

# Daily Report 12/2020

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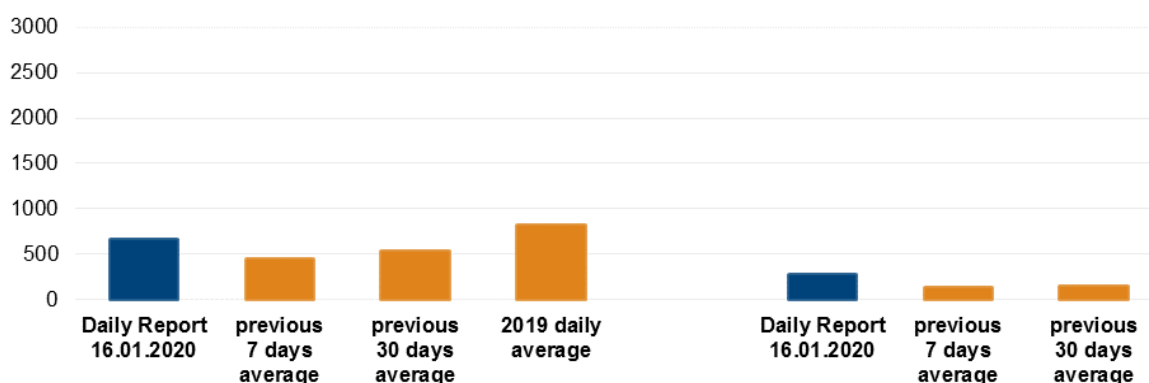
## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near non-government-controlled Zaichenko, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM saw weapons in violation of withdrawal lines, most of which were in a non-government-controlled area in Luhansk region.
- The Mission monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to facilitate maintenance and repairs to critical civilian water infrastructure.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Zaichenko.\*

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>

### Number of recorded ceasefire violations<sup>3</sup>

### Number of recorded explosions<sup>4</sup>



## Map of recorded ceasefire violations

<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 15 January 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, winter weather conditions limited the observation capabilities of some of the SMM cameras.

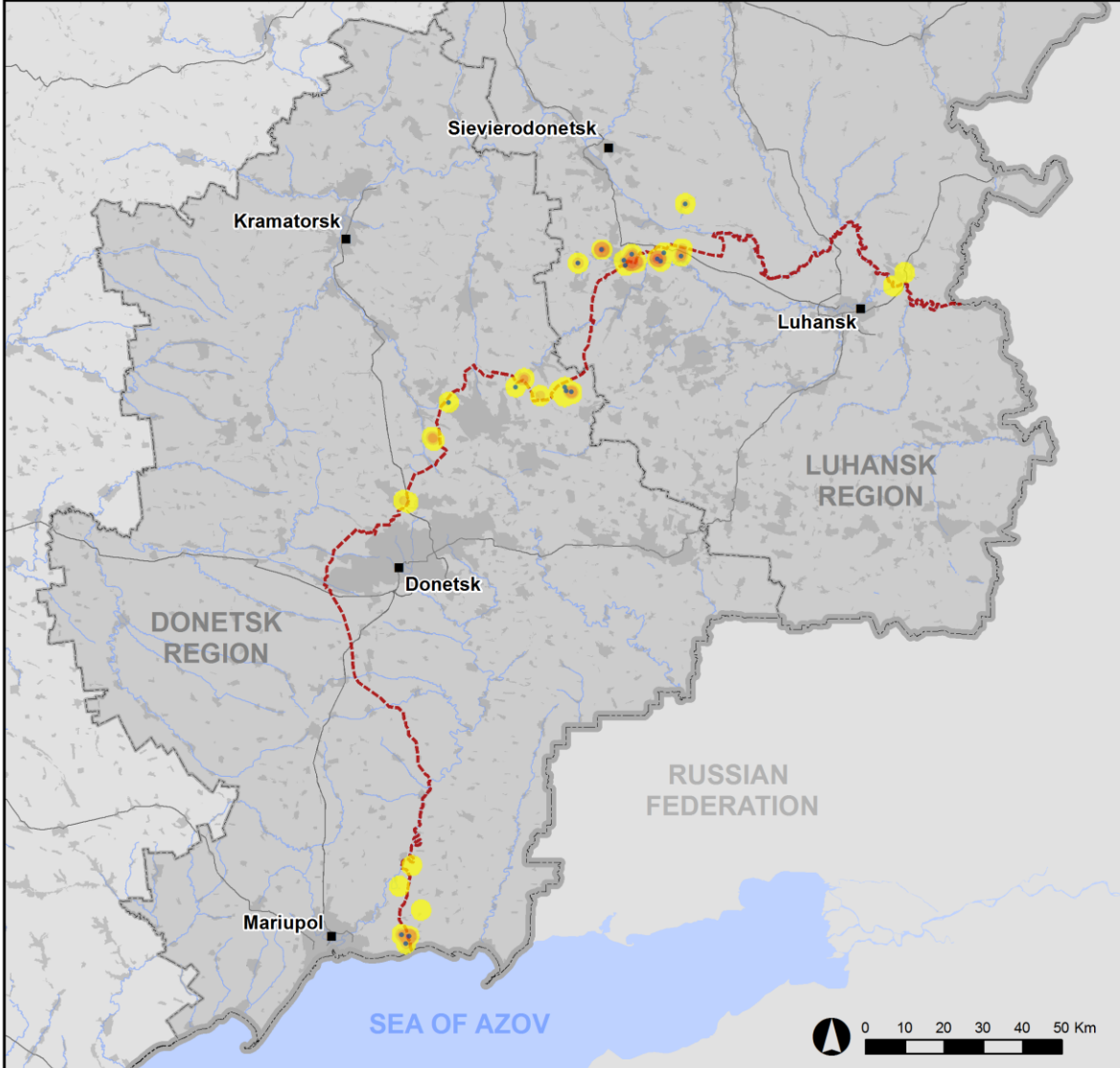
<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

