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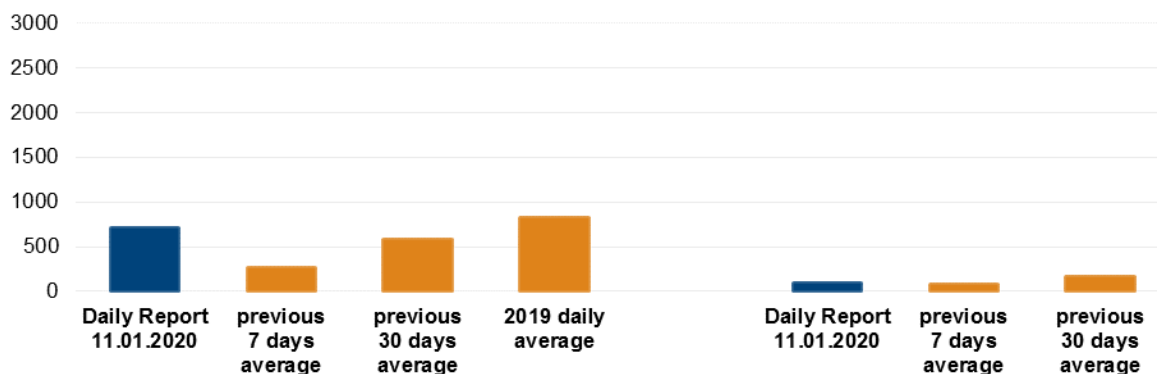
Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded a similar number of ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more ceasefire violations in Luhansk region.
- The Mission lost spatial control of a mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) near Orikhove due to signal interference. The UAV was recovered; however, the data recorded in its memory was missing.
- The SMM continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission continued to face restrictions to its freedom of movement, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Zaichenko and Verkhnoшыrokyvske 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, 10 January 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time. During the reporting period, winter weather conditions limited the observation capabilities of some of the SMM cameras.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

³ Including explosions.

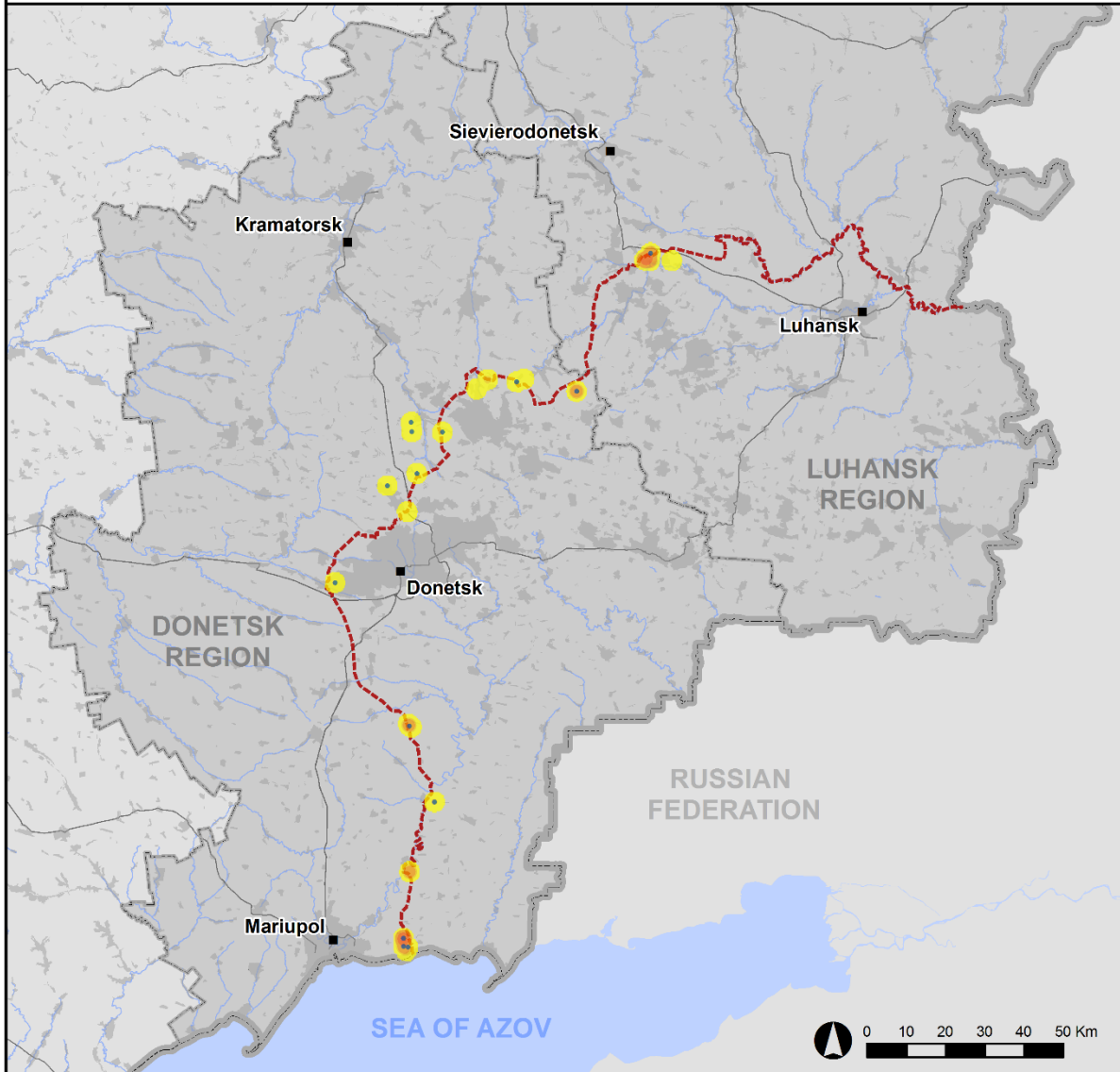
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

