

# Daily Report 175/2020

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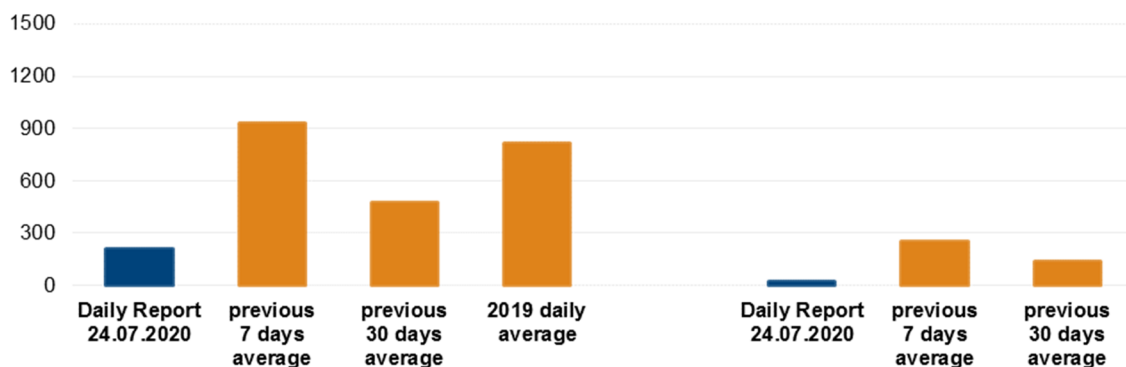
## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and more in Luhansk region.
- The SMM corroborated reports of a woman who was injured due to shelling in the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiy district in June.
- On two separate occasions, small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near Chernenko, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It continued seeing people in and near former positions inside the latter two areas during evening and night hours.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance of power and gas lines, as well as water pipelines on both sides of the contact line.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians amid the COVID-19 outbreak, including at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- 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, 23 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 Petrivske, near Shyrokyne and at the Oktiabr mine were not operational.

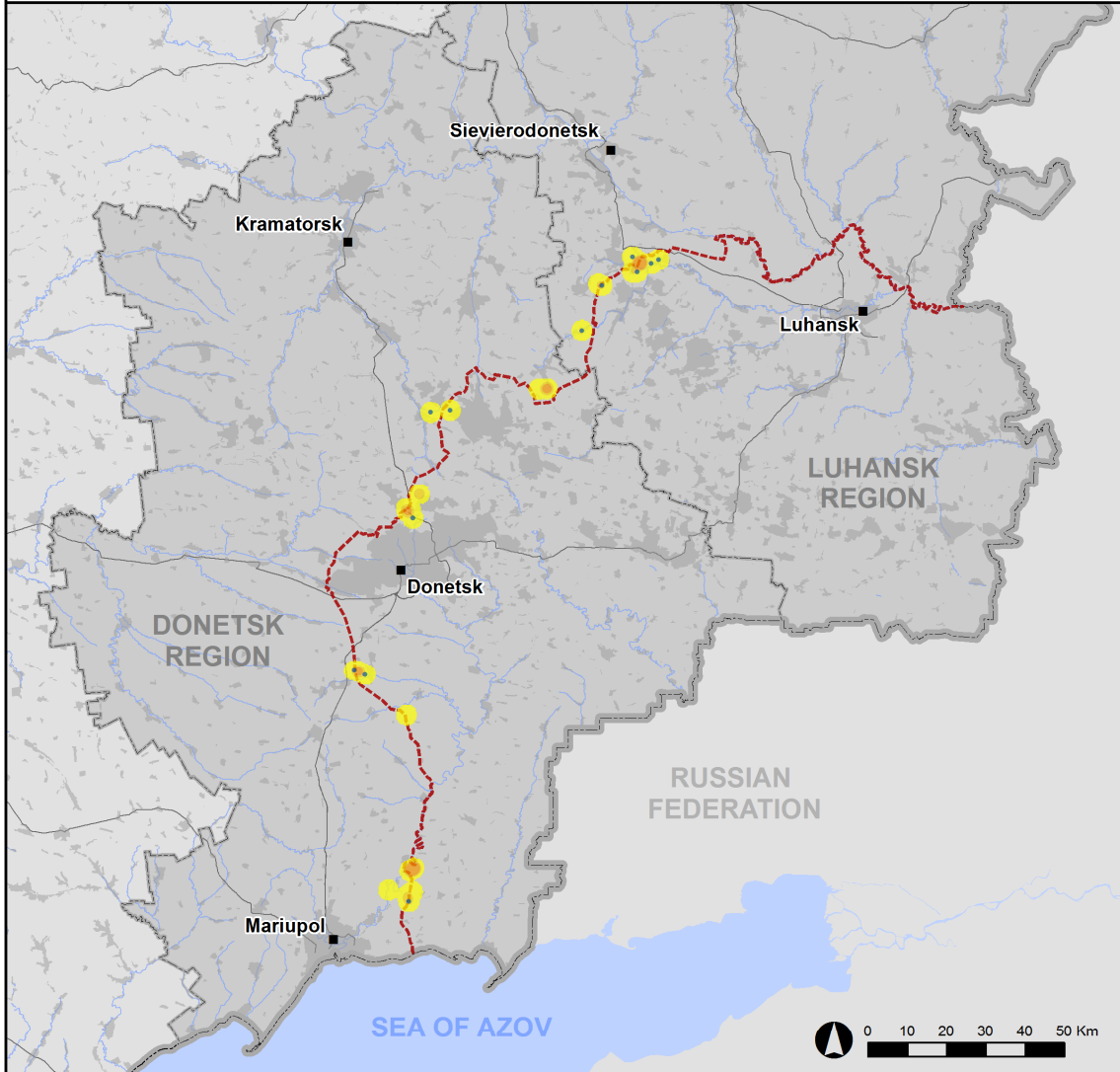
<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

