



# Daily Report 89/2020

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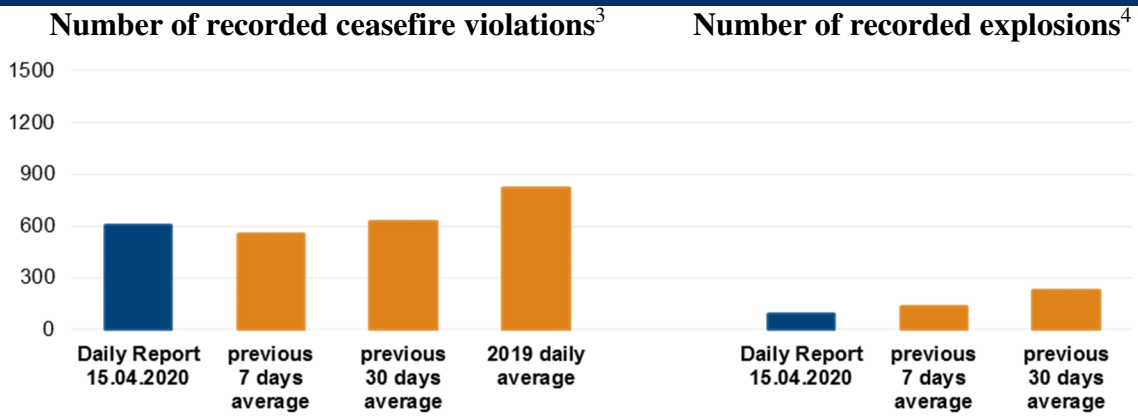
## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed damage to a railway station and a residential building in Yasynuvata.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas at a checkpoint near Horlivka, Donetsk region and towards government-controlled areas at a checkpoint south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, Luhansk region.\*
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. At a checkpoint of the armed formations inside the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska, it observed the installation of new booths.
- 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 at cemeteries in government-controlled areas 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.\*

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<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 14 April 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

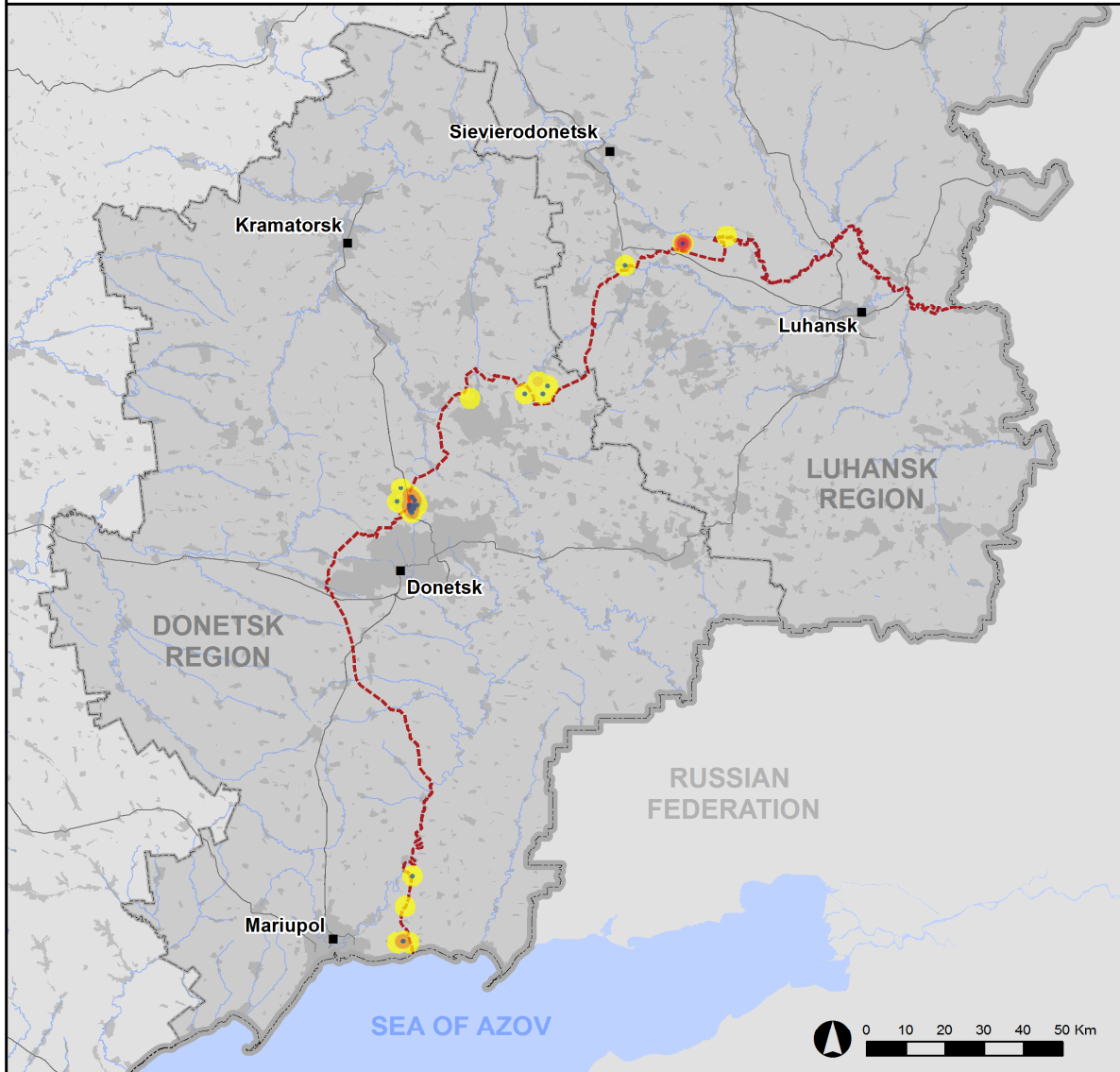
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

