

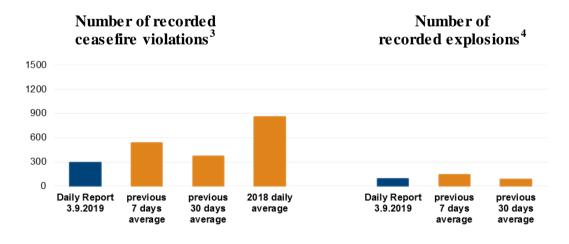
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Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed multiple craters and projectiles in flight in Pikuzy.
- The SMM saw that the former forward positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and
 of the armed formations inside the Stanytsia Luhanska disengagement area continued
 to be dismantled.
- It observed military hardware inside the Petrivske disengagement area and recorded ceasefire violations outside the Zolote disengagement area.
- The Mission saw weapons in violation of withdrawal lines in government-controlled areas.
- The SMM monitored adherence to the ceasefire to facilitate repairs to and the operation of essential civilian infrastructure, including a water pipeline between Zolote-3/Stakhanovets and Popasna and power lines near Artema.
- Restrictions of the Mission's access continued, including at checkpoints near non-government-controlled Nova Marivka, Zaichenko, Veselohorivka, Voznesenivka and Verkhnoshyrokivske as well as near government-controlled Nevelske and Bohdanivka.*

Ceasefire violations²



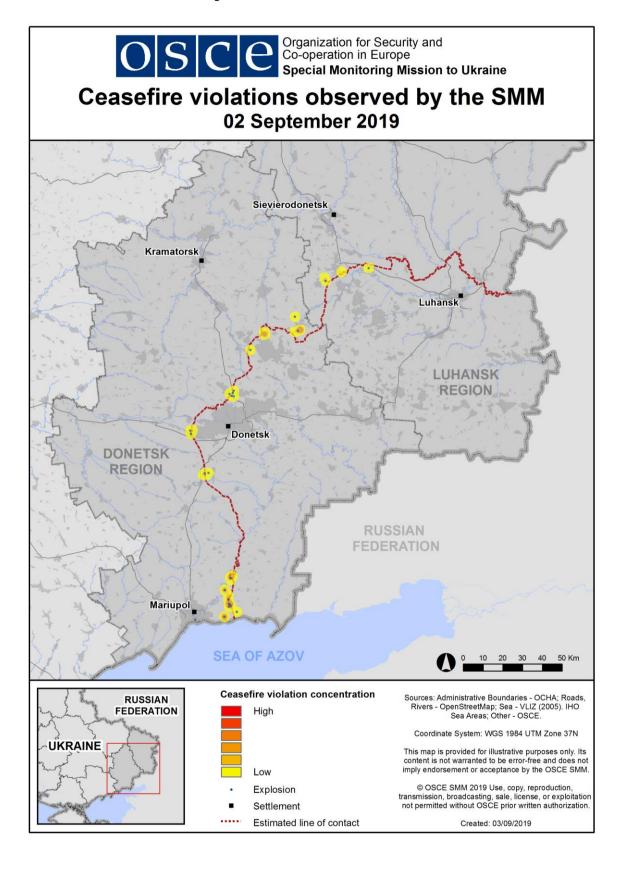
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 2 September 2019. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Kriakivka was not operational.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Maps of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 90), compared with the previous 24 hours (118 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at north-westerly directions of Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 24km north-east of Mariupol), at easterly, southerly and northerly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and at south-easterly directions of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 31km north-east of Mariupol).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including, however, more explosions (three), compared with the previous 24 hours (no explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at easterly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and east-south-east of Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

Multiple craters and projectiles in flight in Pikuzy

On the evening of 1 September, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted probable projectiles in flight with a straight trajectory over Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 23km north-east of Mariupol). It also spotted multiple fresh craters in the centre of the village (for previous observations, see SMM Spot Report 1 September 2019).

Stanytsia Luhanska disengagement area

Inside the disengagement area, the SMM saw ten State Emergency Services (SES) of Ukraine workers with a crane and two trucks continuing to dismantle the former forward position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces north of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north of Luhansk) which included removing concrete blocks. The Mission saw five SES deminers removing vegetation west of the road near the former forward position and carrying out demining activities and cutting trees north of the broken section of the bridge west of the road.

