

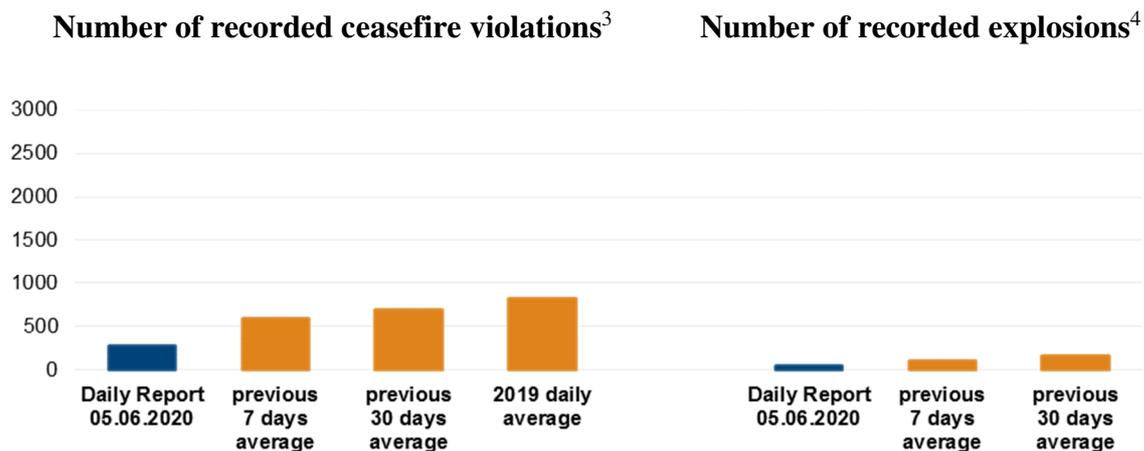
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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and recorded ceasefire violations in Luhansk region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at two SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) flying over areas near Petrivske and Popasna, one of which sustained damage caused by small-arms fire near the latter location.
- 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 the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and 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, 4 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.

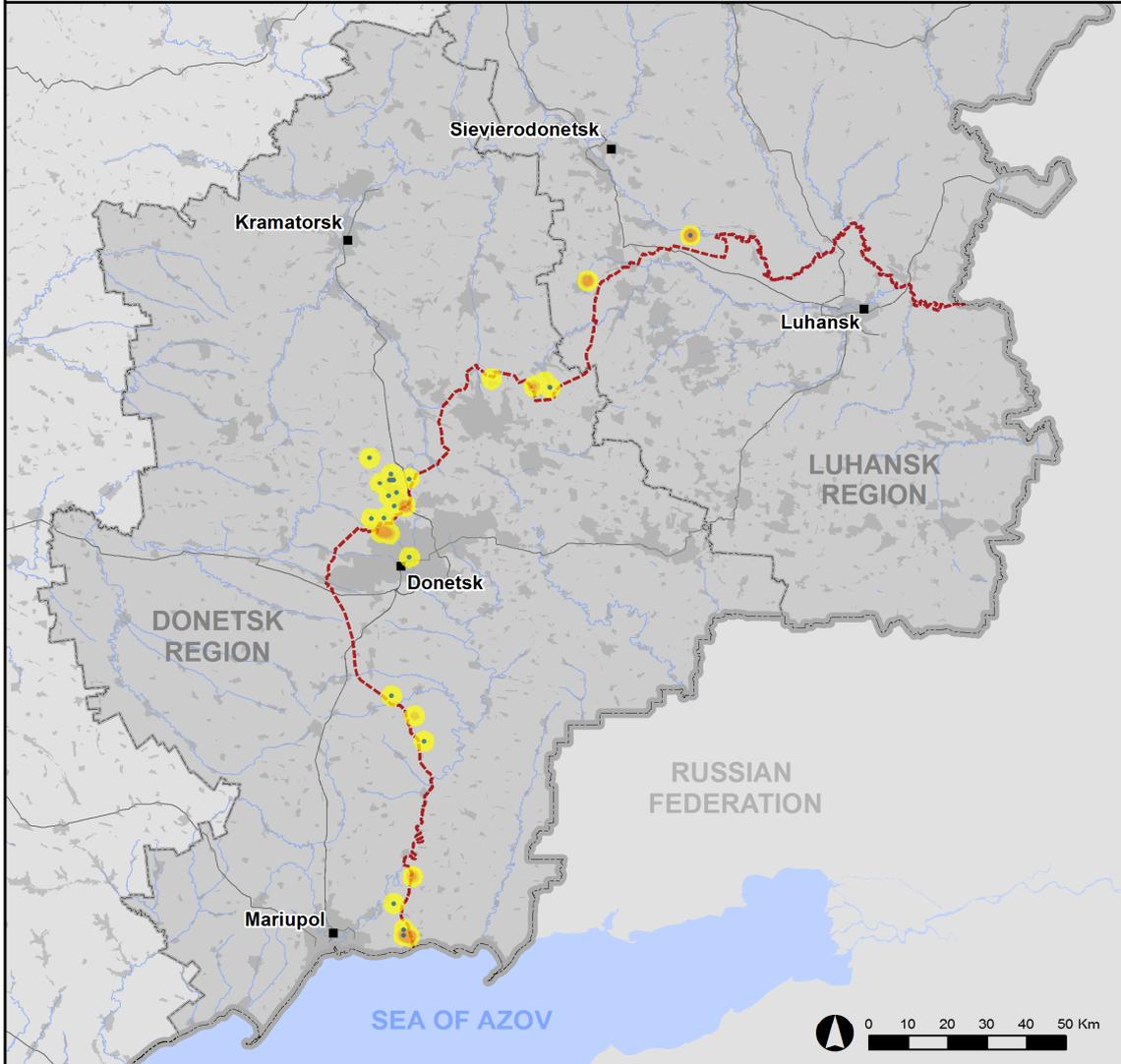
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