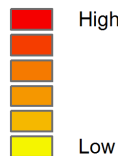


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 14 April 2020



#### 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 more ceasefire violations, including, however, fewer explosions (65), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 85 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded within a 5km radius of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) and at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) (see below).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (30), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (three explosions). Almost all ceasefire violations, including almost all explosions, were recorded in areas south of Muratove (government-controlled, 51km north-west of Luhansk).

### **Damage to railway station and a residential building in Yasynuvata**

On 13 April, about 1.5km north-west of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM saw fresh shrapnel damage to the east-facing asbestos fence of a single-storey house at 10 Svoboda Street. A resident of the house (a man in his fifties) told the SMM that in the morning he had heard a loud sound near his house.

On 14 April, the SMM saw a hole in a west-facing ground floor window of the railway station building in Yasynuvata and a corresponding hole in a metal fence located 15m west of the building. The SMM assessed the damage as caused by a bullet from a westerly direction. Staff at the railway station told the SMM that around 12:00 on 13 April, shooting had occurred nearby.

On 13 April, while monitoring adherence to the ceasefire from outside the railway station in Yasynuvata, the SMM heard whistling sounds assessed as caused by small-arms fire or pieces of shrapnel flying overhead, as well as heard and saw impacts at an assessed range of 20-100m from its position (see [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 in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions along official crossing routes. These restrictions constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Mission's mandate.<sup>5</sup>

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 government-controlled areas, citing "quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19".\*

At an unmanned checkpoint north of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM patrol was unable to proceed towards non-government-controlled areas due to [previously reported](#) road spikes laid across the road and a mine sign (with "Stop Mines" written on it in Cyrillic) placed in the middle of the road.\*

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<sup>5</sup> 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 Petrivske<sup>6</sup>**

On the morning of 14 April, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM camera at the parking lot south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge recorded a truck loaded with four booths driving towards the checkpoint of the armed formations. At the same location, the camera recorded a crane lifting the booths off the truck and placing them on the ground south of the checkpoint. Later in the day the SMM observed six members of the armed formations (of which three were wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) setting up the aforementioned booths - the purpose of which is unclear - in pairs of two, about 10m and 15m south of the checkpoint.

On the morning of 14 April, the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) recorded an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 2-4km east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

The same day, the SMM saw a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with “JCCC” written on it) near the southern edge of the disengagement area.

During the day on 14 April, while positioned at two locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

### **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.

### **Indications of military and military-type presence inside the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

The SMM observed an armoured personnel carrier and an anti-aircraft gun in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further details, see table below).

### **SMM facilitation of demining activities, repairs to as well as 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), Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk) and Horlivka; 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).

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<sup>6</sup> Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

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

The Mission also monitored adherence to a localised ceasefire to enable demining activities at four cemeteries near Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and at two cemeteries near Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk).

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. On 14 April, while positioned at three locations near the DFS, despite security guarantees having been provided for a localized ceasefire, the SMM heard explosions, including one assessed as an impact, as well as bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire (all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS).

### **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 Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk) and on H-15 east of Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) remained closed.\*

In Soniachne (formerly Krasnivka, government-controlled, 71km south of Donetsk), a representative of the local administration (a man in his forties) told the SMM that he, as well as other local representatives from surrounding villages, had agreed that there should be no church attendance or visits to graveyards during Easter celebrations due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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.

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 government-controlled areas, citing “quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19”. He added that, for the same reason, the SMM was also not allowed to cross in the opposite direction.

