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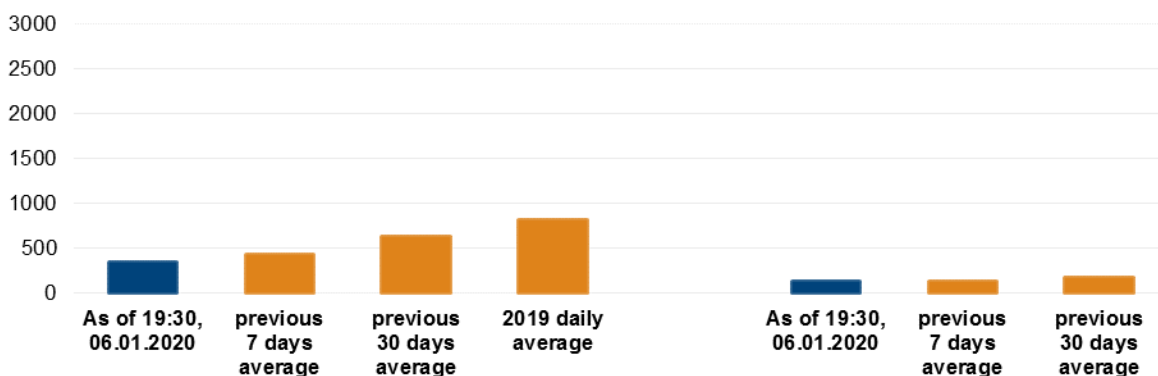
Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- Inside the disengagement area near Zolote, the SMM saw a tailfin from a rocket-propelled grenade for the first time.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska and Petrivske.
- It saw weapons in violation of withdrawal lines in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to facilitate electrical repairs in Chermalyk.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Verkhnohshyrokyvske and Nova Marivka in southern Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



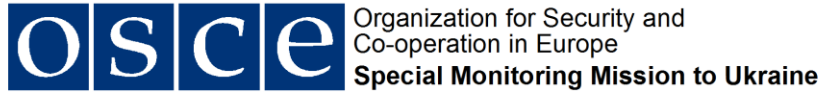
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 6 January 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

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

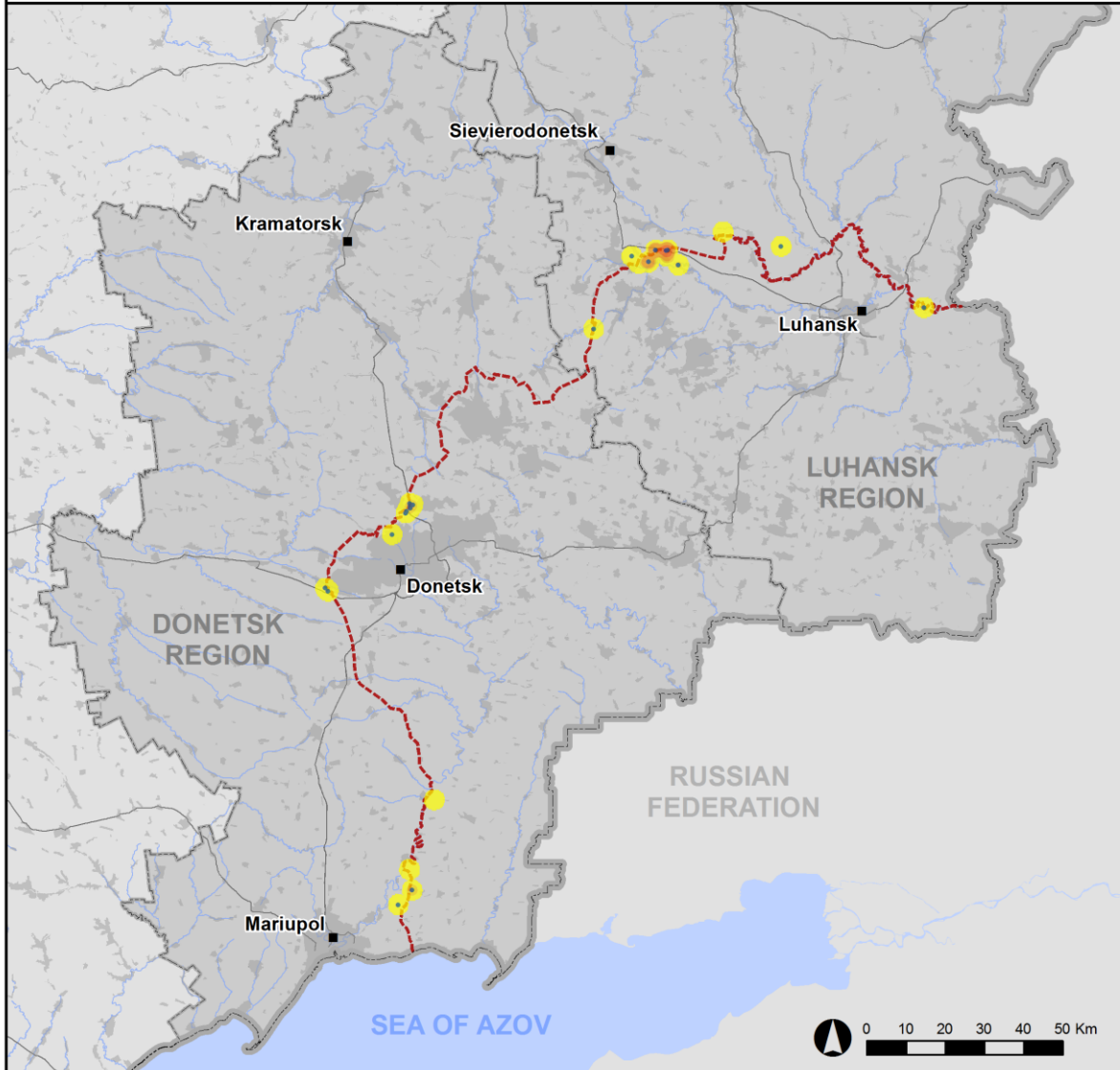
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

