

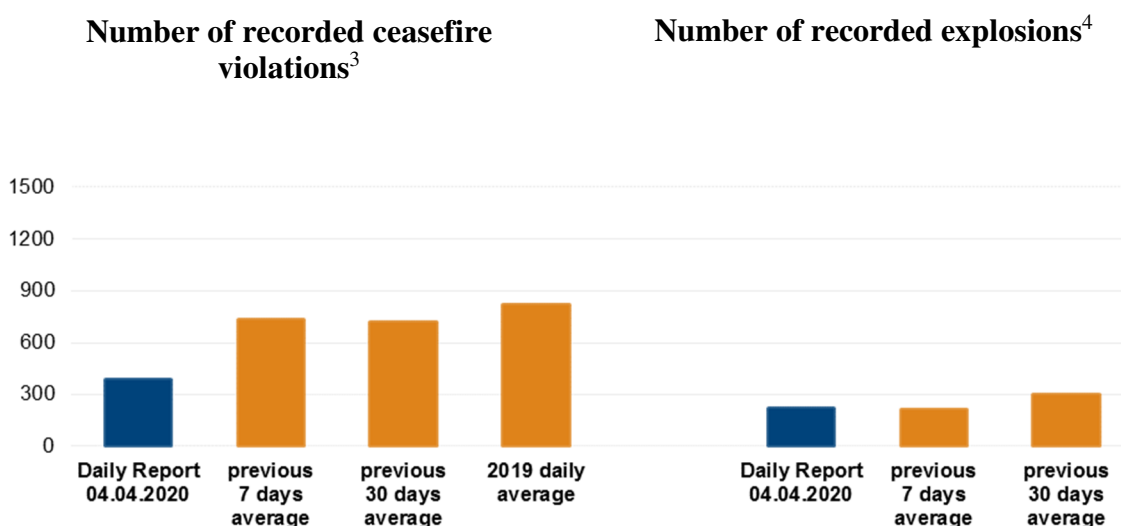
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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- The SMM saw a fresh crater near a residential building and a school in Novotoshkivske.
- Members of the armed formations delayed the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region at a checkpoint near Olenivka and at the boundary line between Luhansk and Donetsk regions near Debaltseve.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the construction of a power line near government-controlled Maiorsk and maintenance of railway tracks near government-controlled Vilkhove, as well as to enable demining activities in non-government-controlled Krasnyi Yar.
- The SMM again saw that two entry-exit checkpoints of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and two checkpoints of the armed formations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions remained closed amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 3 April 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras at the Oktiabr mine were not operational.

³ Including explosions.

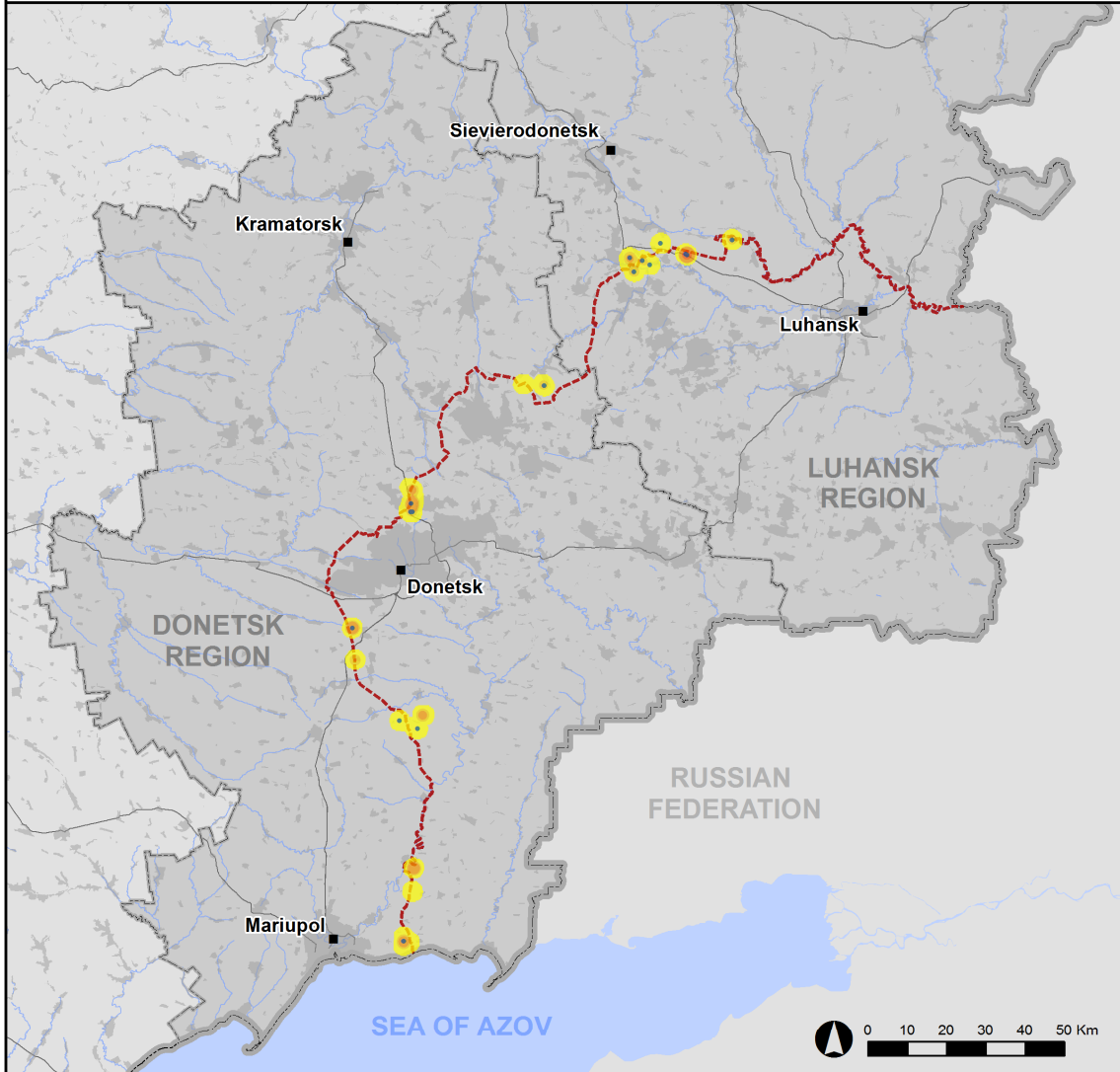
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

