



# Daily Report 243/2020

12 October 2020<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- Between the evenings of 9 and 11 October, the SMM recorded ten ceasefire violations in Donetsk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 26 ceasefire violations in the region.
- Between the evenings of 9 and 11 October, the SMM recorded no ceasefire violations in Luhansk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded eight ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. During evening and night hours, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle spotted people inside the latter two disengagement areas.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to and the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission monitored a border crossing point outside government control in Luhansk region.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians amid the COVID-19 pandemic, including at an entry-exit checkpoint and corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The Mission followed up on an attack against an Orthodox Church of Ukraine chapel in Kharkiv city.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a border crossing point outside government control near Izvaryne, Luhansk region, and at a checkpoint of the armed formations in Kreminets, Donetsk region.\*

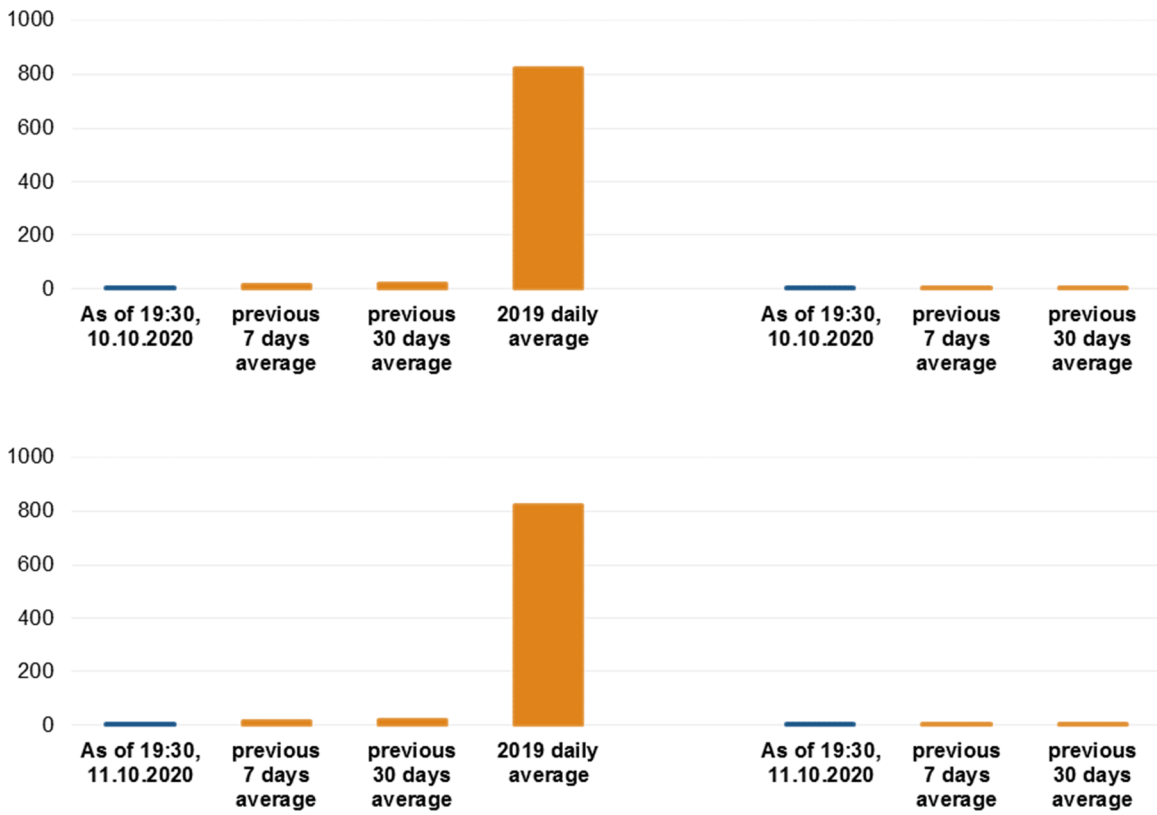
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<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 11 October 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

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

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

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



<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Petrivske was not operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions

