

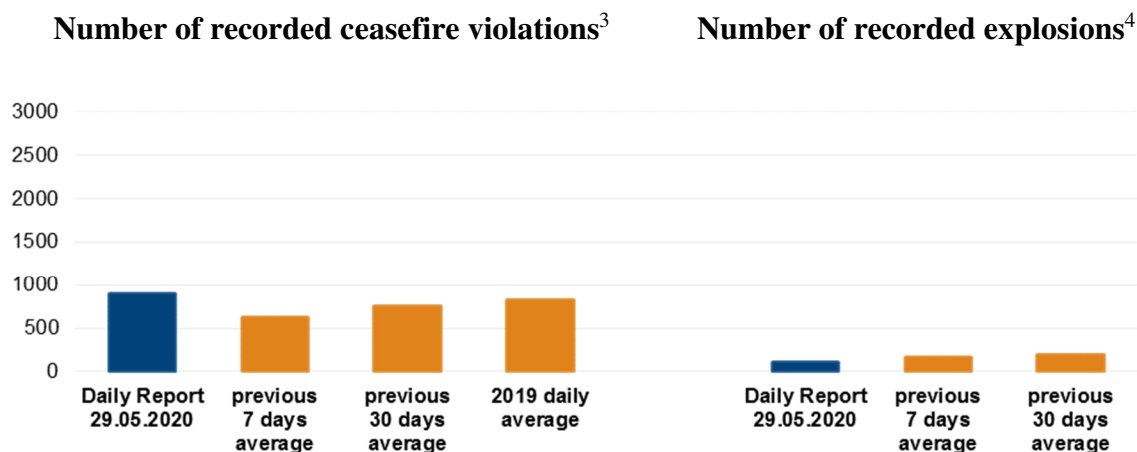
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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and fewer in Luhansk region.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.*
- The Mission continued monitoring all three disengagement areas; it recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The Mission continued following up on measures taken amid the COVID-19 outbreak, including at entry-exit checkpoints and checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM facilitated vegetation clearance near Vilkhove, electrical repairs near Dovhe and repairs to water pipelines in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, all in Luhansk region.