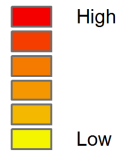


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 3 April 2020



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 (60), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (205 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at westerly directions of Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk), in areas north-west of Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), where more than half of the explosions occurred, and in areas south-east of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (about 160), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 25 explosions). Almost two-thirds of ceasefire violations, including about 100 explosions, were recorded in areas south-west of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km north-west of Luhansk).

Fresh crater near a residential building and a school in Novotoshkivske

On 2 April, at 8 Oleha Vatazhka Street in Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw a crater about 7m south-south-east of a five-storey inhabited residential building and about 50m north-north-east of a functional school (currently closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak). The SMM assessed the crater as fresh and caused by a probable artillery round fired from a south-south-easterly direction.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 3 April, positioned near the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) and their checkpoint south of it.

On the evening on 2 April, the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) recorded three bursts of an undetermined weapon and a projectile in flight, all at an assessed range of 3-5km east-north-east and east. On 3 April, while positioned in four locations near the disengagement area, the SMM heard 37 undetermined explosions. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside **the disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery. On the same day, the SMM saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) near the southern edge of the area.

On the evening and night of 2 and 3 April, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded a muzzle flash at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east, which the Mission was unable to assess as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), as well as an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 4-6km east-south-east assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 3 April, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka, the SMM heard four undetermined explosions at south-easterly directions, which it was unable to assess as inside or outside the disengagement area. On the same day, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the Mission heard about 20 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 1-2km east assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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

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 surface-to-air missile system in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region and three multiple launch rocket systems in a training area in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region, all in violation of withdrawal lines. It also saw 45 weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside the designated storage sites on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for further details, see the tables below).

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

The SMM observed military and military-type presence, including armoured combat and reconnaissance vehicles, in the security zone on both sides of the contact line (for further details, see the table below).

Presence of anti-tank mines in Rozsadky, Vodiane and Donetsk airport

On 31 March, an SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) [again](#) spotted about 30 anti-tank mines (part of a larger minefield) in fields north of Rozsadky (62km north-east of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On 1 April, an SMM mini-UAV [again](#) spotted about 25 anti-tank mines (part of a larger minefield) in two locations in fields west and south-east of Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On 2 April, an SMM long-range UAV spotted [again](#) 22 anti-tank mines laid across a former taxiway of the destroyed Donetsk International Airport, assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

SMM facilitation of the operation, construction and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure and of demining activities

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the construction of a power line near the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) close to Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk), vegetation clearance and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk), as well as demining activities in Krasnyi Yar (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. On the evening on 2 April, the SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk) recorded an undetermined explosion and a projectile in flight, both assessed as within a 3km radius of the DFS. During the day on 3 April, while positioned at two locations near the DFS, the SMM heard three undetermined explosions and about 65 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 3km radius of the DFS.