The Mission saw five SES deminers go under the broken section of the bridge to conduct a security survey. Three deminers from non-government-controlled areas were also present nearby.

The SMM saw six workers from non-government-controlled areas dismantling the former forward position of the armed formations immediately south of the broken section of the bridge. Later on, the Mission observed that piles of tyres and other debris remained at the location of the former forward position.

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the bridge, at a shelter belonging to an international humanitarian organization, the SMM saw a man (in his sixties) being assisted by staff of the organization. The same staff told the SMM that the man had suffered from heat exhaustion while waiting at the checkpoint of the armed formations. At the same shelter, the SMM saw workers installing plastic sheets on the roof.

The SMM saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) between the southern edge of the broken section of the bridge and the checkpoint of the armed formations.⁵

Other disengagement areas⁶

On the evening of 1 September, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded three projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km east. On the same evening positioned on northern edge of Popasna, the Mission heard seven bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire as well as two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east, all assessed as outside the disengagement area, but within its 5km periphery.

On 1 September, an SMM long-range UAV spotted an armoured personnel carrier (APC) (BTR variant) close to positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces inside the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), about 1.2km south of its northern edge and about 1.2km east of its western edge.

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 total, the Mission observed nine weapons in violation of withdrawal lines, all in government-controlled areas. (For more details, see the below table of weapons in violation of withdrawal lines as of 2 September 2019.)

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone ⁷

Government-controlled areas

1 September

The SMM saw:

- an armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2) near Vyskryva (76km west of Luhansk); and
- two armoured reconnaissance vehicles (BRDM-2) near Popasna (69km west of Luhansk).

An SMM long-range UAV spotted:

- an APC (BTR type) near positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces inside the disengagement area near Petrivske (see above);
- two APCs (MT-LB) near Lebedynske (16km north-east of Mariupol); and

⁵ The Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC) was established in September 2014 by Ukraine and the Russian Federation. Each posted a representative to jointly head the Centre and a staff of officers from the Ukrainian and Russian Federation Armed Forces to be co-located in defined sectors of Luhansk and Donetsk regions. In December 2017, Russian Federation Armed Forces officers withdrew from the JCCC and departed Ukraine.

⁶ Disengagement is foreseen in the <u>Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.</u>

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

- an armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2) near Pervomaiske (17km northwest of Donetsk).

2 September

The SMM saw:

- an infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1) near Pervomaiske and
- an APC (BTR-70) near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk).

Non-government-controlled areas

30 August

An SMM mini-UAV spotted a 50m long trench being refurbished, assessed as belonging to the armed formations, near Tavrycheske (35km north-east of Mariupol).

SMM facilitation of repairs to and the operation of civilian infrastructure

The SMM monitored adherence to the ceasefire to enable assessments and repairs of a water pipeline between Zolote-3/Stakhanovets (government-controlled, 61km west of Luhansk) and Popasna and of power lines near Artema (government-controlled, 26km north of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and monitor the security situation around the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

Border areas not under government control

While at the Chervona Mohyla railway station in Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, non-government-controlled, 65km south-east of Luhansk) for about ten minutes, the SMM observed stationary freight cars in sidings and no train traffic.

Upon arrival at a border crossing point near Voznesenivka, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.* While present, the SMM saw no traffic entering or exiting Ukraine.

*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 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 of access:

- At a checkpoint in Nevelske (government-controlled, 18km north-west of Donetsk), a Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel denied the SMM passage towards the settlement.

- At a checkpoint south of Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards the settlement, citing "ongoing demining activities".
- At a checkpoint east of Veselohorivka (non-government-controlled, 64km west of Luhansk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing "engineering works".
- At the border crossing point near Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, non-government-controlled, 65km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.

Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/UXO:

- The sides continued to deny the SMM full access to disengagement areas near Zolote and Petrivske, 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 and UXO.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint west of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), a Ukrainian Armed Forces soldier allowed the SMM to proceed towards the settlement and the disengagement area near Petrivske only after about 55 minutes of waiting.
- At a checkpoint west of Verkhnoshyrokivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 29km north-east of Mariupol), an armed member of the armed formations again allowed the SMM to proceed only after about 20 minutes of waiting.
- At a checkpoint north of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 26km north-east of Mariupol), two members of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed only after about 20 minutes of waiting.

