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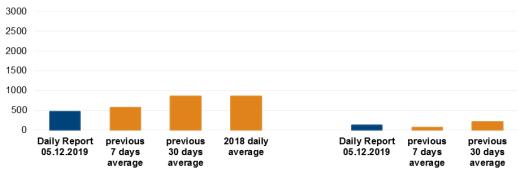
5 December 2019¹

Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and a similar number in Luhansk region.
- The SMM observed a team of deminers from non-government-controlled areas on the eastern edge of the Petrivske disengagement area.
- The Mission saw workers from a water company based in non-government-controlled areas reportedly repairing a leaking water pipe inside the Zolote disengagement area.
- Workers from non-government-controlled areas were welding new railings on the side of the metal span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and of the road leading to it.
- The SMM saw five weapons in violation of withdrawal lines in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region.
- The SMM monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to facilitate repairs to power lines on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk region and drilling of water wells near non-government-controlled Pankivka in Luhansk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Staromarivka, in Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³ Number of recorded explosions⁴



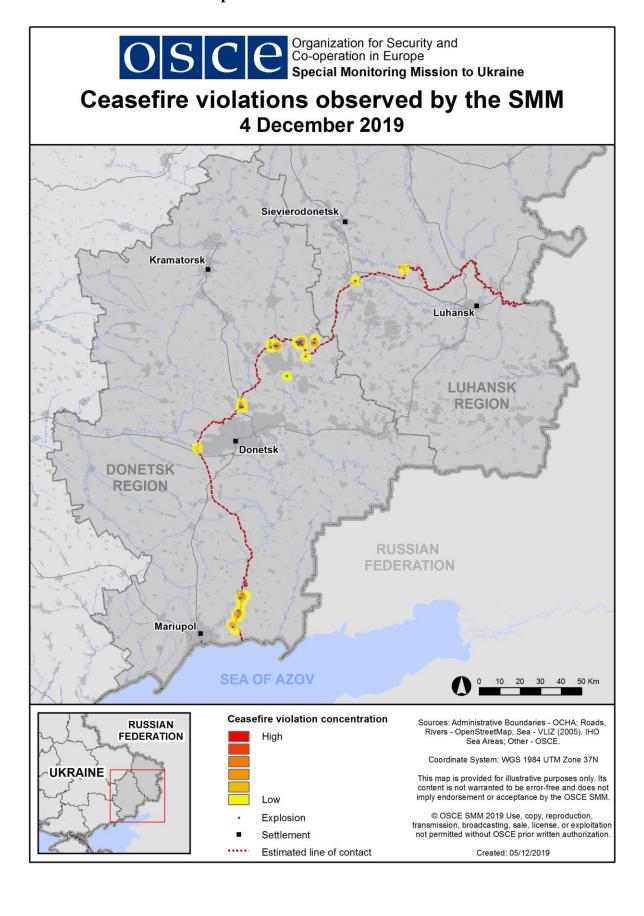
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 4 December 2019. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera 1km south-west of Shyrokyne was not operational.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including, however, more explosions (about 120), compared with the previous reporting period (about 65 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded at south-westerly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk), easterly and south-easterly directions of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and in areas east of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk). The SMM also recorded about 20 ceasefire violations, including two explosions assessed as impacts, at an assessed range of 200-800m at southerly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded a similar number of ceasefire violations, including one explosion, compared with <u>the previous reporting period</u> (two explosions). They were all recorded at easterly directions of Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) and south-westerly directions of Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km north-west of Luhansk).

Disengagement areas near Petrivske, Zolote and Stanytsia Luhanska 5

On 4 December, on the eastern edge of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM saw a team of at least six deminers from non-government-controlled areas and two military-type trucks.

In the early morning hours of 4 December, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded a projectile and an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 3-5km east (both assessed as outside the **Zolote disengagement area** but within its 5km periphery).

During the day on 4 December, the SMM saw 14 workers and four deminers from non-government-controlled areas enter the disengagement area near Zolote area at its southern edge. About 120m north of the area's southern edge, on the eastern side of road T-1316, the SMM also saw eight workers and a vehicle of a water company based in non-government-controlled areas reportedly repairing a leaking water pipe (see SMM Daily Report 4 December 2019). Inside the area, the SMM also saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" [Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination] written on them).

