

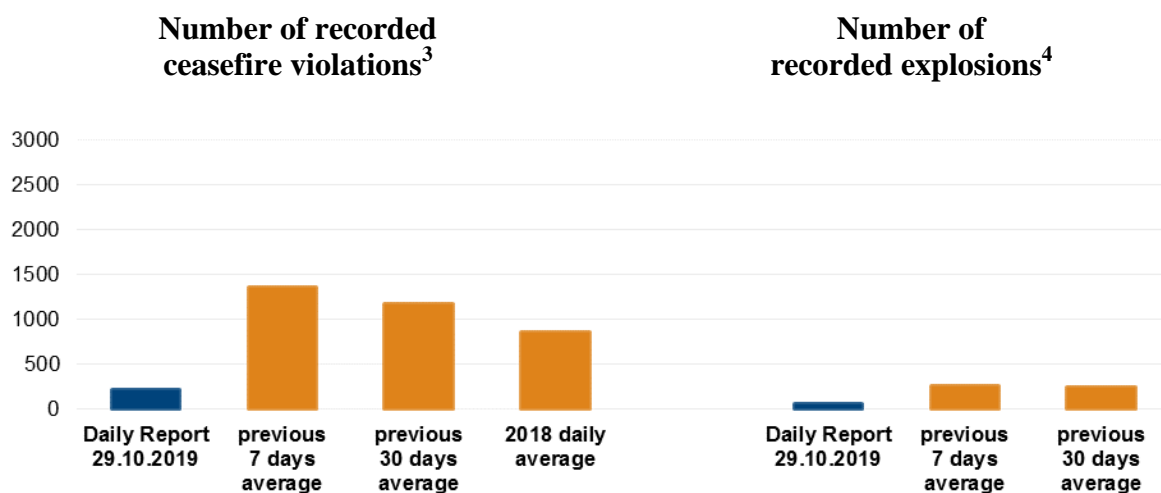
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Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as aimed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near non-government-controlled Sentianivka.
- The SMM saw for the first time anti-tank mines near Dokuchaievsk and unexploded ordnance near Molodizhne.
- Inside the Stanytsia Luhanska disengagement area, the Mission continued to observe construction works to the bridge.
- The Mission observed weapons in violation of their respective withdrawal lines in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region
- The SMM continued to observe long queues of civilians travelling across the contact line in Donetsk region.
- Restrictions of the Mission's freedom of movement continued, including at checkpoints near non-government-controlled Novoazovsk and Zaichenko.*

Ceasefire violations²



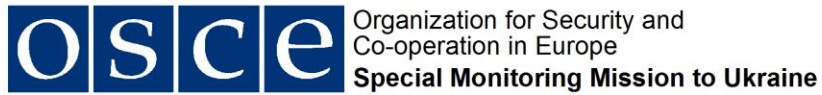
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 28 October 2019. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras in Hnutove and Shyrokyne were not operational. On the night of 28-29 October, fog limited the observation capabilities of majority of the SMM cameras.

