

# Daily Report 157/2020

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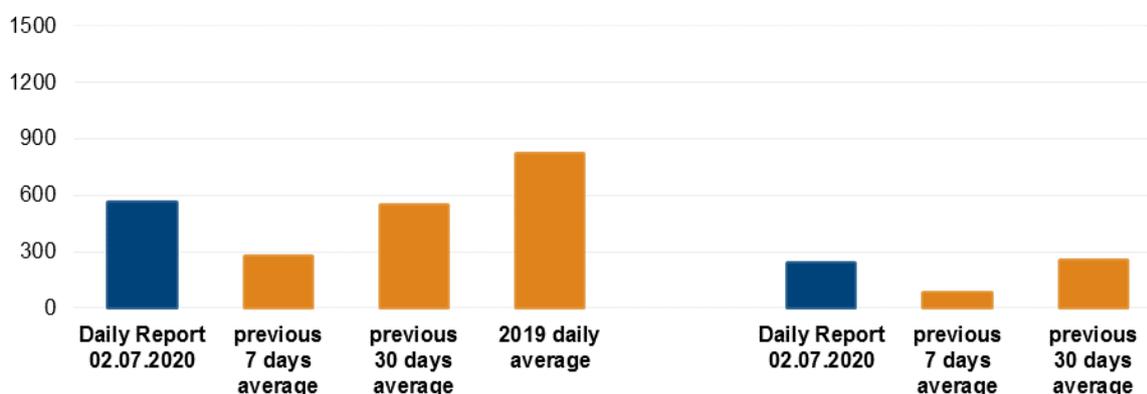
## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM 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 observed people inside the disengagements area near Zolote and Petrivske during evening hours; and recorded a ceasefire violation inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM saw civilians queuing to travel towards government- and non-government-controlled areas at the entry-exit checkpoint in Stanytsia Luhanska, as well as to travel towards non-government-controlled areas at the checkpoint of the armed formations near the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.\*

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

### Number of recorded ceasefire violations<sup>3</sup>

### Number of recorded explosions<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 2 July 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 in Shyrokyne, Petrivske, Krasnohorivka and Svitlodarsk were non-operational. The SMM cameras near Oktiabr mine stopped being operational after the detonation of an undetermined projectile recorded at 19:10hrs on 30 June 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

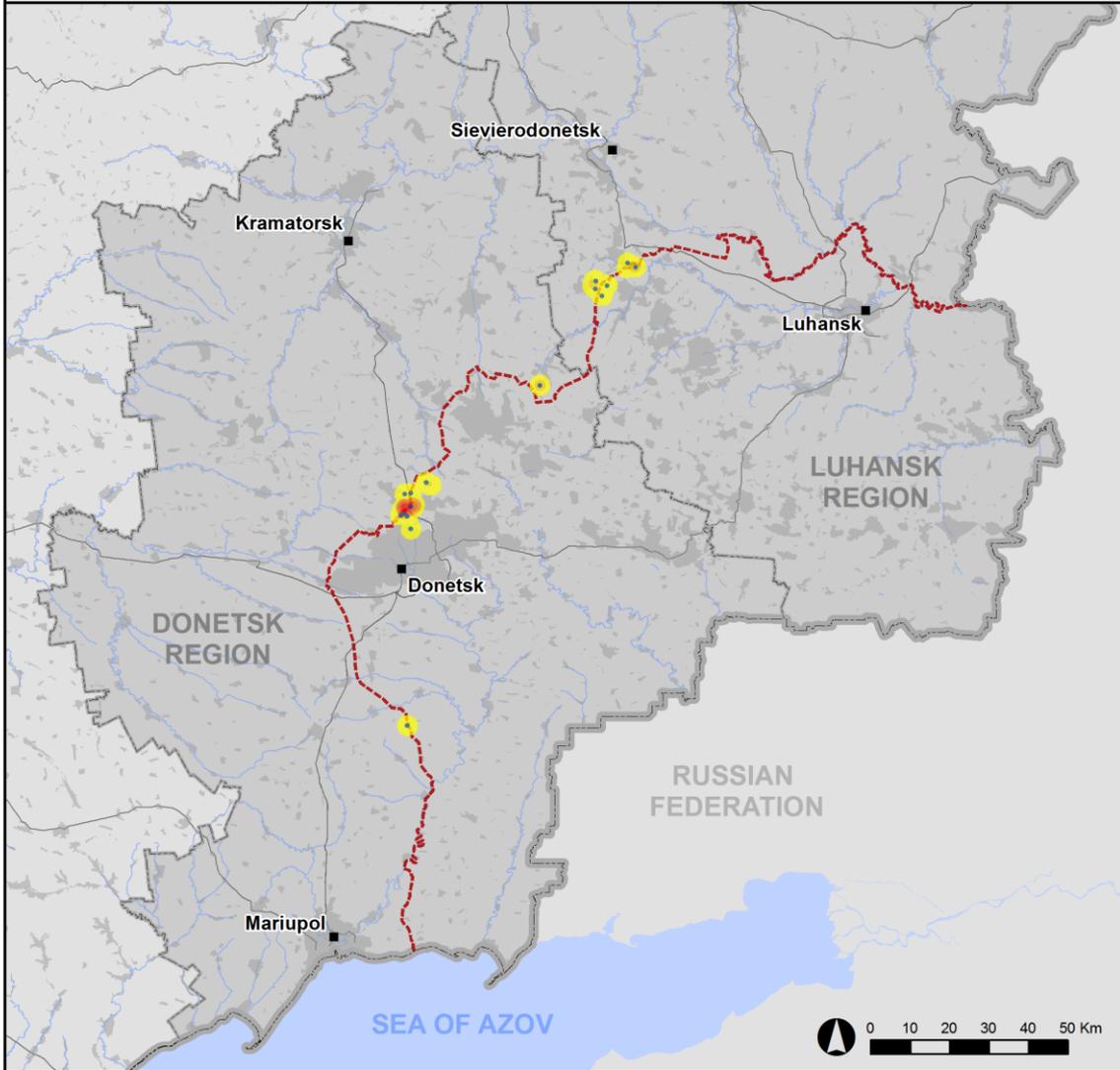
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