Ceasefire violations²



Map of recorded ceasefire violations

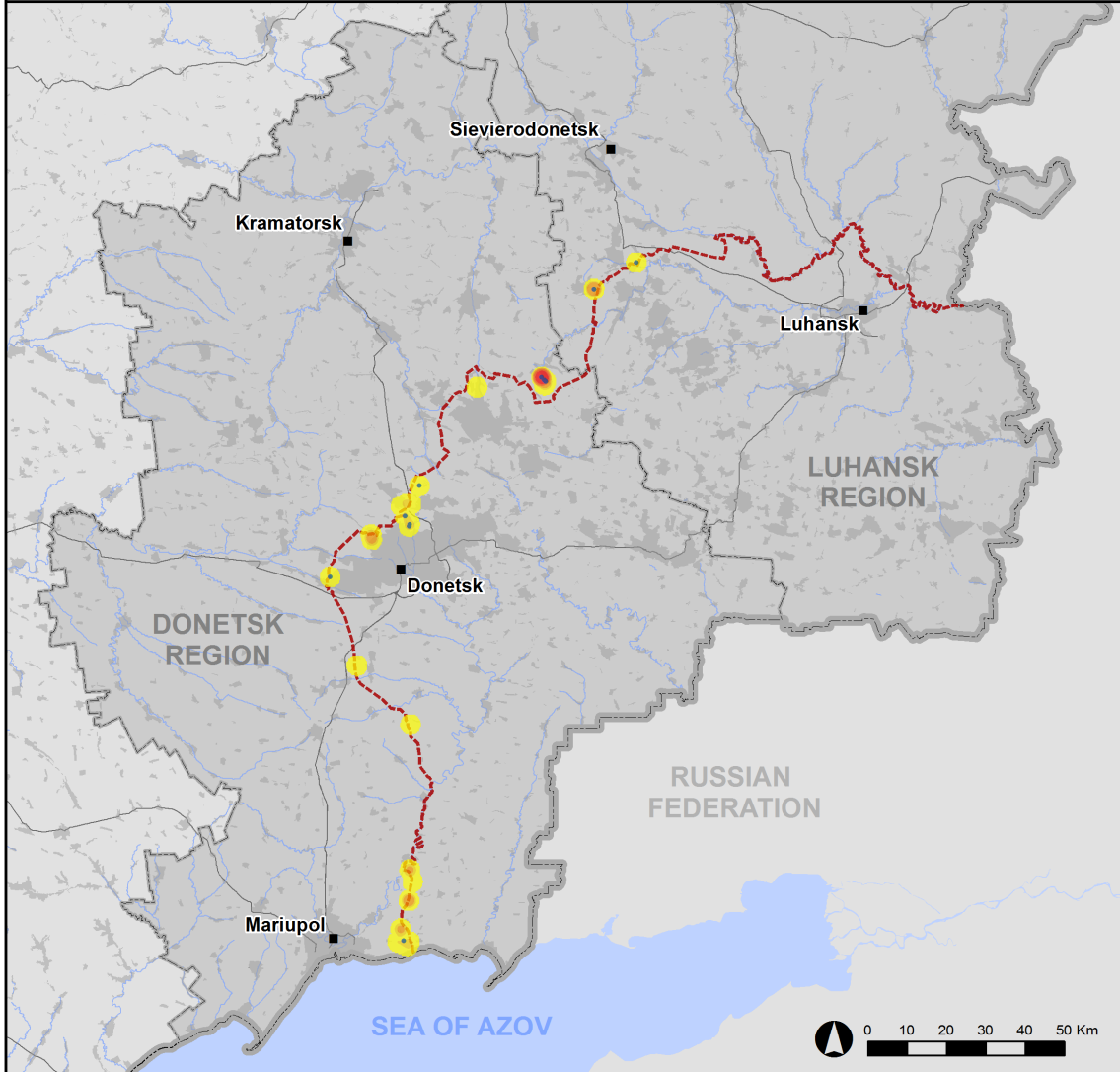
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 28 May 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Petrivske was not operational.

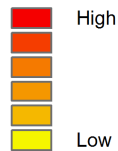
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 28 May 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 (about 45), compared with [the previous reporting period](#) (about 70 explosions). About 80 per cent of ceasefire violations, including half of the explosions, were recorded in areas south-east of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 55), compared with [the previous reporting period](#) (about 120 explosions). Almost all ceasefire violations, including almost all explosions, were recorded at south-easterly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk).

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along the contact line

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes. These restrictions constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Mission's mandate.⁵

In Donetsk region, at a checkpoint north of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), two members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to restrictions due to COVID-19. The SMM also continued to observe the presence of a metal barrier and spikes laid across the road, and of a mine hazard sign.*

In Luhansk region, at a checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas, referring to quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

On 28 May, while positioned inside **the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw three 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 28 May, while positioned on the southern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 4-6km north-west, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. During the same day, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) near the southern edge of the disengagement area, three of whom walked inside the disengagement area along road T-1316 up to about 350m north of the area's southern edge.

On the evening of 27 May, the SMM camera near Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded five projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km east-south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

⁵ 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.

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

On 28 May, while positioned at three locations near the disengagement area near Petrivske, 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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the Mission saw 35 weapons in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including eight self-propelled howitzers (2S7 *Pion*, 203mm) in Pokrovsk (formerly Krasnoarmiisk, 55km north-west of Donetsk). Most of these weapons were observed at railway stations (for further details, see the table below).