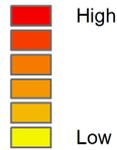
Map of recorded ceasefire violations

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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 4 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 fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 45), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 85 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), in areas north-west of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled) and in areas south-east and south-west of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded ceasefire violations (it recorded no ceasefire violations in the [previous reporting period](#)), all of which occurred in areas south of Muratove (government-controlled, 51km north-west of Luhansk) and east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicles near Petrivske and Popasna; one damaged by small-arms fire near Popasna

While conducting a mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight over areas near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard ten shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of about 4km east, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 4km east. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area.*

On the same day, while conducting a mini-UAV flight over areas near Popasna, the SMM heard about 30 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 1-1.2km south, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying 1.6km south. Immediately thereafter, the SMM lost control of the UAV, which was later reportedly recovered by the Ukrainian Armed Forces and returned to the SMM. The SMM saw that the UAV had a single bullet hole in its body, assessed as caused by small-arms fire.*

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 west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south 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.*

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.*

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.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

At a parking lot about 300m south of the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw two workers unloading metal bars from two vehicles. A member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with “JCCC” written on it) told the SMM that the workers had been preparing the parking lot for the reopening of the checkpoint. Also inside the disengagement area, 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.

Throughout the day, near the southern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them). Additionally, along the southern edge of the area, near the checkpoint of the armed formations, the SMM saw two workers and two de-miners taking measurements, reportedly in preparation for future construction works (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report of 4 June 2020](#)).

While positioned at two locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, the SMM heard two undetermined explosions and ten shots of small-arms fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery (see above).

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 zone⁷

The SMM observed an armoured reconnaissance vehicle and an armoured combat vehicle in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

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 five undetermined explosions, as well as shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the station.

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

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

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and its corresponding checkpoint near Verkhnoшыrokivske 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.*

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 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.
- At a checkpoint west of Verkhnoшыrokivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south 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.

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:

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Holmivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 49km north-east of Donetsk).⁸
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk).
- While conducting a mini-UAV flight over areas near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard shots of small-arms fire, assessed as directed at the UAV (see above).
- While conducting a mini-UAV flight over areas near Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard shots of small-arms fire, assessed as directed at the UAV. The SMM lost control of the UAV, which was later recovered and found to be damaged (see above).

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

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
04/06/2020	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Pervomaiske (17km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north-west of Donetsk)	