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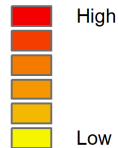
### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 23 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 SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (11), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 110 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas south-east of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk) and in areas near the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including more explosions (ten), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (two explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas close to the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

### **Woman injured due to shelling in the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district in June.**

The SMM followed up on reports of a woman who sustained injuries due to shelling in the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk city centre) on 21 June.

On 20 July, a woman told the SMM by phone that early in the morning on 21 June she had been inside her outhouse in the yard of her house located at 44 Lukianenka Street in the Trudivski area of the Petrovskyi district, when she heard explosions nearby. She said that while walking back to her house, she had heard another explosion and had been injured in the left side of her abdomen. She added that her son had then transported her to hospital no.14 in Donetsk city. On 21 July, the woman's relative showed the SMM a medical certificate issued on 21 June indicating that the woman (in her sixties) had sustained shrapnel injuries to the left side of her abdomen. On 21 June, medical staff at the same hospital told the SMM that a woman had been admitted earlier that day (for recent observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 20 July 2020](#)).

### **Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini- unmanned aerial vehicles near Chernenko, Donetsk region**

While positioned about 2km north-east of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk) to conduct a mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight, the SMM heard eight bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 3km east, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 3km east. About 20 minutes later, while positioned at the same location, the SMM heard three shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 2km west, also assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 2km north-west. In both instances, the Mission safely landed the aircraft and left the area.\*

### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>5</sup>**

On 23 July, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) between the new span of the bridge and their checkpoint south of it.

On the same day, the Mission observed a visit of a high-level delegation, including President Volodymyr Zelenskyi, to the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

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<sup>5</sup> Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

On the evening and night of 22-23 July, two SMM cameras located in areas close to the **disengagement area near Zolote** recorded an undetermined explosion and 12 projectiles in flight. During the early morning hours and the day on 23 July, while positioned at three locations near the disengagement area, the SMM heard five explosions (one outgoing round from an undetermined weapon and four undetermined explosions) and about 45 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the night of 22-23 July, inside the disengagement area, an SMM long-range UAV spotted a person inside a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 200m west-south-west from its north-eastern corner. It also spotted two people near a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces south of a railway bridge and east of road T-1316.

On 23 July, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw a truck with six people entering the area. It also saw four de-miners (wearing protective suits and carrying demining equipment) walking from the checkpoint to about 100m south and later returning to the checkpoint. In the afternoon, about 200m south of the southern edge of the area, the Mission saw workers from non-government-controlled areas clearing vegetation on both sides of road T-1316. Throughout the day, the SMM also saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) near the checkpoint.

On the evening of 22 July, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM long-range UAV spotted three people inside and near a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 550m east-north-east of its south-western corner. It also spotted two people inside a former position of the armed formations near the area’s south-eastern corner.