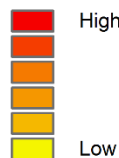


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 10 January 2020



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 a similar number of ceasefire violations, including, however, more explosions (about 80), compared with [the previous reporting period](#) (about 70 explosions). More than half of the ceasefire violations were recorded at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), while almost half of explosions were recorded in areas north-west of Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 61km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including, however, the same number of explosions (eight), compared with [the previous reporting period](#). The majority of ceasefire violations, including all explosions, were recorded in areas north-east and north-west of Donetsk (non-government-controlled, 49km west of Luhansk).

Loss of spatial control of SMM mini-UAV near Orikhove and of data it recorded

An SMM mini-UAV flight experienced strong signal interference south of Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk) which led to the loss of spatial control over the aircraft. Shortly thereafter, the UAV made a landing that was not commanded by the SMM near positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Based on the video feed from the UAV that was still available to the SMM, the Mission assessed the landing as controlled. The SMM recovered the UAV from the Ukrainian Armed Forces with no visible damage; however, it noted that all images on the UAV's memory card were missing.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 10 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw four workers from non-government-controlled areas on previously observed scaffolding renovating the roof of the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk). The Mission also saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) between the new span of the bridge and their checkpoint south of the bridge.

On 9 January, outside the disengagement area, an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted an anti-aircraft-gun (ZU-23, 23mm) about 150m south of the area's south-eastern edge.

On 10 January, The Mission continued to monitor the situation at the **disengagement areas near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) and **Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

Outside the reporting period, in the early morning hours of 3 January, the SMM camera in Petrivske recorded an undetermined explosion and 33 projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 1-2km south-south-west, south-west and west-south-west. On the evening of 3 January, the same camera recorded a projectile, and on the evening of 4 January three projectiles, all at an assessed range of 1-2km west-south-west. All the above ceasefire violations were assessed as inside the disengagement area.⁶

Withdrawal of weapons

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

⁶ The delay in reporting is due to manual downloading of data from the SMM camera in Petrivske.

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

It spotted a towed howitzer in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region, in violation of withdrawal lines (for details, see the table below).

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

The Mission observed two armoured combat vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun in government- and non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region. It also saw military vehicles parked near houses in Verkhnotoretske (government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk). (For details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of removal of unexploded ordnance (UXO) from road T-0504 between Popasna and Molodizhne.

On 9 January positioned on the western outskirts of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), the SMM facilitated the removal of parts of an unexploded rocket-propelled grenade [spotted for the first time on 24 December 2019](#) from road T-0504 between Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk). On the same day, the SMM heard an explosion, assessed as a controlled detonation, about 2-4km west of its position. On 10 January, the Mission saw that the UXO was no longer present.

SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission 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 near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

The SMM 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 Coordination 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

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

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 north of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) and Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing demining activities in the area”.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint near Verkhnoшыrokyvske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations [again](#) allowed the SMM to proceed only after about 20 minutes of waiting.

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:

- On six occasions, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).⁸
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced strong signal interference when flying over areas near Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk) which led to the loss of spatial control over the UAV. The SMM was able to recover the UAV; however, it noted that the data recorded in its memory was missing (see above).

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

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
09/01/2020	1	Towed howitzer (2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm)	Near Vyskryva (76km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

Table of indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
09/01/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	In Brianka (46km south-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)		
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	About 150m south of the south-eastern edge of the Stanytsia Luhanska disengagement area	
Government-controlled areas				
10/01/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In Kriakivka (38km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	9	Three military trucks and six military light-utility vehicles	Parked 20-40m from houses in Verkhnotoretske (23km north-east of Donetsk)	

⁹ 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 10 January 2020¹⁰

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	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 20:29
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	9-Jan, 21:02
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 21:19
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 21:20
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 21:21
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 21:25
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 21:45
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 22:01
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 22:02
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 22:04
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 22:05
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1.5-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	NW to SE	N/K	9-Jan, 23:57
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	9-Jan, 21:12
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	9-Jan, 21:12
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	9-Jan, 19:38
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 02:06
	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 03:13
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 00:39
	1-2km WSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 00:39
	1-2km SW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 01:39
	1-2km WSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S	N/K	3-Jan, 01:39

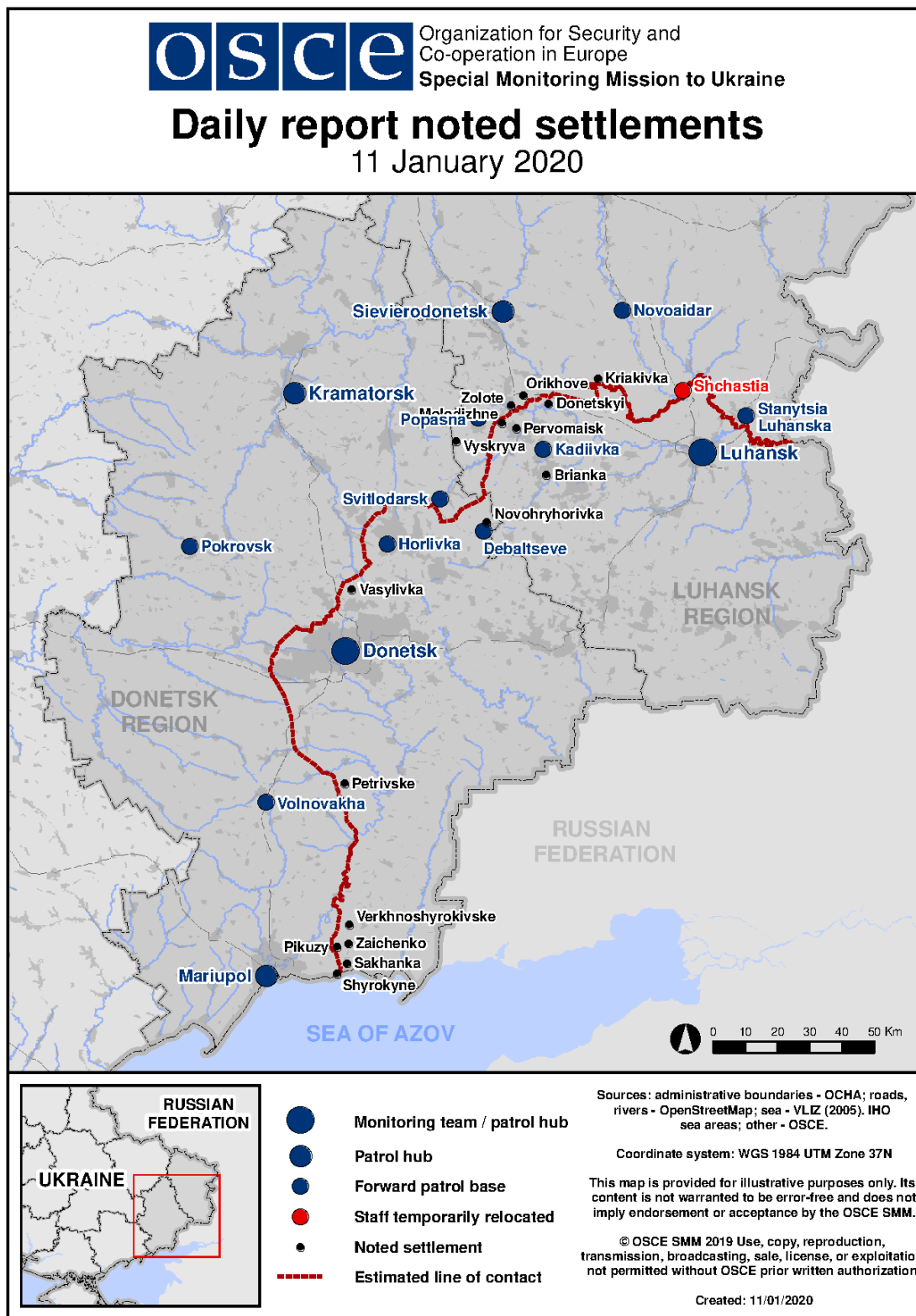
¹⁰ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors on the ground and technical monitoring officers, 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, technical limitations and/or other considerations. Ceasefire violations recorded by more than one patrol/camera and assessed to be the same are entered only once.

