

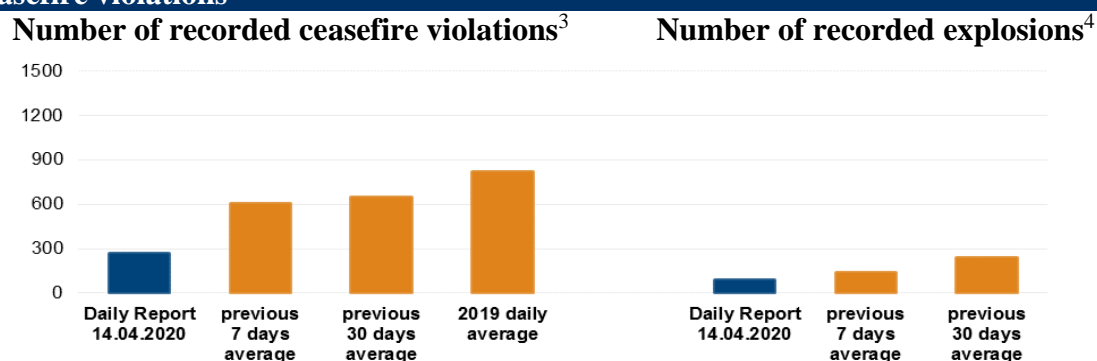
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Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- The SMM heard impacts close to its position near the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas at a checkpoint near Olenivka, Donetsk region, as well as at a checkpoint south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, Luhansk region.*
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It saw a person inside the disengagement area near Zolote during night hours.
- The SMM saw weapons in violation of withdrawal lines in non-government-controlled areas of both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM monitored and facilitated adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance and construction of civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, as well as demining activities in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians amid the COVID-19 outbreak, including at entry-exit checkpoints and their corresponding checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 13 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.

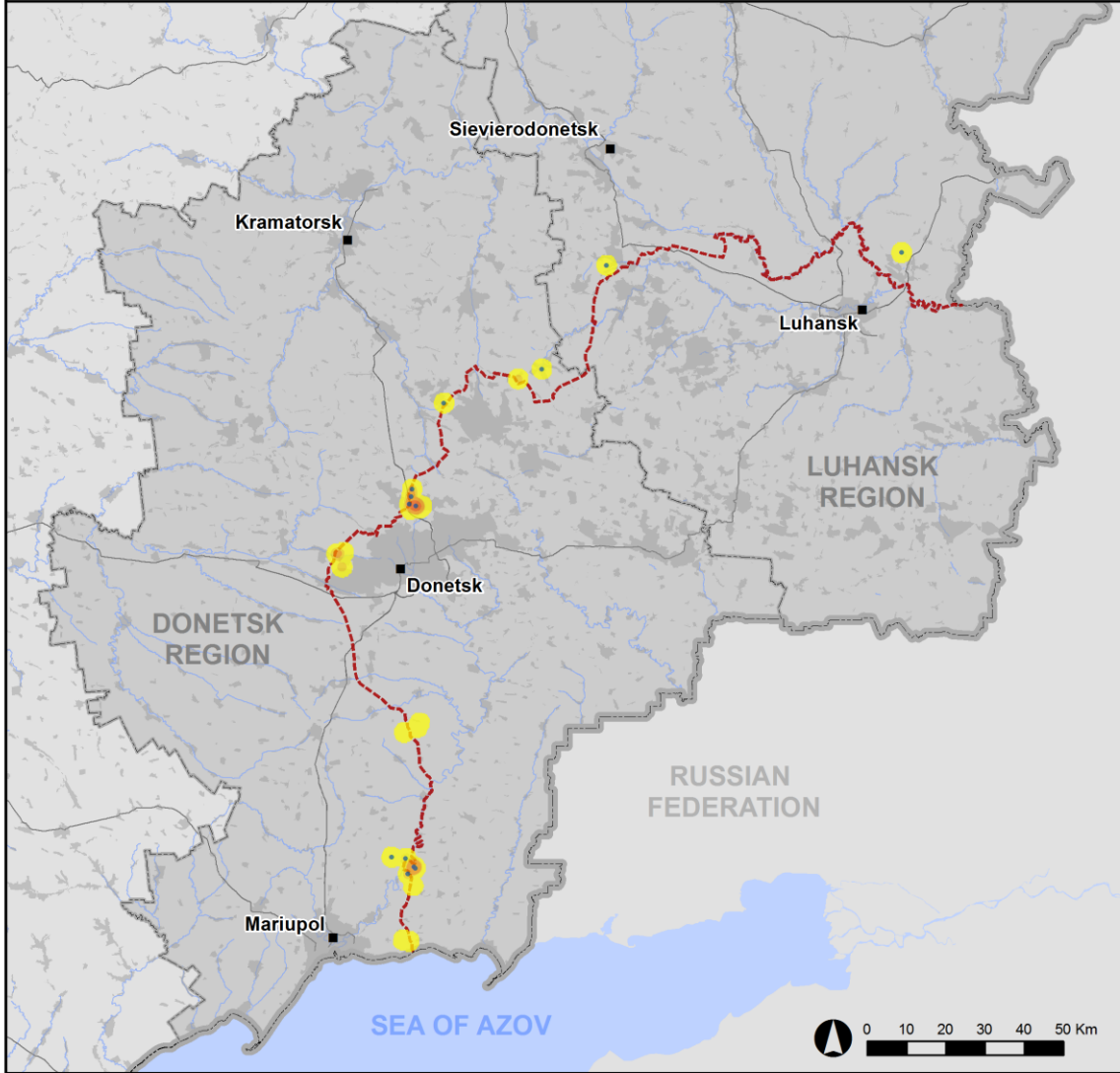
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