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

Measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and their corresponding checkpoints along the contact line to counter COVID-19 outbreak

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the EECP near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and the checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka remained closed.

In Luhansk region, the SMM saw that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge remained closed. At the EECP, the Mission saw 14 people (eight female, six male, mixed ages) reportedly waiting to travel towards non-government-controlled areas.

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 and 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 28 March 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.

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 the boundary line between Luhansk and Donetsk regions near Debaltseve (non-government-controlled, 58km north-east of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage into non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region only after about three hours and 35 minutes of waiting, citing "orders from superiors".
- At a checkpoint near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage only after about four hours of waiting.

Other impediments:

- On 2 April, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between Zolote-4/Rodina

(government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) and Vuhlehirsk (non-government-controlled, 21km west of Donetsk).

- On 3 April, a mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference on three occasions, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk).

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

| Date | No. | Type | Location | Source of observation |
|--|-----|--|---|-----------------------|
| Non-government-controlled areas | | | | |
| 31/03/2020 | 3 | Multiple launch rocket system | In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk) | Aerial imagery |
| 2/04/2020 | 1 | Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>) | Near Fedorivka (34km north-east of Donetsk) | Long-range UAV |

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

| Date | No. of weapons | Type of weapon | Location | Source of observation |
|--|----------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| Government-controlled areas | | | | |
| 2/04/2020 | 2 | Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>) | Near Zelenyi Hai (46km south-west of Donetsk) | Long-range UAV |
| | 1 | Surface-to-air missile system (9K37) | At a compound in Petropavlivka (49km west of Donetsk) | |
| Non-government-controlled areas | | | | |
| 31/03/2020 | 1 | Tank (type undetermined) | In a training area near Miusynsk, where 35 armoured combat vehicles were also observed ⁷ | Aerial imagery |
| | 12 | Towed artillery (type undetermined) | | |
| | 29 | Self-propelled artillery (type undetermined) | | |

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁸

| Date | No. | Type | Location | Source of observation |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|---|-----------------------|
| Government-controlled areas | | | | |
| 31/03/2020 | 1 | Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB) | Near Rozsadky (62km north-east of Donetsk) | Mid-range UAV |
| | 2 | Armoured combat vehicle | | |
| | 1 | Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2) | | |
| 1/04/2020 | 2 | Infantry fighting vehicle (a BMP-1 and a BMP-2) | Near Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk) | Mini UAV |
| 2/04/2020 | 5 | Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2) | At a compound near Pionerske (101km south of Donetsk) | Mini UAV |
| | 1 | Self-propelled anti-aircraft gun (ZSU-23-4 <i>Shilka</i> , 23mm) | | |
| | 1 | Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM variant) | | |
| | 3 | Armoured personnel carrier (an MT-LB and an MT-LB variant) | | |
| | 1 | Probable trench digger (PZM variant) | Near a residential area in Popasna (69km west of Luhansk) | Long-range UAV |

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| | 2 | Probable combat engineering vehicle (type undetermined) | | |
| | 1 | Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2) | Near Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk) | |
| | 1 | Armoured combat vehicle | Near Krasnohorivka (21km west of Donetsk) | |
| | 2 | Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant) | At a compound in Kurakhivka (32km west of Luhansk) | |
| 3/04/2020 | 2 | Armoured personnel carrier | Near Popasna | Patrol |
| Non-government-controlled areas | | | | |
| 2/04/2020 | 3 | Armoured combat vehicle | Near Lohvynove (59km north-east of Donetsk) | Long-range UAV |

