

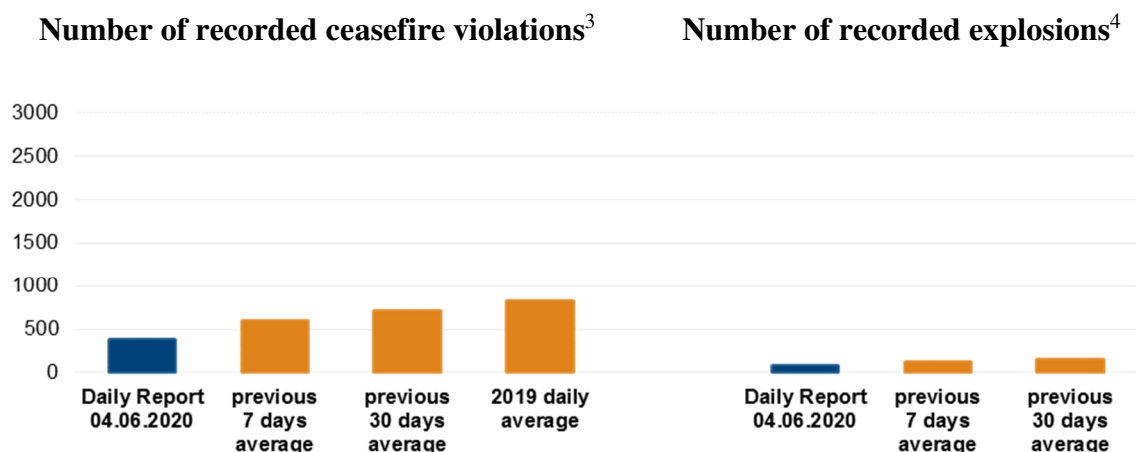
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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and recorded no ceasefire violations in Luhansk region.
- 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 and saw damage caused by small-arms fire to its camera in Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove, and to enable the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- 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's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 3 June 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 and in Petrivske were not operational.

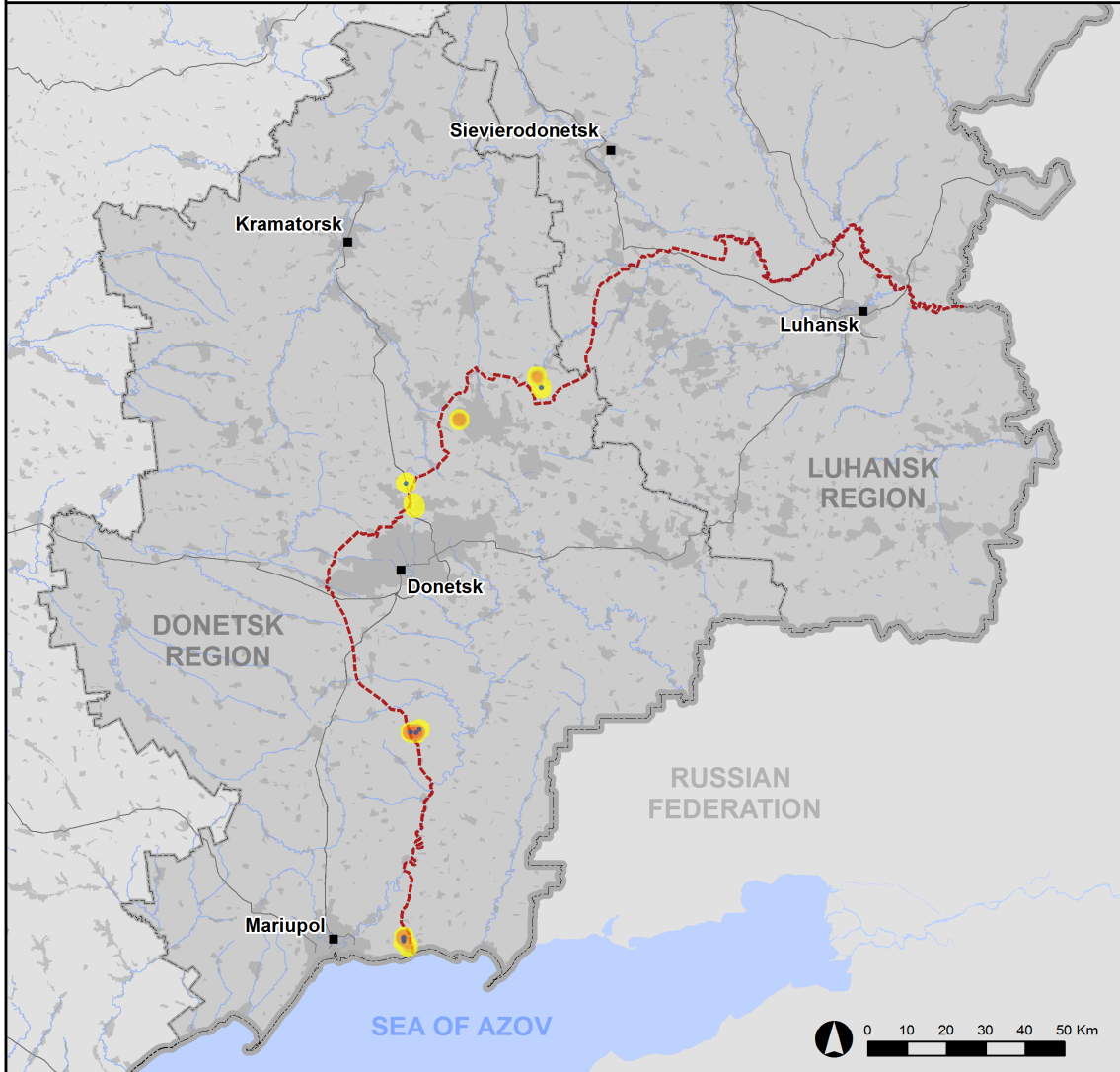
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

