



<sup>2</sup> 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 and weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras during part of the reporting period.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

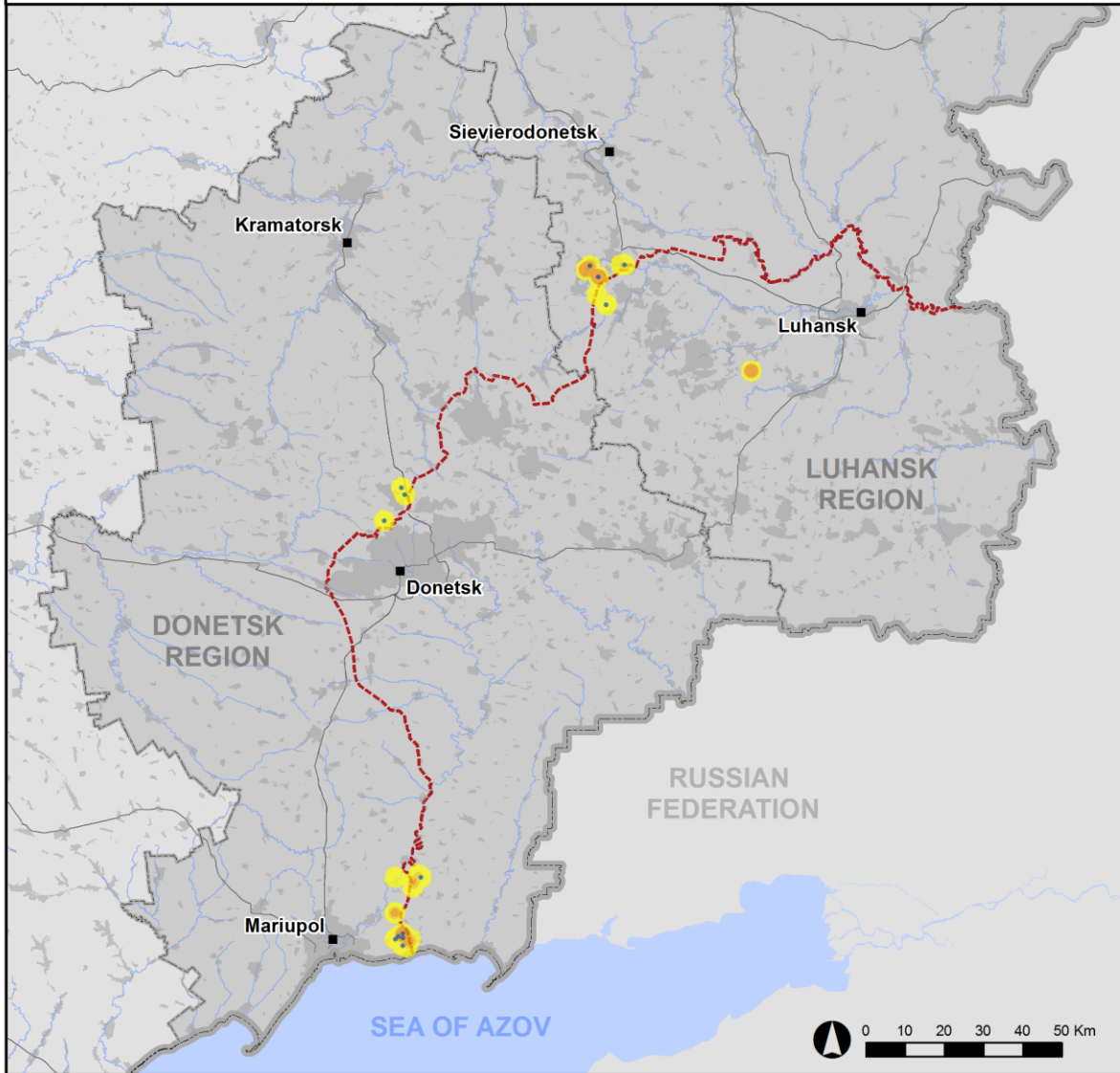
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

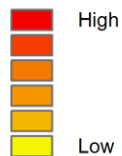


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 22-23 January 2022



#### 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, between the evenings of 21 and 23 January, the SMM recorded 132 ceasefire violations, including 19 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 75 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 21 and 23 January, the SMM recorded 191 ceasefire violations, including 34 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north and west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below) and north-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). Forty-five of the ceasefire violations, heard in an area north-west of Shymshynivka (non-government-controlled, 27km south-west of Luhansk), were assessed as a live-fire training exercise outside the security zone. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 156 ceasefire violations in the region, almost 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 102,948 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 28,249 explosions, 24,752 projectiles in flight, 448 muzzle flashes, 474 illumination flares and at least 49,025 bursts and shots).

#### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>5</sup>**

On 22 and 23 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw 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).

During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded one undetermined explosion, six projectiles in flight and one burst of an undetermined weapon. During the same period, SMM patrols heard 12 undetermined explosions and 50 bursts 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.)

On 22 and 23 January, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw 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.

On 23 January, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming while flying over the southern edge of the disengagement area (see below).

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

On 23 January, outside the disengagement area, about 150m north of its northern edge and about 170m east of road T-1316, the Mission saw a recent mine hazard sign (red square with a skull and crossbones and the words “Attention Mines” written on it in Ukrainian, not previously reported) on the southern edge of the road leading to Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk).

On 22 and 23 January, while positioned at several locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM 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.

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

The SMM spotted three infantry fighting vehicles and one electronic warfare system in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including in and near residential areas. It also spotted four infantry fighting vehicles in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

### **SMM facilitation of the operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

On 22 and 23 January, the Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk).

### **Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints**

In Donetsk region, on 23 January, the SMM 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 Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed. On the same day, the Mission noted that the EECP near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) was closed. Also, on the same day, the SMM observed that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, on 22 January, the Mission observed that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge was open, with people queueing to travel in both directions. On 23 January, the SMM noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel towards non-government controlled areas.

On 22 and 23 January, the Mission noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote was closed.

### Security situation in east and south-east Kherson region

From 21 to 23 January, the SMM monitored areas in east and south-east Kherson region at checkpoints near Kalanchak (67km south-east of Kherson) and Chonhar (163km south-east of Kherson), as well as at Ukrainian State Border Guard Service security posts near Chaplynka (77km south-east of Kherson) and in Valok (193km south-east of Kherson). The Mission also monitored areas near Ivanivka (109km south-east of Kherson), as well as areas along the coast of the Sea of Azov near Stokopani (181km east of Kherson), Strilkove (193km south-east of Kherson), Prydorozhnie (177km east of Kherson), Novyi Azov (190km east of Kherson), Pchilka (190km east of Kherson), Ozeriany (189km east of Kherson), Nova Pratsia (184 km east of Kherson) and Novyi Myr (175km east of Kherson). While monitoring these areas, the SMM observed no change in the security situation.

### SMM monitored gatherings in Lviv and Kherson

On 22 January, at the Memorial to the Ukrainian Galician Army at Lychakiv cemetery in Lviv, the Mission observed a gathering of about 120 people (mixed genders and ages) to mark the Day of the Unity of Ukraine. The Mission saw some participants placing flowers, lighting candles and singing the national anthem of Ukraine. The SMM observed 14 law enforcement officers nearby and a calm situation.

On the same day and commemorating the same occasion, in Antonivka (10km north-east of Kherson), on the Antonivka bridge, the Mission observed a gathering of about 150 people (mixed genders and ages). Some participants formed a human chain, and others sang the national anthem of Ukraine, and some were holding Ukrainian flags. At the Kherson airport, the SMM saw a gathering of about 70 people (mixed genders and ages), including priests of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and veterans, commemorating those who lost their lives during fighting near Donetsk airport in Donetsk region. At both locations, the Mission observed in total 15 law enforcement officers nearby 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 [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:

- On 23 January, at a checkpoint near Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage south and west into the settlement. While at the checkpoint, the SMM observed civilian traffic passing through.
- On the same day, about 1km north of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage west towards the DFS, citing a “need of an escort by members of the armed formations”.

*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.

Delays:

- On 22 January, at a checkpoint near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), three members of the armed formations, one of whom visibly armed, allowed the Mission to travel across the contact line towards government-controlled areas only after 78 minutes.
- On 23 January, at the checkpoint near Horlivka, an armed member of the armed formations allowed the SMM to travel across the contact line towards non-government-controlled areas only after 17 minutes.