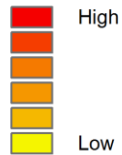


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 15 January 2020



### 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 more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 35), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 25 explosions). The highest number of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas north and north-north-east of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 245), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 115 explosions). More than half of the ceasefire violations, including more than half of the explosions, were recorded near the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

### **Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near Zaichenko**

Positioned about 2km north-east of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), while conducting an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight, the SMM heard two shots and two bursts of small-arms fire about 1km west-south-west, assessed as directed at the UAV, which was flying about 1km south-west. The SMM landed its UAV safely and left the area.\*

### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>5</sup>**

On the morning of 15 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw workers from non-government-controlled areas installing a 2m-high fence along the eastern edge of the checkpoint of the armed formations, and, about 20m south, filling holes in the tarmac road with gravel, all south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

Throughout the same day, the SMM saw six 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 15 January, positioned in seven locations near the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the SMM heard about 110 undetermined explosions and about 150 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 13 January, at the eastern edge of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted for the first time at least 12 anti-personnel mines (PMN-2) assessed as not recent (some of which had their fuse facing down, indicating demining activities) and again three anti-tank mines (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report 23 November 2019](#)). All of the abovementioned mines were assessed as belonging to the armed formations. The same UAV also spotted five persons in camouflage clothing near a former position of the armed formations at the area’s south-eastern corner.

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

On 15 January, positioned near the SMM camera in Petrivske, the SMM saw two people about 500-600m west-south-west inside the disengagement area, assessed as near a probable positions of the armed formations.

### **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 six weapons in violation of their respective withdrawal lines in Luhansk region, five of which in a non-government-controlled area (for further details, see the table below).

### **Indications of military and military-type presence inside the security zone<sup>6</sup>**

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles, including an anti-aircraft gun and armoured reconnaissance vehicles, parked by a non-functioning school in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

### **Presence of mines and unexploded ordnance**

On 13 January, an SMM mid-range UAV again spotted 19 anti-tank mines placed about 15m north of the road used daily by civilians between Pyshevyk (government-controlled, 84km south of Donetsk) and Verkhnohyrokiyske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk) (for previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 13 May 2019](#)). On 15 January, about 35m south of the previously mentioned anti-tank mines, the SMM saw for the first time an anti-tank mine and [again](#) three other anti-tank mines (all TM-62M) (for previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 15 November 2019](#)).

On 15 January, the SMM again saw an anti-personnel mine (MON-50) (without its fuse) lying on the edge of a road 5.6km south-east of Pryvitne (non-government-controlled, 11km north of Luhansk). On the same day, the SMM [again](#) saw a piece of unexploded ordnance (UXO), assessed as a projectile from a rocket of a multiple launch rocket system, in a local road on the northern outskirts of Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk). About 1km south-west of the UXO, the SMM saw two mine hazard signs with “Stop, Mines” written in Cyrillic, one alongside a local road and the other in a treeline nearby.

