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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire • violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM followed up on reports of a man injured due to shelling in Donetsk city's • Petrovskyi district.
- An SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle spotted during evening hours a convoy • of trucks, one of which was driving along a dirt road, in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region near the border with the Russian Federation where there are no border crossing facilities.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at • checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.*
- The SMM continued monitoring all three disengagement areas. It observed persons • inside the Petrivske disengagement area during evening hours.
- It facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable vegetation • clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove; repairs to power lines near Pervomaisk and Zolote-5/Mykhailivka; and demining activities in Orikhove.
- The SMM saw for the first time more than 300 anti-tank mines near Vodiane, • Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued following up on measures taken amid the COVID-19 • outbreak, including at entry-exit checkpoints and their corresponding checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Members of the armed formations continued to restrict the SMM's freedom of movement, including at a border crossing point near Sievernyi, Luhansk region.*

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 9 June 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.



Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



 $^{^2}$ For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras in Petrivske and at the Oktiabr mine remained non-operational.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including, however, more explosions (17), compared with the <u>previous reporting period</u> (13 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), at south-easterly directions of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and in areas west and south-east of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (three), compared with the <u>previous reporting period</u> (about 100 explosions). Almost all ceasefire violations were recorded east and south-west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

Man injured by shelling in Trudivski area of non-government-controlled Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district

The SMM followed up on reports of a man who sustained injuries due to shelling in the Trudivski area of non-government-controlled Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district (15km south-west of Donetsk city centre) on 4 May.

On 9 June, the SMM saw medical certificates stating that a 55-year-old man had sustained shrapnel injuries to his head on 4 May. On 29 May, the man told the SMM that at around 17:45 on 4 May, he had been in the yard of his house at 4 Lilinoi Lane in the Trudivski area of the Petrovskyi district when heard three impacts hitting his house. He added that he had been bleeding from his head and leg, and had been transported to a hospital in Donetsk city. The man's wife told the SMM that she had seen her husband entering the house covered in blood on 4 May.

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 near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations <u>again</u> 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 <u>again</u> denied the SMM passage towards non-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

On 6 June, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), in a tree line about 100m south-west of the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, an SMM mini-UAV <u>again</u> spotted at least three mine hazard signs.

On 8 June, outside the disengagement area, an SMM mini-UAV again spotted two infantry fighting vehicles (IFV) (BMP-1) near residential houses and ongoing fortifications of existing trench systems about 20m north of the disengagement area's northern edge (for further details, see the table below).

On 9 June, inside the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska, 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.

Inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, an SMM long-range UAV spotted a person on the evening of 7 June and two people on the evening of 8 June, walking within a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 400m south of the area's northern edge and about 500m east of road T-1316.

On the night between 8-9 June, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded five projectiles in flight and an illumination flare at an assessed range of 1-3km east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 9 June, while positioned on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM heard three undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 3-5km west, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery. Throughout the day, the Mission saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) near the southern edge of the disengagement area, two of whom were walking along road T-1316 up to about 350m north of the area's southern edge.

Inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, an SMM long-range UAV spotted a person on the night of 7-8 June and three people on the night of 8-9 June near former positions of the armed formations near the area's south-eastern corner. The UAV also spotted a person inside a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 2km south-east of the area's north-western corner.

On 9 June, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM heard two undetermined explosions and saw an airburst at an assessed range of 3-4km south-east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

Withdrawal of we apons

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

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

The Mission saw nine weapons in violation of withdrawal lines: three in a governmentcontrolled area of Donetsk region and six in non-government-controlled areas of both Donetsk and Luhansk regions. It also saw 32 weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites at compounds and railway stations in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for details, see tables below).

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

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below), as well as armoured combat vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region.

On 4 June, in three locations in fields east of Troitske (government-controlled, 30km north of Donetsk), an SMM mid-range UAV spotted ongoing fortifications of positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On 5 June, in a residential area in the north-western outskirts of Horlivka (non-governmentcontrolled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted two recently dug trenches and protective structures, assessed as belonging to the armed formations (not visible in imagery from 2 May 2020).

