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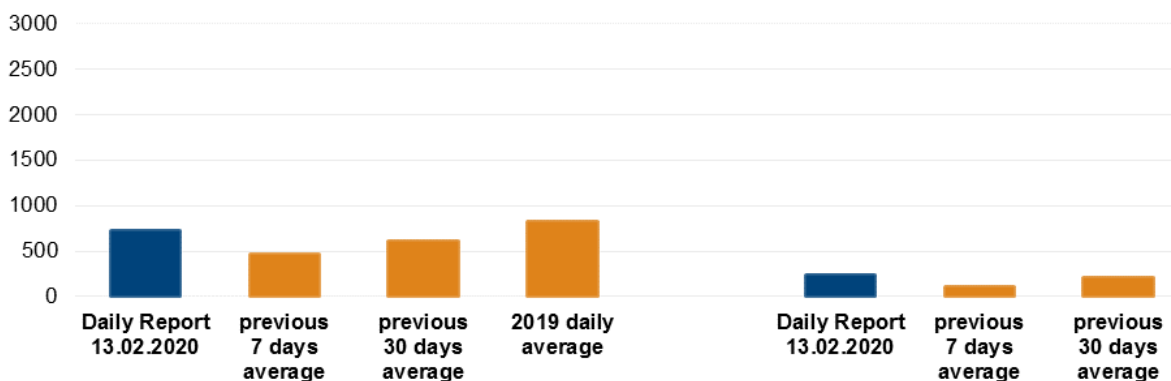
Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation at the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission saw weapons in violations of withdrawal lines on both sides of the contact line, including near a residential area.
- The Mission saw traffic delays and people crossing on foot an icy road between a checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets and an entry-exit checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Marinka, in Donetsk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint near non-government-controlled Verkhnohshyrokiivske in southern Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations¹

Number of recorded ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded explosions³



Map of recorded ceasefire violations

¹ For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. The SMM cameras near Bohdanivka and Hnutove were not operational during the reporting period.

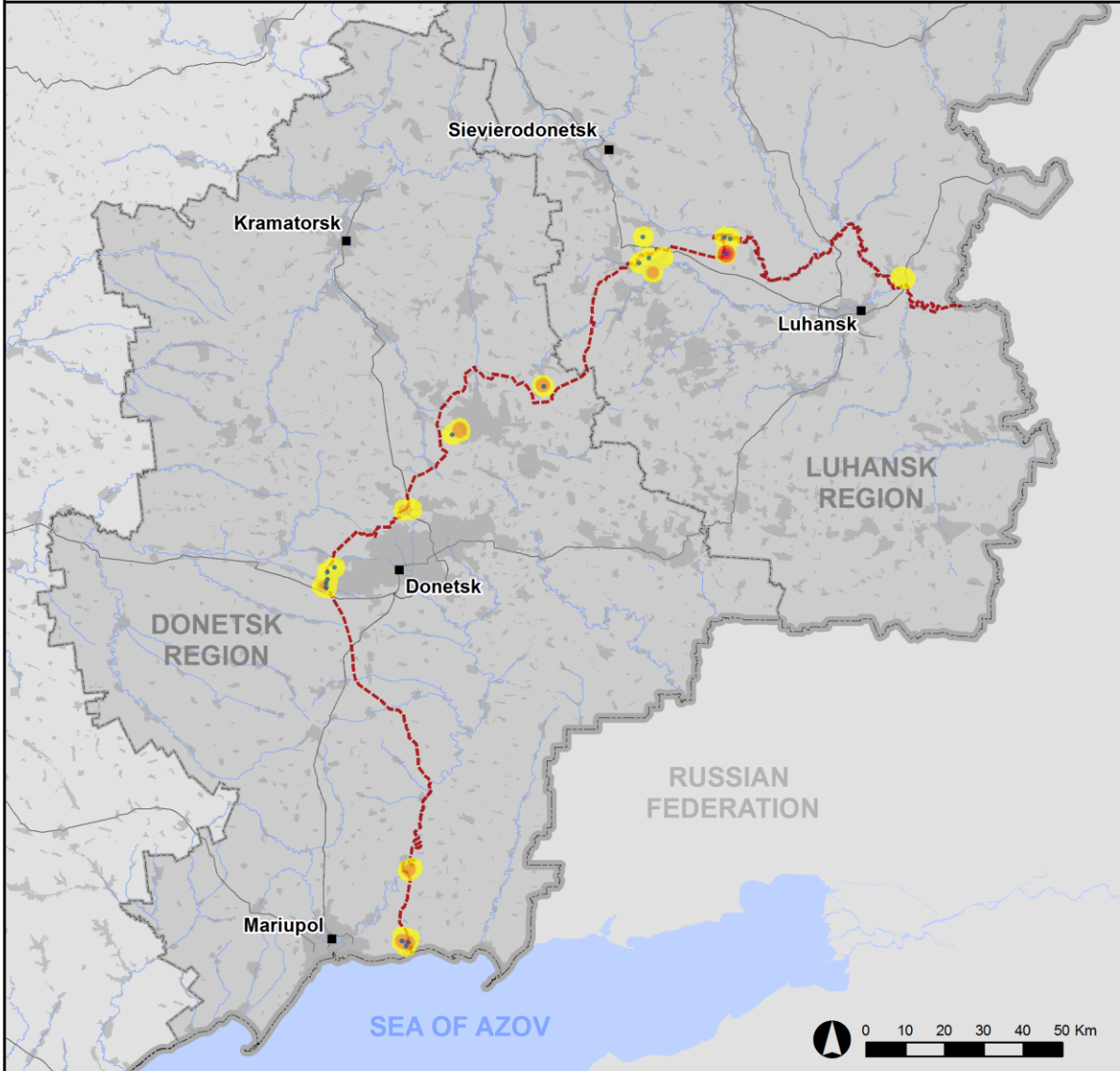
² Including explosions.