Outside the Zolote disengagement area, the SMM saw about 20 Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel in military positions about 200-300m north of the area, running parallel to its northern edge for approximately 1km east of road T-1316.

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), six workers from non-government-controlled areas were welding railings on the western side of the road leading from the checkpoint of the armed formations to the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) and on the western side of the metal span of the bridge. The SMM also saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) between the aforementioned checkpoint and the bridge.

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

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 saw five weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁶

At heavy weapons holding areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region 4 December

The SMM noted that:

- 26 self-propelled howitzers (11 2S7 *Pion*, 203mm and 15 2S1 *Gvozdika*, 122mm) were present and
- 22 self-propelled howitzers (eight 2S7 and 14 2S1) continued to be missing.

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

The SMM observed infantry fighting vehicles in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

Presence of unexploded ordnance near non-government-controlled Dovhe

The SMM saw <u>again</u> a piece of unexploded ordnance (UXO), assessed as a rocket propelled grenade, in a ditch 5m west of a local road leading to residential areas about 130m south-west of Dovhe (non-government-controlled, 22km north-west of Luhansk).

SMM facilitation of repairs and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to facilitate drilling of water wells near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk) and repair works to power lines close to the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk) and close to Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk). It also continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS.

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

⁶ The SMM visited areas holding 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.

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

*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 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 19 November 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 about 4.5km east of Staromarivka (62km south of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage, citing "security concerns".

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:

- An SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle experienced signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk).

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation					
Government-controlled areas									
4/12/2019	5	Anti-tank guns (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)	Near Mykilske (46km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol					

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

Date	No.	Туре	Location	Source of observation						
Government-controlled areas										
4/12/2019	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	Dotuol						
4/12/2019	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	In Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Patrol						

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 $^{^{8}}$ 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 4 December 20199

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	2-4km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:00
	2-4km SE	Recorded	16	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:01
	2-4km SE	Recorded	17	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:02
	2-4km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:03
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:04
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 20:39
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	3-Dec, 20:39
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	3-Dec, 20:55
CMM compare in Chammalvile	2-4km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	3-Dec, 21:49
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled,	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 22:16
77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	3-Dec, 22:16
	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 22:20
	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	3-Dec, 22:51
	2-4km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	3-Dec, 22:55
	4-6km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	4-Dec, 02:24
	2-4km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 05:33
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	4-Dec, 06:01
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight, also recorded by the SMM camera in Hnutove	N/K	4-Dec, 16:57
	300-600m SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	3-Dec, 19:24
	300-600m SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	3-Dec, 19:35
	300-500m S	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	3-Dec, 22:54
0.04	300-500m SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 23:42
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N	500-800m SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 23:42
of Donetsk)	500-800m SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	3-Dec, 23:56
	200-500m SSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	3-Dec, 23:56
	200-500m SSW	Recorded	4	Muzzle flash		N/K	3-Dec, 23:56
	200-500m SSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S	N/K	4-Dec, 00:20
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	9	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	3-Dec, 19:05
	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	3-Dec, 19:14
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	31	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	3-Dec, 19:37
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	3-Dec, 19:37
	2-4km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	3-Dec, 19:37
	2-4km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	3-Dec, 19:42
SMM camera 1.5km NE of	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 19:42
Hnutove (government-	2-4km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	3-Dec, 19:43
controlled, 90km S of	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	3-Dec, 19:56
Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	3-Dec, 19:59
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Burst	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:38
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Burst	SW to NE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:59
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	3-Dec, 22:50
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	4-Dec, 00:59
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	4-Dec, 01:32
	3-5km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 05:15