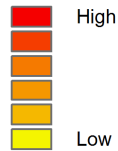
Map of recorded ceasefire violations

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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 3 June 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 more explosions (about 85), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (21 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded in areas near the disengagement area close to 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 no ceasefire violations.

Damage caused by small-arms fire to SMM camera in Petrivske

On 3 June, at the SMM camera site in Petrivske, the Mission saw that both boxes housing the camera system, consisting of a daylight and a thermal camera, had sustained damage assessed as caused by small-arms fire. The Mission saw holes in the east-facing back panels of the box housing the thermal camera. It also saw a hole in the east-facing back panel of the box housing the daytime camera, which was lying on the ground nearby with a corner missing as a result of a bullet impact. The Mission saw several shards of glass, assessed as pieces of camera lenses, on the ground near the camera mast. The SMM assessed that all bullets had been fired from a west-north-westerly direction.

The Mission had lost the video feed from the camera system at about 14:30 on 2 June. Footage from a security camera installed at the site recorded the sound of shots, immediately after which the SMM lost the video feed from both cameras (see [SMM Spot Report 29/2020](#)).

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 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.⁵

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

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

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

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.

On 2 June, outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted five persons assessed as Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel conducting works at an underground bunker position and trenches close to the area's northern edge. Nearby, the UAV also spotted a probable armoured personnel carrier (BTR-3E). Near the Prince Ihor monument, about 1km south-east of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, it spotted three anti-aircraft guns (one ZU-23, 23mm and two probable ZPU-1, 14.5mm) (see the table below for additional details and SMM Daily Reports of [16 April 2020](#) and [12 May 2020](#) for previous observations).

On 3 June, inside the disengagement area, the SMM saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) at their checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

On 3 June, the Mission saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) near the southern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) – two of whom were walking inside the area along road T-1316 up to about 350m north of its southern edge and later returned to their checkpoint just south of the area.

On the same day, outside the disengagement area (about 450m south of it), the SMM saw workers, measuring the ground with special equipment on a tripod and four de-miners with metal detectors accompanied by a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with "JCCC" written on it) walking along road T-1316. The same armed formations member told the Mission that the workers had been measuring the area for possible future construction works.

On the evening of 2 June, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, an SMM long-range UAV spotted two persons within a former position of the armed formations near the area's south-eastern corner.