Indications of military and military-type presence inside the security zone⁷

On 28 May, about 3km south-east of Myrna Dolyna (government-controlled, 67km north-west of Luhansk), the Mission saw a temporary checkpoint with an armoured personnel carrier (Practica *Kozak-2*), five armed police officers and five soldiers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Similarly, about 2km east of Zolote-2/Karbonit (government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk), the Mission saw another temporary checkpoint with an armoured personnel carrier (Practica *Kozak-2*), six armed police officers and four soldiers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On the western edge of Khibodarivka (government-controlled, 65km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission saw a temporary checkpoint with four armed soldiers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces (for weapons observed in the area, see table below).

At a railway station near Zachativka (government-controlled, 74km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw an electronic warfare system (*Bukovel-AD*) (for weapons and other hardware observed in the area, see table below).

Unexploded ordnance on eastern edge of Lebedynske

On the eastern edge of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk), the SMM [again](#) saw a rusty artillery shell lying on an asphalted surface outside a compound, assessed as not recent armoured-piercing incendiary of a 23mm anti-aircraft artillery shell.

SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure and of demining

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk); electrical repairs near Dovhe (non-government-controlled, 22km north-west of Luhansk); and repairs to water pipelines in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk).

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

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned near the station, the Mission heard eight undetermined explosions as well as shots and bursts of small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

Measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints amid COVID-19 outbreak

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and a checkpoint of the armed formations near Horlivka, remained closed.*

In Luhansk region, the SMM saw that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska and its corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge remained closed.*

While positioned inside the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska, the SMM saw eight men unloading and moving cargo from government-controlled areas at the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge. The Mission also saw four representatives of an international organization and two vehicles bearing the logo of an international humanitarian organization along with two civilian vehicles, two trucks and two minivans stationary on the southern edge of the bridge. It also saw four workers transporting the cargo from government-controlled areas on pallets, disinfecting the cargo and loading it onto the trucks. A representative of an international organization told the Mission that about 9.5 tonnes of humanitarian aid consisting of maternity kits, water pumps, medication, medical masks, gloves and preventative equipment against COVID-19 had been transferred to non-government-controlled areas.

The Mission continued monitoring in Chernivtsi, Kherson, Dnipro, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv 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 of 27 May 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 north of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM

passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to restrictions due to COVID-19. The SMM continued to observe the presence of a metal barrier and spikes laid across the road, and of a mine hazard sign.

- At a checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas, referring to quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19.

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.

Table of weapons

Weapons beyond the withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
28/05/2020	8	Self-propelled howitzer (2S7 <i>Pion</i> , 203mm)	In the yard of the railway station in Pokrovsk (formerly Krasnoarmiisk, 55km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	2	Towed howitzer (D-20, 152mm)	On the western outskirts of Khibodarivka (65km south-west of Donetsk)	
	6	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	At the railway station in Zachativka (74km south-west of Donetsk)	
	8	Surface-to-air missile system (six 9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> and two 9K37M1)	<i>At the same railway station, the SMM also saw 26 armoured combat vehicles, three mine layers (GMZ-3, an anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm), eight ambulances, an electronic warfare system, as well as 17 heavy equipment transporter trailers and three heavy utility trucks).</i> ⁸	
	17	Tank (T-64)		

⁸ The armoured combat vehicles, ambulances and military vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 28 May 2020⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-May, 21:12
	2-4km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-May, 21:17
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-May, 01:03
	3-5km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-May, 01:04
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	27-May, 22:15
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	27-May, 22:16
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S (assessed as inside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	27-May, 23:25
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	27-May, 22:50
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	15	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	28-May, 00:25
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	28-May, 01:24
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	0.5-1km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	27-May, 21:16
	300-800m S	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	27-May, 21:17
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	9	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-May, 22:56
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-May, 22:57
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	9	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-May, 23:44
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-May, 23:48
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-May, 23:52
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	27-May, 22:01
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	27-May, 22:50
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	27-May, 22:09
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-May, 21:22
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-May, 21:36
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 21:36
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-May, 21:45
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	28-May, 00:28