Other impediments:<sup>6</sup>

- On 22 January, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between Novoandriivka (government-controlled, 75km north-west of Donetsk) and Voskhod (government-controlled, 32km north-west of Donetsk), between Siedovo-Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 89km south of Donetsk) and Oleksandrivske (formerly Oktiabrske, non-government-controlled, 82km south of Donetsk), between Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and Sontseve (non-government-controlled, 55km south-east of Donetsk), between Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) and Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and near Pryvillia (government-controlled, 85km north of Donetsk). The same UAV experienced dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying over areas between Voskhod and Siedovo-Vasylivka, between Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) and Hnutove, between Sontseve and Bohdanivka, and between Svitlodarsk and Pryvillia.
- On the same day, an SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Talakivka (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk).

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<sup>6</sup> 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.

- On the same day, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during six flights: twice each while flying over areas near Vesela Hora (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk) and Shymshynivka (non-government-controlled, 27km south-west of Luhansk), as well as once each while flying over areas near Talakivka and Pavlopil (government-controlled, 84km south of Donetsk).
- On 23 January, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between Varvarivka (government-controlled, 81km north-west of Donetsk) and Raiske (government-controlled, 69km north of Donetsk) and between Starovarvarivka (government-controlled, 87km north-west of Donetsk) and Varvarivka. The same UAV experienced dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying over areas near Varvarivka and between Raiske and Starovarvarivka.
- On the same day, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during nine flights: twice each while flying over areas near Spartak (non-government-controlled, 9km north of Donetsk), Kashtanove (non-government-controlled, 13km north of Donetsk), Kruta Balka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Donetsk) and Yakovlivka (non-government-controlled, 10km north of Donetsk), as well as once while flying over the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).



**Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
21/1/2022	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near a residential area of Shchastia (20km north of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
22/1/2022	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BTR-3)	In a residential area of Pionerske (101km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Electronic warfare system ( <i>Bukovel-AD</i> )	Near Lebedynske (99km south of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
23/1/2022	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (three BMP-2 and one BMP-1)	Near Sukhodil (21km west of Luhansk)	Patrol

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<sup>7</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

