

Daily Report 2/2020

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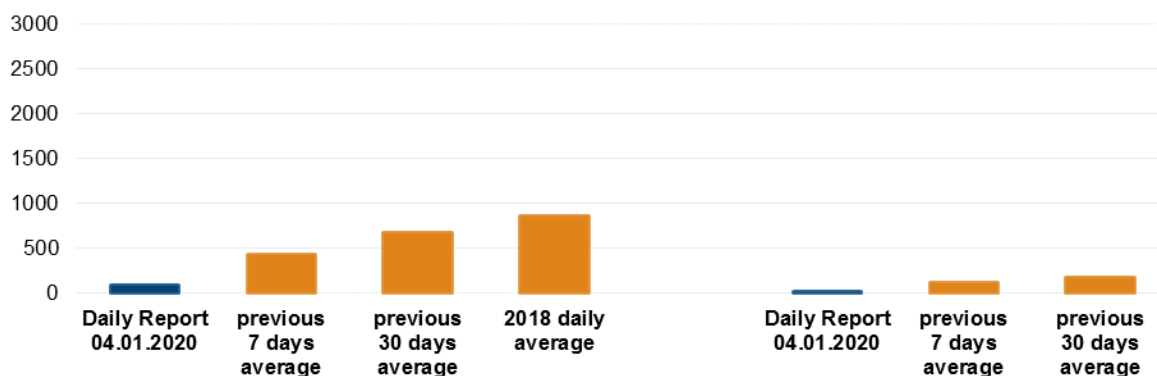
Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- It saw a towed howitzer in violation of withdrawal lines in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Verkhnoшыrokivske and Starolaspa, and at a border crossing point near non-government-controlled Voznesenivka.*

Ceasefire violations¹

Number of recorded ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded explosions³

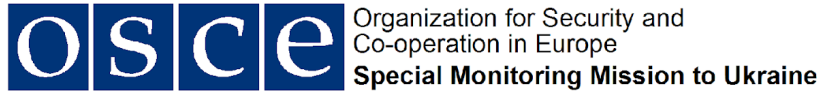


¹ For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in the parking lot south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and the SMM camera in Shyrokyne were not operational.

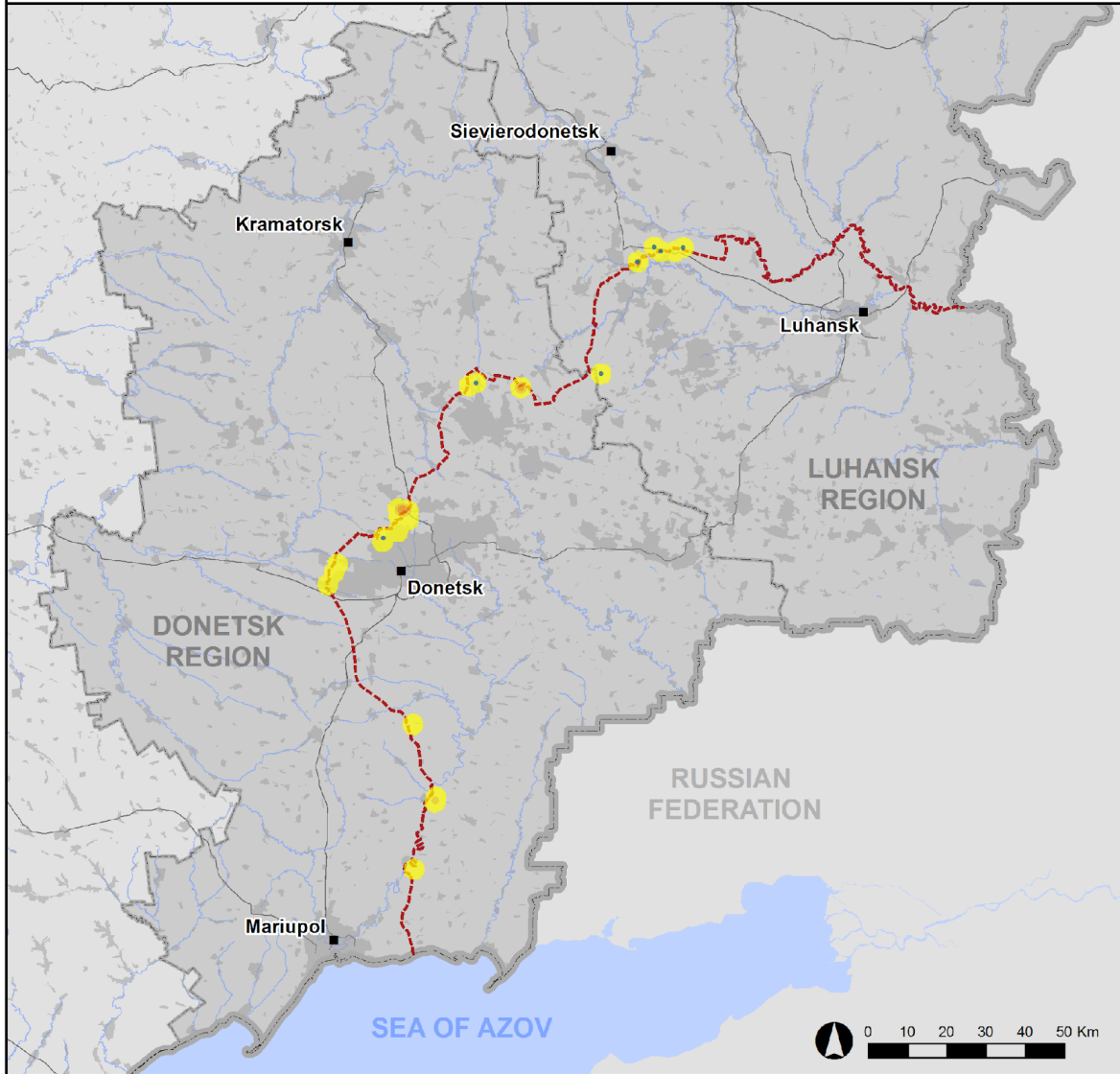
² Including explosions.