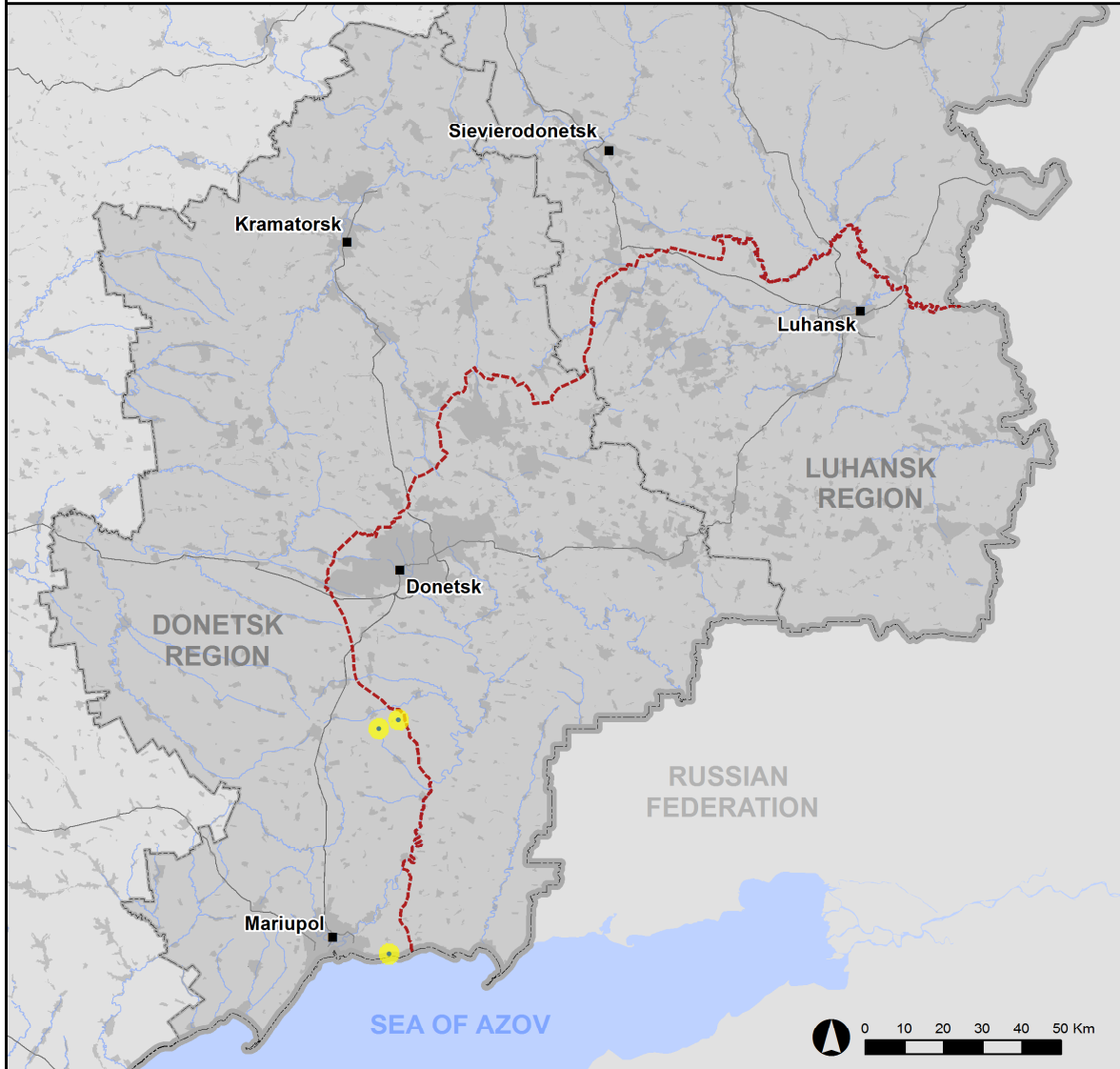
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

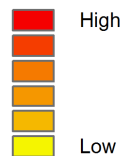


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 10-11 October 2020



#### 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, between the evenings of 9 and 11 October, the SMM recorded ten ceasefire violations (all undetermined explosions), most of which occurred in areas west-south-west of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) and in areas south-south-west of Mariupol (government-controlled, 102km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 26 ceasefire violations, including 24 undetermined explosions.

In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 9 and 11 October, the SMM recorded no ceasefire violations. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded eight ceasefire violations, including two undetermined explosions.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire, from 00:01 on 27 July until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has so far recorded a total of 1,605 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 385 explosions, 17 projectiles in flight, seven muzzle flashes, 20 illumination flares and 1,176 bursts and shots).

### Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske

On 10 and 11 October, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) south of the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

On the evening of 9 October, inside **the disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted three people inside a former position of the armed formations near the area’s eastern edge, about 1.4km north of its south-eastern corner.

On 10 and 11 October, outside the disengagement area, the SMM saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), some of whom entered the disengagement area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned.

On 10 and 11 October, about 200m south of the southern edge of the disengagement area, the Mission saw workers with heavy equipment cleaning the asphalt and welding a metal frame, assessed as part of a building structure, on the western side of road T-1316.