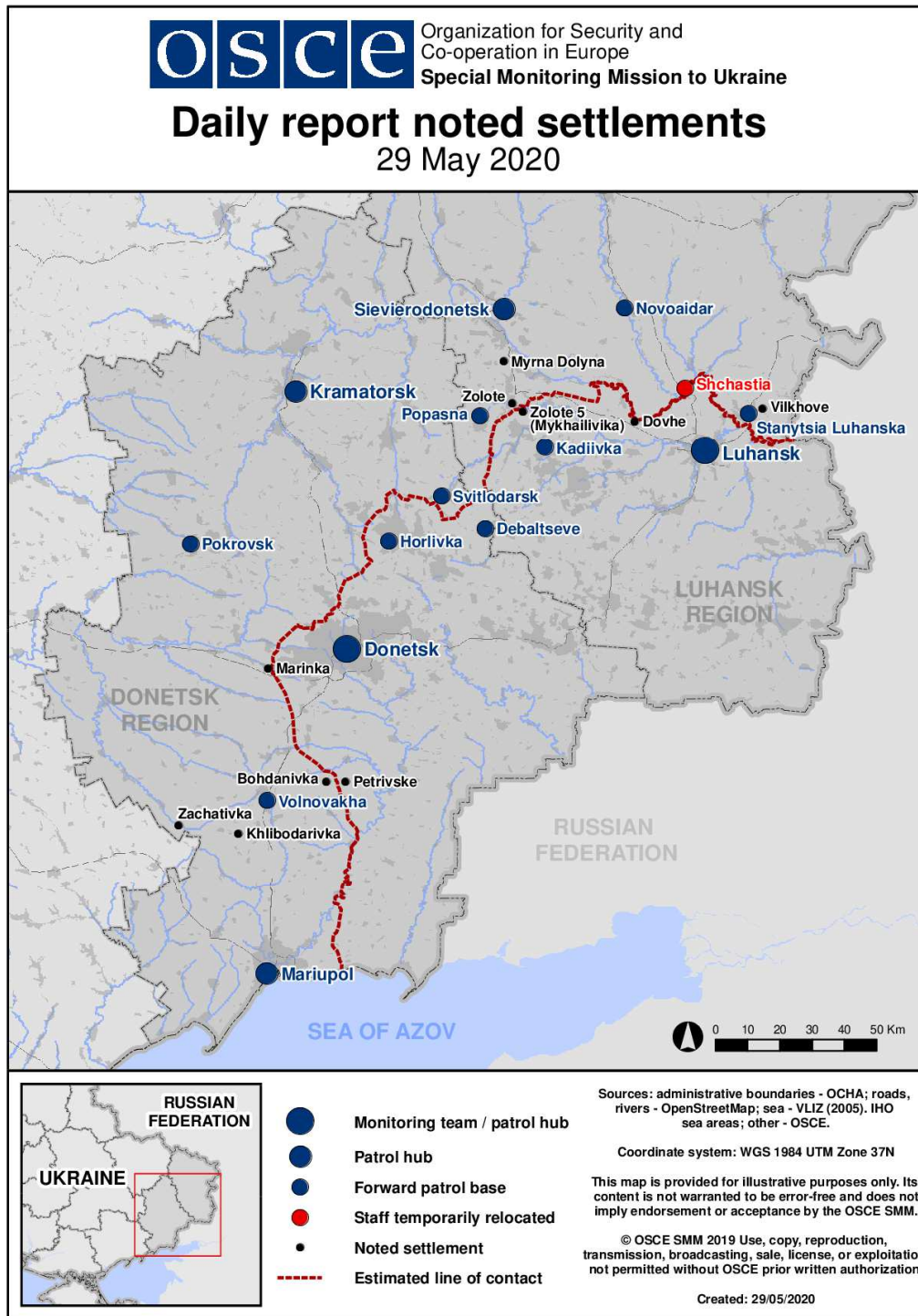
⁹ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments 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.

controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)							
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km WSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	27-May, 21:30
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	27-May, 21:31
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	27-May, 21:32
	2-4km W	Recorded	12	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	27-May, 21:54
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	27-May, 22:10
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-May, 22:47
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 00:04
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-May, 00:47
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-May, 00:48
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	28-May, 02:54
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	7	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	28-May, 02:30
	3-5km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-May, 03:24
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km SSW	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 10:07-10:11
	6-7km SSW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 10:22
	6-7km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 10:41
	4-5km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 11:00
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-4km ESE	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	28-May, 11:57-11:59
	3-4km NE	Heard	18	Shot		Small arms	28-May, 11:57-11:59
About 2.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-4km SSE	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 10:06
	1-2km SSE	Heard		Shot	Uncountable, overlapping	Small arms	28-May, 10:18-10:22
	1-2km SSE	Heard		Shot	Uncountable, overlapping	Small arms	28-May, 10:23-10:32
	3-4km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 10:36
	1-2km SSE	Heard		Shot	Uncountable, overlapping	Small arms	28-May, 10:35-10:38
	1-2km SSE	Heard		Shot	Uncountable, overlapping	Small arms	28-May, 10:40-11:00
	0.5-1km SSE	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	28-May, 11:00
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 18:30-18:32
	2-3km SE	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 18:30-18:32
	2-3km SE	Heard	21	Burst		HMG	27-May, 18:30-18:32
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 18:33-18:34
	2-3km SE	Heard	27	Burst		HMG	27-May, 18:33-18:34
	2-3km SE	Heard	9	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 18:33-18:34
	2-3km SE	Heard	33	Burst		HMG	27-May, 18:35-18:37

2-3km SE	Heard	16	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 18:35-18:37
2-3km SE	Heard	32	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 18:38-18:39
2-3km SE	Heard	22	Burst		HMG	27-May, 18:38-18:39
3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion		N/K	27-May, 18:38-18:39
3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 18:40-18:42
2-3km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	27-May, 18:40-18:42
2-3km SE	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 18:40-18:42
3-4km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 18:43-18:46
2-3km SE	Heard	48	Burst		HMG	27-May, 18:43-18:46
2-3km SE	Heard	36	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 18:43-18:46
3-4km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 18:48-18:49
2-3km SE	Heard	20	Burst		HMG	27-May, 18:48-18:49
2-3km SE	Heard	38	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 18:48-18:49
3-5km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 18:50-18:52
2-3km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	27-May, 18:54-18:56
2-3km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 21:03-21:45
2-3km SE	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 21:05
2-3km SE	Heard	26	Burst		HMG	27-May, 21:10-21:12
2-3km SE	Heard	33	Burst		HMG	27-May, 21:15-21:18
2-3km SE	Heard	44	Burst		HMG	27-May, 21:20-21:24
2-3km SE	Heard	22	Burst		HMG	27-May, 21:25-21:27
3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 21:25
2-3km SE	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 21:35
2-3km SE	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 21:46
3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-May, 21:55
2-3km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	27-May, 21:05
2-3km SE	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	27-May, 21:58-22:00
2-3km SE	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 22:00
2-3km SE	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	27-May, 22:05
2-3km SE	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 22:06
2-3km SE	Heard	18	Burst		HMG	27-May, 22:07-22:09
2-3km SE	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	27-May, 22:12-22:14
2-3km SE	Heard	17	Shot		Small arms	27-May, 22:50-22:53
2-3km SE	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	27-May, 22:54-22:58

	2-3km SE	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	27-May, 23:04-23:07
	2-3km SE	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	27-May, 23:16-23:18
	2-3km SE	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	27-May, 23:20-23:23
	2-3km SE	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	27-May, 23:24-23:26
	2-3km SE	Heard	18	Burst		HMG	27-May, 23:42-23:45
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-7km SE	Heard	52	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-May, 17:03-17:10
3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	4-6km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	28-May, 11:10
	4-6km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	28-May, 11:29

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).