Presence of mines near government-controlled Troitske and Vodiane, and nongovernment-controlled Shyroka Balka

On 4 June, in three areas in fields located in easterly directions of Troitske, an SMM midrange UAV again spotted about 320 anti-tank mines part of larger minefield of more than 500 mines (40 of which for the first time). On the same day, in two areas located in easterly directions of the settlement, an SMM mid-range UAV again spotted at least 700 anti-tank mines part of a larger minefield of over 1,000 mines. All of these mines were assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces (for previous observations, see SMM Daily Reports of <u>13 March 2019</u> and <u>20 May 2020</u>).

On the same day, in four areas in fields located in westerly and southerly directions of Shyroka Balka (non-government-controlled, 34km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM mid-range UAV spotted about 590 anti-tank mines (441 of which for the first time, out of which ten were by residential houses near the settlement's north-western outskirts), assessed as belonging to the armed formations (for previous observations, see SMM Daily Report <u>20</u> May 2020).

On 6 June, an SMM mid-range UAV spotted for the first time about 300 anti-tank mines (probable TM-62) assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces in fields about 50m from residential houses on the easternedge of Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk).

SMM facilitation of repairs to and 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); repairs to power lines near Pervomaisk (non-

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

government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk) and in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (nongovernment-controlled, 61km west of Luhansk); demining activities in Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk); repair of phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km north-east of Donetsk); and electrical works in Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district.

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned at two locations near the DFS, the SMM heard eight undetermined explosions, as well as bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine gun fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the station.

Border areas outside government control

On the night of 7-8 June, an SMM long-range UAV spotted three covered cargo trucks on the southern edge of Manych (76km east of Donetsk), one of which was driving along a dirt road towards the border with the Russian Federation and stopped about 200m south-west of the border, in an area where there are no border crossing facilities. The UAV also spotted a car driving along a dirt road away from the border towards the abovementioned cargo trucks in Manych. About 2km south-east of Stepne (72km south-east of Donetsk), the UAV also spotted nine probable vehicles near a tree line near about 160m west of a dirt road leading to the border with the Russian Federation (for previous observations near the border with the Russian Federation, see <u>SMM Daily Report 6 June 2020</u>).

On 9 June, while at a border crossing point near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk) for about 30 minutes, the SMM saw two vehicles queueing to exit Ukraine.

The same day, while at a border crossing point near Sievernyi (50km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed no cross-border traffic. After about 20 minutes, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.*

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 and the checkpoints of the armed formations near Oleksandrivka 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 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 below). 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 <u>again</u> denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19.
- At a checkpoint near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), an armed members of the armed formations <u>again</u> denied the SMM passage toward non-government-controlled areas, referring to restrictions due to COVID-19.
- At a border crossing point near Sievernyi (non-government-controlled, 50km southeast of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.

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.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Location	Source of observation	
		Government-c	controlled areas		
08/06/2020	3	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 Strela-10)	In a residential area in Bila Hora (54km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV	
		Non-governmen	t-controlled areas		
06/06/2020	2	Tank (probable T-64)	At a compound in Luhansk city, where the UAV also spotted more than 70 military-type trucks and recovery vehicles. ⁸	Mini-UAV	
08/06/2020	3	Towed howitzer (2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm) Near Krynychne (45km west of Luhar		Long-range	
09/06/2020 1		Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 Strela-10)	Near Dokuchaievsk (30km south-west of Donetsk)	UAV	

