

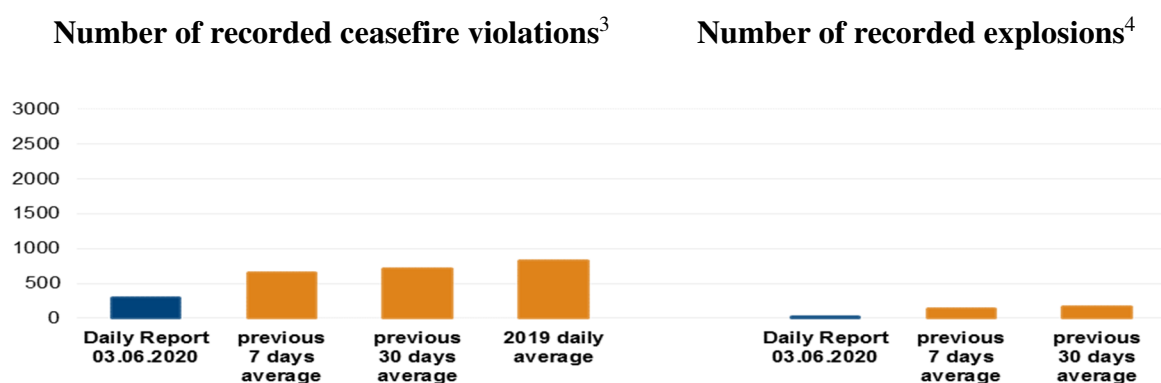
# Daily Report 131/2020

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## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM 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 and about 110 ceasefire violations which it was unable to assess as inside or outside the disengagement area.
- The SMM observed persons inside former positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and of the armed formations inside the disengagement area near Zolote.
- The SMM saw weapons in violation of withdrawal lines on both sides of the contact line in Luhansk region.
- 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.
- Members of the armed formations continued to restrict the SMM's freedom of movement, including at checkpoints near Olenivka, Lozove and Stanytsia Luhanska.\*

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



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 2 June 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<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, and the SMM camera in Petrivske was not operational during part of the reporting period.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

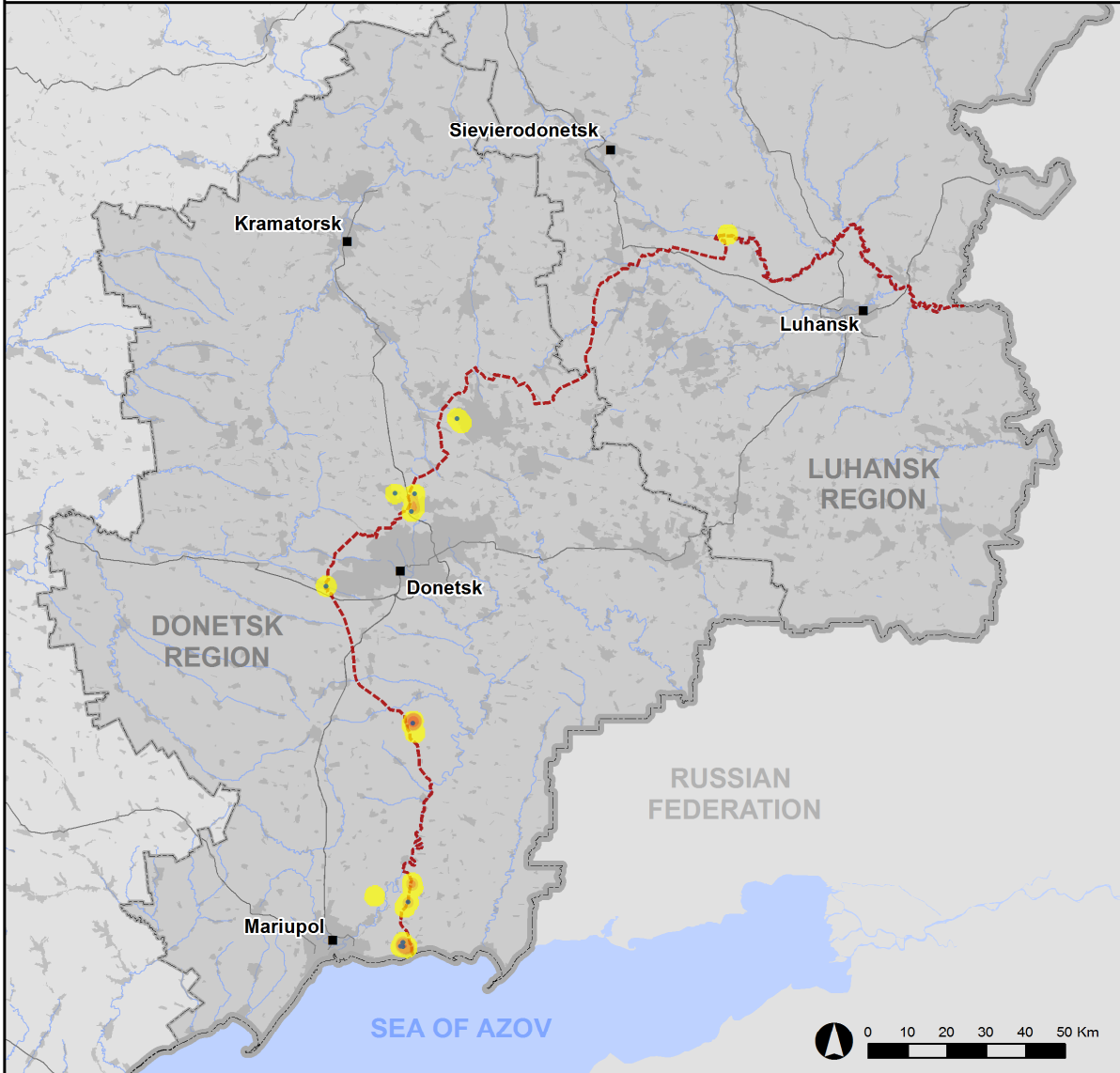
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 2 June 2020



