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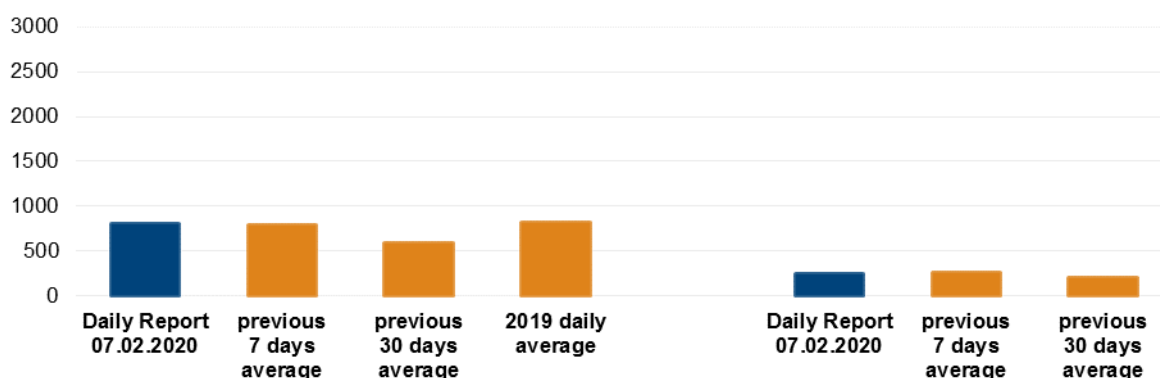
Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded a similar number of ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- It followed up on reports of an injury to a man in non-government-controlled Holubivske due to shelling.
- An SMM patrol heard small-arms fire assessed as aimed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle and explosions close to its position in government-controlled Zolote-4/Rodina.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska and Zolote. It again saw mines near the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



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

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. The SMM camera near Bohdanivka was not operational during the reporting period.

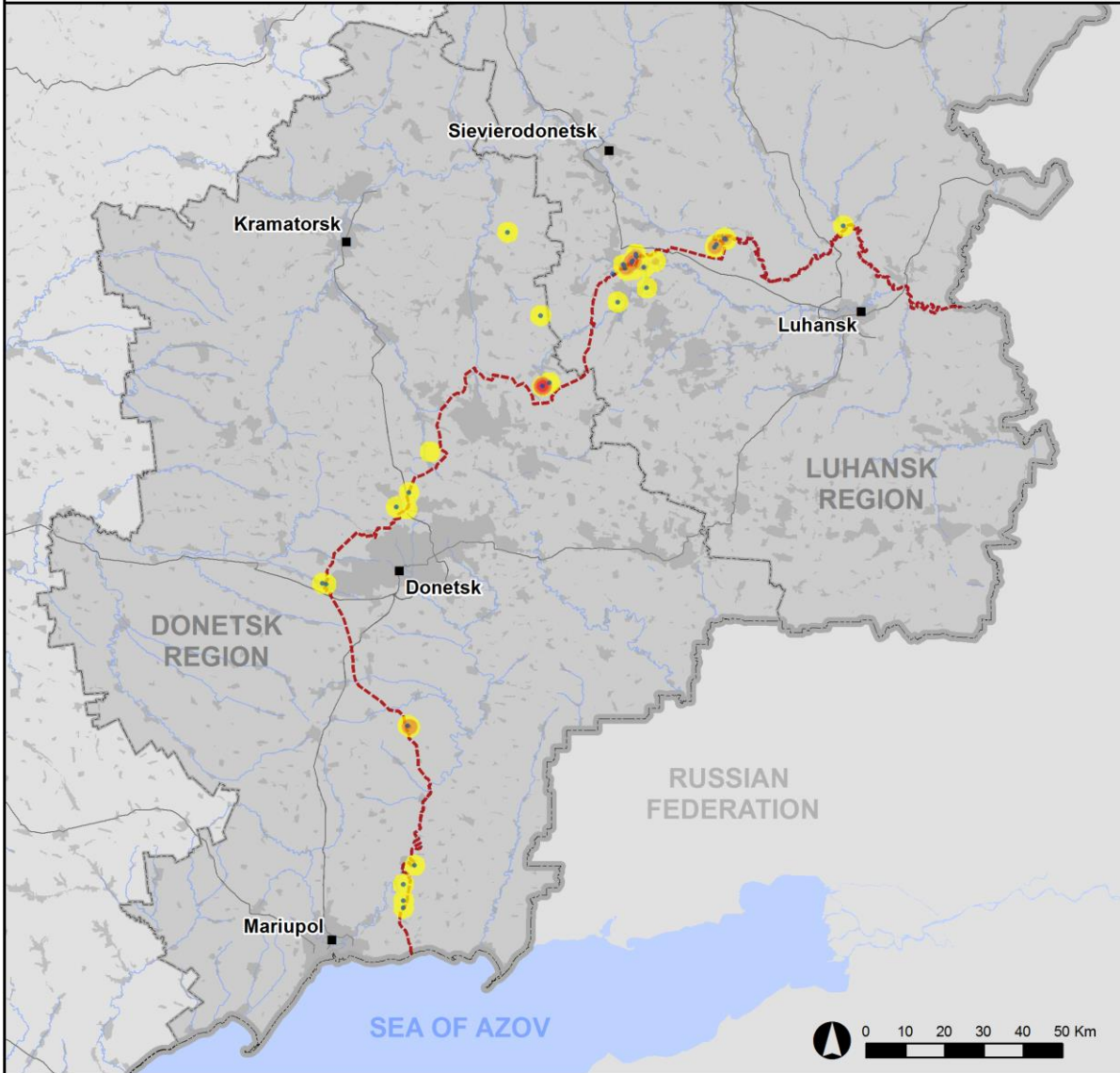
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 6 February 2020