On the night of 9-10 October, inside **the disengagement area near Petrivske**, an SMM long-range UAV spotted two people inside a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near its southern edge, about 1.5km north-east of its south-western corner, as well as a person inside a former position of the armed formations near the area’s south-eastern corner.

### Withdrawal of weapons

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

The SMM saw a surface-to-air missile system in violation of withdrawal lines in a residential area of Bobrove (government-controlled, 56km north-west of Luhansk). On the evening on 9 October, an SMM long-range UAV spotted a convoy, comprised of a medium utility truck and a surface-to-air missile system (9K33 *Osa*), in the middle of Borivske (government-controlled,

65km north-west of Luhansk) that was moving south-east along a road leading to Bobrove. About 20 minutes later, the convoy stopped at a small compound among residential houses in Bobrove.

The SMM also saw multiple launch rocket systems and tanks beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites on both sides of the line of contact in Donetsk region (for further information, see the tables below).

### **Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>5</sup>**

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the line of contact in Donetsk region and in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region (for further information, see the table below).

### **SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

On 10 and 11 October, the SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable construction work south of the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (see above). On 10 October, it facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable construction work north of Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk), and near Vesela Hora (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk), south of the bridge in Shchastia.

On 10 October, about 150m north-west of the Ukrainian Armed Forces checkpoint north of the bridge in Shchastia, the SMM observed workers with vehicles laying gravel and levelling the ground.

On the same day, about 5-6km south of the bridge in Shchastia, the SMM observed 20 workers with heavy equipment arranging metal barriers, clearing vegetation and levelling asphalt on both sides of road H-21. During its presence, the Mission heard four explosions, assessed as controlled detonations: two about 1km west-north-west of Vesela Hora and two about 4-5km west of Obozne (non-government-controlled, 18km north of Luhansk).

Also on 10 October, the Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to water infrastructure near Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk), and on 10 and 11 October, it facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable railway inspection, maintenance and vegetation clearance in Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk), and maintenance of road T-1316 near Zolote.

On 10 and 11 October, the SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

### **Border areas outside government control**

On 11 October, while at a border crossing point near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk) for ten minutes, the SMM saw a covered cargo truck (with Russian Federation licence plates) entering Ukraine. After five minutes, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.\*

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<sup>5</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

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

In Luhansk region, on 10 and 11 October, the Mission noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) in Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were operational.

On 10 October, while at the EECP at about 09:00 and 11:00, the SMM saw in total 50 people (21 women and 29 men, mixed ages) entering government-controlled areas and in total 30 people (15 women and 15 men, mixed ages) traveling in the opposite direction.

On 11 October, while at the EECP at about 09:20 and 11:30, the Mission saw in total 50 people (21 women and 29 men, mixed ages) queuing to enter government-controlled areas and in total 30 people (15 women and 15 men, mixed ages) queuing in the opposite direction.

On the same day, while at the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations at about 12:20 and 13:50, the SMM observed four people (two men in their fifties and one woman and one man, mixed ages) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and 12 people (eight women and four men, mixed ages) queuing in the opposite direction.

On both days, the Mission saw a golf cart operating between the new section of the bridge and the EECP, and on 11 October it saw a shuttle bus operating between the checkpoint and a bus stop south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

## **Attack on an Orthodox Church of Ukraine chapel in Kharkiv city**

The SMM followed up on reports of an attack at the Holy Great Martyr John the New of Suceava Chapel of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine inside Barabashovo Market, located on Amurska Street in Kharkiv city. On 8 October, at the chapel building, the SMM saw broken glass and damage to two east-facing windows, assessed as recent and probably caused by stones. On 30 September, a congregation member told the SMM that on the evening of 27 September, after the market's closure, unknown people had opened small-arms fire and thrown stones at the chapel building. A police representative (woman, about 40 years old) told the Mission that a criminal investigation under Article 296 (Hooliganism) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine had been opened in connection with the incident.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, 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, 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 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

- On 11 October, at the border crossing point near Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km south-east of Luhansk), a member of armed formations told the Mission to leave the area.

### Delay

- On 10 October, at a checkpoint near Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), members of the armed formations allowed the Mission passage only after 40 minutes and after two people (one wearing a hazmat suit) sprayed the SMM's vehicles with a substance from a canister.