					(assessed as inside the disengagement area)		
	1-2km SW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 02:39
	1-2km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 02:39
	1-2km SW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 03:34
	1-2km SW	Recorded	1	Explosion	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 03:34
	1-2km SW	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 04:19
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 04:19
	1-2km SW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 04:59
	1-2km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 05:39
	1-2km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jan, 17:00
	1-2km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 21:50
	1-2km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Jan, 22:36
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:40
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:42
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:44
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:46
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 18:46
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 18:47
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	9-Jan, 18:48

	4-6km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:48
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:49
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:50
	4-6km N	Recorded	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 18:50
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	9-Jan, 18:51
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	9-Jan, 18:51
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:53
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Burst	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:53
	4-6km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 18:54
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 19:00
	4-6km N	Recorded	25	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 19:25
	4-6km N	Recorded	30	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 19:26
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 19:26
	4-6km N	Recorded	20	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 19:27
	4-6km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 19:28
	4-6km N	Recorded	14	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 19:29
	2-4km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 20:14
	2-4km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 20:15
	2-4km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 20:16
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 20:17
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 20:17
	2-4km N	Recorded	15	Projectile	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 20:18
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 20:18
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Burst	E to W	N/K	9-Jan, 20:19
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	9	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	9-Jan, 20:23
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	9-Jan, 20:25
E part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	4-5km NW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 11:30-11:33
Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 61km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km NW	Heard		Shot and burst	Uncountable, overlapping	Small arms	10-Jan, 14:27-14:53
	4-5km NW	Heard		Shot and burst	Uncountable, overlapping	HMG	10-Jan, 14:27-14:53
	4-5km NW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 14:37
	4-5km NW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 14:40
	4-5km NW	Heard	14	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 14:42-14:45
	4-5km NW	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 14:46-14:47
	4-5km NW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 14:50-14:54
	4-5km NW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 14:57
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km WSW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	9-Jan, 22:17
	4-5km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 22:39
	4-5km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 23:11
	4-5km WSW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 23:34
Holmivskyi (non-government-controlled, 49km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	9	Shot		Small arms	10-Jan, 09:49
Troitske (government-controlled, 30km N of Donetsk)	5-6km NW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 11:30
	5-6km NE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 11:46
SW edge of Zalizne (government-	6-8km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 11:34

controlled, 42km NE of Donetsk)							
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-5km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 11:31
	3-5km NE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 11:33
S edge of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NW	Heard	48	Burst		HMG	10-Jan, 09:15-09:57
	3-5km NE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	10-Jan, 09:15-09:57
500m NE of Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 10:23-10:40
	3-5km ESE	Heard	32	Burst		HMG	10-Jan, 10:23-10:40
W edge of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	3-4km N	Heard	86	Burst		HMG	10-Jan, 13:05-13:20

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).