#### Ceasefire violation concentration

- High
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- Low

- 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 (21), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 40 explosions). More than half of the ceasefire violations, including almost half of the explosions, were recorded in areas near and inside the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below) and at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including no explosions, compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (also no explosions). All ceasefire violations were recorded in areas south-south-west of Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km north-west of Luhansk).

### **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 SMM 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>

In Donetsk region, at a checkpoint near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), members of the armed formations (including one visibly armed) [again](#) denied the SMM passage on two occasions, once towards government-controlled areas and the second time towards non-government-controlled areas, both times referring to restrictions due to COVID-19.\*

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 the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19.\*

### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>6</sup>**

While positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with "JCCC" written on it) at the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the bridge.

On the night between 31 May-1 June, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a person inside a former position of the armed formations about 500m north of the area's southern edge and about 2km west of road T-1316. The UAV also spotted a person inside a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near the railway track, about 500m west of the area's north-eastern corner.

On 2 June, the Mission saw ten members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) near the southern edge of the disengagement area, eight of whom

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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.

<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.

were walking inside the area along road T-1316 up to about 350m north of its southern edge and later returned to their checkpoint.

On 1 June, outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, about 350m north-west of the area's north-eastern corner, an SMM mini-UAV again spotted 16 anti-tank mines, which appeared to have been placed in a cluster after demining activities. About 200m east of the area and about 250m south of Petrivske, the UAV again spotted about 60 anti-tank mines. All of these mines were assessed as belonging to the armed formations (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report of 20 May 2020](#)).

On 2 June, while positioned 2km north of Petrivske, the SMM recorded five undetermined explosions and 14 shots and bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all at an assessed range of 2-3km south-south-west (assessed as inside the disengagement area). On the same day, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the SMM heard about 110 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 1-3km south and south-south-west (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area).

### **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.

It observed weapons in violation of withdrawal lines on both sides of the contact line in Luhansk region. The Mission also observed 72 weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites at training areas in non-government-controlled Luhansk region (for further details, see the tables below).

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

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions (for further details, see the table below).

On 1 June, in a field about 4km north-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and about 30m south of the road between Popasna and Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time a 60m-long trench extension (not seen in imagery from 1 April 2020) running north-east to south-west, assessed as belonging to Ukrainian Armed Forces.

In a field about 2km west-north-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk), the same UAV spotted a new 70m-long trench running east to west, assessed as belonging to the armed formations (not seen in imagery from 1 April 2020).

### **Demining activities near Myrna Dolyna**

On 2 June, about 2km east of Myrna Dolyna (government-controlled, 67km north-west of Luhansk), the SMM saw two vans bearing the logo of an international demining organization and three people in protective gear with metal detectors walking in a field west of road P-66.

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

### **SMM facilitation of operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

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).

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

### **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 Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka remained closed and saw no one queuing to travel in either direction.\*

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 and saw no one queuing to travel in either direction.\*

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Dnipro, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, 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 1 June 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 near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), members of the armed formations (one of them armed) [again](#) denied the SMM passage on two occasions, once towards government-controlled areas and the second time towards non-government-controlled areas, both times referring to quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19.

- 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 the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19.

*Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/unexploded ordnance (UXO):*

- The sides continued to deny the SMM full access, as well as the ability to travel certain roads previously identified as important for effective monitoring by the Mission and for civilians' movement, through failure to conduct comprehensive clearance of mines, UXO and other obstacles.

Conditional access:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Lozove (non-government-controlled, 52km north-east of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations allowed the SMM to proceed only while escorted by a member of the armed formations, citing "security reasons".

