

# Daily Report 33/2022

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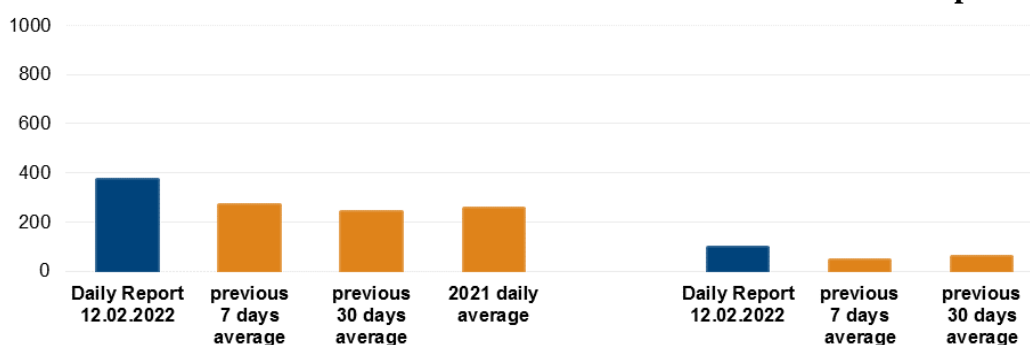
## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded 114 ceasefire violations, including 68 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 738 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 258 ceasefire violations, including 30 explosions. Of these, it assessed 232 as a live-fire exercise inside the security zone and ten as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 11 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission monitored the operation and repair 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 visited a border crossing point and a railway station outside government control in Luhansk region.
- The SMM visited areas near the border with Belarus in Chernihiv region.
- The Mission observed a gathering in Kyiv.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a border crossing point and a railway station outside government control in Luhansk region. Its UAVs again encountered instances of GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.\*

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

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

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



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 11 February 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

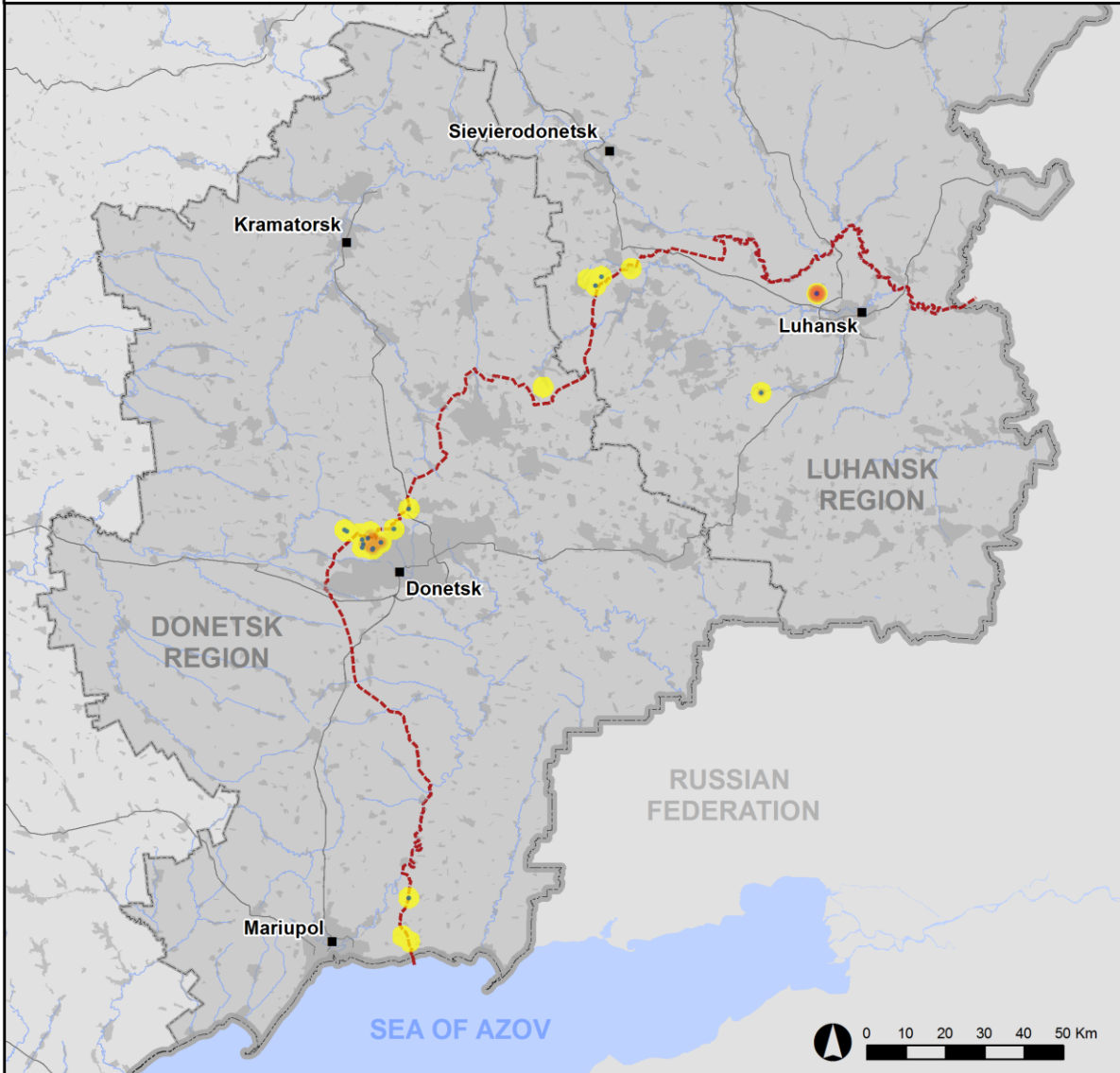
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 11 February 2022



