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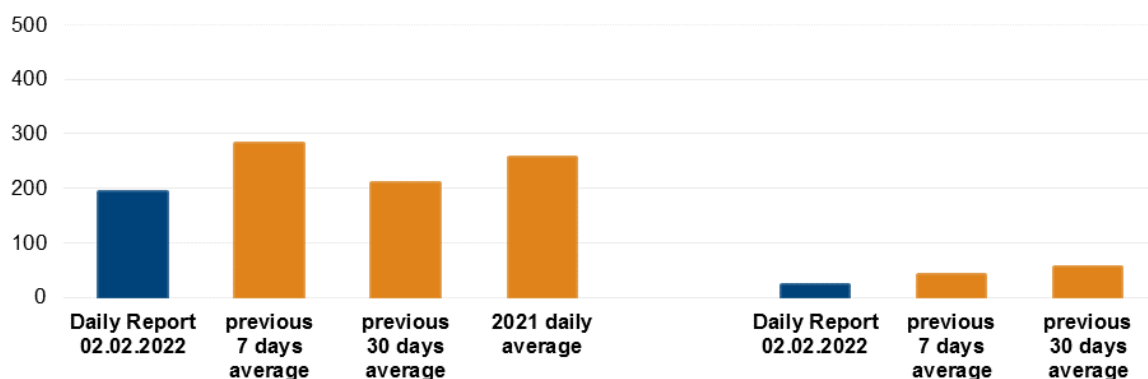
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 75 ceasefire violations, including three explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 194 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 118 ceasefire violations, including 20 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 146 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM corroborated reports of a civilian casualty in non-government-controlled Oleksandrivka, Donetsk region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at a Mission mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near government-controlled Hranitne, Donetsk region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission monitored the operation and repairs 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 SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at two checkpoints of the armed formations in southern 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, 1 February 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time. During the reporting period, the SMM camera near Oktiabr mine was not operational and weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of another SMM camera.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

³ Including explosions.

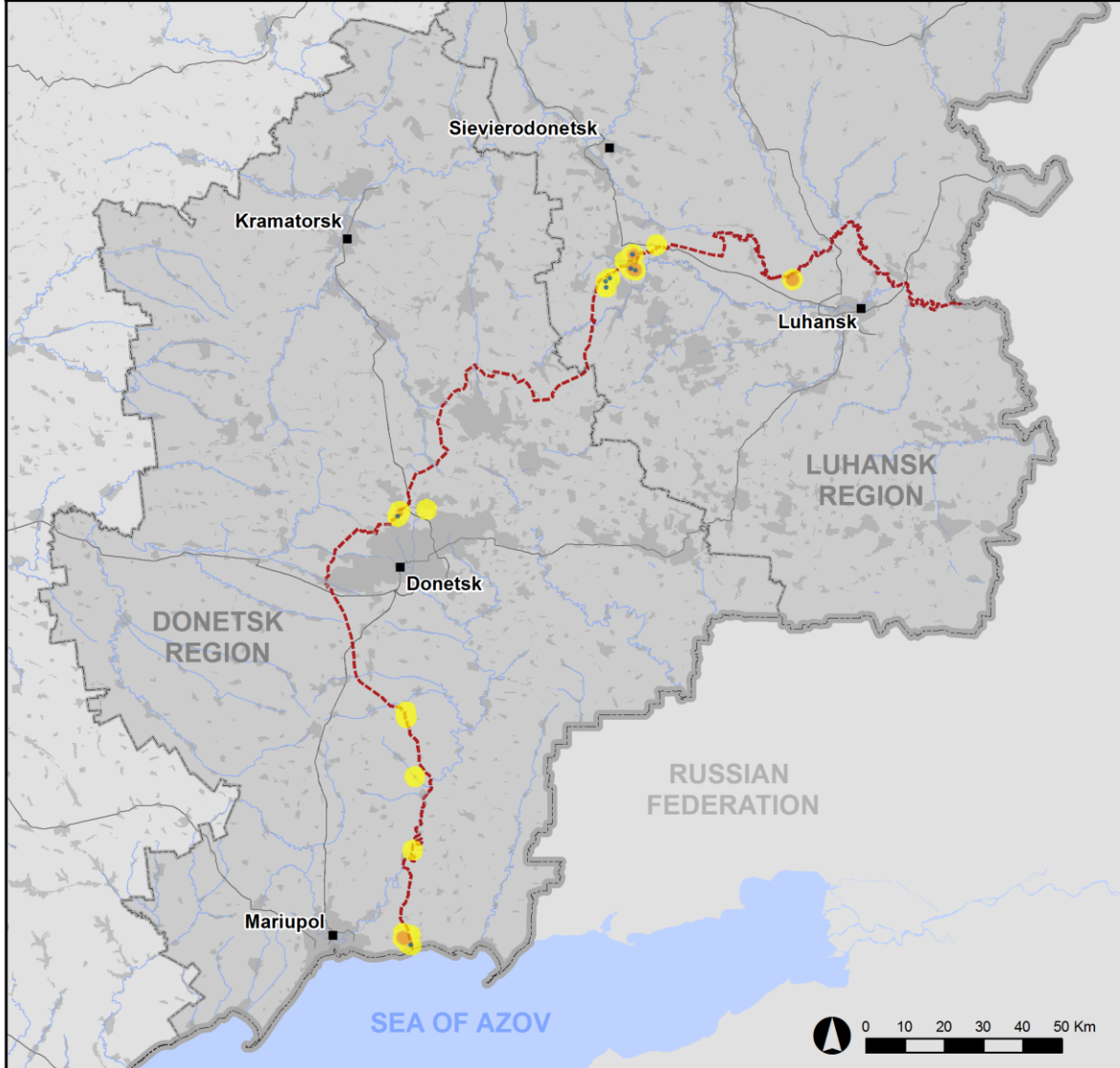
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