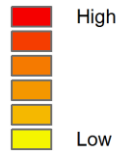


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 13 April 2020



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 (about 85), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (90). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded within a 5km radius from the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk), at northerly and westerly directions of Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), and in areas south-east of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk), where more than half of the explosions occurred (see below).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded three explosions compared with no ceasefire violations in the [previous 24 hours](#). Two explosions were recorded in areas north-west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) and an undetermined explosion was recorded north-east of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) (see below).

The SMM heard impacts close to its position near the Donetsk Filtration Station

On 13 April, an SMM patrol was positioned outside the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) to monitor adherence to a localized ceasefire to facilitate the operation of the DFS. Despite security guarantees having been provided for a localized ceasefire, the SMM heard nine undetermined explosions and six bursts of small-arms fire, all at an assessed range of 1-2km west, as well as three whistling sounds assessed as caused by small-arms fire or pieces of shrapnel flying at varying heights overhead.⁵ Subsequently, the SMM heard three impacts: one on the exterior wall of the railway station building about 20-50m south, one on the ground about 50m west and one on a railcar about 100m south. The SMM immediately relocated about 1km north of the railway station and continued monitoring adherence to the ceasefire to facilitate the operation of the DFS from its new position (See below and [SMM Spot Report 12/2020](#)).

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along the contact line in Donetsk and Luhansk regions

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions. These restrictions constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Mission's mandate.⁶

At a checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, citing quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19 (see [SMM Spot Report 11/2020](#)).*

At a checkpoint near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, citing quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19 (see [SMM Spot Report 11/2020](#)).*

⁵ In the SMM Spot Report 13 April 2020, the SMM heard nine undetermined explosions and six bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 1-2km west (not south) and an impact on the ground about 50m west (not south) of the SMM's position.

⁶ The Mission began facing repeated denials when attempting to cross into non-government-controlled areas at checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk region on 21 March and Luhansk region on 23 March. For more information, see SMM Daily and Spot Reports.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁷

On 13 April, while positioned inside **the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** the SMM saw two 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 night between 12 and 13 April, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a person inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, about 80m south of its northern and 500m west of its eastern edge, in a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

During the day on 13 April, while positioned in Zolote-2/Karbonit (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 3-5km south and assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the same day, the SMM saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) near the southern edge of the disengagement area.