Other impediments:

- On the evening and night of 1-2 September, an SMM long range-UAV lost its GPS signal due to signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over government-controlled and non-government-controlled areas in northern and central areas of Donetsk region. The same UAV also experienced dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying over areas near Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk), Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), Novoselivka (government-controlled, 66km south of Donetsk) and Hnutove (government-controlled, 20km north of Mariupol).⁸
- On 2 September, on five occasions, SMM mini-UAVs experienced signal interference while flying near Chermalyk (government-controlled, 31km north-east of Mariupol), assessed as caused by probable jamming.

⁸ The interference could have originated from anywhere within a radius of several kilometres of the UAVs' positions.

Tables of weapons as of 2 September 2019

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines:

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation					
	Government-controlled areas								
02/09/2019	8	Towed howitzer (D-20, 152mm)	Train station in Kostiantynivka (60km north of Donetsk)	Patrol					
02/09/2019	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Kyrylivka (26km north-east of Mariupol)	Patrol					

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites:

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation				
Government-controlled areas								
02/09/2019	17	Tanks (T-64)	s (T-64)					
02/09/2019	14	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	Railway station in Zachativka (74km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol				
02/09/2019	6	Self-propelled howitzer (2S3 <i>Akatsiya</i> , 152mm)	south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol				

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation					
	Non-government-controlled areas								
29/08/2019	21	Tanks	A training area near Myrne (28km southwest of Luhansk) (for previous observations, see SMM Daily Report 29 August 2019)	Aerial imagery available to the SMM					

Other weapons observed: 10

Source of No. of Date Type of weapon Location weapons observation Non-government-controlled areas A training area near Myrne (28km south-9 Self-propelled howitzers Aerial imagery west of Luhansk) (for previous 29/08/2019 available to the observations, see SMM Daily Report 29 SMM 31 Towed howitzers August 2019)

⁹ In the same area, aerial imagery revealed also the presence of 60 armoured combat vehicles. These are not

proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

10 The SMM was unable to assess whether these weapons were in violation of withdrawal lines in the absence of information on their calibre.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 2 September 2019^{11}

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 21:00
(government-	2-4km SSE	Recorded	4	Muzzle flash		N/K	1-Sep, 21:05
controlled,	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	1-Sep, 21:05
31km SW of	2-4km SE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Sep, 23:25
Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	1-Sep, 23:25
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	2-Sep, 01:44
	2-3km S	Recorded	10	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	2-Sep, 02:30
	2-3km S	Recorded	9	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	2-Sep, 02:31
SMM camera in	2-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Sep, 02:55
Chermalyk	2-3km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	2-Sep, 03:08
(government-	2-3km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	2-Sep, 03:15
controlled,	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	2-Sep, 03:25
31km NE of	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	2-Sep, 03:25
Mariupol)	3-5km S	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Sep, 04:27
	3-5km S	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Sep, 04:28
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	2-Sep, 04:58
SMM camera at Donetsk	300-500m SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	1-Sep, 21:26
Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 04:20
(D) (D) (2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	1-Sep, 20:24
SMM camera at entry-exit	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S	N/K	1-Sep, 21:01
checkpoint in	2-4km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	1-Sep, 22:57
Maiorsk	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	1-Sep, 22:57
(government-	2-4km ENE	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K	1-Sep, 23:59
controlled,	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K	2-Sep, 00:13
45km NE of	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	2-Sep, 00:58
Donetsk)	3-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	2-Sep, 02:25
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	1-Sep, 19:58
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	1-Sep, 19:58
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	1-Sep, 19:58
SMM camera at	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 23:00
entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 23:15
Marinka (government- controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 23:30
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 23:45
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Sep, 00:00
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Sep, 00:15
SMM camera at	6-8km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Sep, 20:36