⁹ 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 4 June 2020¹⁰

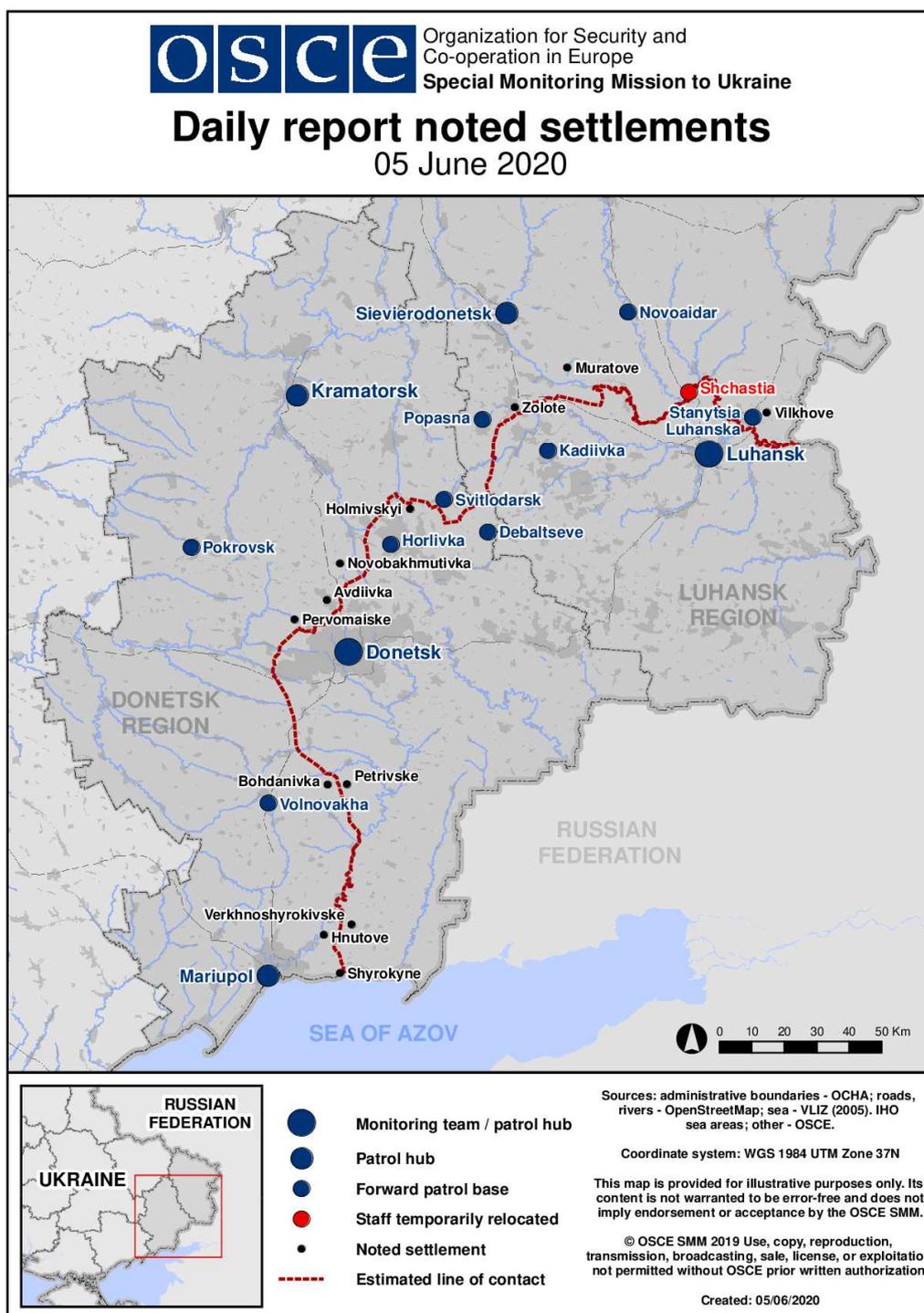
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Jun, 22:21
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Jun, 23:17
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	3-Jun, 23:34
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Jun, 00:47
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Recorded	9	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 23:03
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 23:04
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 23:05
	4-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 23:16
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 23:17
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 23:17
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 23:19
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 23:34
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	3-Jun, 23:53
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	4-Jun, 00:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to the previous event)	N/K	4-Jun, 00:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jun, 00:04
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	4-Jun, 00:05
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to the previous event)	N/K	4-Jun, 00:05
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	4-Jun, 00:14
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	E to W	N/K	4-Jun, 00:15
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 00:28
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	4-Jun, 00:33
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	4-Jun, 00:34
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jun, 00:49
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	4-Jun, 01:40
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	4-Jun, 01:44
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	8	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	4-Jun, 02:18
3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 02:18	
3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Jun, 02:33	
Railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	6-8km WNW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 11:40
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 12:44
	2km SE	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	4-Jun, 13:49
	2km SE	Heard	16	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 14:09-14:16
Railway station in Donetsk city (non-government-	2km SE	Heard	11	Burst		Small arms	4-Jun, 14:09-14:16
	1-2km NW	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 09:06
	1km NW	Heard	12	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 09:08

¹⁰ 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, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)							
About 2km NW of the railway station in Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1km NW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 09:51
	1km NW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 10:00
	1km NW	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 10:10-10:24
	1km W	Heard	9	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 10:30-10:38
	1km W	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 11:08-11:12
About 1km NE of Holmivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 49km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km NW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 11:25
About 700m NW of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1km NW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	4-Jun, 14:40-14:42
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	6-8km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	4-Jun, 10:50
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3.8km E	Heard	10	Shot	Assessed as aimed at SMM mini-UAV (and assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	Small arms	4-Jun, 09:23
	5-6km NNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	4-Jun, 13:31
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	3-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 10:40
About 500m NE of Kamiianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	5-7km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 09:28
	5-7km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 09:56
	3-4km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 10:20
	3-4km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 10:49
	3km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 10:56-10:57
	3-5km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 12:09
	3-5km WNW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 12:17
	3-5km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 12:39-12:41
Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 24km N of Donetsk)	1km ENE	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 13:25
	5km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 11:22
2km WNW of Pisky (government-controlled, 12km NW of Donetsk)	5km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 11:26
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	5-6km ENE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 10:21
	5-7km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 22:51
	5-7km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Jun, 23:20-23:28
	3-5km S	Heard	16	Burst		HMG	3-Jun, 23:32-23:39
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	3-Jun, 23:45
	3-5km SSE	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	4-Jun, 09:40-09:53

2km S of Muratove (government-controlled, 51km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km SSE	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	4-Jun, 09:40-09:53
	3-5km SSE	Heard	25	Shot		Small arms	4-Jun, 09:40-09:53
NE edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	1-1.2km S	Heard	27	Shot	Assessed as aimed at SMM mini-UAV	Small arms	4-Jun, 11:00-11:01

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹¹



¹¹The 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).