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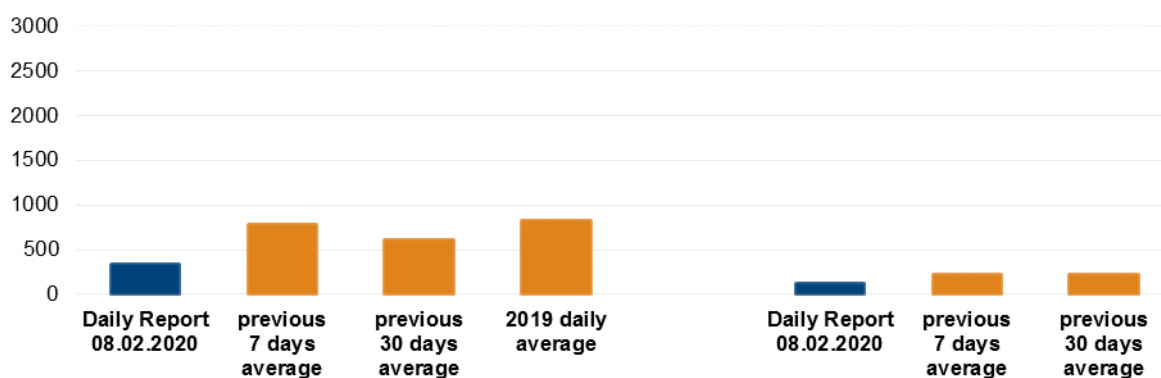
Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations both in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to facilitate maintenance to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure near the contact line.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints in non-government-controlled Staromykhailivka and Verkhnoшыrokivske in Donetsk region and at a border-crossing point in non-government-controlled Izvaryne in Luhansk region.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



Map of recorded ceasefire violations

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 7 February 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. The SMM cameras near Bohdanivka, Hnutove and Hranitne were not operational during the reporting period.

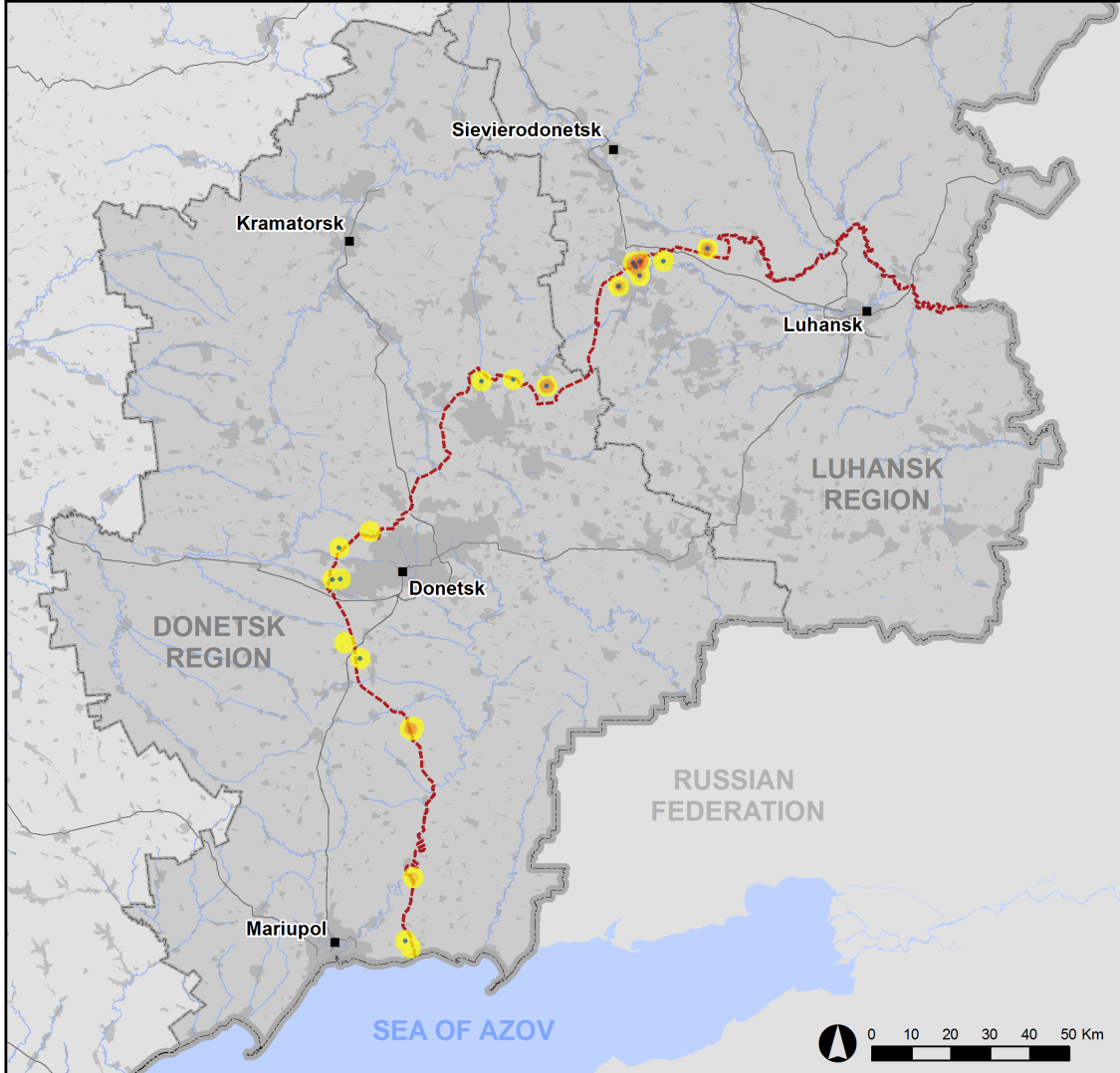
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