Ceasefire violation concentration

- High
-
-
- Low
- 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, fewer explosions (40), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 55 explosions). More than 80 per cent of the ceasefire violations, including the highest number of explosions, were recorded at south-easterly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 200), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 35 explosions). The majority of the ceasefire violations were recorded south-east of Zolote-2/Karbonit (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk), in areas west-south-west of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km north-west of Luhansk) and at north-westerly directions of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk).

Man sustained shrapnel injuries in non-government-controlled Holubivske

The SMM followed up on reports of an injury to a man in Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) due to shelling on 30 January. On 3 February, medical staff in Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) told the SMM that a man had been admitted to the hospital with several injuries to his left hip area and minor injuries to his right shoulder and due to the severity of the injuries he had been transferred to a hospital in Luhansk. On 6 February, at a hospital in non-government-controlled Luhansk city, the Mission saw the man (55-year-old) with bandages on both legs and breathing difficulties who said that on 30 January, he had been in the yard of his house on Artema street in Holubivske when he was hit by shrapnel from, what he said was a mortar round that landed about 3-4m away from him. The man's wife, who was present at the hospital, told the Mission that the ambulance did not go to service their area and that she had provided first aid and then members of the armed formations had transported him to a hospital in Holubivka.

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle and explosions near SMM patrol in government-controlled Zolote-4/Rodina

While conducting an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight near the north-eastern edge of Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard 12 bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 0.8-1km north-east, assessed as directed at the UAV, which was flying about 1.7km east of the SMM's position. While preparing to leave the area, SMM patrol members, two of whom were outside the vehicles picking up the UAV, heard three explosions assessed as impacts 100-200m north, north-east and east of their location. The SMM immediately left the area.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 4 February, outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted an anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm) near the Prince Ihor monument, about 1km south-east of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. Around the anti-aircraft gun, the UAV spotted ongoing construction activities involving a tractor, two stacks of about 40 large concrete slabs, four piles of concrete blocks and heaps of old tires. The

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

UAV also spotted a probable mortar (120mm) south-east of the south-eastern edge of the disengagement area and about 50m from the nearest residential house.