On 23 July, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the SMM heard two shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 2-3km west and assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

### **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 saw a surface-to-air missile system in violation of withdrawal lines in a residential area of Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), as well as howitzers and tanks beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further details, see the tables below).

### **Indications of military and military-type presence inside the security zone<sup>6</sup>**

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

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

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<sup>6</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable the maintenance of and repairs to water pipelines in Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) and near Shumy (government-controlled, 41km north of Donetsk); a water intake near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk); power and gas lines in Novozvanivka (government-controlled, 70km west of Luhansk) and Troitske; power lines near Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 61km north-west of Luhansk) and near Donetskyi (non-government-controlled, 49km west of Luhansk); and the phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km north-east of Donetsk). While facilitating repairs in Horlivka, near Zalizne and near Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, the Mission recorded ceasefire violations in nearby areas (see the table below). The SMM also 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 Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned at two locations near the station, the Mission heard four undetermined explosions as well as bursts of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the station (see the table below).

### **Measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints to counter COVID-19 outbreak**

In Donetsk region, the SMM observed that the checkpoints of the armed formations near Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) and near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were staffed but closed for civilian traffic.

In Luhansk region, at 09:00, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) in Stanytsia Luhanska and the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were operational. The SMM saw a golf cart operating between the EECP and the new section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge. From 07:00 to 18:00, the SMM cameras at the parking lot south of the bridge and north of its new span recorded about 775 people traveling to government-controlled areas and about 695 people traveling in the opposite direction.

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 of 14 July 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.

*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:

- On the night of 22-23 July, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as probable jamming, while flying over areas between Zhelanne (government-controlled, 36km north-west of Donetsk) and Holmivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 49km north-east of Donetsk).<sup>7</sup>
- While conducting two mini-UAVs flights over areas east and north-west of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk), the SMM first heard eight bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 3km east and then three shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 2km north-west, all of which were assessed as aimed at its UAV (see above).

**Table of weapons**

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
22/07/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> )	In a residential area of Troitske (69km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
22/07/2020	3	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	Near Berezivka (44km north-west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Probable towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
23/07/2020	4	Tank (T-64)	Near Berestky (40km west of Donetsk), on a transporter moving north	Patrol

**Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

<sup>7</sup> The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of several kilometers of the UAV's position.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Source of observation</b>
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
22/07/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Nevelske (18km north-west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
22/07/2020	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
23/07/2020	3	Probable armoured combat vehicle	Near Lozivskiyi (32km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV



**Table of ceasefire violations as of 23 July 2020<sup>9</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	In a vertical flight	N/K	22-Jul, 23:06
	2-4km SE	Recorded	31	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	22-Jul, 23:13
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	17	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	22-Jul, 23:50
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-3km S	Recorded	3	Projectile	NW to SE (also recorded by the SMM camera in Avdiivka)	N/K	23-Jul, 00:33
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jul, 21:10
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jul, 21:13
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jul, 21:20
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jul, 21:21
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	22-Jul, 22:08
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In a vertical flight	N/K	22-Jul, 20:55
	4-6km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	In a vertical flight	N/K	23-Jul, 00:17
	4-6km SE	Recorded	18	Projectile	In a vertical flight	N/K	23-Jul, 00:18
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 10:01
	3-5km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 10:47
	2-3km N	Heard	13	Burst		HMG	23-Jul, 12:56
	3-5km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 13:25
SSW part of Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 09:47
WNW edge Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	23-Jul, 10:06
	2-3km SW	Heard	4	Burst		Small arms	23-Jul, 10:06
	2-3km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 10:29
	2-3km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 10:31
About 7.5km WNW of Horlivka (non-	700m NNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 16:14