Table of ceasefire violations as of 3 April 2020⁹

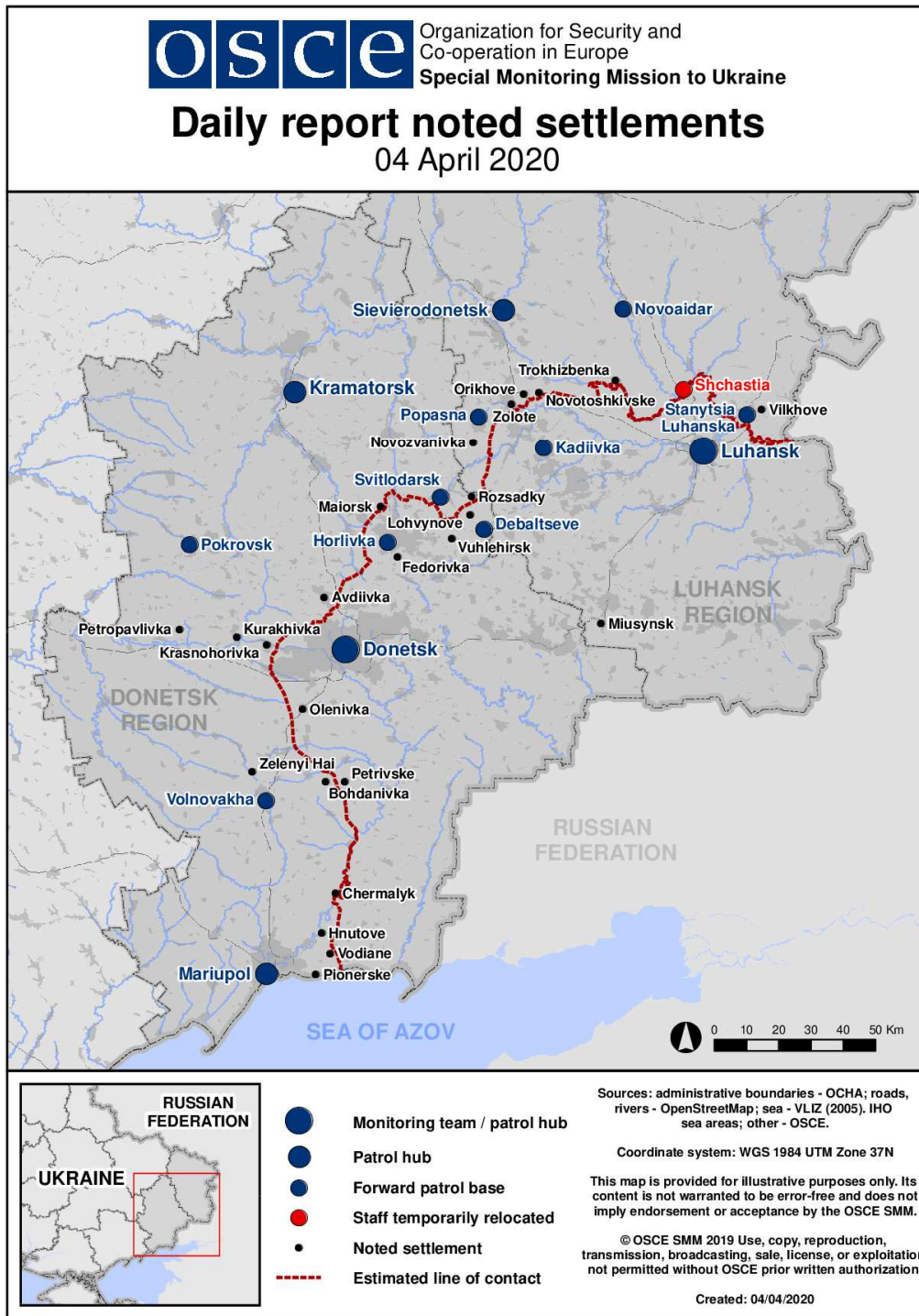
| SMM position | Event location | Means | No. | Observation | Description | Weapon | Date, time |
|---|----------------|----------|-----|--------------------|---|--------|--------------|
| SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk) | 3-5km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | NNE to SSW | N/K | 2-Apr, 21:25 |
| | 4-6km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 2-Apr, 22:45 |
| SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk) | 2-3km ESE | Recorded | 3 | Projectile | WNW to ESE | N/K | 2-Apr, 22:25 |
| | 2-3km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | WNW to ESE | N/K | 2-Apr, 22:26 |
| | 2-3km ESE | Recorded | 8 | Projectile | WNW to ESE | N/K | 2-Apr, 22:31 |
| | 2-3km ESE | Recorded | 2 | Projectile | NNE to SSW | N/K | 2-Apr, 22:31 |
| SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk) | 4-6km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area) | N/K | 2-Apr, 21:20 |
| | 3-5km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Muzzle flash | Unable to be assessed as inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area | N/K | 3-Apr, 02:56 |
| SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk) | 2-4km SE | Recorded | 35 | Projectile | SW to NE | N/K | 3-Apr, 05:17 |
| SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk) | 2-4km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Illumination flare | S to N | N/K | 2-Apr, 21:00 |
| | 2-4km ESE | Recorded | 3 | Muzzle flash | | N/K | 2-Apr, 21:06 |
| SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk) | 2-4km N | Recorded | 5 | Burst | In a vertical flight | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:18 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Muzzle flash | | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:40 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E (subsequent to previous event) | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:40 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Impact, subsequent to previous event | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:40 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:43 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:43 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Impact (subsequent to previous event) | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:43 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:46 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | E to W | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:47 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:47 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 2 | Projectile | W to E | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:47 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 2 | Explosion | Impact, subsequent to previous event | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:47 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | E to W | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:48 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 2 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:49 |

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.