### **SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable the drilling of water wells near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk) and repairs to water pipelines in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk).

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

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

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 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 [SMM Daily Report 15 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.*

#### Denial of access:

- At a checkpoint north of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), an armed member 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”.

#### *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:

- Positioned about 2km north-east of Zaichenko, the SMM heard two shots and two bursts of small-arms fire, assessed as directed at its UAV (see above).

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
14/01/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> )	In Voitove (33km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini UAV
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
14/01/2020	5	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km 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
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
14/01/2020	11	Tank (T-72)	In a training area near Shymshynivka. In the same training area, the UAV spotted also 35 armoured combat vehicles. <sup>7</sup>	Mini UAV
15/01/2020	3	Tanks (T-64)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk)	Patrol

**Table of indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
14/01/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	In Voitove, parked by an a non-functioning school	Mini UAV
	5	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)		
	1	Armoured combat vehicle		
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)		
15/01/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BTR-3)	Near Kodema (57km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRM-1K)	In Nyzhnie ( 56km north-west of Luhansk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)		
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
15/01/2020	1	Recoilless gun (SPG-9, 73mm)	On the side of the road near Yasynuvata (16km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol

<sup>7</sup>The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

<sup>8</sup> 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 15 January 2020<sup>9</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jan, 19:10
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	400-800m SSW	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 22:14
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jan, 20:38
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 20:38
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	3	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 20:39
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 20:41
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 20:42
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	5	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 20:48
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	4	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 20:49
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	14-Jan, 20:58
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	14-Jan, 20:58
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	15	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:00
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	14-Jan, 21:00
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	13	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:01
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jan, 21:01
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:02
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Muzzle flash	S to N	N/K	14-Jan, 21:13
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	S to N	N/K	14-Jan, 21:15
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	9	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:15
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	14-Jan, 21:19
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	14-Jan, 21:24
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:24
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	14-Jan, 22:18
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jan, 23:19
2-4km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jan, 23:24	
E edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2km SE	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 10:40
	2km SE	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 10:43
	2km SE	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 10:50
About 4km NW of Debaltseve (non-government-controlled, 58km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 09:19
	2-3km N	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 09:20
	2-4km N	Heard	21	Explosion	Outgoing (30mm cannon)	N/K	15-Jan, 09:24-09:27
	4-5km NNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	15-Jan, 09:56
	3km N	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	15-Jan, 09:56
	3-4km NNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 09:58

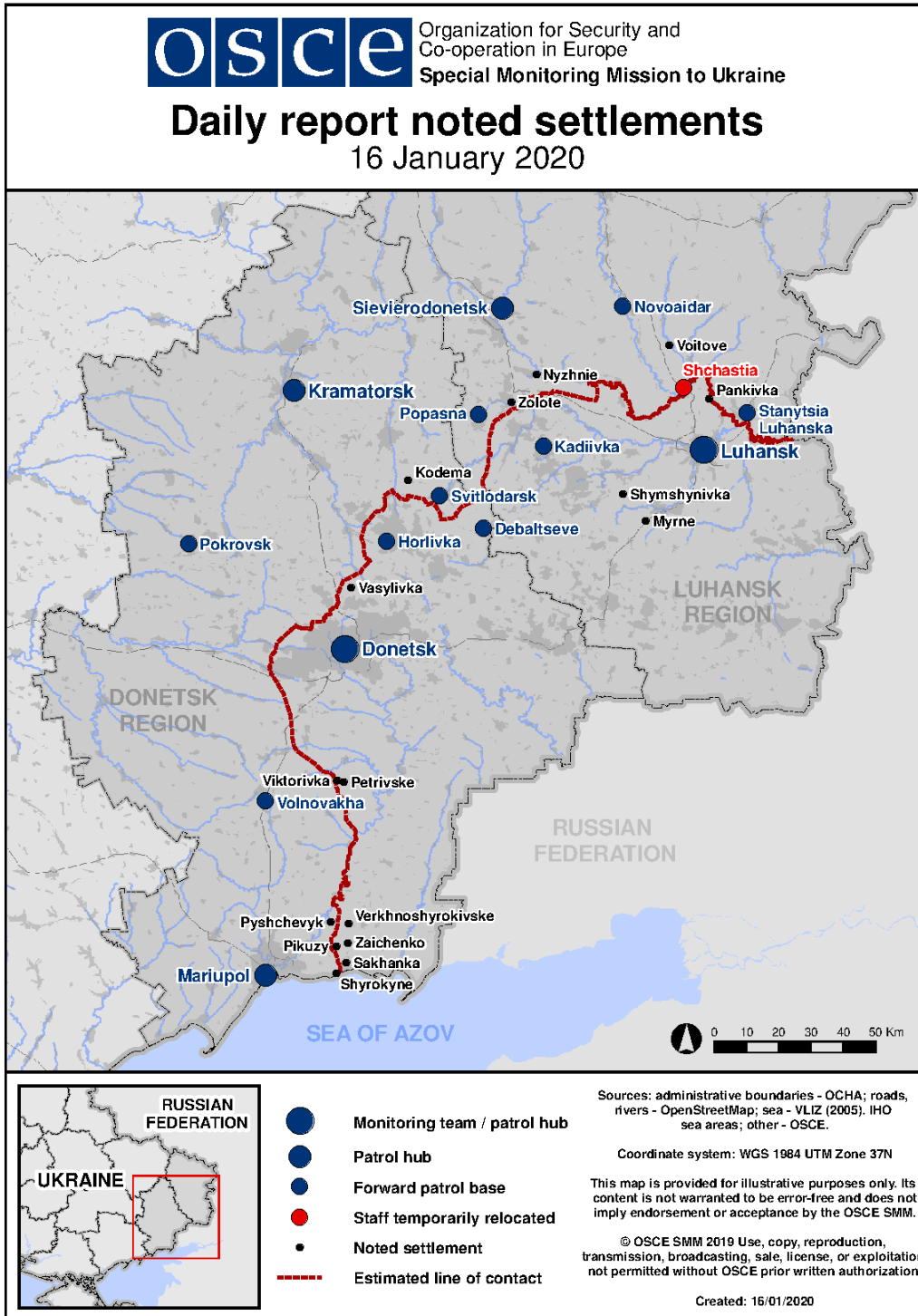
<sup>9</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based 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.