Other impediments:

- On the evening and night between 1-2 June, on four occasions an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as probable jamming, while flying over areas between Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south of Donetsk), between non-government-controlled Hirne (30km east of Donetsk) and Veselohorivka (64km west of Luhansk), and between government-controlled Zolote (60km west of Luhansk) and Trokhizbenka (32km north-west of Luhansk).<sup>8</sup>
- On 2 June, on two occasions an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near government-controlled Lebedynske (99km south of Donetsk) and Vodiane (94km south of Donetsk).
- On the same day, an SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Lebedynske and Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk).

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<sup>8</sup> The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAV's position.

## Table of weapons

### Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
01/06/2020	4	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i> )	In a compound near Raihorodka (34km north-west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
28/05/2020	3	Multiple launch rocket system (type undetermined)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk) (for previous observations see <a href="#">SMM Daily Report 5 May 2020</a> ).	Aerial imagery

### Other weapons<sup>9</sup>

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
25/05/2020	6	Towed artillery (type undetermined)	In a training area near Buhaiivka (37km south-west of Luhansk). At the same training area, the UAV spotted at least 19 armoured combat vehicles <sup>10</sup> (for previous observations, see <a href="#">SMM Daily Report 12 May 2020</a> ).	Aerial imagery

### Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
25/05/2020	3	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Buhaiivka (37km south-west of Luhansk) (for previous observations, see <a href="#">SMM Daily Report 12 May 2020</a> ).	Aerial imagery
28/05/2020	1	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk). At the same training area, the UAV spotted at least 22 armoured combat vehicles <sup>11</sup> (for previous observations, see <a href="#">SMM Daily Report 5 May 2020</a> ).	
	16	Towed artillery (type undetermined)		
	16	Self-propelled artillery (type undetermined)		
	2	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Kruhlyk (31km south-west of Luhansk) (for previous observations, see <a href="#">SMM Daily Report 5 May 2020</a> ).	
	15	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk). At the same training area, the UAV spotted at least 64 armoured	
8	Self-propelled artillery (type undetermined)			

<sup>9</sup> The SMM was unable to assess whether these weapons were in violation of withdrawal lines in the absence of information on their calibre.

<sup>10</sup> The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

<sup>11</sup> The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

	11	Towed artillery (type undetermined)	combat vehicles (for previous observations see <a href="#">SMM Daily Report 7 May 2020</a> ).
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**Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>12</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
01/06/2020	1	Armoured combat reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a compound near Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	2	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Nevelske (18km north-west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Near Krasnohorivka (21km west of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Marinka (23km south-west of Donetsk)	
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Taramchuk (29km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Berezove (31km south-west of Donetsk)	
	5	Probable armoured combat vehicle (BMP variant)	In a compound near Nyzhnie (56km north-west of Luhansk)	
	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (two BMP-2 and two BMP-1)	Near Prychepylyivka (50km north-west of Luhansk)	

<sup>12</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.