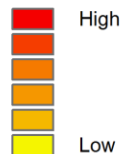


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 1 February 2022



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 75 ceasefire violations, including three undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), south of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk) and north-north-east of Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 194 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 118 ceasefire violations, including 20 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas close to the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below) and south-west of Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 146 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which 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 105,311 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 28,685 explosions, 25,319 projectiles in flight, 452 muzzle flashes, 483 illumination flares and at least 50,372 bursts and shots).

Civilian casualty corroborated in non-government-controlled Oleksandrivka, Donetsk region

The Mission followed up on reports of a 56-year-old man injured in the western part of non-government-controlled Oleksandrivka (20km south-west of Donetsk).

On 29 January, a man (in his sixties), who introduced himself as a relative of the injured man, told the Mission that in the morning of the same day, his relative had been shot in the leg while close to his residence, and had been taken to a hospital in Donetsk City.

On the same day, a man (age unknown), who introduced himself as a neighbour of the injured man, told the SMM over the phone that in the morning of the incident, while at home, he had heard shots of small-arms fire for about 30 minutes. He added that he subsequently seen the above-mentioned man entering a car in front of his house and being driven away.

On 31 January, medical staff of the aforementioned hospital told the SMM that the man had been brought by ambulance and admitted on the morning of 29 January and confirmed the accuracy of the medical certificate, according to which the casualty had sustained a penetrating gunshot wound to the left leg.

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near government-controlled Hranitne, Donetsk region

While positioned about 1.5km north-west of Hranitne to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the SMM heard seven shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 3.5km north-north-east assessed as aimed at the UAV. The SMM landed the UAV and left the area.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

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 Luhansk bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

The SMM camera in Zolote recorded two projectiles in flight, while SMM patrols heard 20 undetermined explosions and 57 bursts and shots of small-arms 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 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 two locations near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the Mission heard six shots of small-arms fire, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the SMM saw three tanks 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 Mission saw two armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including near a residential area. (For further information, see the table below.)

Near Karlivka (government-controlled, 25km north-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw three buses and two covered utility trucks being escorted by two police vehicles, driving east on road M-04, entering Karlivka and parking in the yard of a former gas station, where it also saw six other covered utility trucks and about 30 men lined up, dressed in military-style clothing, wearing white face masks.

Mine hazard signs in Novoluhanske, Luhanske and Syhnalne, Donetsk region and Myrna Dolyna and Raivka, 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.