On 6 February, inside the disengagement area, the SMM saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and their checkpoint south of it.

On the same day, while positioned in three different locations near the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard 80 undetermined explosions and 26 shots and bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, assessed as outside the disengagement area but with 5km of its periphery.

Between 1-2 February, outside the reporting period, the SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) recorded two undetermined explosions and 66 projectiles in flight from east to west and south-east to north-west, all at an assessed range of 1-2km south-west and south-south-west, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.⁶

On 4 February, on the eastern edge of the Petrivske disengagement area, an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted at least nine anti-tank (TM-62) and 12 anti-personnel mines (PMN-2), assessed as belonging to the armed formations, and [again](#) a group of nine anti-tank and eight anti-personnel mines about 20m further south-east. About 60m east of the eastern edge of the disengagement area, the UAV [again](#) spotted two anti-tank mines and, for the first time, three anti-personnel mines (the SMM could not assess whether recent or not) about 85m further north-west. About 25m outside the north-eastern edge of the disengagement area and about 10m south of the road leading from Petrivske to Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk), the same UAV [again](#) spotted 18 anti-tank mines. About 2.5km north-north-east of the disengagement area’s north-eastern edge, the UAV [again](#) spotted 80 anti-tank mines and, about 1km south-east, it spotted two mine hazard signs and red sticks in the ground in a field.

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 Mission saw a weapon in violation of withdrawal lines in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region (for further details, see table below).

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

The SMM observed military and military-type presence inside the security zone on both sides of the contact line, including an armoured personnel carrier in a residential area of non-government-controlled Novohryhorivka (61km north-east of Donetsk) (for further details, see the table below).

On the south-eastern edge of Luhanske (government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM saw for the first time a mine hazard sign on the gate of a house on Skeleva Street.

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

⁷ 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, 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 [SMM Daily Report 6 February 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 on the western edge of the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk city centre), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards Trudivski, where it was going to follow up on reports of damage by shelling, citing "unsafe security situation".

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.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed only after about 20 minutes of waiting, citing lack of "confirmation from their headquarters".

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
04/02/2020	1	Probable mortar (120mm)	South-east of the south-eastern edge of the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	Patrol

Table of indications of military presence in the security zone⁸

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
04/02/2020	2	Armoured personnel carrier (one probable BTR and one undetermined)	Southern edge of Stanytsia Luhanska	Mini-UAV
06/02/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Western edge of Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
04/02/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Petrivske (41km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
05/02/2020	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	In a residential area of Novohryhorivka (61km north-east of Donetsk)	

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 6 February 2020⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	6-Feb, 01:39
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Feb, 19:11
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Feb, 23:14
	2-3km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 03:15
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Feb, 00:39
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	9	Projectile	E to W (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Feb, 19:49
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Feb, 20:45
	1-2km SW	Recorded	3	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Feb, 23:21
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 00:44
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	6	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 18:00
	1-2km SW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 18:00
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	7	Projectile	ESE to WNW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 18:45
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	6	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside	N/K	2-Feb, 19:44

⁹ 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.

