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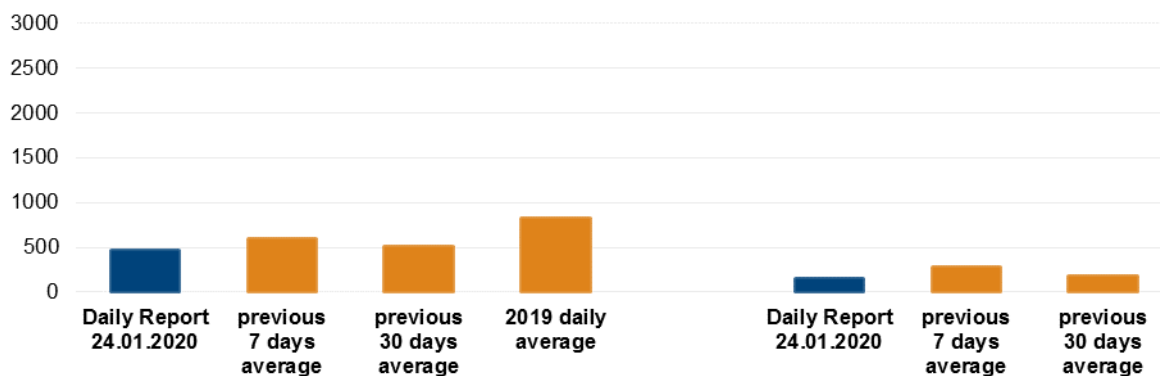
Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. A member of the armed formations again restricted the Mission's access near the latter area, including to the SMM camera.
- The SMM saw weapons in violation of withdrawal lines on both sides of the contact line, including three mortars in a residential area of non-government-controlled Donetsk city.
- The Mission visited border crossing points in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at three 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, 23 January 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

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

³ Including explosions.

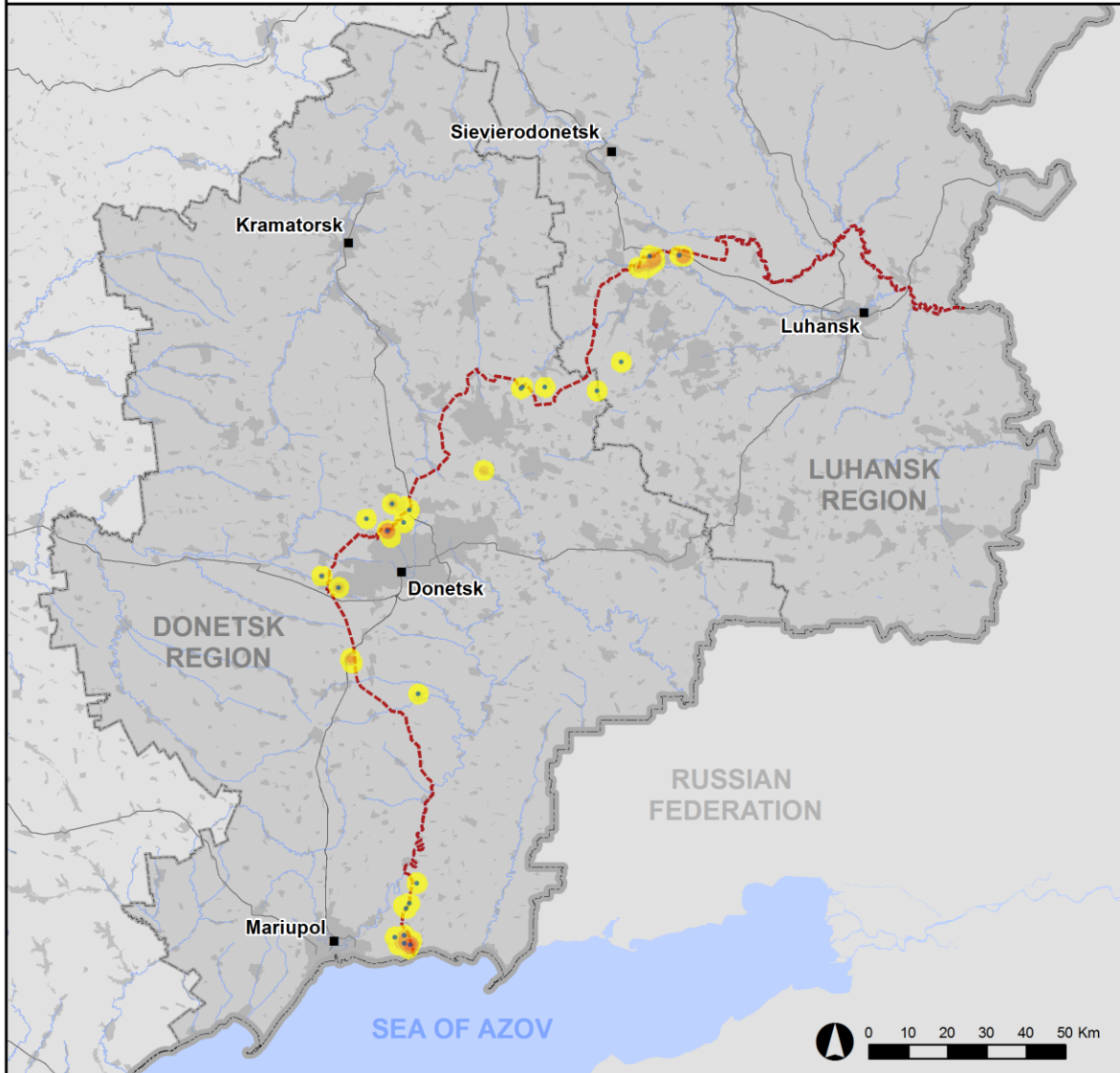
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