On the same evening, the SMM camera near Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded 26 projectiles in flight and 26 subsequent airbursts, as well as 40 additional airbursts, all at an assessed range of 3-5km south-east and assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 3 June, while positioned 2km north of Petrivske, the SMM heard four undetermined explosions and 130 shots and bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all at an assessed range of 4-5km south. (See also above for damage to the SMM camera in Petrivske caused by small-arms fire.) On the same day, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka, the Mission heard and saw an explosion at an assessed range of 5-6km east-south-east, assessed as an impact, as well as heard nine bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire. All of these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.⁷

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

⁷ The SMM Daily Report 3 June 2020 reported that the SMM heard about 110 shots of small-arms fire which were unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area; however, they were all outside the area, as correctly reflected in the respective table of ceasefire violations.

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 SMM observed self-propelled howitzers at a railway station in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region, as well as self-propelled howitzers and tanks in a training area in non-government-controlled 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 in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as anti-aircraft guns in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

Presence of mines near government-controlled Vodiane

On 2 June, an SMM mid-range UAV again spotted about 120 anti-tank mines, part of a larger minefield east of Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces (for previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 22 May 2020](#)).

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 (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at two locations near the DFS, the Mission heard two undetermined explosions, as well as 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 Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and the 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.*

Near the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska, the SMM observed a group of eight civilians (four women of mixed ages, two men in their fifties and seventies, and two children aged one

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

and 11), who expressed concerns to the SMM about not being able to return to their homes in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region due to the EECF's temporary closure.

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 north of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), an armed member 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 non-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.

Other impediments:

- On the evening of 2 June, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as probable jamming, while flying over areas between Novozarivka (non-government-controlled, 47km south-east of Donetsk) and Stepanivka (government-controlled, 54km north of Donetsk).⁹

⁹ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAV's position.

- On 3 June, personnel at a hospital in Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non-government-controlled, 50km west of Luhansk) declined to provide information to the SMM regarding an alleged civilian casualty, stating the need for permission from those in control.

Table of weapons

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
02/06/2020	11	Self-propelled howitzer (2S7 Pion, 203mm)	At a railway station in Pokrovsk (formerly Krasnoarmiisk, 55km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
03/06/2020	4	Self-propelled howitzer (2S7 Pion, 203mm)		
Non-government-controlled areas				
03/06/2020	3	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 Gvozdika, 122mm)	At a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	3	Tank (T-64)		

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
02/06/2020	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-1 and one probable BMP variant)	Near Taramchuk (29km south-west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	In a residential area of Vodiane (94km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
	5	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Near Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	2	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Near Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Probable armoured personnel carrier (BTR-3E)	In Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
02/06/2020	3	Anti-aircraft gun (one ZU-23, 23mm and two probable ZPU-1, 14.5mm)	Near the Prince Ihor monument, about 1km south-east of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