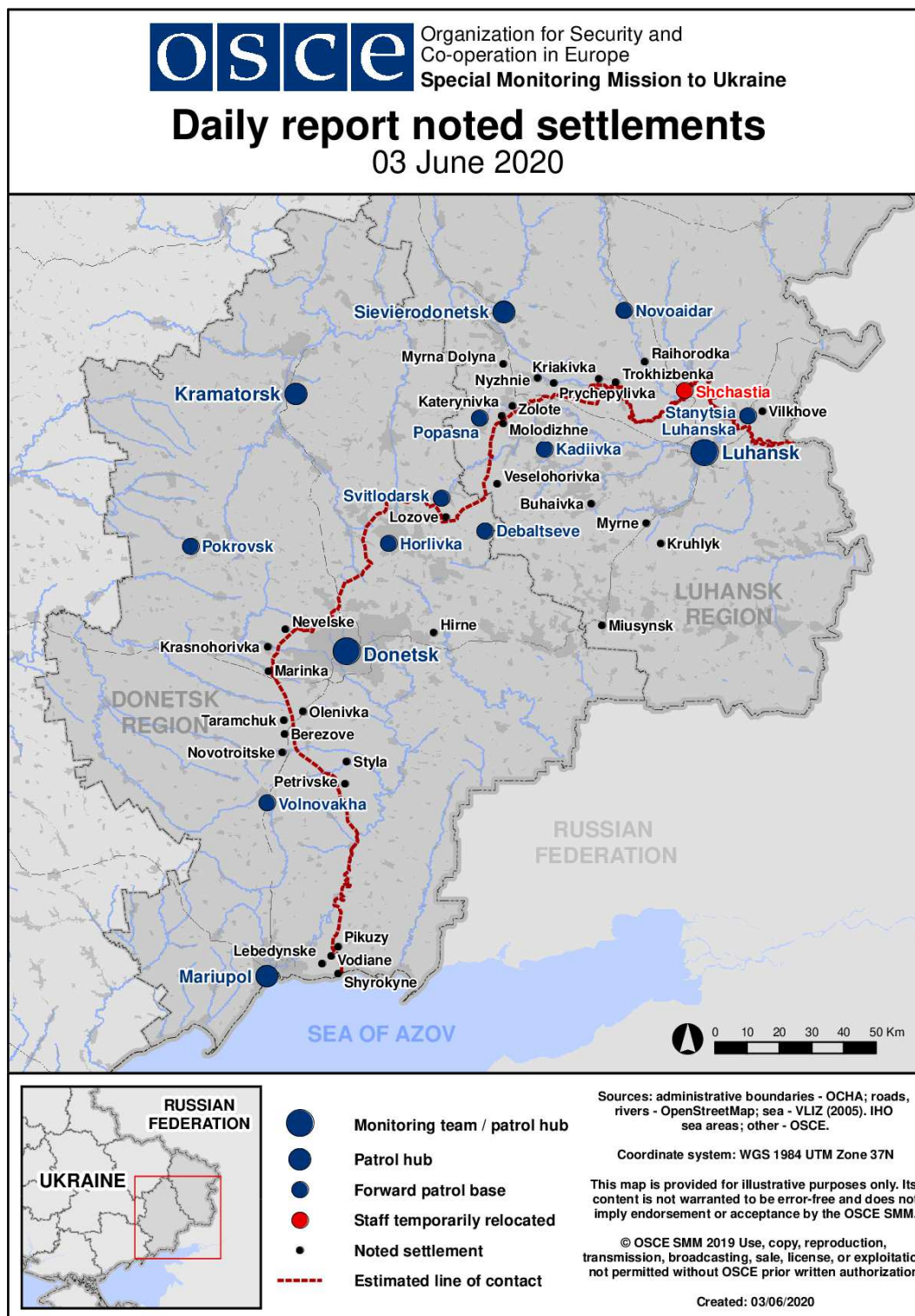
**Table of ceasefire violations as of 2 June 2020<sup>13</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Jun, 22:48
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	1-Jun, 22:48
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Jun, 22:55
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	1-Jun, 22:55
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	1-Jun, 23:10
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	1-Jun, 23:26
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	1-Jun, 23:26
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	2-Jun, 00:13
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	2-Jun, 00:13
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	8	Projectile	N to S	N/K	1-Jun, 22:08
	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K	1-Jun, 22:08
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	1-Jun, 22:09
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	1-Jun, 22:19
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	5	Projectile	N to S	N/K	1-Jun, 22:19
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	1-Jun, 22:26
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	1-Jun, 22:31
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	1-Jun, 22:35
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Jun, 23:07
	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Jun, 23:10
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	1-Jun, 21:43
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	1-Jun, 22:53
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	1-Jun, 22:54
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	1-Jun, 23:06
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Jun, 23:09
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	1-Jun, 23:45
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	1-Jun, 23:46
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	8	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	1-Jun, 23:47
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Jun, 23:54
	2-4km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 00:12
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	2-Jun, 00:20
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	2-Jun, 00:22
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	2-Jun, 00:23
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	2-Jun, 00:33
	2-4km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	2-Jun, 00:35
	2-4km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	2-Jun, 00:37
	2-4km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	2-Jun, 01:45
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 02:05
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	2-Jun, 02:13
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	2-Jun, 02:14
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 02:24
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	2-Jun, 03:10
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasnyuvata	1-2km NW	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	2-Jun, 09:28
	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 11:44

<sup>13</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.

(non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	11	Shot		Small arms	2-Jun, 13:05-13:33
	1-2km SW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	2-Jun, 13:41
	2-3km NW	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	2-Jun, 14:52
About 500m N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	3km S	Heard	1	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	2-Jun, 11:24
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SSW	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as inside the disengagement area	HMG	2-Jun, 13:42-14:00
	2-3km SSW	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as inside the disengagement area	Small arms	2-Jun, 13:42-14:00
	2-3km SSW	Heard	4	Shot	Assessed as inside the disengagement area	Small arms	2-Jun, 13:42-14:00
	2km SSW	Heard and saw	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 13:42-14:00
	2km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 13:42-14:00
	1-2km SSW	Heard	110	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	2-Jun, 13:42-14:00
About 1km SW of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 10:10
	3-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 11:05
Orlivske (government-controlled, 82km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	2-Jun, 11:57
	3-4km SW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	2-Jun, 11:57
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 11:25
	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 11:35
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	5	Shot		HMG	1-Jun, 21:40
	3-5km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Jun, 21:40
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	2-Jun, 01:48
	2-4km SSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	2-Jun, 02:08

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>14</sup>



<sup>14</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).