³ Including from unidentified weapons.

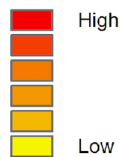
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



**Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM
3 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 fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (two), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (six explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in south-easterly directions of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), in areas south-west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and in areas east and east-south-east of Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (18), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (six explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas north-east of Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), north-west of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk) and east of Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km west of Luhansk).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁴

On 3 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) and just east of the new section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw three workers from government-controlled areas using a crane to load the last concrete foundation blocks from the former temporary pedestrian bypass bridge onto a truck and drive north. At the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the bridge, the SMM saw three workers from non-government-controlled areas replacing the metal roof of the checkpoint. Throughout the day, the SMM saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and the aforementioned checkpoint. On the same day, outside the disengagement area, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) [again](#) spotted an anti-aircraft-gun (ZU-23, 23mm) about 150m south of the area’s south-eastern edge.

On the same day, positioned on the southern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the SMM heard seven undetermined explosions and two bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, all at a range of 5-6km north-east and assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. During the day, the SMM saw one member of the armed formations (wearing a “JCCC” armband) on the southern edge of the disengagement area.

On 3 January, positioned near the SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM saw four members of the armed formations in a field on the eastern edge of the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.

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

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites, the SMM also saw two surface-to-air missile systems (9K33 *Osa*) in government-controlled areas, including one about

⁴ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

50m south-east of a target and acquisition radar system (35D6, *ST-68UM*) near Spirne (government-controlled, 96km north of Donetsk) (for further details, see the table below).

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁵

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles, including infantry fighting vehicles and armoured personnel carriers, on both sides of the contact line (for further details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation in areas near the pumping station close to Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

Border areas outside government control

Shortly after arriving at a 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.*

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, 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 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

⁵ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

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 west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage, citing “ongoing engineering works” in the area.
- At a checkpoint on the north-eastern edge of Starolaspa (non-government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage to the settlement, citing “demining activities” and orders from superiors.
- At a 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, 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 UAV flying over areas near Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk) experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming.⁶
- An SMM mini-UAV flying over areas near Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk) experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.⁷

⁶ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAVs' position.

⁷ Ibid.

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
03/01/2020	1	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)	Near Pyshevyk (84km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
03/01/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Near Spirne (96km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Near Oknyne (53km north-west of Luhansk)	

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
02/01/2020	2	Infantry fighting vehicles (BMP-2)	Near Zolote-4/Rodina (59km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
	2	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk) in a residential area	
	2	Armoured combat vehicle (BMP variant)		
	1	Armoured combat vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured combat vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Novoselivka Druha (69km south of Donetsk)	
	3	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Hnutove (90km south of Donetsk)	
	2	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Chermalyk (77km south of Donetsk)	
	3	Armoured combat vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Hranitne (60km south of Donetsk)	
	2	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Slavne (26km south-west of Donetsk)	
	2	Armoured combat vehicle (BMP variant)	About 4km south-east of Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	
1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)			
03/01/2020	2	Probable armoured combat vehicle	In Stanytsia Luhanska (16km NE of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
02/01/2020	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle	Near Sosnivske (78km south of Donetsk) in a residential area	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In Dovhe (22km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)		

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Table of ceasefire violations as of 3 January 2020⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SSE	Recorded	3	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Jan, 19:05
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	3-Jan, 18:23
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	2-Jan, 19:18
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Jan, 18:42
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Jan, 18:52
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	S to N	N/K	2-Jan, 18:52
SMM camera in Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km W of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Jan, 20:36
	2-4km SE	Recorded	2	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Jan, 22:14
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jan, 23:39
	1-3km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	2-Jan, 23:48
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Jan, 19:44
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	0.5-1km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	26-Dec, 19:38
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SE	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	3-Jan, 11:15-11:30
	1-2km SE	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	3-Jan, 11:15-11:30
SW part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1.5-2km ESE	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	3-Jan, 12:15-12:20
Donetsk central railway station(non-	2-3km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jan, 09:25
	2-3km W	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	3-Jan, 10:10

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, 6km NW of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	3-Jan, 10:10
Trudivski area (non-government-controlled, 15km SW of Donetsk city centre)	2km W	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	3-Jan, 10:24
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km SW	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	2-Jan, 20:10-20:12
	4-5km SW	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	2-Jan, 20:15-20:17
	4-5km SW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	2-Jan, 20:21-20:23
	4-5km SW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	2-Jan, 20:27-20:28
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	2-4km NNE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jan, 10:17
Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km W of Luhansk)	5-10km E	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jan, 10:25-10:40
500m N of Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km NW of Luhansk)	4-5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jan, 10:27
S edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	5-6km NE	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 10:25-10:34
	5-6km NE	Heard	2	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	3-Jan, 10:25-10:34
NE edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	5-7km NW	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	3-Jan, 11:02-11:11
1.7km NE of Stepanivka (non-government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk)	4-6km SW	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jan, 11:17

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).