#### Ceasefire violation concentration

- High
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- Low
- 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 114 ceasefire violations, including 68 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred around midday on 11 February in areas north-west of Donetsk city (9km north-west of Donetsk City centre) and in areas west-north-west of Pisky (government-controlled, 11km north-west of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 738 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 258 ceasefire violations, including 30 explosions (one outgoing and 29 undetermined). Of these, the Mission assessed 17 undetermined explosions and 215 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire in an area north-east of Teplychne (non-government-controlled, 8km west of Luhansk) as a live-fire exercise in violation of the decision of the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG) of 3 March 2016 that prohibits the conduct of live-fire training in the security zone. It also assessed ten undetermined explosions in an area north of Malomykolaivka (non-government-controlled, 36km south-west of Luhansk) as live-fire exercise outside the security zone. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 11 ceasefire violations in the region.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the TCG 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 108,039 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 29,185 explosions, 25,843 projectiles in flight, 463 muzzle flashes, 489 illumination flares, and at least 52,059 bursts and shots).

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

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw two 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).

SMM patrols heard three explosions (one outgoing and two undetermined) and 11 bursts of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

Near the checkpoint of the armed formation 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 three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

#### **Presence of mines near Lozove and Zoloti Pisky, Donetsk region**

On 10 February, about 2.5km and 3km south-west of Zoloti Pisky (government-controlled, 12km north-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted 20 and

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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.

27 previously reported anti-tank mines, respectively, laid across both lanes of a highway leading to Lozove (non-government-controlled, 13km west of Donetsk). All these mines were assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Reports of [18 March 2021](#) and [1 November 2021](#).)

On the same day, about 3.5km and 4.5km north of Lozove, an SMM mini-UAV spotted 64 and 19 previously reported anti-tank mines, respectively, all laid across both lanes of a highway leading to Zoloti Pisky. All these mines were assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area see SMM Daily Reports of [28 October 2021](#) and [1 November 2021](#).)

### **Withdrawal of weapons**

The SMM 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 Mission spotted one mortar in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the SMM saw 15 tanks in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

While positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission saw a non-SMM UAV flying at an altitude of about 30m in a south-westerly direction, despite the ban on the operation of any aerial vehicles included in the 22 July 2020 TCG agreement on Measures to strengthen the ceasefire.

On 10 February, on the eastern edge of Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km west of Donetsk), in a trench of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, an SMM mini-UAV spotted a person, assessed as a soldier of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, shooting at the UAV.

### **Mine hazard sign near Troitske, Luhansk region**

On the eastern edge of Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw a mine hazard signs (a yellow and red rectangle with a skull and crossbones, with warning about presence of mines and unexploded ordnance written in Ukrainian, not previously reported) fixed on a road barrier.

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

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM heard one undetermined explosion, 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 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 people queuing to travel in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the SMM 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 queuing to travel in both directions.

The SMM 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.