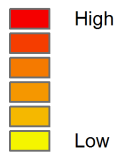


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 7 February 2020



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 (17), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (40 explosions). The highest number of ceasefire violations was recorded at south-easterly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 100), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 200 explosions). The majority of the ceasefire violations, including the majority of the explosions, were recorded in areas north, north-north-east and south-west of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 7 February, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw up to eight 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.

The SMM saw an ambulance arrive from government-controlled areas and stop at the entrance of the new section of the bridge. The SMM then saw a person carried out of the ambulance on a stretcher and transported through the new section of the bridge towards non-government-controlled areas where another ambulance was waiting.

On 7 February, positioned in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 61km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard about 70 undetermined explosions and about 115 bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) but within 5km of its periphery. While at a school in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, the SMM noted that classes were continuing despite ongoing shelling nearby.

During the same day, the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) at their checkpoint on the southern edge of the disengagement area.

On 3-4 February, outside the reporting period, the SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) recorded 30 projectiles in flight from east to west and south-east to north-west, all at an assessed range of 0.5-3km south-south-west and south-west, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.⁶

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 five weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see table below).

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.

Indications of military presence in the security zone⁷

The SMM observed armoured personnel carriers and infantry fighting vehicles inside the security zone in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for further details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to facilitate repairs to water wells near Slovianoserbsk (non-government-controlled, 28km north-west of Luhansk) and maintenance to water distribution networks in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka. The Mission also continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed a truck with “LPR” plates and two men (45-50 years old), entering Ukraine. After about ten minutes, members of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.*

While at a pedestrian border crossing point near Verkhnoharasymivka (57km south-east of Luhansk) for about 30 minutes, the SMM observed six pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) entering Ukraine and two pedestrians (a man and a woman 35-45 years old) exiting Ukraine.

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 below). 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 near Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage citing “lack of permission from his superiors”. The SMM was thus unable to follow up on allegations

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

of damage to two houses in Staromykhailivka. While positioned at the checkpoint, the SMM saw at least 15 civilian cars crossing, in both directions.

- At a border crossing point in Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km 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.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiyske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage after about 25 minutes of waiting.

Other impediments:

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Pyshevyk (government-controlled, 84km south of Donetsk).⁸
- On two occasions, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk).

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

Table of weapons

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
7/02/2020	5	Tank (T-64)	Near Memryk (33km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol

Table of military presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
7/02/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (<i>Kozak</i>)	Near Verkhnotoretske (23km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Talakivka (90km south of Donetsk)	
	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (two BMP-2 and a BMP-1)	Near Shyrokyne (100km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Near Novotoshkivske (53km west of Luhansk)	
	2	Armoured personnel carrier (a BTR-80 and a BTR-70)	In Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In Kriakivka (38km north-west of Luhansk)	

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Table of ceasefire violations as of 7 February 2020¹⁰