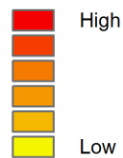


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 23 January 2020



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 more ceasefire violations, including about 150 explosions, compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 130 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), while more than half of the explosions (about 80) were recorded in areas north-west of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including, however, fewer explosions (four), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (45 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at northerly directions of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) and at northerly directions of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) and their checkpoint south of it.

Outside the disengagement area, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) [again](#) spotted an anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm) about 150m south-south-east of the area’s south-eastern edge.

The Mission saw a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with “JCCC” written on it) on the southern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

At a checkpoint about 3km north of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage southwards towards the settlement, hindering the Mission’s monitoring of the area and access to its camera.*

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. It spotted a probable self-propelled howitzer in government-controlled areas and three towed howitzers in non-government-controlled areas, all in violation of withdrawal lines. It also saw three self-propelled mortars in violation of withdrawal lines driving in a westerly direction in the Kyivskiy district of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled) (for further details, see the table below).

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁶

The SMM saw military and military-type presence in the security zone on both sides of the contact line, including anti-aircraft guns (for further details, see above and the table below).

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

⁶ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

The Mission saw Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel flying a black UAV (fixed-wing type) over areas near Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk). It also saw a grey-black UAV flying over areas near the southern outskirts of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk).

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 70 minutes, the SMM saw 19 cars (four with Ukrainian and six with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as nine with “DPR” plates), six covered cargo trucks (one with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as five with “DPR” plates), a bus with Russian Federation licence plates and 13 pedestrians (mixed ages) entering Ukraine. During the same time, the Mission saw 14 cars (one with Ukrainian and six with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as seven with “DPR” plates), five covered cargo trucks (two with Ukrainian and one with Russian Federation licence plates, as well as two with “DPR” plates) and 16 pedestrians (mixed ages, including one boy) exiting Ukraine.

While at a pedestrian border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 20 minutes, the SMM saw two men (mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, 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 Package of Measures 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 23 January 2020](#)). 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 of access:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations about 3km north of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage south towards the settlement, citing “orders from superiors”, “security reasons” and the “safety of the SMM”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission saw civilian cars crossing in both directions.
- At a checkpoint north of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of

Donetsk) and Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing demining activities”

- At a checkpoint west of Bezimenne (non-government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing “orders from superiors”.

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:

- On two occasions, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south Donetsk).⁷
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Zernove (non-government-controlled, 33km south of Donetsk).
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), near the disengagement area.

⁷ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAVs’ positions.