### **Areas near the border outside government control<sup>6</sup>**

While at a border crossing point near Dovzhanske (84km south-east of Luhansk), the Mission observed two cars (with “LPR” plates) exiting Ukraine. After about 15 minutes, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.\*

While at the Chervona Mohyla railway station in Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk 65km south-east of Luhansk), the Mission observed 50 covered cargo cars. After about ten minutes, two members of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.\*

### **The SMM monitored areas near the border with Belarus in Chernihiv region**

The Mission visited areas near the border with Belarus in Chernihiv region. It observed military exercises at two training areas, at about 40km distance from the border, involving about 70 soldiers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, four multiple launch rocket systems (BM-27, *Uragan*, 220m) near a third training area, at about 20km distance from the border, as well as about 25 military trucks traveling north and south on road P-69.

### **The SMM observed a gathering in Kyiv**

In Kyiv, outside the Kyiv Court of Appeal at 2A Solomianska Street, the Mission observed a gathering of about 2,000 people (mixed genders and ages), some of whom were carrying flags of the European Solidarity political party as well as red and black flags, giving speeches and expressing messages in support of a former President of Ukraine. The Mission also saw the former President of Ukraine addressing the gathering and then entering the court building. The SMM saw about 300 law enforcement officers nearby and observed a calm situation.

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

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<sup>6</sup>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.

## **\*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 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.*

### Denial:

- While at the border crossing point near Dovzhanske (non-government-controlled, 84km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the Mission to leave the area, stating that “the SMM was not allowed to visit the area without co-ordination with his superiors” and threatening to “arrest and put the SMM monitors in jail if they did not comply with the request to leave the area”. He further claimed that “the SMM is only allowed to perform its tasks along the contact line and not in border areas”.
- While at the Chervona Mohyla railway station in Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, non-government-controlled, 65km south-east of Luhansk), two members of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the railway station, citing the “absence of anything to monitor”.

### *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:<sup>7</sup>

- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during six flights: once each over government-controlled areas near Pivdenne (formerly Leninske, 40km north-east of Donetsk) and New York (formerly Novhorodske, 35km north of Donetsk), as well as once each over non-government-controlled areas near Teplychne (8km west of Luhansk), Tsvitni Pisky (11km north of Luhansk), Vesela Hora (16km north of Luhansk) and Shyshkove (11km north-west of Luhansk). During the latter flight, the Mission lost spatial control over the UAV and was unable to retrieve it.

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<sup>7</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 UAVs' positions.

## Table of weapons

### Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
10/2/2022	1	Mortar (2B14 <i>Podnos</i> , 82mm)	Near a residential area of Staromykhailivka (15km west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV

### Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
11/2/2022	4	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-27 <i>Uragan</i> , 220mm)	Near Honcharivske (99km north of Kyiv)	Patrol
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
11/2/2002	15	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Kruhlyk (31km south-west of Luhansk)	Patrol