- At an unmanned checkpoint north of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM patrol was unable to proceed towards non-government-controlled areas due to road spikes laid across the road and a mine hazard sign (with “Stop, Mines” written on it in Cyrillic) placed in the middle of the road (see above).
- At a checkpoint in Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards the village, citing “ongoing demining activities”.

*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 east of Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) on road H-15, an armed member of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage into government-controlled areas after about two hours of waiting, citing “orders from superiors”, and also told the patrol that it would not be allowed to return to non-government-controlled areas, citing “quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19”.

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 [again](#) told the SMM that it would be subject to a ten-day quarantine when entering non-government-controlled areas.

Other impediments:

- On 14 April, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Pervomaiske (non-government-controlled, 59km south of Donetsk).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> The interference could have occurred within a radius of several kilometres from the UAVs’ positions.

**Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>9</sup>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Source of observation</b>
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
14/04/2020	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Orlivske (82km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB M)		

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**Table of ceasefire violations as of 14 April 2020<sup>10</sup>**

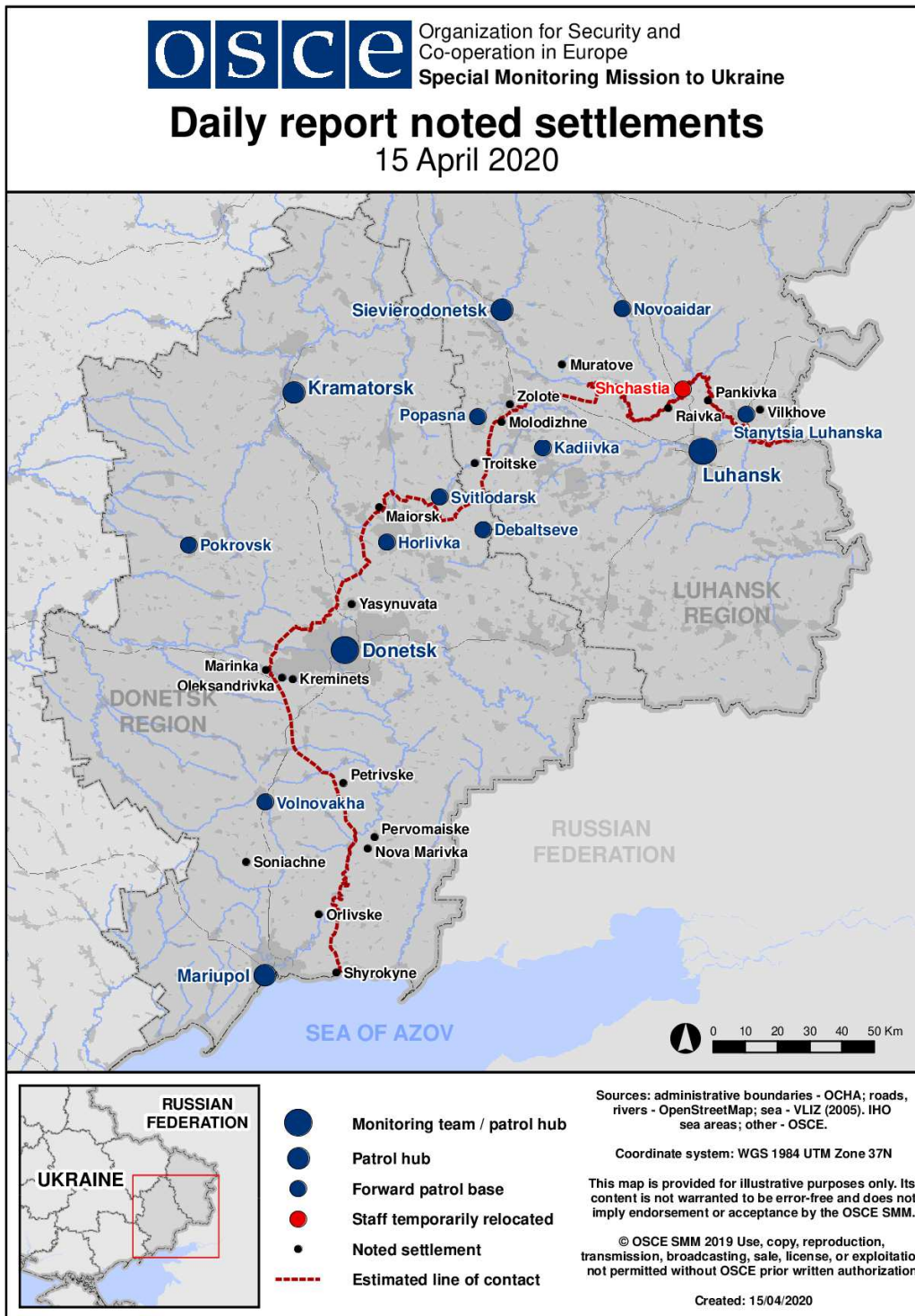
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	4-6km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S	N/K	13-Apr, 21:28
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	13-Apr, 21:29
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	13-Apr, 21:36
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	13-Apr, 22:03
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	13-Apr, 22:05
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 22:19
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K	13-Apr, 23:15
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 23:48
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	0.5-1km SSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-Apr, 19:41
	0.5-1km SSW	Recorded	5	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-Apr, 19:44
	1-3km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 19:44
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 19:45
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	13-Apr, 19:45
	1-2km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	13-Apr, 19:45
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 19:48
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	13-Apr, 19:50
	1-2km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	13-Apr, 19:50
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Apr, 19:51
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-Apr, 19:52
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 19:54
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 19:55
	0.5-1km S	Recorded	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 19:56
	1-2km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 20:00
	0.5-1km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 20:00
	1-2km S	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 21:58
	1-2km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Apr, 23:09
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Apr, 03:28
	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	13-Apr, 22:41
	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	13-Apr, 22:41
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 19:53
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Apr, 20:03
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Apr, 20:04
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Apr, 20:08
	3-5km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Apr, 20:10
	3-5km N	Recorded	19	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Apr, 20:12
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Apr, 22:16
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Apr, 22:18
3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Apr, 22:33	