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Source of observation		
		Government-c	controlled are as		
08/06/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 Osa)	At a compound near a residential area in Kalynove (35km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV	
09/06/2020	17	Tanks (T-64)			
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 Strela-10)	At the railway station near Zachativka (74km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol	
	3	Anti-tank guns (MT-12 Rapira, 100mm)			
	9	Tanks (probable T-72)	At the railway station near Khlibodarivka (65km south-west of Donetsk)		
		Non-governmen	t-controlled areas		
08/06/2020	0 1 Surface-to-air missile systems (9K35 Strela-10)		At a compound near a residential area in Khartsyzk (26km east of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV	

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

Date	No.	Туре	Location	Source of observation	
		Government-	controlled areas		
	3	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Myronivskyi (62km north-east of Donetsk)		
04/06/2020	4	Armoured combat vehicle (one BMP-2 and three probable BMP variants)	Near Vozdvyzhenka (formerly Krasnyi Pakhar, 66km north-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV	
04/06/2020	1	Anti-aircraft gun (2A13, ZU-23, 23mm)	In a residential area in Novoselivka (31km north of Donetsk)		
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2) Near Troitske (30km north of Donetsk)		Mid-range UAV	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Novoselivka (31km north of Donetsk)		
07/06/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT - LB)	New Chamarks (Other south of Densish)	M:: 114X/	
07/06/2020	1	Anti-aircraft gun (2A13 ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Chernenko (86km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV	

⁸ The trucks and recovery vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons. ⁹ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the

withdrawal of weapons.

	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR- variant)	Near Dyliivka (52km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	In a residential area in Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-east of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
08/06/2020	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a residential area in Bila Hora (54km north	Long-range UAV
	2	Armoured personnel carrier (MT - LB)	of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Novotoshkivske (53km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
09/06/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Moving south through Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
		Non-gove rnmen	t-controlled areas	
06/06/2020	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near the Prince Ihor Monument, about 1km south-east of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	2	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR- 80)	At a compound in Luhansk city	Long-range UAV

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government- controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jun, 22:30
SMM camera 1.5km	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	9-Jun, 01:46
NE of Hnutove (government- controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	9-Jun, 01:46
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	8	Muzzle flash		N/K	9-Jun, 01:49
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	9-Jun, 01:49
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	9-Jun, 01:49
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	9-Jun, 02:09
SMM camera at	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jun, 23:10
entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 23:10
controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 23:10
SMM camera 1km	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jun, 21:30
SW of Shyrokyne	4-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jun, 21:54
(government-	4-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jun, 22:01
controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jun, 22:01
of Donetsky	4-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 22:01
	4-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jun, 22:11
	4-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jun, 22:43
	4-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jun, 22:45
	4-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jun, 22:49
	4-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 22:49
	4-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 22:49
	4-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jun, 23:43
	4-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 23:43
	4-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jun, 23:43
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	9-Jun, 01:02

Table of ceasefire violations as of 9 June 2020¹⁰

 $^{^{10}}$ 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.

	3-5km NNE	Recorded	11	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	9-Jun, 01:18
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	9-Jun, 01:18
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government- controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jun, 23:51
Trudivski area (non- government- controlled, 15km SW of Donetsk City Center)	2-3km SE	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	9-Jun, 10:38
About 1km NW of the Railway Station of Yasynuvata (non-government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jun, 09:37
About 2.6km SE of	1-2km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jun, 09:35
Avdiivka	5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jun, 09:57
(government-	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jun, 10:35
controlled, 17km N	2-3km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	9-Jun, 10:35
of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	9-Jun, 10:3
About 1.8km E of Bohdanivka (government- controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagemen t area)	N/K	9-Jun, 12:59
	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact (airburst, assessed as outside the Petrivske disengagemen t area)	N/K	9-Jun, 12:59
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government- controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	9-Jun, 02:32
SMM camera in Zolote (government- controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagemen t area)	N/K	9-Jun, 00:04
	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagemen t area)	N/K	9-Jun, 00:0:
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagemen t area)	N/K	9-Jun, 00:3-
3km N of Pervomaisk (non- government- controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-5km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagemen t area)	N/K	9-Jun, 11:11-11:2

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).