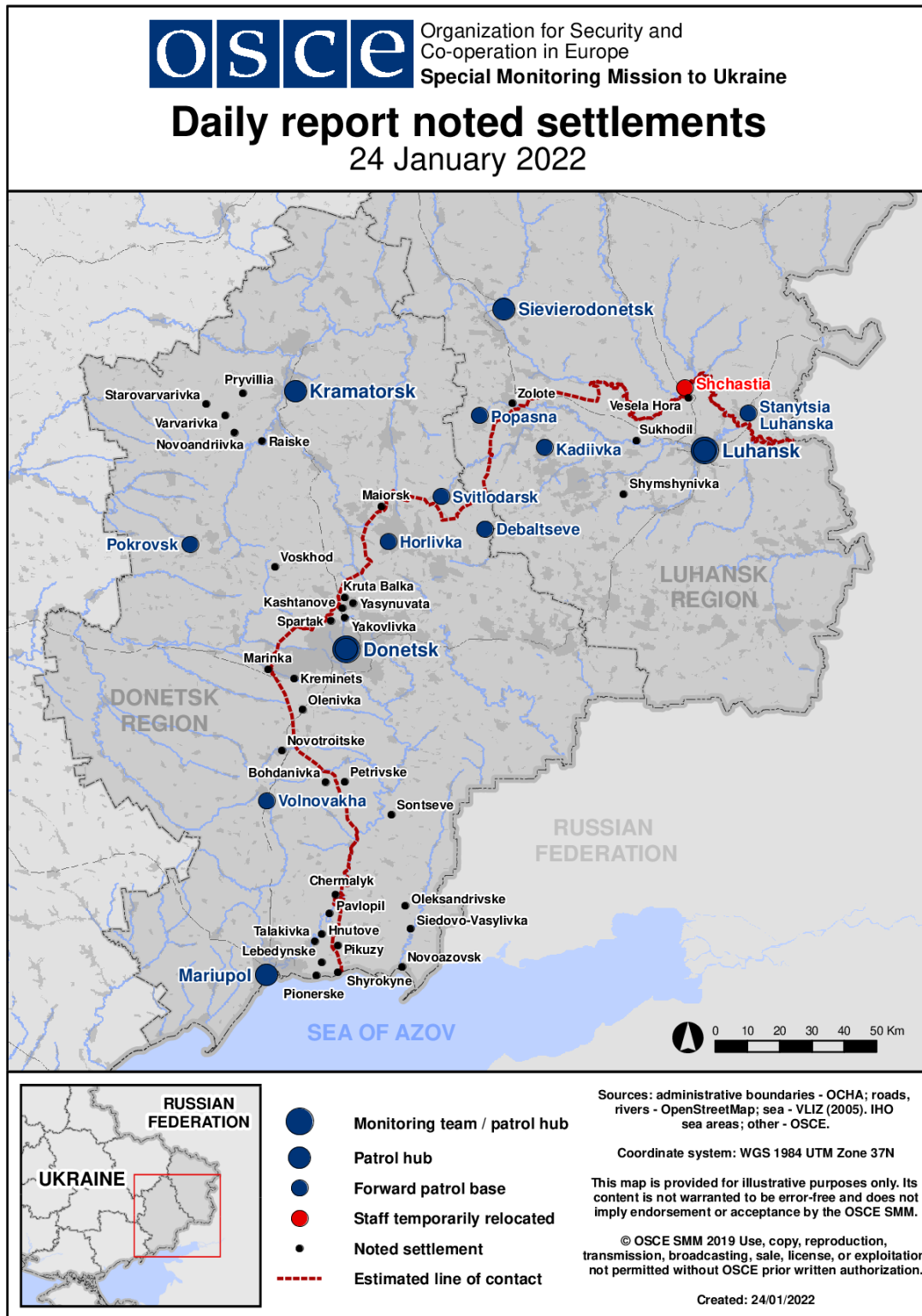
**Table of ceasefire violations as of 23 January 2022<sup>8</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 06:03
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	7	Projectile	SW to NE (also recorded by the SMM camera at the entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove)	N/K	21-Jan, 19:18
	5-7km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 17:11
	5-7km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jan, 17:13
	5-7km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jan, 17:15
	5-7km SSE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jan, 17:24
	5-7km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jan, 17:25
	5-7km SSE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jan, 18:01
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE (also recorded by the SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	22-Jan, 05:47
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 17:45
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	22-Jan, 17:45
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 17:45
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	22-Jan, 17:51
	5-7km N	Recorded	32	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 17:53
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	22-Jan, 17:54
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 18:02
About 1.5km NE of Talakivka (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Heard	12	Shot		Small arms	22-Jan, 10:48-11:05
	2-4km E	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	22-Jan, 10:48-11:05
About 2km S of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 11:38
Shymshynivka (non-government-controlled, 27km SW of Luhansk)	0.6-1km WNW	Heard	45	Shot		Small arms	22-Jan, 11:25-12:00
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:09
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:38
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	22-Jan, 21:38
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	22-Jan, 21:39
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	22-Jan, 21:40
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:43
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	8	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:58
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 23:14
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 23:33
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 00:28
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 00:29
	4-6km NNW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 00:46
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	23-Jan, 01:01
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	23-Jan, 02:34
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 17:59

<sup>8</sup> 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
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	23-Jan, 18:43
About 2.5km SE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-4km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 10:18
Pavlopil (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	1km NNW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	23-Jan, 11:30
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jan, 19:03
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Burst	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jan, 00:05
	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jan, 00:11
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jan, 00:11
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jan, 00:11
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jan, 17:00
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-3km NE	Heard	50	Burst		HMG	23-Jan, 14:51
	3-5km NE	Heard	17	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 15:25-15:45
	3-5km NE	Heard	3	Shot		HMG	23-Jan, 15:25-15:45
	5km E	Heard	50	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	23-Jan, 15:52-16:04
	5km E	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	23-Jan, 15:52-16:04
	10km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 15:52-16:04
	5-8km SE	Heard	2	Shot		HMG	23-Jan, 15:52-16:04

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>9</sup>



<sup>9</sup> 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).