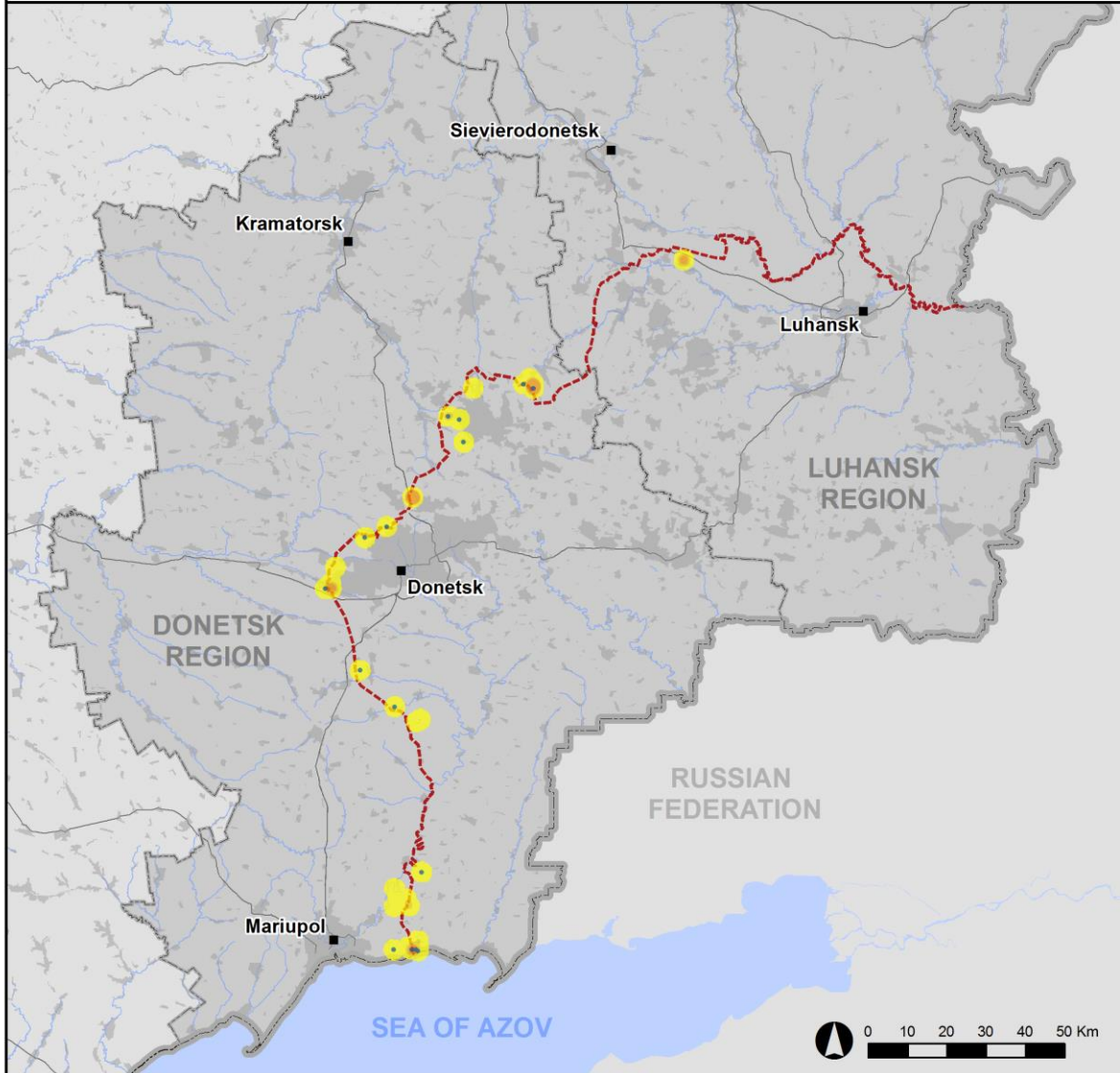
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

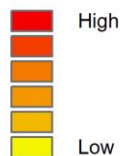
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



**Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM
28 October 2019**



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 fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (55), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 140 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas south and south-west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and north-west of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, however no explosions, compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (one explosion). All ceasefire violations were recorded in areas north-west of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk) (see below).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) near Sentianivka

Positioned on the northern edge of Sentianivka to conduct a mini-UAV flight, the SMM heard 20 shots of small-arms fire about 2.5-3km north-west, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying over areas about 3km north-west from its location. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 28 October, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw ten workers from government-controlled areas preparing to pour concrete into the base of the northernmost pillar at the broken section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk). The SMM saw five workers from non-government-controlled areas clearing vegetation and burning branches west of the road near a shelter of an international humanitarian organization south of the Siverskyi Donetsk River. Also inside the disengagement area, the SMM saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between a parking area 300m south of the bridge and the broken section of the bridge.

On 27 October, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted an ambulance parked next to a residential building in Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km west of Luhansk) and previously observed military positions and three Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel near the railway bridge. Also inside the disengagement area, the UAV spotted nine persons, assessed as Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel.

On 28 October, outside the disengagement area, in Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km west of Luhansk), the SMM observed at least 15 armed police with body armour and at least six police cars.

On 28 October, positioned about 2km north of **Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard six shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 1-1.5km south-east and a shot of small-arms fire, at an assessed range of 1-2km south. Positioned about 2km east-north-east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM heard and saw an explosion from an artillery round at an

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

assessed range of 3-5km north-north-west. All ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within its 5km periphery.

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.

