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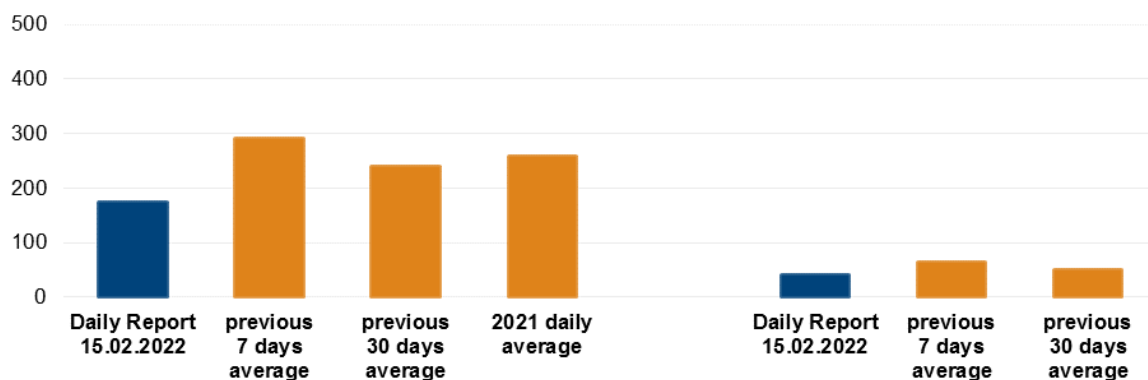
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded 17 ceasefire violations, including one explosion. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 157 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 157 ceasefire violations, including 40 explosions. 80 of the ceasefire violations were assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 80 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM observed an anti-personnel mine, assessed as recently laid, on the edge of road H-20 near non-government-controlled Olenivka, Donetsk region.
- The Mission monitored the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued to follow up on the situation for civilians, including at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed a gathering in Kyiv.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again encountered instances of GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming and jamming.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 14 February 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