On the night between 12 and 13 April, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded a projectile in flight at an assessed range of 4-6km east-south-east, which was unable to be assessed as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

On the morning of 13 April, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the SMM heard five shots of small-arms fire assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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 eight weapons in violation of withdrawal lines: seven in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, including a multiple launch rocket system, and a surface-to-air missile system in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region.

It also saw 51 weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (for further details, see the tables below).

Indications of military and military-type presence inside the security zone⁸

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk region and in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

⁷ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

The SMM saw for the first time eight signs with "Danger" written on them in Cyrillic, warning about "sniper and anti-tank guided missile system fire", placed in various locations about 1.7km south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km west of Luhansk), between Molodizhne and the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote, as well as about 300m east of the area's eastern edge.

SMM facilitation of demining activities, repairs to and operation and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable vegetation clearance, inspection, and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk); repairs to water infrastructure near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk) and near Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk); construction of a power line near the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk); and demining activities in Krasnyi Yar (non-government-controlled, 12km north-east of Luhansk).

The Mission also facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to power lines and to a power substation in Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk). On 13 April, while positioned in Staromykhailivka, the SMM heard about 30 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire close to where the repairs were taking place.

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. On 13 April, while positioned at three locations near the DFS, the SMM heard about 35 undetermined explosions and about 100 bursts and shots of small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS. It also heard impacts, undetermined explosions, as well as bursts of small-arms fire near its position (see above).

Situation of civilians and measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints to counter COVID-19 outbreak

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the EECP near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka remained closed.*

At a checkpoint on the boundary line between Luhansk and Donetsk regions near Debaltseve (non-government-controlled, 58km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM saw five trucks (with "DPR" plates) traveling towards Luhansk region being disinfected by members of the armed formations wearing masks. The SMM also saw two trucks (with "LPR" plates) loaded with gravel and three trucks (with "DPR" plates) traveling in the opposite direction. At the aforesaid checkpoint, the Mission also saw two tents bearing the logo of a local "non-governmental organization" and two women (in their forties) inside each tent, measuring body temperatures of people crossing the checkpoint. The women told the SMM that they had been distributing and collecting consent forms for self-isolation from them.

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.

On the morning of 13 April, at the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska, the SMM saw a priest (in his fifties) and two men (in their thirties) travelling from government to 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.

Denial of access:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, citing quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19 (see [SMM Spot Report 11/2020](#)).
- At a checkpoint near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, citing quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19 (see [SMM Spot Report 11/2020](#)).

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:

- Near a military-type position of the armed formations on road T-0504 close to Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km west of Luhansk), an armed member of the armed formations told the SMM that it would be subject to a ten-day quarantine when entering non-government-controlled areas.

Other impediments:

- On the evening of 11 April, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and Krasnyi Lyman (non-government-controlled, 30km north-west of Luhansk), as well as dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying over areas near Chervona Poliana (non-government-controlled, 39km south-west of Luhansk).⁹
- On 13 April, two SMM mini-UAVs and an SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km south of Donetsk).

⁹ The interference could have occurred within a radius of several kilometres from the UAVs' positions.

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				
11/04/2020	2	Self-propelled howitzer (one 2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm and one 2S3 <i>Akatsiya</i> , 152mm)	On the runway of an airfield in Peremozhne (19km south of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
	3	Towed howitzer (one 2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm, one D-30A <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm and one D-20, 152mm)		
	1	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)		
	1	Towed anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		
12/04/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	Near Sarabash (formerly Komunarivka, 26km south of Donetsk)	