The Mission observed weapons in violation of withdrawal lines in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

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

The SMM observed military and military-type presence in the security zone on both sides of the contact line, including infantry fighting vehicles and an armoured reconnaissance vehicle in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region and infantry fighting vehicles, armoured personnel carriers, and anti-aircraft guns in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

The SMM saw for the first time anti-tank mines near Dokuchaievsk and unexploded ordnance near Molodizhne and again saw unexploded ordnance near Tavrycheske

On 25 October, about 6.5km south of Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted nine anti-tank mines laid across the road leading to Mykolaivka (government-controlled, 40km south of Donetsk). About 150m north, the UAV also spotted about 40 anti-tank mines, in fields 30m east and west of the road. About 170m further north-west, the UAV spotted about 30 anti-tank mines about 90m east of the road. All of the mines were spotted for the first time and assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

Positioned about 2.5km south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km west of Luhansk), on road T-0504, leading from Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) to Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw for the first time the tailfin of a rocket-propelled grenade laying on the asphalt road.

The SMM [again](#) saw a 120mm mortar round embedded in the asphalt of road T-0519 near Tavrycheske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), about 200m north of the nearest houses.

Situation at checkpoints along the contact line

At a checkpoint on highway H-20 near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw about 320 cars and ten buses in a queue to enter government-controlled areas and ten cars queuing in the opposite direction.

At a checkpoint on highway H-15 in Kremiets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw about 250 cars and 50 pedestrians in a queue to enter

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

government-controlled areas and at least 100 cars, 11 buses, and 50 pedestrians in a queue in the opposite direction.

SMM facilitation of repairs to critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM monitored adherence to the ceasefire to facilitate an assessment and repair works to power lines near Artema (government-controlled, 26km north of Luhansk) and repair works to power lines near Shyroka Balka (non-government-controlled, 34km north-east of Donetsk). The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the SMM saw 38 cars (15 Russian Federation, four Ukrainian, and one Georgian licence plates, as well as 18 with “DPR” plates), four trucks (two with Ukrainian licence plates and two with “DPR” plates), one bus (with Russian Federation licence plates), and one pedestrian (man in his forties) exiting Ukraine. It also saw 36 cars (nine with Ukrainian, nine with Russian Federation, one with Georgian, and one with Latvian licence plates, and 16 with “DPR” plates), four trucks (two with Ukrainian licence plates and two with “DPR” plates”), one bus (with “DPR” plates), and 22 pedestrians (14 women, six men in their 40s and 50s, and two children) entering Ukraine.

While at a border crossing near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for 25 minutes, the SMM saw a family of five (man in his forties, woman in her thirties, children: three, six, and eight years old) told the SMM that they had been denied exit due to insufficient documentation for the children.

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, 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 26 October 2019](#)). 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 on the northern edge of Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM access south towards Novoazovsk and Siedove (non-government-controlled, 106km south of Donetsk), citing “orders from superiors”. While

stationary, the Mission saw civilian vehicles driving in both directions through the checkpoint.

- 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 Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing demining activities” and “concerns for the SMM’s safety”.

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.

Other impediments:

- On the night of 26-27 October, an SMM long-range UAV experienced signal interference, assessed as due to probable jamming, while flying over Stepanivka (government-controlled, 54km north of Donetsk), between Dacha (government-controlled, 53km north of Donetsk) and Lyse (non-government-controlled, 22km south-east of Luhansk), between Samsonivka (non-government-controlled, 31km south-east of Luhansk) and Nyzhnia Shevyrivka (formerly Ordzhonikidze, non-government-controlled, 42km south-east of Luhansk), and between Petrovo-Krasnosillia (non-government-controlled, 44km south-west of Luhansk) to Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 61km north-east of Donetsk). The same UAV lost its dual GPS signal, assessed as due to jamming near Verkhnoshevyrivka (non-government-controlled, 44km south-east of Luhansk).⁷
- While positioned on the northern edge of Sentianivka (non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk), the SMM was conducting a mini-UAV flight over areas about 3km north-west from its location, when it heard 20 shots of small-arms fire about 2.5-3km north-west, assessed as aimed at the UAV. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area.