³ Including from unidentified weapons.

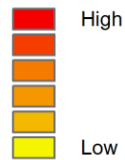


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 12 February 2020



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, however, a similar number of explosions (about 25), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (30 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded in areas north-north-east and north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), as well as in south-east of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 205), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (five explosions). While positioned in Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km north-west of Luhansk), the SMM heard more than 90 per cent of ceasefire violations (including 200 explosions assessed as outgoing mortar and artillery rounds) at an assessed range of 5-10km south-west.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁴

On the early evening of 11 February, while on the eastern edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM heard six shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 1-2km south and south-west and assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. Inside the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska, on 12 February, the SMM saw a truck from government-controlled areas clearing snow and pouring a defrosting mixture between the northern edge of the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) and the entry-exit checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces north of it. On the same day, the Mission saw nine members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the bridge and their checkpoint south of it.

On 12 February, while positioned near Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk), the Mission heard an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 2-3km north-north-west, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) but within 5km of its periphery.

On 12 February, while positioned in Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

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 28 weapons in violation of withdrawal lines on both sides of the contact line, including near a residential area (for further details, see table below).

Weapons permanent storage sites

At a heavy weapons permanent storage site in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region

12 February

The SMM noted that all weapons were present.

⁴ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁵

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the contact line, including in a residential area in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region, as well as an anti-aircraft gun near a residential area in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

Demining activities near Lomakyne

The SMM saw about 30 members of an international demining organization digging in the ground with shovels in three fields about 2.5km south-south-east of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), all within a 1.5km radius of road T-0519.

SMM facilitation of maintenance to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the maintenance and operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

Situation of civilians at checkpoints along the contact line

While between a checkpoint of the armed formations east of Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) and the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) for about 180 minutes, the SMM saw that vehicular traffic was moving only from the direction of non-government- to government-controlled areas. The Mission also saw that about 700 people were crossing on foot (in both directions) an icy road between the aforementioned checkpoint of the armed formations and the EECP.

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, [SMM Daily Report 11 February 2020](#)). The SMM's

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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:

- On two occasions, at a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), 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 operations” in the area. While present, the SMM saw civilian traffic proceeding in both directions.

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.

Conditional access:

- At a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske, an armed member of the armed formations allowed the SMM to pass through on condition that the patrol not proceed further than Boikiivske (formerly Telmanove, non-government-controlled, 67km south-east of Donetsk).