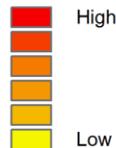


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 2 July 2020



#### 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 Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including, however, fewer explosions (about 35), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 220 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded at westerly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including the same number of explosions (17), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (17 explosions). All of the ceasefire violations were recorded at south-westerly and easterly directions of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

### **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.<sup>5</sup>

In Donetsk region, at a checkpoint west of Verkhnoшыrokiwske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), two members of the armed formations (one visibly armed) [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas.

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

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

During the day on 2 July, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) near their checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

On 1 July, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a person near a former position of the armed formations on the area's eastern edge (about 650m south of the northern corner), as well as a person near a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces on the area's northern edge (about 500m west of the north-eastern corner), both during evening hours.

On the night of 1-2 July, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded a projectile in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km east-south-east (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area). During the same night, the SMM camera in Zolote and the SMM camera in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) recorded an

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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.

undetermined explosion, six projectiles in flight and a muzzle flash, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the same night, while in Popasna, the SMM heard ten undetermined explosions and six bursts of heavy-machine-gun-fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 2 July, while positioned south of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard six undetermined explosions and six bursts of heavy-machine-gun-fire at an assessed range of 2-3km north-north-east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. Throughout the day, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) close to the southern edge of the disengagement area, four of whom were walking along road T-1316 inside the area up to about 350m north of its southern edge.

On 1 July, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), about 350m north-north-west of its south-eastern corner, an SMM long-range UAV [again](#) spotted, during evening hours, three people within a recently dug trench assessed as belonging to the armed formations, two of whom were seen digging. The UAV also spotted wooden logs piled up nearby. During evening hours on the same day, also inside the disengagement area, the UAV spotted five people within a former position of the armed formations about 200m north-west of the area’s south-eastern corner.

On 2 July, while positioned near Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM heard an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 4-6km east-south-east, assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.

### **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.

The Mission saw a multiple launch rocket system and three self-propelled howitzers in violation of their respective withdrawal lines in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. It also saw 29 weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites in a training area in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

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

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

### **Mine hazard signs near Troitske**

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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.

In the eastern outskirts of Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the Mission observed for the first time at least seven mine hazard signs – wooden sticks with red and white tape – in a field close to a residential property.

### **SMM facilitation of repairs to and maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure, and of demining activities**

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable the assessment of water pipes near Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk); repairs to water infrastructure in Novotoshkivske (government-controlled, 53km west of Luhansk) and near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk); vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk); and demining activities near government-controlled Heivka (27km north-west of Luhansk), Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk) and Hirske (63km west of Luhansk).

The SMM also facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to power lines near non-government-controlled Staromykhailivka (15km west of Donetsk), and Dovhe (22km north-west of Luhansk), and between government-controlled Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk) and Troitske.

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned at three locations near the DFS, the SMM heard five undetermined explosions, as well as about 400 shots and bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the station.

### **Situation of civilians and measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints amid COVID-19 outbreak**

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) were closed. It saw that the EECP near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) was operational but that there was no traffic in either direction and that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Verkhnohyrokiivske was closed. At the checkpoint, the SMM observed two anti-tank obstacles in the middle of the road and [again](#) observed at least four anti-tank mines (TM-62) laid across the road about 50m east of the obstacles.