On the western edge of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk), in a field about 2-3m south of a local road, the SMM observed three mine hazard signs (triangular, each with skull and crossbones and “Danger Mines” written on them in Russian and Ukrainian).

Between 1.4km and 1.7km north-west of Luhanske (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk), in a field about 2-3m west of road C-051131, the SMM observed three mine hazard signs (red square, with skull and crossbones and the words “Danger Mines” written on them in Russian and English).

About 1.7km north-east of Syhnalne (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), in a field about 2-3m north of the same road C-051131, the Mission saw three improvised mine hazard signs (rectangles, wooden sign with the word “Mines” written on them in Russian).

All these mine hazard signs were fixed to wooden poles and were not previously reported.

About 2km east of Myrna Dolyna (government-controlled, 67km north-west of Luhansk), the SMM saw vehicles of an international organization and about ten people (women and men in their twenties to forties) replacing old mine hazard signs with new ones, along the eastern edge of road P-66.

On the south-western edge of Raivka, the Mission saw that a mine hazard sign had fallen over and was on the ground (rectangular, with a broken wooden pole next to it).

SMM facilitation of the operation and repairs of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at two locations near the station, the SMM heard 15 ceasefire violations (ten bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire and five shots of small-arms fire), assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The SMM also monitored repair works to a water pipeline near Holmivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 49km north-east of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Luhansk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (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.

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 continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi and Kyiv and observed no change in the security situation.

***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 27 January 2022](#)). (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 on the northern edge of Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing “ongoing training activities” in the area, thus preventing the SMM from visiting the border crossing point near Novoazovsk. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.
- At a checkpoint on the eastern edge of Oleksandrivske (formerly Rozy Liuksemburh, non-government-controlled, 90km south-east of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage east, thus preventing the SMM from visiting areas close to the border with the Russian Federation, citing “ongoing training activities” in the area and “orders from superiors”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic 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:⁶

- While conducting a mini-UAV flight near Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard seven shots of small-arms fire, assessed as targeting the UAV. (See above.)
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights: once each while flying over areas near government-controlled Luhanske (59km north-east of Donetsk) and Klynove (68km north-east of Donetsk).
- The Mission was unable to launch a mid-range UAV due to GPS signal interference, assessed caused by as probable jamming, near Luhanske.

⁶ 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 beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
1/2/2022	3	Tank (T-72)	Near Andriivka (61km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
31/1/2022	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle	Near a residential area of Vershyna (63km north-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
1/2/2022	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Orikhove-Donetske (44km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol