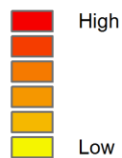
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 6 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 a similar number of explosions (31), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 30 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in southerly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk), including two explosions assessed as airbursts at a range of 200-500m south-south-west, and in areas east-south-east of Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including 95 explosions, compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (no explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in northerly directions of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) and in areas north-east of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km north-west of Luhansk).

Man killed by small-arms fire in Marinka

On 19 December 2019, at the morgue in Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km west of Donetsk), a doctor told the SMM that, on 18 December, the body of a 56-year-old man was brought from Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) with a bullet wound. On 6 January, two residents of Marinka (a man and woman) told the SMM that they saw the man lying on Shevchenko Street in the south-eastern part of the settlement, an area close to the contact line and forward positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 6 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), SMM saw eight members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north of Luhansk) and their checkpoint south of the bridge. At the bridge, the SMM saw five medics from an international organization transporting a woman (in her late seventies) on a stretcher from government-controlled to non-government-controlled areas.

On the evening of 5 January, the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) recorded three undetermined explosions at a range of 4-6km east-north-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery. On 6 January, inside the disengagement area and about 1km north of the area’s southern edge, the SMM saw for the first time a tailfin from a rocket-propelled grenade, assessed as fresh, laying on the eastern side of road T-1316, which is regularly used by the SMM. Throughout the day, the SMM saw seven members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) on the southern edge of the disengagement area.

On 4 January, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted for the first time over 40 mine hazard signs running for about 300m along a previously reported trench and position of the armed formations south of a road leading from Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) to Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk), outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**. About 50m west of the trench, the UAV spotted several piles of logs (for similar observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 20 December 2019](#)).

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.

The SMM saw a probable towed howitzer in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and seven multiple launch rocket systems in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region, all in violation of their withdrawal lines (for further details, see the table below).

Additionally, beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites, the SMM saw surface-to-air missile systems, howitzers and tanks 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 armoured combat vehicles, including infantry fighting vehicles and armoured personnel carriers, in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for further details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to facilitate electrical repair works and a funeral in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk), and continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS.