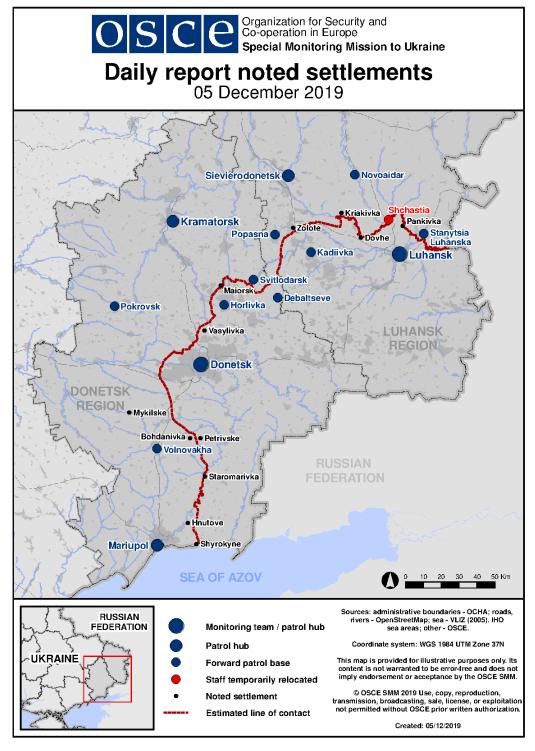
⁹ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weaponstype, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors on the ground,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

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	4-Dec, 17:44
SMM camera E of Lomakyne (government- controlled, 90km S of	3-4km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Dec, 00:07
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Dec, 00:08
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Dec, 00:09
Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	11	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Dec, 00:25
	4-6km E	Recorded	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 22:03
	4-6km E	Recorded	30	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 22:04
	4-6km E	Recorded	15	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 22:05
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	3-Dec, 22:11
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 22:11
(government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 22:11
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Dec, 02:52
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Dec, 02:53
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Dec, 03:57
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Dec, 05:14
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:57
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:58
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:59
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:00
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:00
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:01
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:01
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:03
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	3-Dec, 21:05
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 21:05
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:05
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:07
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	3-Dec, 21:07
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 21:07
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	3-Dec, 21:07
(government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 21:07
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:07
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:09
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:10
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:14
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing SW to NE,	N/K	3-Dec, 21:18
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 21:18
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	3-Dec, 21:20
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 21:20
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:21
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:23
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	1	N/K	3-Dec, 21:23
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:23
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:25

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:27
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	3-Dec, 21:29
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 21:29
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:30
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:30
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:37
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	3-Dec, 21:37
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE, subsequent to previous event	N/K	3-Dec, 21:37
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 21:37
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:40
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:41
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:44
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 21:54
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N	N/K	4-Dec, 03:31
N part of Vuhlehirsk (non- government-controlled, 49km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Dec, 09:16
Marinka (government-	1-2km E	Heard	1	Shot		N/K	4-Dec, 09:31
controlled, 23km, SW of	1-2km ENE	Heard	1	Shot		N/K	4-Dec, 09:39
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About 1km NW of railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	9	Burst		HMG	4-Dec, 12:57
Yenakiieve (non- government-controlled, 41km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Dec, 12:42
NE part of Lebedynske	2-4km NE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	4-Dec, 13:15
(government-controlled, 16km NE of Mariupol)	2-4km NE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	4-Dec, 13:15
TOKIII NE OI WIAITUPOI)	3-5km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 18:56
	2-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 20:38
	2-3km SW	Heard	5	Shot	Ondetermined	Small arms	3-Dec, 20:38
							3-Dec, 20:38
	3-5km SW	Heard	20	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22:06
	2-4km SW	Heard	46	Burst		HMG	3-Dec, 22:04- 22:06
	2-3km SW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	3-Dec, 22:12
Svitlodarsk (government-	3-5km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Dec, 22:12
controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	21	Burst		Small arms	4-Dec, 14:46- 14:48
,	2-3km SW	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	4-Dec, 14:47- 14:48
	3-5km SW	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Dec, 15:35- 15:36
	2-3km SW	Heard	16	Burst		Small arms	4-Dec, 15:35- 15:37
	2-3km WSW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	4-Dec, 16:18
	3-5km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Dec, 17:08
	2-3km SW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	4-Dec, 17:42
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government- controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	5-7km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Dec, 12:40- 14:16
/	4-6km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Dec, 20:58

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	4-6km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	3-Dec, 20:58
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Dec, 05:54
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Dec, 05:54

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).