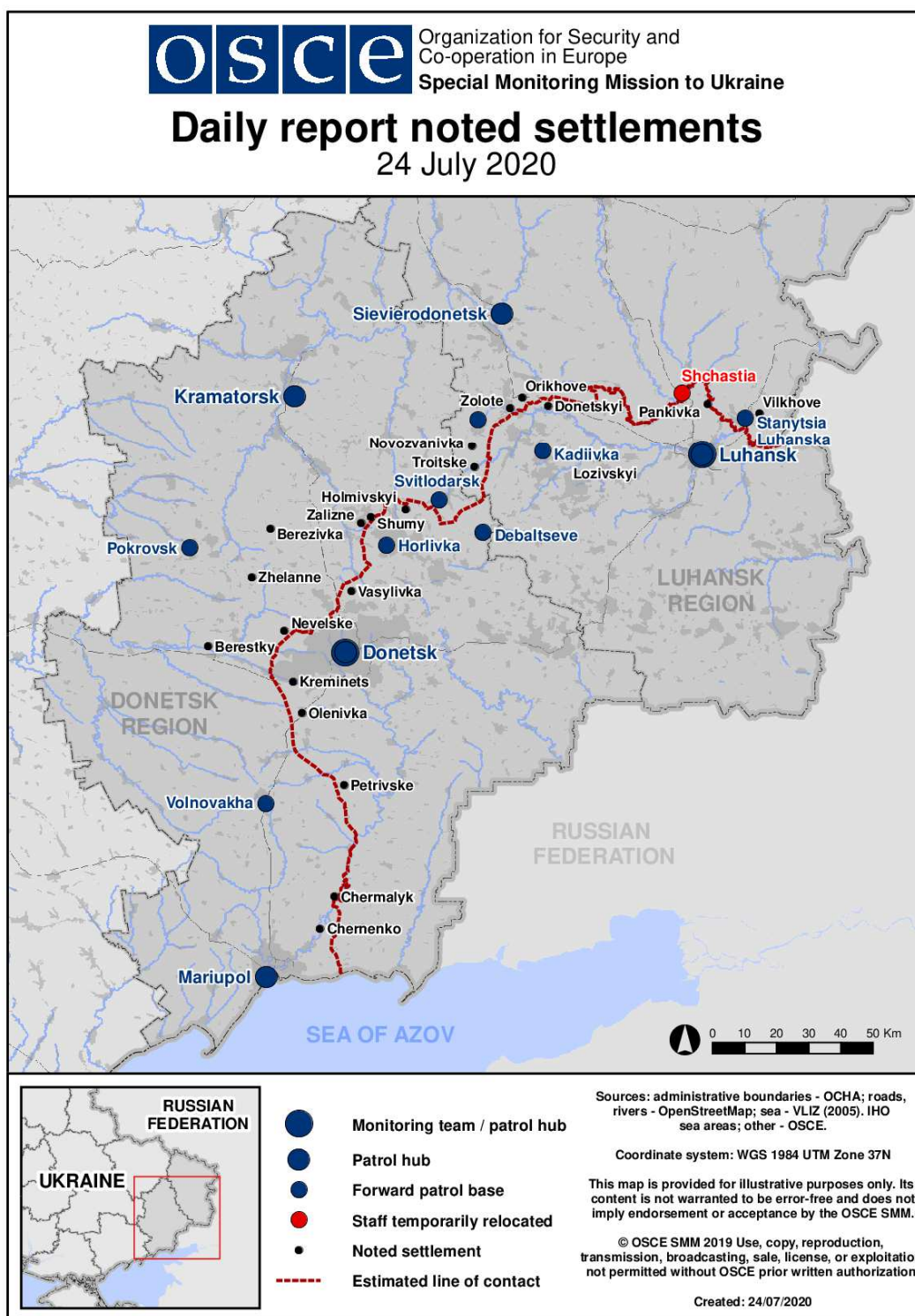
<sup>9</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based 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.



government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)							
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	1	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	23-Jul, 13:40
	2-3km W	Heard	1	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	23-Jul, 14:30
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	3 km E	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	23-Jul, 11:40
	2 km W	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	23-Jul, 12:01
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	15	Burst		HMG	23-Jul, 09:50-10:10
About 3.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1-2km E	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	23-Jul, 12:10
About 2km WSW of Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 12:09
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-6km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	22-Jul, 23:35
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	22-Jul, 23:35
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	4-6km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jul, 21:46
	4-6km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jul, 00:25
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jul, 02:30
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jul, 03:22
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km ESE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jul, 04:10-04:45
	5-7km ESE	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	23-Jul, 05:17

	5-7km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jul, 05:21
SE edge of Zolote- 5/Mykhailivka (non- government- controlled, 61km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km N	Heard	40	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	23-Jul, 11:15- 11:20
	1km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jul, 11:15- 11:20
	4km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 12:01
W edge of Berezivske (non- government- controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	4-6km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 12:40
	2km NW	Heard	3	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	23-Jul, 12:56
NW edge of Troitske (government- controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-3km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	23-Jul, 12:27

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</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).