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
12/02/2020	1	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	Near Bezghynove (45km north-west of Luhansk), traveling eastwards on road T-1306	Patrol
	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozдика</i> , 122mm)		
	1	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
Non-government-controlled areas				
10/02/2020	3	Probable mortar (82mm)	Near a residential area in Staromykhailivka (15km west of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
12/02/2020	22	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21)	Near Khrustalniyi (formerly Krasnyi Luch, 56km south-west of Luhansk)	Patrol

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁶

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
10/02/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	In a residential area in Krasnohorivka (21km west of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
12/02/2020	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In Netailove (22km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	In Hnutove (90km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Peredilske (24km north-west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	In Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In Trokhizbenka (32km north-west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	Near Bobrove (56km north-west of Luhansk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
9/02/2020	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle	Near Novokyivka (25km east of Luhansk)	Aerial imagery
10/02/2020	1	Probable anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near a residential area in Staromykhailivka (15km west of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV

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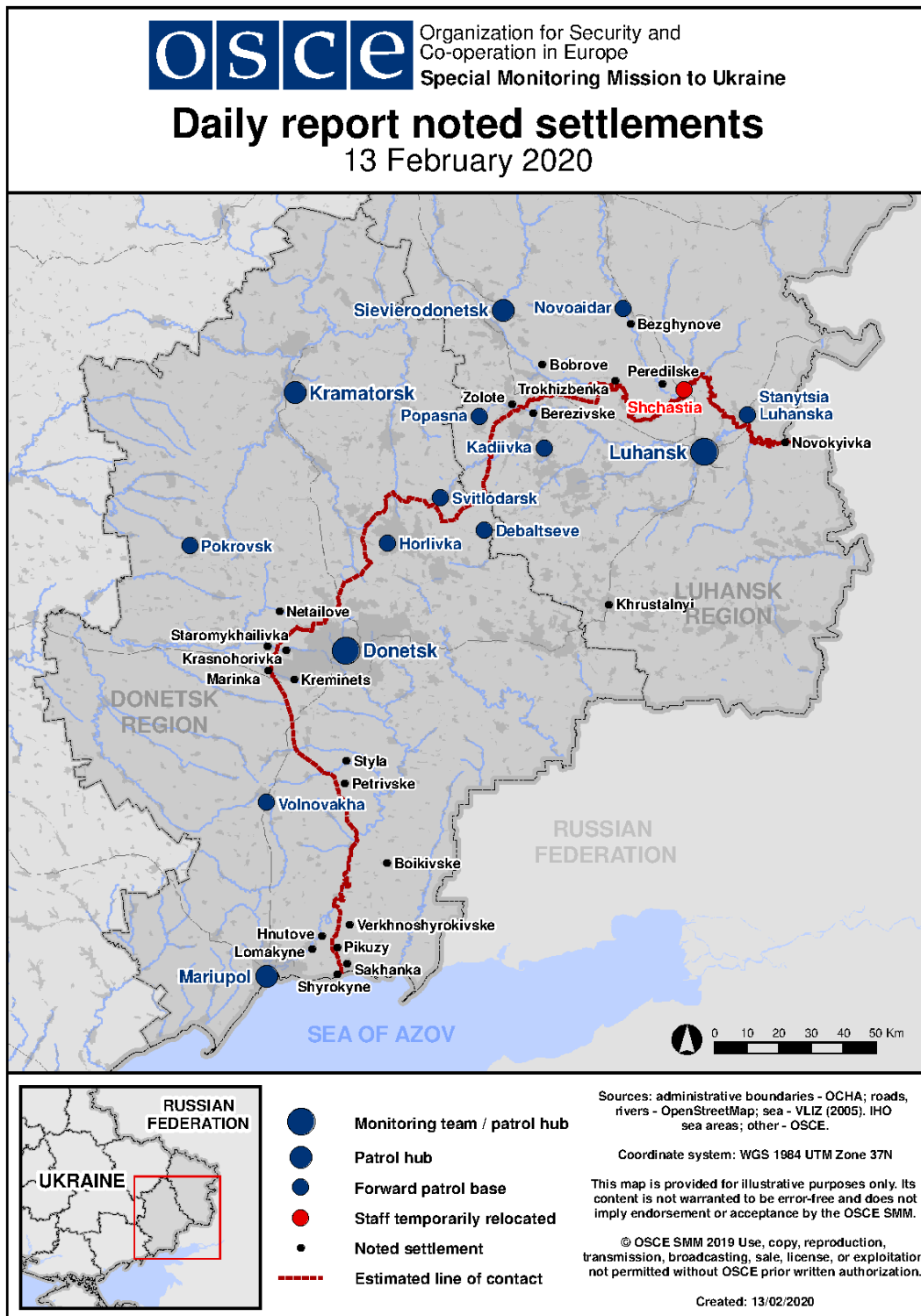
Table of ceasefire violations as of 12 February 2020⁷