	4-5km NW	Heard	4	Shot		HMG	15-Jan, 10:04
About 4km NW of Kalynivka (non-government-controlled, 55km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km N	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	15-Jan, 11:26
	2-3km N	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	15-Jan, 11:27
	2-3km N	Heard	9	Shot		HMG	15-Jan, 11:28-11:29
NW edge of Vuhlehirsk (non-government-controlled, 49km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km NNW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 12:05
About 2km NE of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	1km WSW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 12:23
	1km WSW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	15-Jan, 12:23
About 2km SW of Pyshchevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-3km NE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	15-Jan, 13:17-13:19
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	20	Burst		HMG	14-Jan, 21:11-21:12
	5-6km SW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 21:12
NE edge of Zalizne (government-controlled, 42km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 10:27
Troitske (government-controlled, 30km N of Donetsk)	2-3km NE	Heard	11	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 11:38-11:50
	2-3km ENE	Heard	9	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 11:51-11:56
	2-3km NE	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 11:58
SMM camera in Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	1-3km SW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	15-Jan, 18:20
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	2-4km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 09:45-09:47
	2-4km NNE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	15-Jan, 09:45-09:47
S edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NE	Heard	100	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	15-Jan, 10:31-10:38
SE edge of Toshkivka (government-controlled, 60km NW of Luhansk)	10-15km ENE	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 10:32-10:34
Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	2-5km NNW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 11:36-11:38
	2-5km NNW	Heard	17	Burst		HMG	15-Jan, 11:36-11:38
NE edge of Sentianivka	3-6km NNW	Heard	13	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 11:50-12:00



(formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)							
N edge of Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km W of Luhansk)	1.8-2km E	Heard	10	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	15-Jan, 11:30-11:40
	1.8-2km E	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	15-Jan, 11:30-11:40
SW edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	2-4km NE	Heard	40	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	15-Jan, 11:56-12:03
SE edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NW	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jan, 12:37-12:59
	6-8km ENE	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 12:37-12:59
N edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-2.5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jan, 12:38-12:42
N edge of Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-5km E	Heard	21	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jan, 12:40-12:50
Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non-government-controlled, 50km W of Luhansk)	12-15km N	Heard	92	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 15:55-16:29
	12-15km N	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	15-Jan, 15:55-16:29
	12-15km N	Heard	6	Burst		AGL	15-Jan, 15:55-16:29
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	7-10km NE	Heard	78	Explosion	Impact (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jan, 15:46-16:21
	2-3km N	Heard	15	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	15-Jan, 15:46-16:21
E edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	100-500m S	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	15-Jan, 16:26

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</sup> 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).