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|---|-----------|----------|----|--------------------|--|------------|--------------------|
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 2 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:50 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Muzzle flash | | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:52 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | W to E (subsequent to previous event) | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:52 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:52 |
| | 4-6km N | Recorded | 1 | Illumination flare | In a vertical flight | N/K | 2-Apr, 20:59 |
| | 3-5km NNE | Recorded | 1 | Illumination flare | In a vertical flight | N/K | 2-Apr, 21:26 |
| | 3-5km N | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | E to W | N/K | 2-Apr, 21:49 |
| About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk) | 2km NW | Heard | 3 | Shot | | Small arms | 3-Apr, 09:21-09:24 |
| | 3km SW | Heard | 2 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 3-Apr, 09:21-09:24 |
| | 2-3km SW | Heard | 7 | Burst | | HMG | 3-Apr, 10:56 |
| | 2km W | Heard | 18 | Burst | | Small arms | 3-Apr, 14:27-14:35 |
| | 2km W | Heard | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 3-Apr, 14:35 |
| | 1-2km W | Heard | 14 | Shot | | Small arms | 3-Apr, 14:38 |
| | 2-3km SW | Heard | 4 | Burst | | HMG | 3-Apr, 14:47 |
| SW edge of Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk) | 3-4km NW | Heard | 37 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 3-Apr, 15:45-16:32 |
| About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk) | 2km E | Heard | 4 | Shot | Assessed as outside the disengagement area | Small arms | 3-Apr, 13:54 |
| | 1-2km E | Heard | 8 | Shot | Assessed as outside the disengagement area | Small arms | 3-Apr, 14:04-14:05 |
| | 1-2km E | Heard | 9 | Shot | Assessed as outside the disengagement area | Small arms | 3-Apr, 14:12-14:14 |
| About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk) | N/K SE | Heard | 4 | Explosion | Undetermined (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area) | N/K | 3-Apr, 13:44-13:46 |
| About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk) | 2-3km SE | Heard | 17 | Burst | | HMG | 3-Apr, 12:41-12:43 |
| | 1-2km SE | Heard | 2 | Shot | | Small arms | 3-Apr, 12:50 |
| Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk) | 3-5km SE | Heard | 4 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 2-Apr, 18:50-18:52 |
| | 3-5km SE | Heard | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 2-Apr, 19:57 |
| | 3-4km SW | Heard | 2 | Burst | | HMG | 2-Apr, 22:12 |
| | 3-4km SW | Heard | 2 | Burst | | HMG | 2-Apr, 22:20 |
| | 3-4km SE | Heard | 6 | Burst | | Small arms | 2-Apr, 22:50-22:55 |
| SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk) | 3-5km S | Recorded | 1 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 2-Apr, 23:26 |
| | 3-5km S | Recorded | 10 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 2-Apr, 23:27 |
| SMM camera in Zolote (government- | 3-5km ENE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 2-Apr, 21:36 |

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|---|-------------|----------|-----|-----------|--|-----|--------------------|
| controlled, 60km W of Luhansk) | 3-5km E | Recorded | 3 | Burst | In vertical flight, approximately (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 2-Apr, 21:57 |
| Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk) | 4-6km SE | Heard | 12 | Explosion | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement areas) | N/K | 3-Apr, 09:22-09:35 |
| N edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (60km W of Luhansk) | 3-5km NE | Heard | 16 | Explosion | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement areas) | N/K | 3-Apr, 09:40-10:50 |
| N edge of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk) | 15-20km WSW | Heard | 102 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 3-Apr, 10:45-12:45 |
| NE edge of Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non-government controlled, 51km W of Luhansk) | 5-8km NW | Heard | 9 | Explosion | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote) | N/K | 3-Apr, 12:47-13:05 |
| | 8-10km N | Heard | 3 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 3-Apr, 13:27-13:37 |
| | 8-10km NE | Heard | 3 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 3-Apr, 13:49-14:07 |
| Zolote-3/Stakhanovets (government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk) | 8-10km E | Heard | 3 | Explosion | Undetermined | N/K | 3-Apr, 13:15-13:40 |

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹⁰



¹⁰The 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).