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

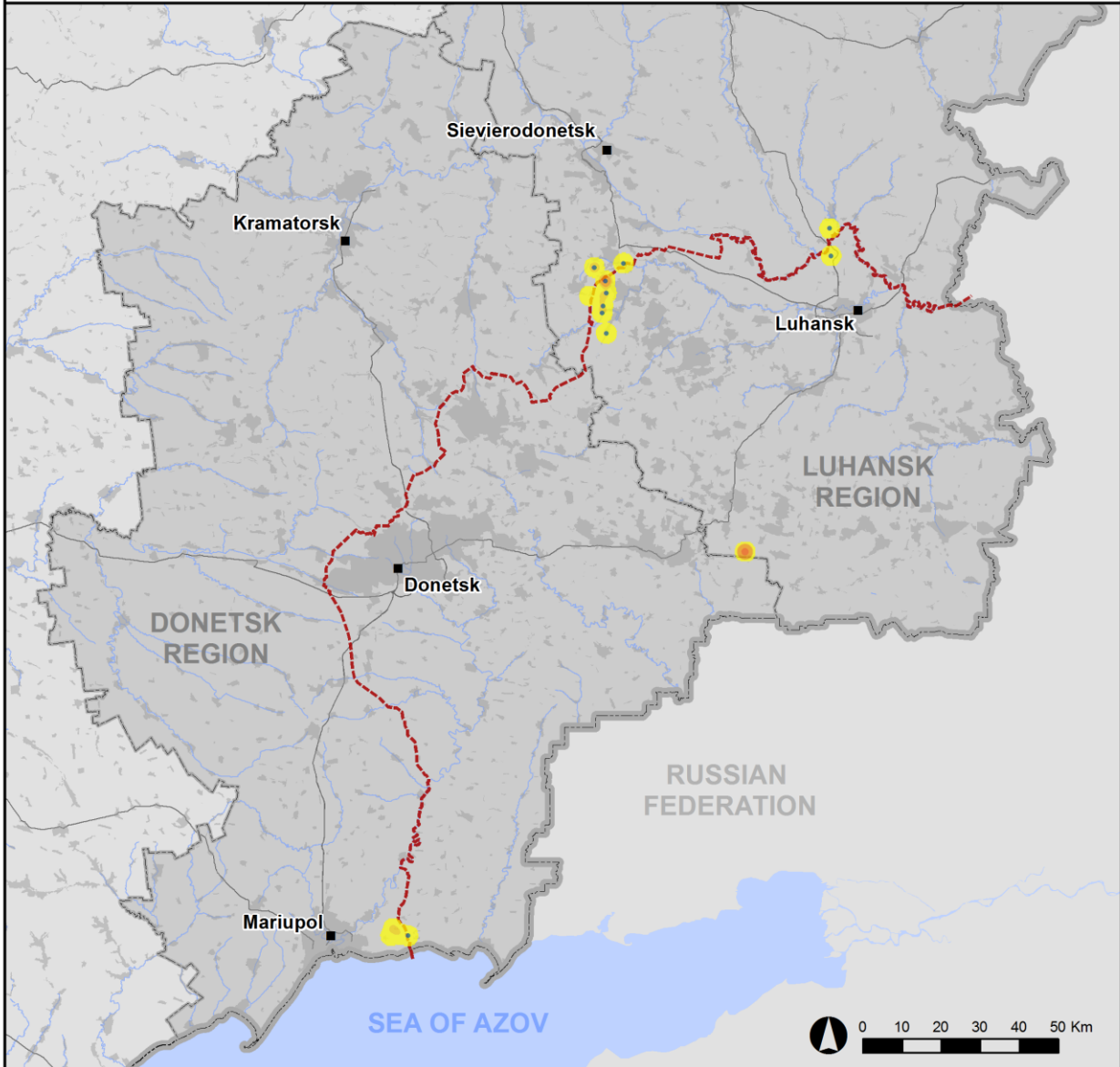
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⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

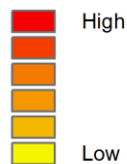


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 14 February 2022



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 17 ceasefire violations, including one undetermined explosion. Nine ceasefire violations occurred in an area south-east of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk) and seven were recorded north and north-north-west of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 157 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 157 ceasefire violations, including 40 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations (80 shots of small-arms fire) occurred south of Sadovyi (non-government-controlled, 57km south-west of Luhansk) and were assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone, and also in areas close to the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 80 ceasefire violations in the region.

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 108,588 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 29,300 explosions, 25,900 projectiles in flight, 469 muzzle flashes, 491 illumination flares, and at least 52,428 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed 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 11 undetermined explosions and 30 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, 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.)

On the morning of 14 February, while positioned inside the disengagement area in a residential area in the northern part of Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km west of Luhansk), the Mission observed a police patrol vehicle and three law enforcement officers, two of whom were visibly armed.

Near the checkpoint of the armed formation south of the area, the Mission observed three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them). The SMM again observed 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 the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

Weapons storage sites

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

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

14 February

The SMM noted that one tank (T-72) and two mortars (2B11, 120mm) were missing, as compared with the previous visit to this site on 4 January.

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁶

At two heavy weapons holding areas in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region

14 February

The SMM observed that all weapons at the two sites were present, as compared with the previous visit on 4 January.

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 observed 22 tanks in a government-controlled area and one mortar in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The SMM observed two armoured combat vehicles in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, one of the two in a residential area. (For further information, see the table below.)

While positioned about 1.8km north of Petrivske, the Mission heard a sound, assessed as caused by the propellers of a non-SMM unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), south of its location.

Presence of an anti-personnel mine near Olenivka, Donetsk region

About 3km south-west of Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), on the northern edge of road H-20, the SMM observed an anti-personnel mine (MON-200, not previously reported), assessed as recently laid and belonging to the armed formations. The patrol observed a white wire connected to the mine's fuse laid in an eastward direction, alongside the edge of the road.