In Luhansk region, the SMM noted that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska was operational. While at the EECP at about 13:10 and 13:30, the Mission saw a total of 15 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and 22 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel in the opposite direction.

While near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge between 10:23 and 11:04, the SMM saw 21 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards non-government-controlled areas and no pedestrians queuing in the opposite direction.

Between 07:00 and 18:00, the SMM cameras at the parking lot south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and north of the new span of the bridge recorded about 520 pedestrians

(mixed genders and ages) walking towards government-controlled areas and about 460 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) walking towards non-government-controlled areas.

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, 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 29 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), three members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the Mission passage towards government-controlled areas, referring to restrictions due to COVID-19.
- At a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), two members of the armed formations (one visibly armed) [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas. At the checkpoint, the SMM observed two anti-tank obstacles in the middle of the road and [again](#) observed at least four anti-tank mines (TM-62) laid across the road about 50m east of the obstacles.

#### *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.

#### Other impediments:

- While following up on allegations about shelling in Donetskyi (non-government-controlled, 49km west of Luhansk), an interlocutor declined to share information and advised the SMM to address those in control in writing.

## Table of weapons

### Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
01/07/2020	1	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
	3	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Novoselivka (37km north-east of Donetsk)	

### Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
01/07/2020	11	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122m)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk), where the UAV also spotted about 30 armoured combat vehicles. <sup>8</sup>	Long-range UAV
	8	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)		
	9	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> )		
	1	Tank (T-64)		

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>9</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
27/06/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (probable BMP-1)	Near Berezove (31km south-west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
01/07/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (probable MT-LB variant)	Near Myronivskiyi (62km north-east of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Slavne (26km south-west of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
01/07/2020	3	Armoured combat vehicle	In a training area near Novoselivka (37km north-east of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV

<sup>8</sup> Infantry fighting vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

<sup>9</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 July 2020<sup>10</sup>**

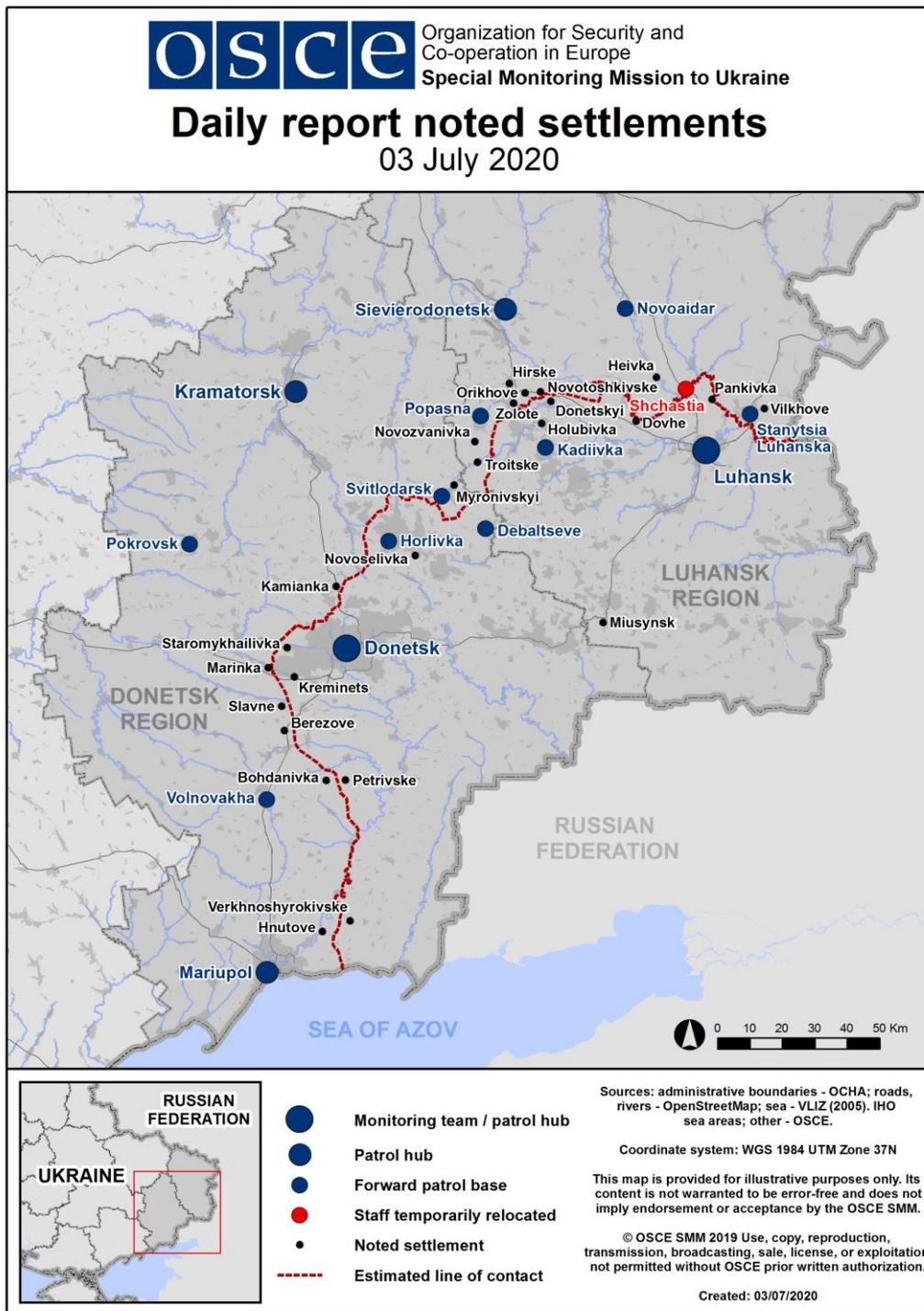
<b>SMM position</b>	<b>Event location</b>	<b>Means</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Observation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weapon</b>	<b>Date, time</b>
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	1-Jul, 23:07
	2-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE (also recorded by SMM camera in Avdiivka)	N/K	1-Jul, 21:52
	2-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (also recorded by SMM cameras in Avdiivka and at DFS)	N/K	2-Jul, 00:42
	2-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	2-Jul, 00:42
	2-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (also recorded by SMM camera in Avdiivka)	N/K	2-Jul, 01:27
	2-5km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (also recorded by SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	2-Jul, 01:29
	2-5km ESE	Recorded	9	Projectile	SW to NE (also recorded by SMM camera in Avdiivka)	N/K	2-Jul, 01:57
	2-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Jul, 01:57
	2-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (also recorded by SMM cameras in Avdiivka and at DFS)	N/K	2-Jul, 02:27
	2-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 02:30
	2-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	2-Jul, 02:34
	2-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (also recorded by SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	2-Jul, 02:56
	2-5km SE	Recorded	9	Projectile	SW to NE (also recorded by SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	2-Jul, 03:16
	3-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (also recorded by SMM camera at DFS)	N/K	2-Jul, 03:21