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
22/01/2020	1	Probable self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	Near Orlivske (82km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
Non-government-controlled areas				
22/01/2020	3	Towed howitzer (D-30)	Near Perevalsk (38km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
23/01/2020	3	Self-propelled mortar (2S9 <i>Nona-S</i> , 120mm)	Driving westward in a residential area of Kyivskiyi district of Donetsk city	Patrol

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
22/01/2020	2	Self-propelled mortar (2S9 <i>Nona-S</i> , 120mm) type turrets, mounted on armoured personnel carriers (MT-LB)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

Table of indications of military presence in the security zone⁸

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
22/01/2020	3	Self-propelled anti-aircraft system (ZU-23-4 <i>Shilka</i> , 23mm)	Near Orlivske (82km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle		
23/01/2020	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZPU-1)	In Kriakivka (38km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Rozivka (32km north of Donetsk)	

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Table of ceasefire violations as of 23 January 2020⁹

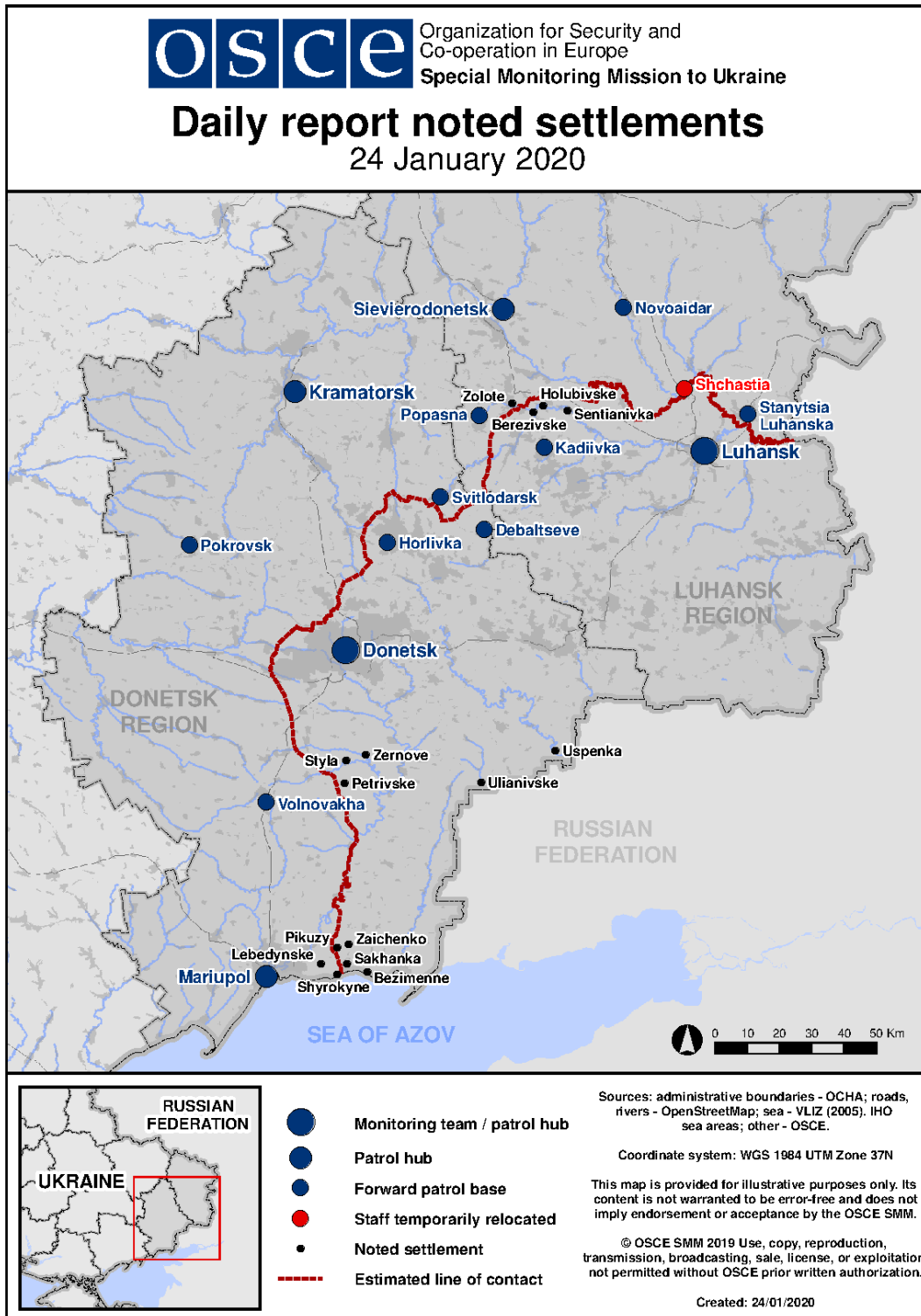
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 20:42
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	22-Jan, 21:47
	0.5-1.5km ESE	Recorded	17	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	23-Jan, 17:34
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 22:19
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	22-Jan, 22:49
	4-6km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 03:20
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 20:58
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	22-Jan, 21:00
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:03
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	23-Jan, 03:49
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 20:02
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	22-Jan, 20:37
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 19:39
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 19:40
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 19:41
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 19:42
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 19:43
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 20:35
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 20:53
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 20:54
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 20:54
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 20:55
	5-7km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 20:55
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 20:56
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 20:56
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 20:57
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 20:58
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:00
	5-7km NNW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:00
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:00
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:01
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:02
5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:02	
3-5km NNW	Recorded	8	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:03	
5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:03	
3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:04	