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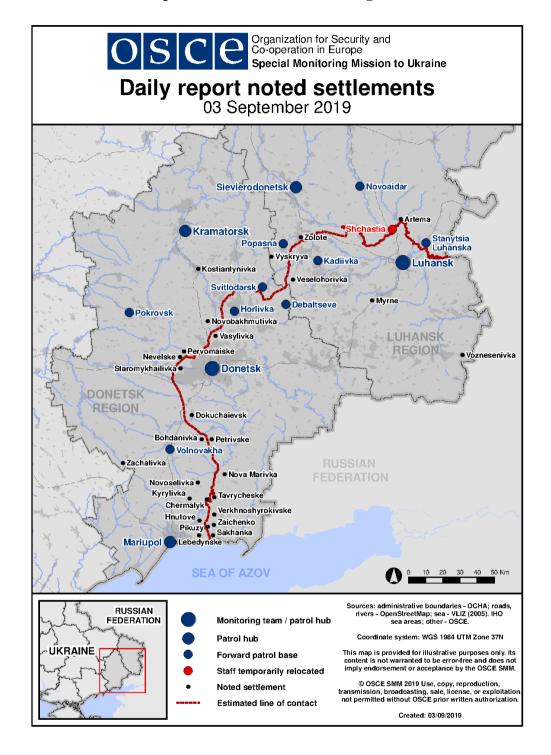
¹¹ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors on the ground, 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.

entry-exit	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	4-6km S	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	1-Sep, 22:49
checkpoint in Pyshchevyk (government-	4-6km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 23:02
	6-8km S	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 23:49
controlled, 25km NE of	4-6km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Sep, 02:14
Mariupol)	4-6km S	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	2-Sep, 03:12
viairapoi)	4-6km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Sep, 03:12
	4-6km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	2-Sep, 03:14
	6-8km S	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	2-Sep, 03:16
	6-8km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	2-Sep, 03:25
	6-8km S	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	2-Sep, 03:42
	6-8km S	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	2-Sep, 03:59
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk	2-4km ESE	Recorded	11	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 20:37
government- controlled,	2-4km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 21:12
57km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	21	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	1-Sep, 21:13
SE part of Avdiivka (government- controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 14:08
SW part of Dokuchaievsk (non- government- controlled, 30km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 14:25
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 10:45
About 2km SW of Marinka (government- controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 15:20
2km SW of Pyshchevyk	N/K S	Heard	12	Burst		Small arms	2-Sep, 09:45
government-	N/K SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 09:55
controlled, 25km NE of Mariupol)	N/K SE	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	2-Sep, 13:53
Lebedynske (government- controlled, 16km NE of Mariupol)	4km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 10:36
About 2km SE	N/K E	Heard	26	Shot		Small arms	2-Sep, 11:58- 12:05
About 2km SE							
About 2km SE of Lebedynske government-	N/K NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 12:58
	N/K NE	Heard Heard	1	Explosion Explosion	Undetermined Undetermined	N/K N/K	2-Sep, 12:58 2-Sep, 13:03

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
government-							12:40
controlled, 24km NE of Mariupol)	4-5km NW	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	2-Sep, 12:34- 12:40
	N/K NW	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	2-Sep, 12:42- 12:44
	5-6km NW	Heard	26	Explosion	Outgoing and impact	N/K	2-Sep, 12:57- 12:59
	5-6km NW	Heard	24	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 13:00- 13:05
	5-6km NW	Heard	12	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	2-Sep, 13:00- 13:05
	N/K W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 13:03
Horlivka (non- government- controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	6-7km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Sep, 23:33
	3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 09:01- 09:05
Svitlodarsk	3km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	2-Sep, 09:01- 09:05
(government-	2km S	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	2-Sep, 09:02
controlled, 57km NE of	2km S	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	2-Sep, 09:02
Donetsk)	2km S	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	2-Sep, 09:23
	2km S	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	2-Sep, 09:23
	5-6km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 16:30
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government- controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	4-5km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 10:44
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government- controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	1-Sep, 22:37
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Sep, 21:16
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	1-Sep, 21:53
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Sep, 21:54
N edge of Popasna	3-5km ESE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	1-Sep, 22:05- 22:50
(government- controlled,	3-5km ESE	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	1-Sep, 22:05- 22:50
69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Sep, 22:05- 22:50
N edge of Sentianivka (formerly	3-5km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Sep, 11:00

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
Frunze, non-							
government-							
controlled,							
44km W of							
Luhansk)							

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions 12



¹² The SMM is deployed to ten locations throughout Ukraine – Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, Chemivtsi, 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).