<sup>10</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.

SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (also recorded by SMM camera in Avdiivka)	N/K	2-Jul, 00:43
	1-2km SSE	Recorded	7	Muzzle flash	Also recorded by SMM camera in Avdiivka	N/K	2-Jul, 02:59
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km WSW	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	2-Jul, 12:49
	2-3km WSW	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	2-Jul, 12:50-12:52
	1-3km WSW	Heard	63	Burst		HMG	2-Jul, 12:53-12:56
	2-5km WSW	Heard	47	Burst		HMG	2-Jul, 13:00-13:03
	2-3km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 13:10
	2-3km WSW	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Impact (airburst)	N/K	2-Jul, 13:14
About 1km NW of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	2-Jul, 10:06
About 2.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	6-8km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 09:20
	6-8km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 09:31
	6-8km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 09:35
	6-8km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 09:40
	2-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Out going	N/K	2-Jul, 12:42
	1-2km SSE	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	2-Jul, 12:52
	1-2km SE	Heard	231	Shots and bursts		Small arms	2-Jul, 12:55-13:00
	2-3km SE	Heard	10	Shots and bursts		Small arms	2-Jul, 12:59
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 09:12-09:18
	5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 09:26-09:32
	2-4km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 13:15
About 3km SE of Verkhnotoretske (government-controlled, 23km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	2-Jul, 11:47
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-5km SSE	Heard	15	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Jul, 07:30-07:50
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-4km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jul, 00:58
SMM camera in Zolote (government-	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (assessed as outside the	N/K	1-Jul, 22:25

controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)					disengagement area)		
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jul, 02:10
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	2-Jul, 02:16
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (subsequent to the previous event and unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area)	N/K	2-Jul, 02:16
N edge of Popasna (government- controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	1-Jul, 19:20- 19:22
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	1-Jul, 20:20- 20:25
	6-8km ESE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jul, 20:20- 20:25
	4-6km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jul, 20:47- 20:48
	3-5km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jul, 22:27- 22:28
	5-10km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	1-Jul, 23:50- 23:53
	1km S of Zolote- 5/Mykhailivka (non- government- controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	2-3km NNE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K
2-3km NNE	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	2-Jul, 13:30- 13:35	

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>11</sup>



<sup>11</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).