⁷ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAV’s position.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
28/10/2019	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	In a residential area of Vidrozhennia (66km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
25/10/2019	1	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)	Near Zhovte (17km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini UAV
26/10/2019	1	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	Former Luhansk international airport, about 2km north of Peremozhne (19km south of Luhansk) (see below) (for previous observations see SMM Daily Report 7 October 2019)	Long-range UAV
	1	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)		
	2	Self-propelled howitzer (one 2S3 <i>Akatsiya</i> , 152mm and one 2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)		
	3	Towed howitzer (two 2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm and one 2A18M, D-30A <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	1	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
28/10/2019	4	Tank (T-64)	Train station in Rubizhne (government-controlled, 84km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
28/10/2019	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	Manhush (111km south of Donetsk) (near commercial properties, 300m from the nearest residence)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
26/10/2019	2	Tank (type undetermined)	Former Luhansk international airport, about 2km north of Peremozhne (19km south of Luhansk) (see below)	Long-range UAV
	7	Tank (T-72)		
	1	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)		
	1	Towed mortar (2B9 <i>Vasilek</i> , 82mm)		
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)		

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
25/10/2019	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Mykolaivka (40km south of Donetsk)	Mini UAV

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

	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)		
28/10/2019	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Pylypchatyne (76km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
25/10/2019	2	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Dovhe (22km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini UAV
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP variant and one BMP-1)		
26/10/2019	2	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Near Zorynsk (54km south-west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV

Table of ceasefire violations as of 28 October 2019⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 18:42
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	27-Oct, 19:00
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Pyshevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	4-6km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	28-Oct, 04:58
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	28-Oct, 04:58
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km SSE	Recorded	6	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	28-Oct, 04:59
	2-4km NE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 20:00
	2-4km NE	Recorded	4	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	27-Oct, 20:00
	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	27-Oct, 20:01
	2-4km NE	Recorded	4	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	27-Oct, 20:07
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	27-Oct, 20:20
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km NE	Recorded	8	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	27-Oct, 21:19
	2-3km	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	28-Oct, 12:55-13:00
Donetsk city's Petrovskiy district (non-government-controlled, 15km SW of Donetsk city centre)	2-3km NW	Heard	48	Shot		Small arms	28-Oct, 12:55-13:00
	3-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 12:59
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-	2-4km N	Heard	1	Shot		AGL	28-Oct, 13:10
	1-2km SW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	28-Oct, 13:13
	1-2km SW	Heard	21	Shot		Small arms	28-Oct, 13:29-13:35
1-1.5km SE	Heard	6	Shot	Assessed as outside the	Small arms	28-Oct, 12:06	

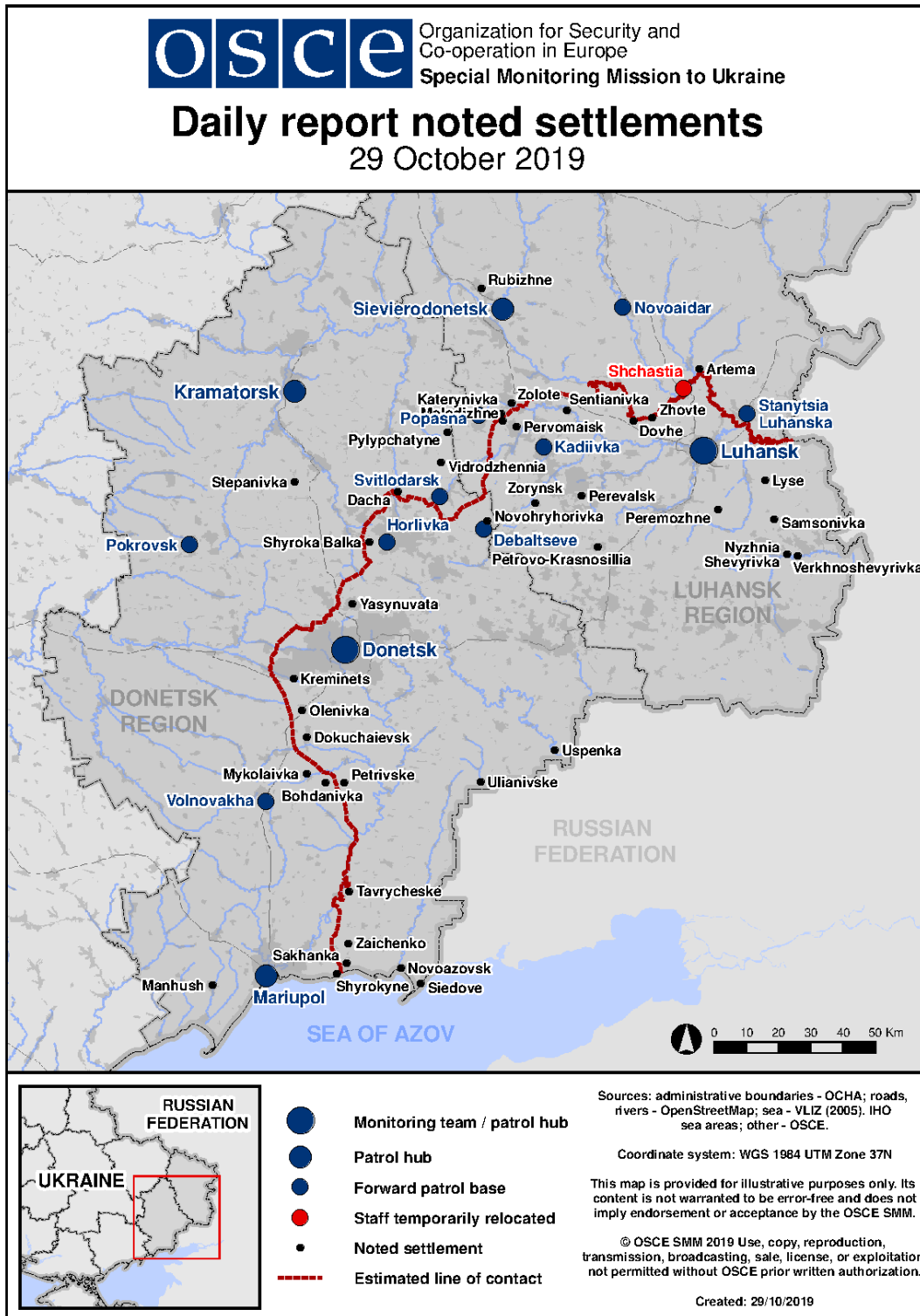
⁹ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors on the ground, 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.