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point near Marynivka (78km east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the SMM saw 14 cars (including six with “DPR” plates) entering Ukraine. It also saw 26 cars (including eight with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks (one with Ukrainian licence plates and one with “DPR” plates) and three buses with “DPR” plates exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 50 minutes, the SMM saw 17 cars (including eight with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks with Russian Federation licence plates, a bus with “DPR” plates, and 12 pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) entering Ukraine. It also saw 17 cars (including three with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks (one with Ukrainian and one with Russian Federation licence plates), and 16 pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 30 minutes, the SMM saw three pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) entering Ukraine.

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

⁶ 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, 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 [Daily Report 4 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 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 an “ongoing operation” in the area.
- At a checkpoint south of Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage toward Staromarivka (62km south of Donetsk), 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.

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
04/01/2020	1	Probable towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)	Near Kodema (57km north-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
Non-government-controlled areas				
04/01/2020	7	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
04/01/2020	10	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	3	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)		
	12	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	3	Tank (T-64)		
	10	Tank (T-64)	Near Khrustalnyi (54km south-west of Luhansk)	
	18	Towed howitzer (ten 2A65 Msta-B, 152mm and eight 2A36 Giatsint-B, 152mm)		

Table of indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
01/01/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
06/01/2020	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near civilian houses in Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Under camouflage on the eastern outskirts of Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Under camouflage at a compound in Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk)	
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (type unknown)	North-western outskirts of Troitske (69km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Southern edge of Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	In Kriakivka (38km north-west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)		
	2	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		

⁷ 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 6 January 2020⁸

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Jan, 20:50
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Jan, 21:45
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Jan, 21:46
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	0.8-1km SSE	Recorded	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 21:09
	0.8-1km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 21:09
	0.8-1km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 21:12
	1-2km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 22:52
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 22:52
	2-3km SSW	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 22:57
	200-500m SSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	5-Jan, 23:00
	1-2km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 23:07
2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 23:07	
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Jan, 19:47
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Jan, 22:14
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Jan, 22:16
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Jan, 22:16
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Jan, 22:19
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Jan, 22:22
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Jan, 22:23
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, also recorded by the Chermalyk camera	N/K	5-Jan, 22:27
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N	N/K	6-Jan, 04:09
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	6-Jan, 04:38
	1-2km N	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jan, 09:20-09:23
Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jan, 09:43
	1-2km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Out going	N/K	6-Jan, 10:35
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km SW	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Jan, 20:03

⁸ 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.

SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	4-6km ENE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	5-Jan, 22:49
2.5km SE of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	4-6km ENE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jan, 10:25-10:50
	4-6km ENE	Heard	6	Shot		HMG	6-Jan, 10:25-10:50
	3-6km NNE	Heard	25	Shot		HMG	6-Jan, 10:25-10:50
	5-7km WNW	Heard	6	Shot		HMG	6-Jan, 10:25-10:50
1.3km SE of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	3-6km NNE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jan, 11:05-11:26
	3-6km NNE	Heard	32	Shot		HMG	6-Jan, 11:05-11:26
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NE	Heard	37	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jan, 11:40-12:00
	3-5km NE	Heard	45	Shot		HMG	6-Jan, 11:40-12:00
	3-5km NE	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	6-Jan, 11:40-12:00
1 km E of Troitske (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km ENE	Heard	3	Explosion	Out going	Mortar (type N/K)	6-Jan, 10:56-11:00
NE edge of Staryi Aidar (government-controlled, 20km NW of Luhansk)	5-10km W	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jan, 12:08-12:11
500m SW of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km NNE	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined		6-Jan, 12:24-12:51
	2-4km NNE	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	6-Jan, 12:24-12:51
	2-4km NNE	Heard	27	Burst		Small arms	6-Jan, 12:24-12:51
E edge of Pionerske (non-government-controlled, 19km E of Luhansk)	0.8-1km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jan, 09:18
Zolote-5/Mykhailivika (non-government-controlled, 58km NW of Luhansk)	5-10km NE	Heard	28	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Jan, 11:50-12:11
	5-10km NE	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	6-Jan, 11:50-12:11
	5-10km NE	Heard	30	Burst		Small arms	6-Jan, 11:50-12:11

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁹



⁹ 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).