⁹ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM 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 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 and/or other considerations. Ceasefire violations recorded by more than one patrol and assessed to be the same are entered only once.

	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:05
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:05
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:06
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:07
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:08
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:09
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:09
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:10
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:12
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:17
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 21:17
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	8	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:18
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	13	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jan, 21:19
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	16	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:20
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:21
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:22
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	27	Projectile	W to E	N/K	22-Jan, 21:23
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	22-Jan, 21:56
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	23-Jan, 04:23
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	23-Jan, 04:24
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	21	Projectile	W to E	N/K	23-Jan, 04:25
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	23-Jan, 17:09
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	23-Jan, 17:10
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	23-Jan, 17:12
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	23-Jan, 17:12
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	23-Jan, 17:12
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	23-Jan, 17:13
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 17:32
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 17:59
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	23-Jan, 18:15
Donetsk central railway station (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1-2km NNW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	23-Jan, 08:50
About 1km NNE of Donetsk central railway station (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-3km NW	Heard	53	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 10:01-10:20
	2-3km NW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	23-Jan, 10:04
	2-3km NW	Heard	25	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 10:22-10:38
1.7km NW of Kashtanove (non-government-controlled, 13km N of Donetsk)	5km W	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 11:35-11:38
	2km WSW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	23-Jan, 11:35-11:38
Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km N	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 09:45
Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km SW of Donetsk)	2km NNW	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 09:35
	2km NNW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 09:51

About 3km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	4-5km N	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 11:10-11:12
About 2km SE of Pervomaiske (government-controlled, 17km NW of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 12:40
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 19:04
	4-5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jan, 20:59
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 14:31
Korsun (non-government-controlled, 31km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km WNW	Heard	12	Burst		N/K	23-Jan, 12:40-12:41
S edge of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	2-5km NW	Heard	15	Burst		Small arms	23-Jan, 09:17-09:20
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 10:40
	1-2km NNW	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	23-Jan, 10:35-10:50
	1-2km NNW	Heard	16	Shot		Small arms	23-Jan, 10:30-10:50
W edge of Verhulivka (non-government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	7-9km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 10:04
	2-4km W	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 10:11
SW edge of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	2-3km NNE	Heard	13	Burst		Small arms	23-Jan, 11:40-11:45
	1-2km N	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	23-Jan, 11:50-11:55
	2-3km NW	Heard	14	Burst		Small arms	23-Jan, 12:07-12:09
NW edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	2-3km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jan, 11:50
	2-3km NNE	Heard	48	Burst		HMG	23-Jan, 11:50-11:58
	2-3km NNE	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	23-Jan, 11:46-11:58

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 has 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 patrols in this settlement during daylight hours, as well).