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	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	11-Feb, 19:08
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	11-Feb, 19:14
	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 19:14
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	11-Feb, 19:45
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 22:19
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 22:24
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	11-Feb, 22:33
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	11-Feb, 22:34
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 22:34
SMM camera in Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km W of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 23:07
	2-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:42
	2-3km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:44
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	1-2km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	11-Feb, 18:38
	3-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:23
	1-2km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	12-Feb, 00:24
	1-2km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	12-Feb, 00:25
	2-3km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:26
	1-2km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	12-Feb, 00:28
	1-2km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	12-Feb, 00:29
	1-2km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	12-Feb, 00:30
	1-2km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:42
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	11-Feb, 19:15
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 19:54
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Feb, 19:54
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	11-Feb, 19:55
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 19:55
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 20:54
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 20:55
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Feb, 20:56
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 20:57
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 20:59
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:03
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Feb, 21:05
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:05
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:06
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Feb, 21:06
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:07
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:08
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:10
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:22
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:22
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-Feb, 21:22
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	11-Feb, 21:23
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:23
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	11-Feb, 21:24

⁷ 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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 21:24
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	11-Feb, 21:24
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	11-Feb, 21:24
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:24
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-Feb, 21:24
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Feb, 21:42
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-Feb, 21:42
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Feb, 21:44
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-Feb, 21:44
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 21:44
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	11-Feb, 21:51
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 21:52
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 21:53
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Feb, 21:53
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Feb, 21:58
	3-5km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Feb, 22:05
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Feb, 22:09
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ENE to WSW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-Feb, 22:09
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 22:23
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 22:30
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	11-Feb, 23:16
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	11-Feb, 23:16
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Feb, 00:37
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Feb, 00:38
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 01:43
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Feb, 03:15
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	12-Feb, 04:18
SE edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2km SE	Heard	13	Shot		Small arms	12-Feb, 09:41
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasyuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km SW	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	12-Feb, 09:40
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 18:35-18:36
	3-5km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 19:01-19:03
	3-5km SE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 19:07
	3-5km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 19:23-19:26
	4-5km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 19:35-19:36
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 19:39
	3-5km SE	Heard	11	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 19:39-19:42
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 18:47
	1-3km W	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	11-Feb, 19:47-19:48
	1-3km W	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	11-Feb, 19:49-19:50
	1-3km WSW	Heard	16	Shot		Small arms	11-Feb, 19:57-20:00
	1-3km W	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	11-Feb, 20:01-20:04

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	1-3km WSW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	11-Feb, 20:03-20:04
	1-3km WSW	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	11-Feb, 21:20-21:21
	1-3km W	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	11-Feb, 21:35-21:36
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 18:41
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 18:43
	3-5km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 18:43
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	7	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	11-Feb, 18:43
	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	11-Feb, 18:45
E edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government- controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	1-2km S	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	11-Feb, 18:18-18:19
	1-2km SW	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	11-Feb, 18:20-18:21
	1-2km SW	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	11-Feb, 18:22-18:23
NW edge of Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non- government-controlled, 44km W of Luhansk)	3-5km WNW	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	12-Feb, 11:05-11:10
Trokhizbenka (government- controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	5-10km SW	Heard	100	Burst		HMG	12-Feb, 12:05-12:45
	5-10km SW	Heard	100	Explosion	Outgoing	Mortar (type N/K)	12-Feb, 12:05-12:45
	5-10km SW	Heard	100	Explosion	Outgoing	Artillery (type N/K)	12-Feb, 12:05-12:45
	5-10km SW	Heard	100	Burst		Small arms	12-Feb, 12:05-12:45
SW edge of Berezivske (non-government- controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	8-10km N	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 12:40-12:45
	2-3km E	Heard	24	Shot		Small arms	12-Feb, 12:55-13:05
	2-3km E	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	12-Feb, 12:55-13:05
	2-3km NNW	Heard	1	Explosion (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagemen t area)	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 13:00
	3-5km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 13:10

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁸

⁸ 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).