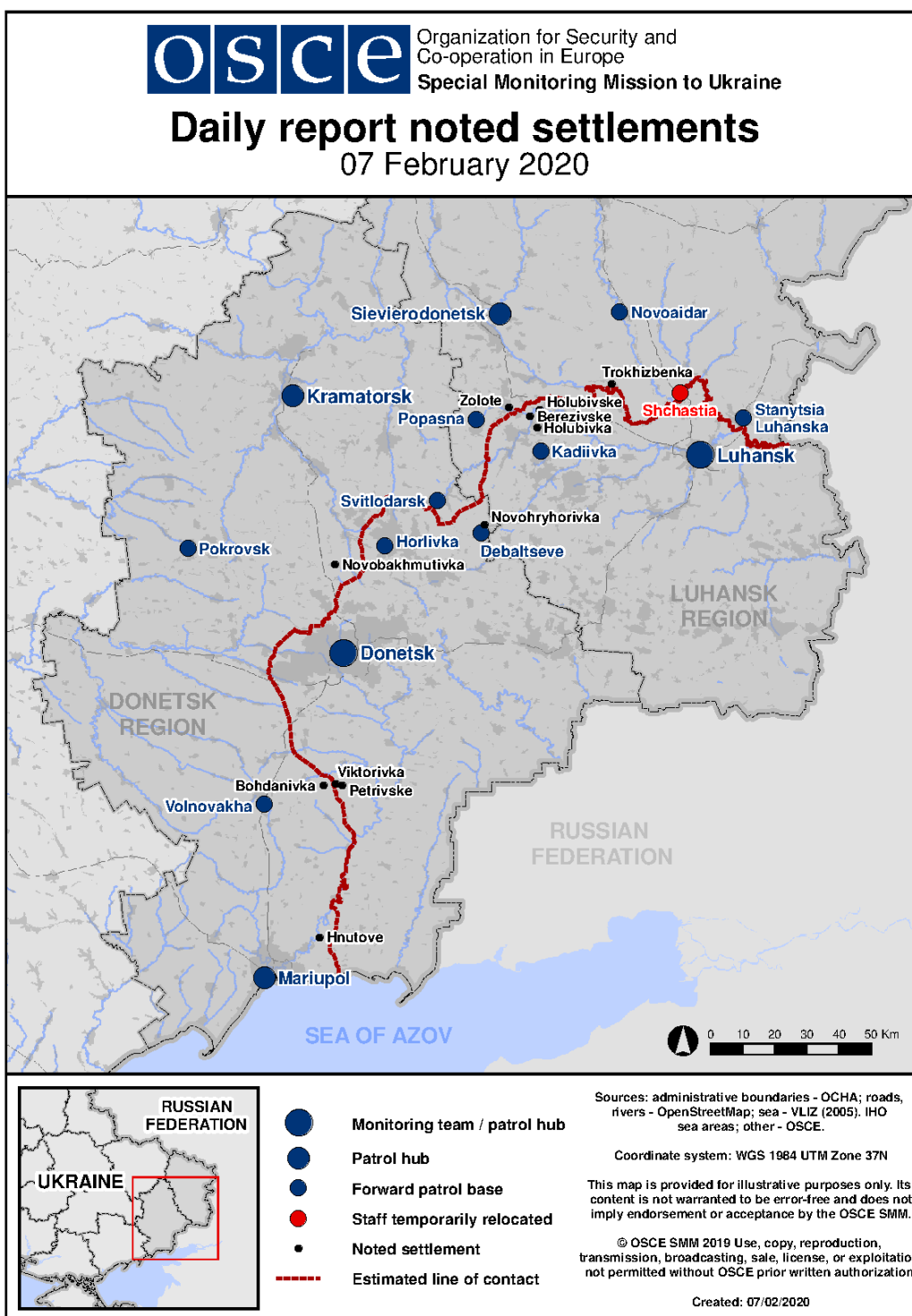
					the disengagement area)		
	1-2km SW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 19:44
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 20:29
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	13	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 20:40
	1-2km SW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 21:19
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	8	Projectile	E to W (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Feb, 21:47
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 04:06
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	0.5-1.5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 17:44
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	5-7km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 17:40
	5-7km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 17:41
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 17:43
	5-7km S	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 17:43
About 1km N of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 09:06
About 2km SW of Pyshchevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 10:35
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	5-Feb, 18:40
	3-5km SE	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	5-Feb, 18:42
	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 18:43
	3-5km SE	Heard	20	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 18:48-18:50
	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 18:51
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 18:53
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 18:56
	3-5km SE	Heard	24	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:01-19:03
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	5-Feb, 19:03
	3-5km SE	Heard	10	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:04-19:08
	3-5km SE	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:10
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:28
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	5-Feb, 19:31