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 Donetsk region, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open and that the corresponding

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.

checkpoint near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

The SMM also observed that the EECF 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. While at the EECF, the Mission observed a man (in his sixties) collapsing near his vehicle, and subsequently observed medical staff belonging to an international organization arrive at the location and assist the man. While at the checkpoint, the Mission monitored an emergency medical evacuation of a woman (in her sixties) with disabilities, from non-government-controlled to government-controlled areas.

The Mission also observed that the EECF near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) was open but did not observe any civilian traffic.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the EECF near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel toward non-government-controlled areas.

The Mission observed that the EECFs 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 about 3km south-east of the bridge near Shchastia were closed.

The SMM observed a gathering in Kyiv

On the afternoon of 14 February, in Kyiv, in front of the Khreshchatyk metro station, the Mission observed a gathering of about 20 people (mixed genders and ages) on the occasion of a high level visit from an EU member state to Kyiv. The SMM observed that two participants in the gathering gave speeches in Ukrainian and English, and the SMM heard slogans critical of the president of a neighboring country and in favor of NATO. The SMM observed about 55 law enforcement officers nearby and observed a calm situation.

The Mission continued monitoring in Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Dnipro and Chernivtsi 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 12 February 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.

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-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during five flights: once each over areas near Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 24km north of Donetsk), Mykhailivka (government-controlled, 45km north-west of Luhansk), Vesela Hora (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk), Shymshynivka (non-government-controlled, 27km south-west of Luhansk) and the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).
- 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 Kashtanove (non-government-controlled, 13km north of Donetsk) and between Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) and Novoandriivka. The same UAV experienced dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying over areas between Kashtanove and Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and near Petrivske.

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.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
14/2/2022	22	Tank (T-72)	Near Pidlisne (70km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
11/2/2022	1	Mortar (type undetermined)	Near Tsvitni Pisky (11km north of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
11/2/2022	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP type)	Near Tsvitni Pisky	Mini-UAV
14/2/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	In a residential area of Uspenka (23km south-west of Luhansk)	Patrol