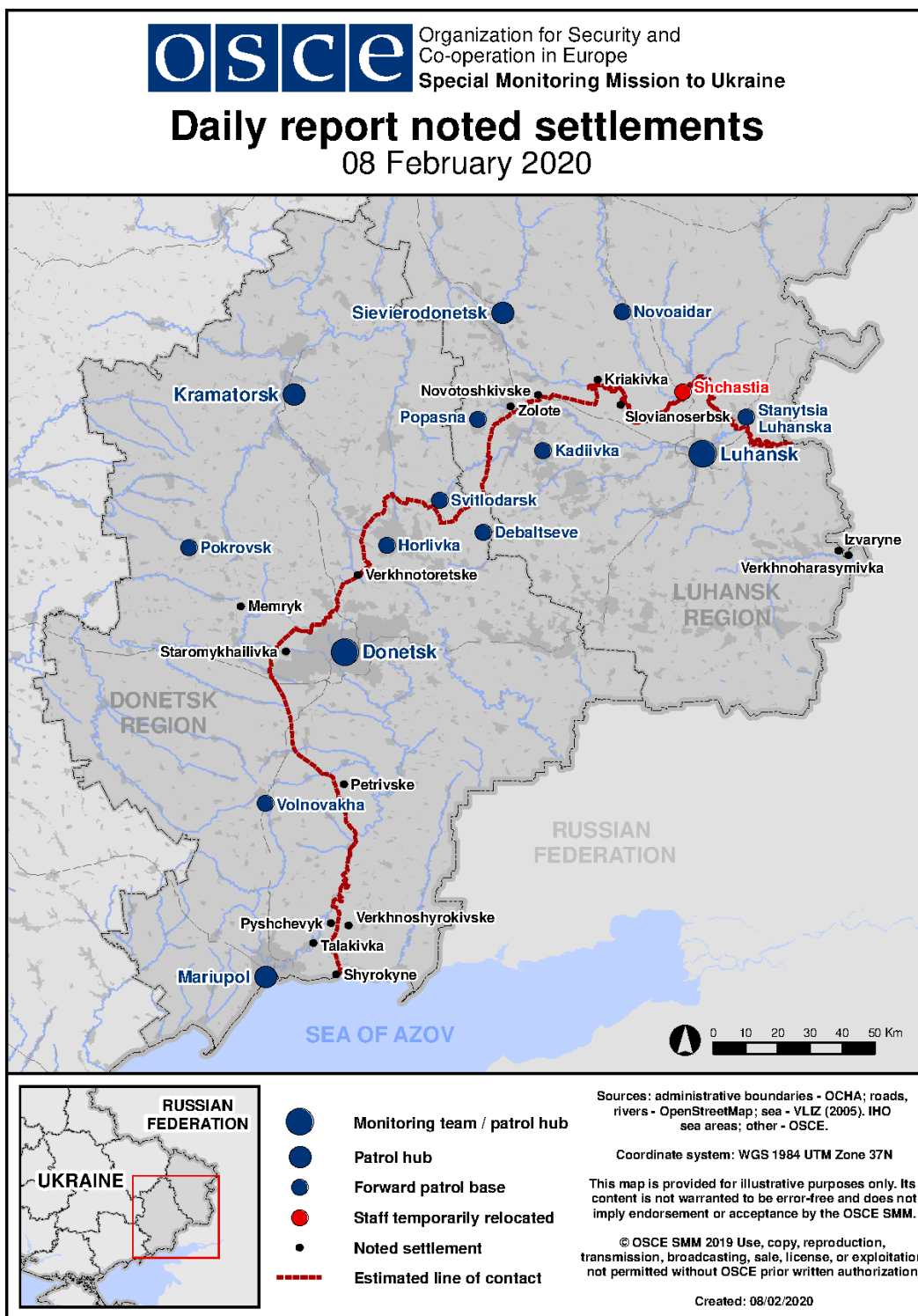
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SSE	Recorded	13	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	7-Feb, 18:27
SMM camera in Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km W of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 20:45
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 18:24
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 18:11
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-5km WNW	Recorded	4	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	6-Feb, 23:10
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1-3km SW	Recorded	7	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 02:21
	1-3km SW	Recorded	6	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 03:06
	1-3km SW	Recorded	3	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 03:26
	1-3km SW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 04:31
	1-3km SW	Recorded	3	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 04:36
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 04:41
	0.5-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 17:58

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.

	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 19:42
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Feb, 21:32
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Feb, 00:06
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	4-Feb, 02:44
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	6-Feb, 22:02
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 22:10
E part of Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km W of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 10:50
About 2.7km NW of Yasne (non-government-controlled, 30km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km NW	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	7-Feb, 09:55
About 3km NNW of Yasne (non-government-controlled, 30km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 15:14
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 20:05-20:10
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	6-Feb, 20:05-20:10
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 20:15
	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	6-Feb, 20:16-20:17
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Feb, 20:19-20:20
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	6-Feb, 20:23-20:24
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	6-Feb, 20:29
	3-5km SE	Heard	12	Shots and bursts		Small arms	6-Feb, 21:08-21:10
	3-5km SE	Heard	7	Burst		Small arms	6-Feb, 22:00-22:02
SW Edge of Novoluhasnke (government-controlled, 53km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 13:30-13:35
	1-2km WSW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	7-Feb, 13:30-13:35
N of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	10-15km WSW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 10:43
	10-15km WSW	Heard	17	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 10:50-11:01
	10-15km WSW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 11:02-11:08
1.7km W of Novotoshkivske	4-6km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 11:00-11:05

(government-controlled, 53km W of Luhansk)							
Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SW	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Feb, 10:34-10:55
	4-6km SW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	7-Feb, 10:34-10:55
	2-4km NNE	Heard	17	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Feb, 11:04-11:25
	2-4km NNE	Heard	25	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	7-Feb, 11:04-11:25
	2-4km NNE	Heard	50	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	7-Feb, 11:04-11:25
	1-2km N	Heard	16	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Feb, 11:30-11:48
	1-2km N	Heard	2	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	7-Feb, 11:30-11:48
	1-2km N	Heard	30	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	7-Feb, 11:30-11:48
	1-4km N	Heard	25	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Feb, 12:54-13:10
N edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	4-6km ESE	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Feb, 12:25-12:30
	4-6km ESE	Heard	8	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	7-Feb, 12:25-12:30

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).