	3-5km SE	Heard	14	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:32-19:34
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:37
	3-5km SE	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:34
	3-5km SE	Heard	16	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:39-19:43
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 19:44-19:46
	3-5km SE	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	5-Feb, 20:07
	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 20:09
	3-5km SE	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	5-Feb, 20:13
	3-5km SE	Heard	10	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 20:13-20:14
	3-5km SE	Heard	15	Burst		HMG	5-Feb, 20:18
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 20:21-20:25
	3-5km SE	Heard	16	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 20:26-20:31
	3-5km SE	Heard	12	Shot		Small arms	5-Feb, 20:32-20:35
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	5-Feb, 20:39
	3-5km SE	Heard	11	Burst		HMG	5-Feb, 20:42
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	5-Feb, 20:46
	3-5km SE	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 21:00-21:02
	3-5km SE	Heard	15	Shots and bursts		Small arms	5-Feb, 21:07-21:11
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Feb, 21:11
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Shots and bursts		Small arms	5-Feb, 21:17-21:22
	3-5km SE	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 21:27-21:28
	3-5km SE	Heard	14	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 21:33-21:36
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Feb, 21:37
	3-5km SE	Heard	19	Shots and bursts		Small arms	5-Feb, 21:46-21:52
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Feb, 22:41
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 22:42
	3-5km SE	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 23:06
	3-5km SE	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 23:32-23:34
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	5-Feb, 23:42
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 17:15
	3-5km SE	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 17:18-17:35
	3-5km SE	Heard	37	Burst		Small arms	6-Feb, 17:18-17:35
	3-5km SE	Heard	29	Burst		Small arms	6-Feb, 18:05-18:20
About 500m NE of Vidrozhennia (government-controlled, 66km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 11:19
	4-5km NNE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 11:35
Troitske (government-controlled, 30km N of Donetsk)	1.5-2km SE	Heard	4	Burst		Small arms	6-Feb, 12:17-12:18
Rozdolivka (government-controlled, 87km N of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 12:07-12:12

SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 03:48
Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 55km W of Luhansk)	4-6km WNW	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 10:20-10:38
	400m ENE	Heard	9	Burst		Small arms	6-Feb, 10:32-10:35
1.5km NW of Almazna (non-government-controlled, 55km W of Luhansk)	8-10km NNW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 10:25-10:36
S edge of disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	5-8km ENE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Feb, 11:05-11:20
	5-8km ENE	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	6-Feb, 11:05-11:20
NE edge of Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	7-9km NW	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 11:05-11:20
SW edge of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km NW	Heard	21	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 11:56-12:15
	3-5km NW	Heard	23	Burst		HMG	6-Feb, 11:56-12:15
	2-3km WNW	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	6-Feb, 11:56-12:15
N edge of Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km NW of Luhansk)	0.8-1km NE	Heard	12	Burst	Assessed as aimed at the SMM mini-UAV	Small arms	6-Feb, 11:33
	200m N	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	6-Feb, 11:42
	100m E	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	6-Feb, 11:42
	150-200m NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	6-Feb, 11:42
Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	5-7km WSW	Heard	16	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 11:00-11:17
	8-10km WSW	Heard	40	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 11:47-12:05
	8-10km WSW	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 12:22-12:27
NW outskirts of Voitove (government-controlled, 33km NW of Luhansk)	10-15km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 11:49-11:55
NW edge of Zolote-2/Karbonit (government-controlled, 62km NW of Luhansk)	5-10km ESE	Heard	62	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	Mortar (N/K)	6-Feb, 11:51-12:10
	5-10km SE	Heard	8	Shot and Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	6-Feb, 11:51-12:10
N edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km E	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	6-Feb, 11:58-12:05

E edge of Zolote- 1/Soniachnyi (governemnt- controlled,61km NW of Luhansk)	8-12km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 12:32- 12:35
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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).