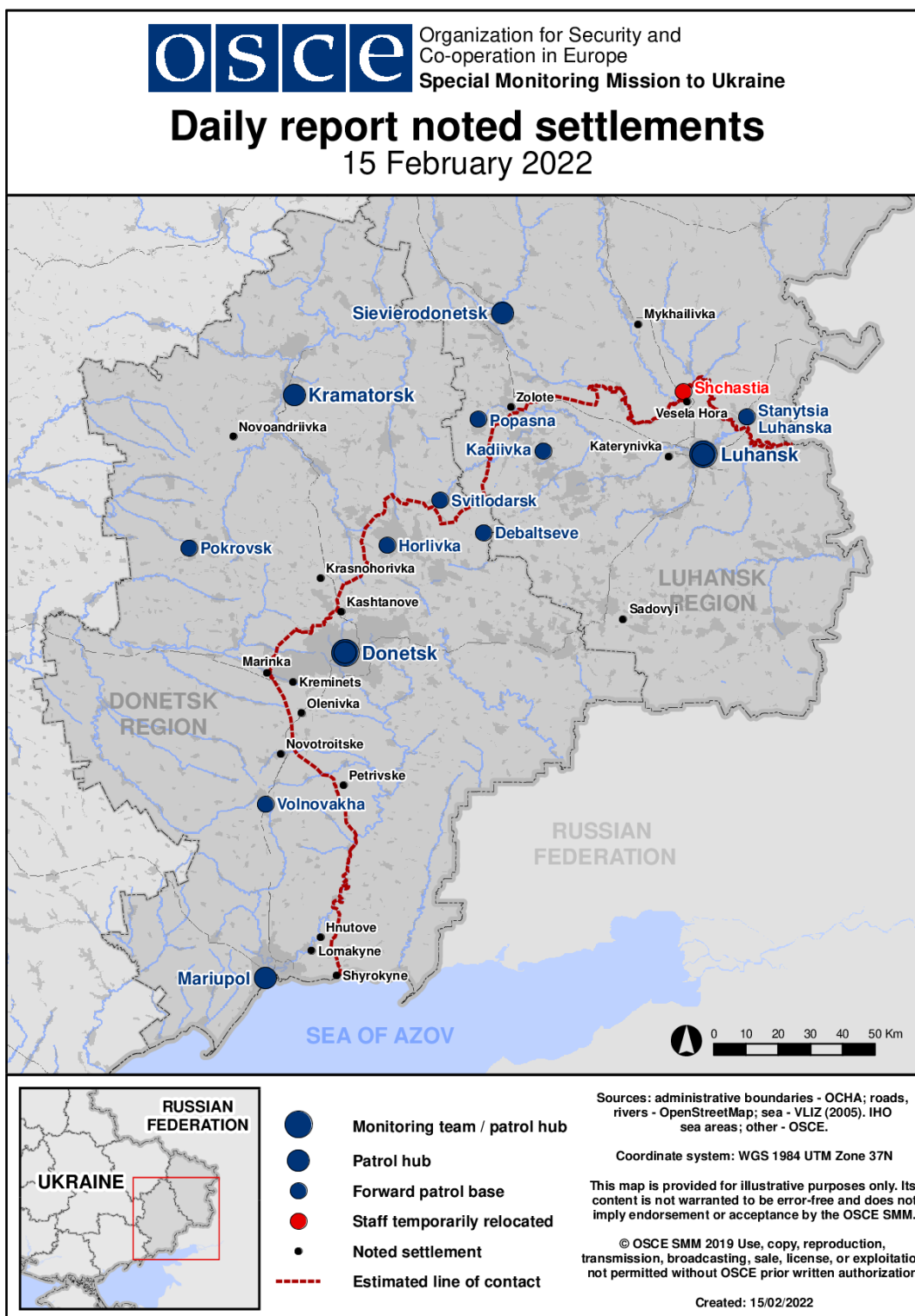
⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 14 February 2022⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Feb, 19:01
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Feb, 18:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	14-Feb, 18:17
About 2.5km SSE of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	3-4km E	Heard	9	Burst		HMG	14-Feb, 12:05-12:11
About 2.5km SE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	2-3km N	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	14-Feb, 13:10
Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non-government-controlled, 50km W of Luhansk)	12-15km WNW	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Feb, 18:00-18:27
	12-15km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Feb, 18:00-18:27
	12-15km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Feb, 18:00-18:27
	12-15km W	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Feb, 18:27-18:34
Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km west of Luhansk)	3-4km SW	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	14-Feb, 11:50-12:01
	4-6km SSW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Feb, 11:50-12:01
Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk)	4-5km SW	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	14-Feb, 10:40-10:50
	4-5km SW	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	14-Feb, 10:40-10:50
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk)	3-4km NNE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	14-Feb, 13:45
	3-4km WSW	Heard	23	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	14-Feb, 09:21-09:37
	3-4km WSW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	14-Feb, 09:21-09:37
Obozne (non-government-controlled, 18km north of Luhansk)	5-6km NW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Feb, 10:30
Sadovi (non-government-controlled, 57km south-west of Luhansk)	7-9km SSW	Heard	80	Shot		Small arms	14-Feb, 11:08
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk)	4-6km ENE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Feb, 07:30-07:33
	4-6km ENE	Heard	1	Burst	Undetermined	HMG	14-Feb, 07:30-07:33
	4-6km ENE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	14-Feb, 07:30-07:33
	4-6km ENE	Heard	1	Burst	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	HMG	14-Feb, 07:30-07:33
Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk)	3-5km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Feb, 10:30

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.

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).