**Table of ceasefire violations as of 11 February 2022<sup>8</sup>**

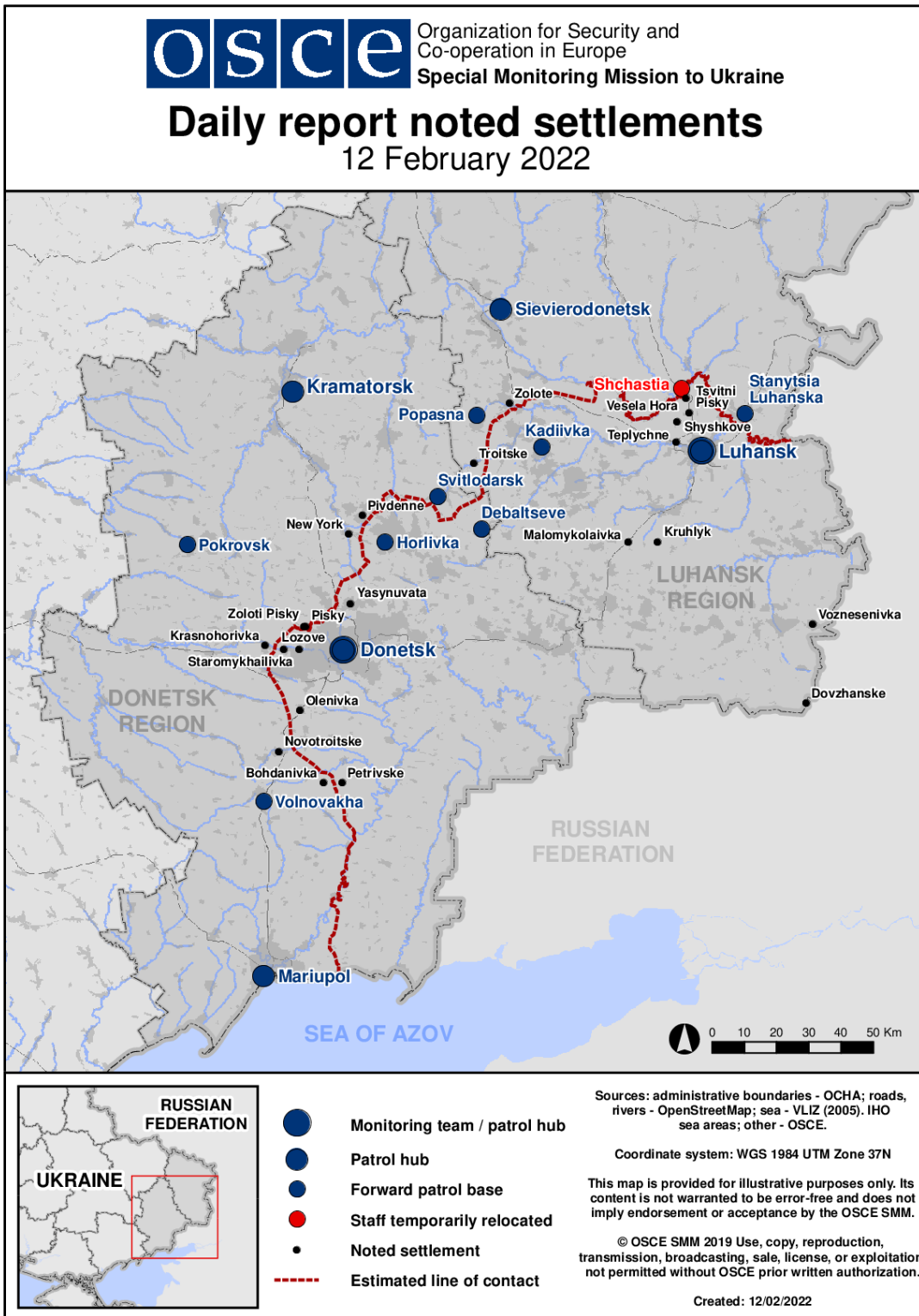
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	10-Feb, 23:07
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Feb, 23:07
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Burst	W to E	N/K	10-Feb, 23:07
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	10-Feb, 22:41
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-5km WNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	10-Feb, 21:56
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 20:49
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	10-Feb, 21:00
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	10-Feb, 22:44
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-Feb, 22:44
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	10-Feb, 22:44
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	11-Feb, 01:24
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	10-Feb, 21:48
About 2km NW of railway station in Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-5km SW	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 10:50-11:06
	3-5km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:06
NW outskirts of Donetsk city (9km NW of Donetsk City centre)	3-5km W	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:11-11:26
	2-3km W	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 11:15-11:25
	2km NW	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 12:17
	2-3km NW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 12:21
Railway station in Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-3km W	Heard	20	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:35-11:50
About 1.5km SSW of railway station in Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-5km W	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 12:02-12:05
About 2km WNW of Pisky (government-controlled, 11km NW of Donetsk)	4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:05
	4km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:05
	2km E	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 11:17
	2km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:11
About 2.5km WNW of Pisky (government-controlled, 11km NW of Donetsk)	4km W	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:19
	0.8km S	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 11:21
Railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 11:25
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	8-9km SW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 13:20
	8-9km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 13:31
2km NE Teplychne (non-government-controlled, 8km W of Luhansk)	3-4km NW	Heard	180	Shot		Small arms	11-Feb, 09:20-10:03

<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
	3-4km NW	Heard	35	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 09:20-10:03
	3-4km NW	Heard	17	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 09:20-10:03
SW edge of Zolote 5 (Mykhailivka) (non-government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-2km NNE	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	11-Feb, 10:19
SW edge of Malomykolaivka (non-government-controlled, 36km SW of Luhansk)	10km N	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 10:44-11:44
2km SW Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km NW of Luhansk)	1-2km WNW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	11-Feb, 13:45-13:47
	1-2km WNW	Heard	5	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	11-Feb, 13:45-13:47
4km E Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	11-Feb, 13:50-13:52
	2km NW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	11-Feb, 13:50-13:52

### 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).