government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)					disengagement area		
	1-2km S	Heard	1	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	28-Oct, 14:29
Central railway station in Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-5km NNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 09:00
Pervomaiske (government-controlled, 17km NW of Donetsk)	2-3km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 09:55
About 2km SW of Pyshevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	28-Oct, 10:06-10:09
	2km N	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	28-Oct, 10:06-10:09
	2-3km NNW	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	28-Oct, 11:40
	1-2km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 11:45
	0.5-1km W	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	28-Oct, 11:45
	1km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 11:58
N edge of Naberezhne (non-government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 12:08
About 2km NE of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk) ¹⁰	3-5km NNW	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	Artillery (type N/K)	28-Oct, 12:18
About 2km SSE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	N/K N	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 12:36-12:39
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 19:25
	3-4km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 04:20
W edge of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39 km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	28-Oct, 12:30
	2-3km W	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 12:33
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 17:05
	3-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 17:14
	1-2km SW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	27-Oct, 17:30
	3-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 18:34-18:35
	3-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 19:00-

¹⁰ In the table of ceasefire violations in the [SMM Daily Report 28 October 2019](#) as originally distributed, the ceasefire violations heard by an SMM patrol positioned about 2km east-north-east of Bohdanivka at assessed ranges of 1-3km, 1km and 2-3km east and determined “unable to assess whether inside or outside the disengagement area”, should have been described as “assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area”.

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2-3km S	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	27-Oct, 19:27-19:28
2-3km S	.	1	Burst		Small arms	27-Oct, 19:30-19:31
3-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 19:47-19:48
3-4km S	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 20:00-20:01
2-3km S	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	27-Oct, 20:02-20:05
3-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 20:15-20:16
3-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 20:25-20:28
3-4km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 20:30-20:33
3-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 22:10-22:11
3-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 22:14-22:15
2-3km S	Heard	10	Burst		Small arms	27-Oct, 22:27-22:31
3-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 22:27-22:31
2-3km S	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	27-Oct, 22:33-22:34
3-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 22:33-22:34
2-3km S	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	27-Oct, 23:23-23:24
3-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 23:27-23:28
3-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Oct, 23:51-23:52
3-4km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Oct, 17:52
3-4km S	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	28-Oct, 18:15
N edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	2.5-3km NW	Heard	20	Shot	Small Arms	28-Oct, 10:34-10:35

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹¹



¹¹ 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).