## Table of weapons

### Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
09/10/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i> )	In a residential area of Bobrove (56km north-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>				
11/10/2020	5	Multiple launch rocket systems (BM-21 Grad, 122mm)	At the railway station in Druzhkivka (72km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
09/10/2020	10	Tank (nine T-72B and one T-72B (model 1989))	At a training range near Pokrovka (36km east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV

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

Date	No.	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
09/10/2020	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	At a military compound in Heivka (27km north-west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
10/10/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Karlivka (25km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
11/10/2020	1			
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
09/10/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Rozdolne (46km south-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Styla (34km south of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	Near Dokuchaievsk (30km south-west of Donetsk)	

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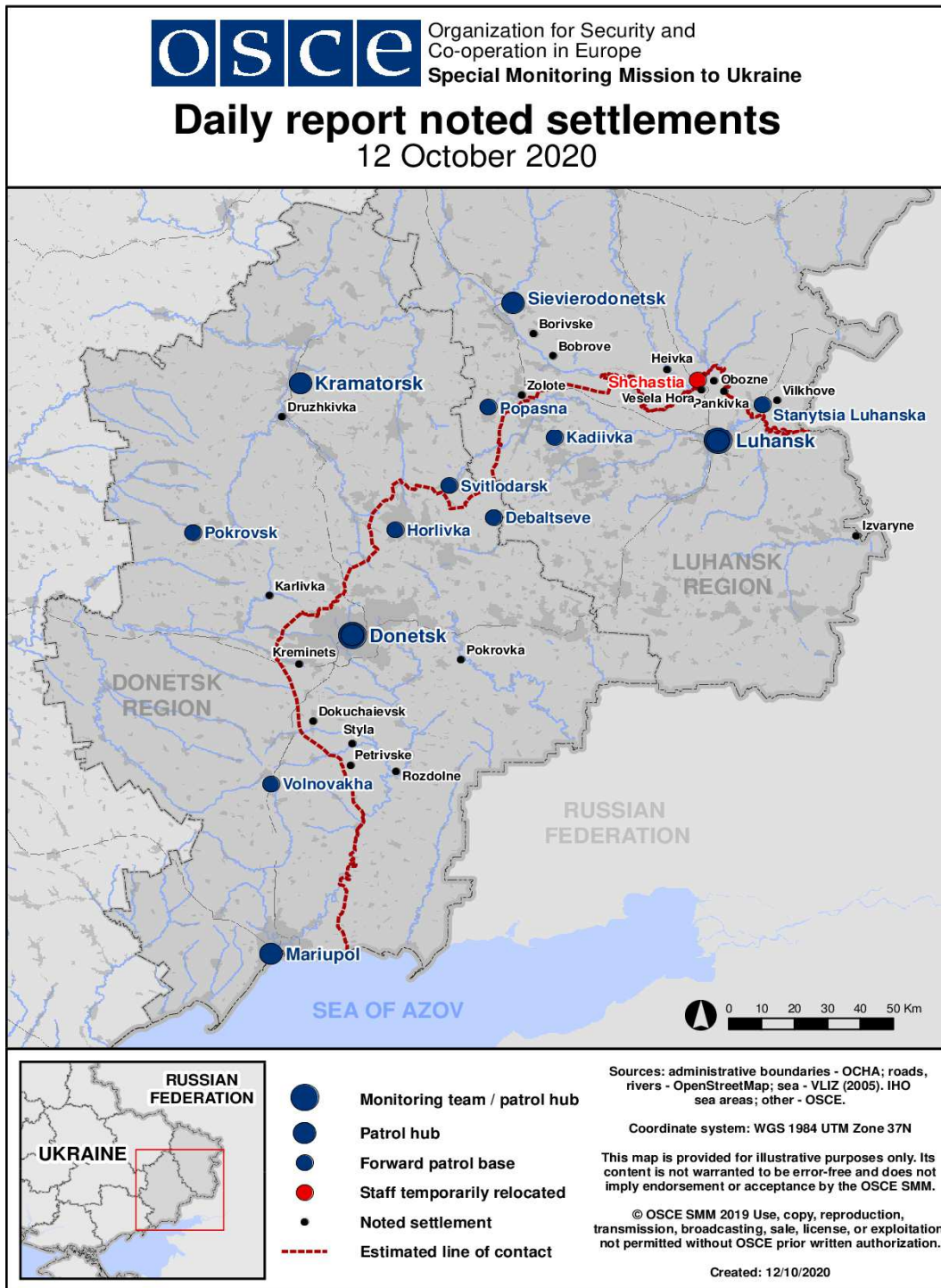


**Table of ceasefire violations as of 11 October 2020<sup>7</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	10km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	10-Oct, 11:50
About 1.5km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	7-10 WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	10-Oct, 12:02
	7-10km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	10-Oct, 12:24
	N/K ENE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	11-Oct, 10:46
Mariupol city centre (government-controlled, 102km S of Donetsk)	N/K SSE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Oct, 15:40

<sup>7</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by 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.

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>8</sup>



<sup>8</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 have 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 also patrols in this settlement during daylight hours).