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
11/04/2020	2	Tank (one T-64 and one T-72)	On the runway of an airfield in Peremozhne	Long-range UAV
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35)		
	2	Mortar (one 2B11 <i>Sani</i> and one 2B14 <i>Podnos</i> , 82mm)		
	1	Towed mortar (2B9, <i>Vasilek</i> , 82mm)	In a training area near Kruhlyk (31km south-west of Luhansk)	
	26	Tank (type undetermined)	In a compound near Khrustalny (54km south-west of Luhansk)	
	18	Towed howitzer (eight 2A36 <i>Giatsint-B</i> , 152mm and ten 2A65)		
	1	Tank (T-64)		

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone¹⁰

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
11/04/2020	1	Probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Trokhizbenka (32km north-west of Luhansk)	Mid-range UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB M) with a mounted anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Myronivskiy (62km north-east of Donetsk)	
12/04/2020	3	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Berezove (31km south-west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Mykolaivka (40km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Novohryhorivka (55km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Taramchuk (29km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Nevelske (18km north-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Pervomaiske (17km north-west of Donetsk)	

¹⁰ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
	3	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
12/04/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Petrivske (41km south of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Bila Kamianka (51km south of Donetsk)	

Table of ceasefire violations as of 13 April 2020¹¹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government- controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	12-Apr, 23:01
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Apr, 19:50
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	14	Projectile	W to E	N/K	12-Apr, 20:17
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	2	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Apr, 21:29
	0.5-1km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Apr, 22:01
	0.5-1km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Apr, 22:30
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	12-Apr, 22:57
	1-3km S	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	12-Apr, 23:09
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government- controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	1-3km S	Recorded	2	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	12-Apr, 23:32
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Apr, 20:25
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Apr, 23:14
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Apr, 00:03
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-Apr, 01:28
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government- controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	13-Apr, 01:28
	3-5km WSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	13-Apr, 03:47
	3-5km WSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-Apr, 03:47
	3-5km WSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	13-Apr, 03:50
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	13-Apr, 03:50
	1-2km S	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	13-Apr, 09:10
Railway station in Yasynuvata (non- government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW		4	Burst		Small arms	13-Apr, 09:50
	1-2km W	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	13-Apr, 13:00
	1-2km W	Heard	22	Shot		Small arms	13-Apr, 13:04-13:09
	1-2km W	Heard	54	Burst		Small arms	13-Apr, 13:04-13:09
	1-2km W	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 13:23-13:24
	1-2km W	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	13-Apr, 13:23-13:24
	100m S	Heard	1	Other	Impact	N/K	13-Apr, 13:23-13:24

¹¹ 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.

	20-50m S	Heard	1	Other	Impact	N/K	13-Apr, 13:23-13:24
	50m W	Heard	1	Other	Impact	N/K	13-Apr, 13:23-13:24
Staromykhailivka (non-government- controlled, 15km W of Donetsk)	1-2km NNW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	13-Apr, 10:42
	2-3km SSW	Heard	11	Burst		HMG	13-Apr, 12:17-12:40
	2-3km WNW	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	13-Apr, 12:17-12:40
	2-3km WNW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	13-Apr, 12:17-12:40
	1-2km NNW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	13-Apr, 14:46
About 3km SSE of Lozove (non- government- controlled, 52km NE of Donetsk)	8-10km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 10:55
About 2km N of Petrivske (non- government- controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SSE	Heard	3	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	13-Apr, 13:41
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government- controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-4km SSE	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area	Small arms	13-Apr, 10:31
About 4km W of Chermalyk (government- controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	N/K E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 10:25
	N/K SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 10:44
	5-7km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 10:50-10:59
	5-7km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 11:03-11:15
Chermalyk (government- controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 10:28
	N/K SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 10:41
	2-4km SE	Heard	29	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 10:46-11:10
	2-4km SE	Heard	28	Burst		Small arms	13-Apr, 10:46-11:10
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government- controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 12:54
	3-5km SSE	Heard	15	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 13:23
Maiorsk (government- controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 12:17
Zolote-2/Karbonit (government- controlled, 62km W of Luhansk)	3-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Apr, 12:50
	3-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Apr, 13:21
NW edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-	4-6km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Apr, 12:49

controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)							
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Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹²



¹²The 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).