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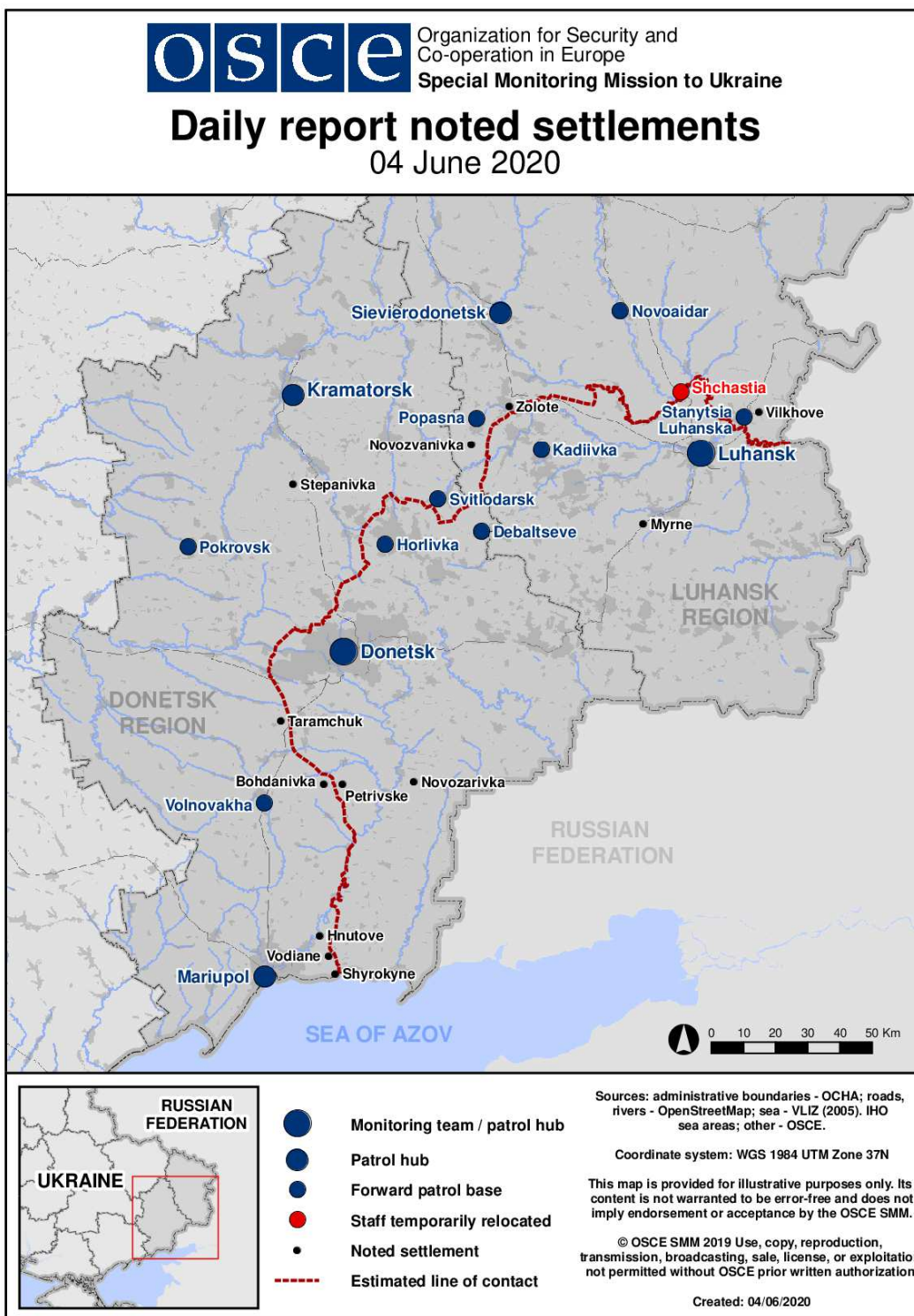
Table of ceasefire violations as of 3 June 2020¹¹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government- controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:30
	3-5km SE	Recorded	4	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:30
	3-5km SE	Recorded	4	Explosion	Airburst (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:30
	3-5km SE	Recorded	21	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:31
	3-5km SE	Recorded	21	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:31
	3-5km SE	Recorded	33	Explosion	Airburst (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:31
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:32
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:32
	3-5km SE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Airburst (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jun, 22:32
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 21:23
	4-6km N	Recorded	13	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 21:24
	4-6km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 21:26
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 21:29
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 22:28
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 22:48
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 22:51
	4-6km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 22:56
	3-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 23:24
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	7	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 23:24
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 23:25

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.

	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	2-Jun, 23:33
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	2-Jun, 23:34
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	3-Jun, 00:18
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	3-Jun, 00:18
	4-6km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 00:19
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 00:27
	4-6km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 00:29
	4-6km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 00:30
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	3-Jun, 00:33
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	3-Jun, 00:33
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	3-Jun, 02:57
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	3-Jun, 02:57
	4-6km N	Recorded	8	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 03:51
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	3-Jun, 13:03
	1-2km W	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	3-Jun, 13:13
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km NW	Heard	40	Burst		HMG	2-Jun, 19:20-19:30
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	4-5km S	Heard	87	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	3-Jun, 13:10-13:19
	4-5km S	Heard	36	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	3-Jun, 13:10-13:19
	4-5km S	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 13:10-13:19
	4-5km S	Heard	7	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	3-Jun, 13:10-13:19
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	5-6km ESE	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Impact (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	3-Jun, 13:10
	5-6km ESE	Heard	9	Burst	Assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagement area	HMG	3-Jun, 13:12-13:20
About 1.7km E of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 12:19
	3-5km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 12:25
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 22:05
	4-5km SSE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 22:07
	1-2km SSE	Heard	15	Burst		Small arms	2-Jun, 23:00
	1-2km SSE	Heard	10	Burst		Small arms	2-Jun, 23:05
	4-5km SSE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jun, 23:15

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).