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

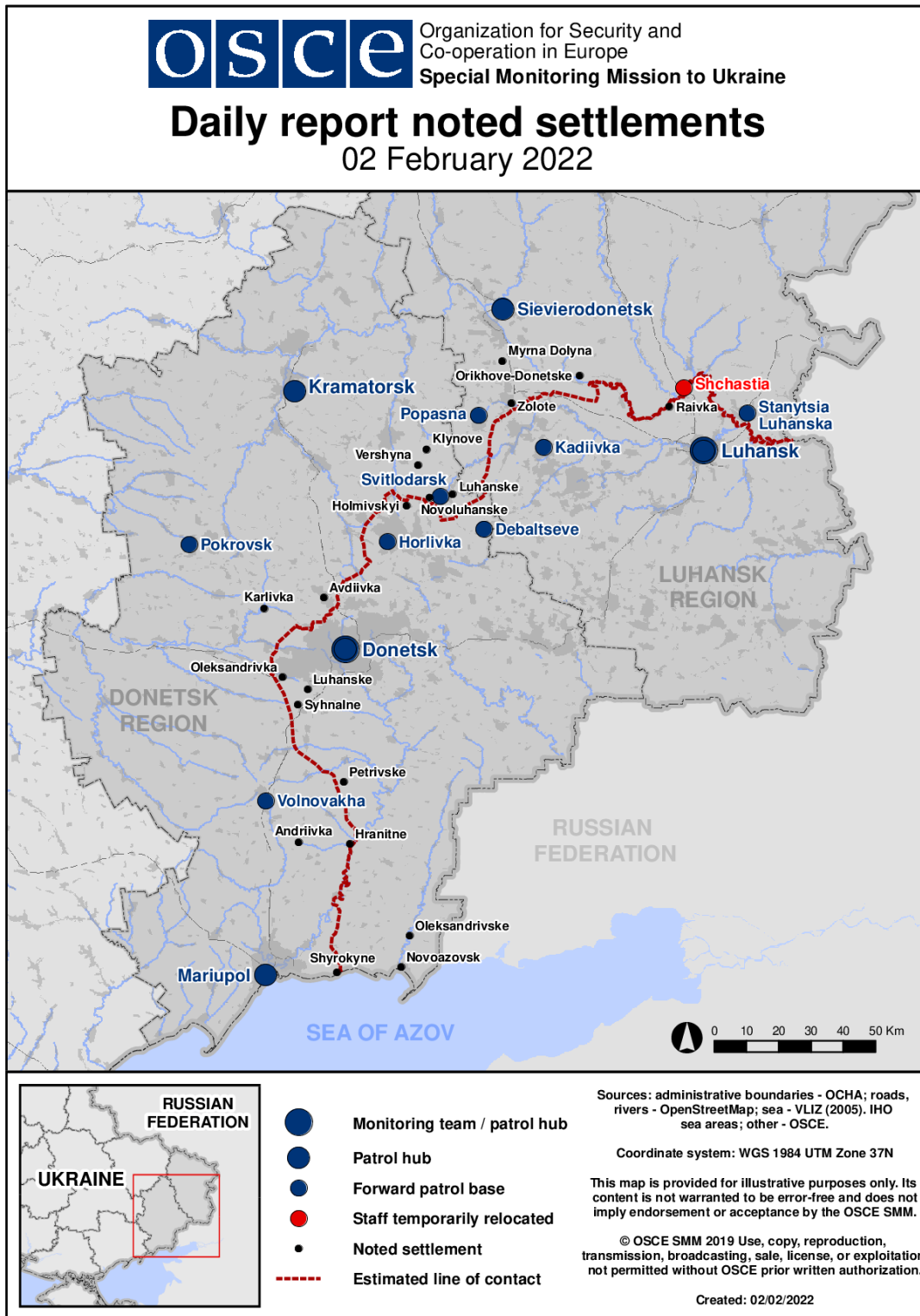
Table of ceasefire violations as of 1 February 2022⁸

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	31-Jan, 19:05
	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Jan, 20:01
	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Jan, 20:16
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	31-Jan, 21:04
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	31-Jan, 21:25
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	31-Jan, 22:42
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	31-Jan, 22:42
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	31-Jan, 23:12
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Feb, 03:12
	3-5km N	Recorded	21	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Feb, 17:49
	3-5km N	Recorded	6	Projectile		N/K	1-Feb, 17:51
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Feb, 18:13
About 3.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1-2km S	Heard	10	Shot		HMG	1-Feb, 10:30-10:40
	2-3km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Feb, 11:00
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3km SE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	1-Feb, 10:55
W edge of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1.5-2km W	Heard	5	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	1-Feb, 12:10-12:20
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	1	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	1-Feb, 12:35
Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	1-Feb, 09:57
About 1.5km NW of Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	3.5km NNE	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	1-Feb, 11:22
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 19:00
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 19:02
Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km NW of Luhansk)	2-3km S	Heard	22	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	1-Feb, 09:53-10:11
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	6-7km WSW	Heard	14	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	1-Feb, 09:35-09:55
Donetskyi (non-government-controlled, 49km W of Luhansk)	8-9km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	1-Feb, 10:30-10:37
	3-4km NW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	1-Feb, 10:30-10:37
	8-9km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	1-Feb, 11:28
Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	1-3km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	1-Feb, 09:50-10:05

⁸ 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
	1-3km W	Heard	26	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	1-Feb, 09:50-10:05
	1-3km W	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	1-Feb, 09:50-10:05
Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	1-3km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	1-Feb, 12:11-12:17
	1-3km WNW	Heard	6	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	1-Feb, 12:11-12:17
	1-2km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	1-Feb, 13:04
Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km NW of Luhansk)	5-6km SW	Heard	35	Shot		Small arms	1-Feb, 12:15-12:24
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	2-4km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	1-Feb, 13:48

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁹



⁹ 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).