<sup>10</sup> 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.

	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	13-Apr, 22:33
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	13-Apr, 22:41
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	13-Apr, 22:41
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	13-Apr, 22:41
	3-5km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Apr, 23:02
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Apr, 23:04
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Apr, 23:38
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Apr, 01:08
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Apr, 01:08
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Apr, 01:08
Railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Apr, 10:09-10:14
	2-3km NW	Heard	20	Shot		Small arms	14-Apr, 12:40
	2-3km NW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	14-Apr, 12:40
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 09:35
	2-3km SW	Heard	6	Shot	Within 5km of DFS	Small arms	14-Apr, 09:54
	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 13:39-13:55
	2-3km SW	Heard	5	Burst	(within 5km of DFS)	Small arms	14-Apr, 13:39-13:55
	2-3km SW	Heard	4	Shot	(within 5km of DFS)	Small arms	14-Apr, 13:39-13:55
	3-4km NW	Heard	30	Shot	Within 5km of DFS	HMG	14-Apr, 13:39-13:55
	2-3km SW	Heard	7	Burst	Within 5km of DFS	Small arms	14-Apr, 13:39-13:55
	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 13:39-13:55
	1-2km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (inside 5km around DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 14:03-14:30
	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 14:03-14:30
	2-3km NW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 14:41-14:50
	2-3km NW	Heard	2	Shot	Within 5km of DFS	HMG	14-Apr, 14:41-14:50
	2-3km NW	Heard	30	Shot	Within 5km of DFS	HMG	14-Apr, 14:41-14:50
	2-3km NW	Heard	2	Burst	Within 5km of DFS	Small arms	14-Apr, 14:41-14:50
	About 6km N of Horlivka (non-government-controlled,	2-3km NW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms

39km NE of Donetsk)							
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	5km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 10:25
	1.5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 14:03
About 2.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1-2km E	Heard	3	Burst	Within 5km of DFS	Small arms	14-Apr, 10:08
	2-3km E	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 10:15-10:25
	2-3km E	Heard	16	Burst	Within 5km of DFS	Small arms	14-Apr, 11:22-11:25
	2-3km E	Heard	4	Burst	Within 5km of DFS	Small arms	14-Apr, 12:35
	3-4km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 14:19
	4-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 14:40
	3-4km E	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (within 5km of DFS)	N/K	14-Apr, 14:42
	3-4km E	Heard	6	Burst	Within 5km of DFS	HMG	14-Apr, 14:42
	3-4km E	Heard	4	Burst	Within 5km of DFS	HMG	14-Apr, 14:52
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 20:41
	5-7km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 21:14
	5-7km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 21:54
	5-7km SSW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 22:55-22:56
	4-6km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 22:56
	5-7km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Apr, 22:59
	2-3km SSE	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	13-Apr, 23:18
	2-3km SSE	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	13-Apr, 23:20
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)			1				
	2-4km SSW	Recorded		Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	14-Apr, 02:51
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)			1				
	2-4km E	Recorded		Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-Apr, 04:15
2km S of Muratove (government-controlled, 51km NW of Luhansk)	5km S	Heard	29	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Apr, 09:53-11:00
	5km S	Heard	432	Shot		Small arms	14-Apr, 09:53-11:00

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>11</sup>



<sup>11</sup>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).