

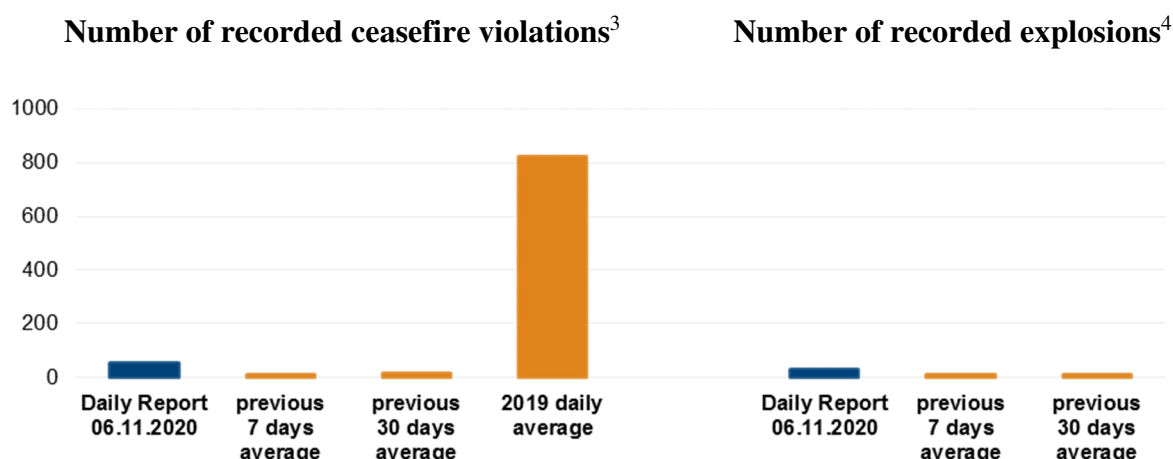
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Summary

- The SMM recorded 52 ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and none in Luhansk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded three ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and one in Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. The SMM saw again a white container truck with “JCCC” written on its sides inside the disengagement area near Zolote and, in the evening hours, people inside the latter two areas.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to and the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians amid the COVID-19 pandemic, including at the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) in Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region. It noted the EECP remained closed.
- The SMM’s freedom of movement continued to be restricted.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 5 November 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras in Petrivske and Berezove were not operational.

³ Including explosions.

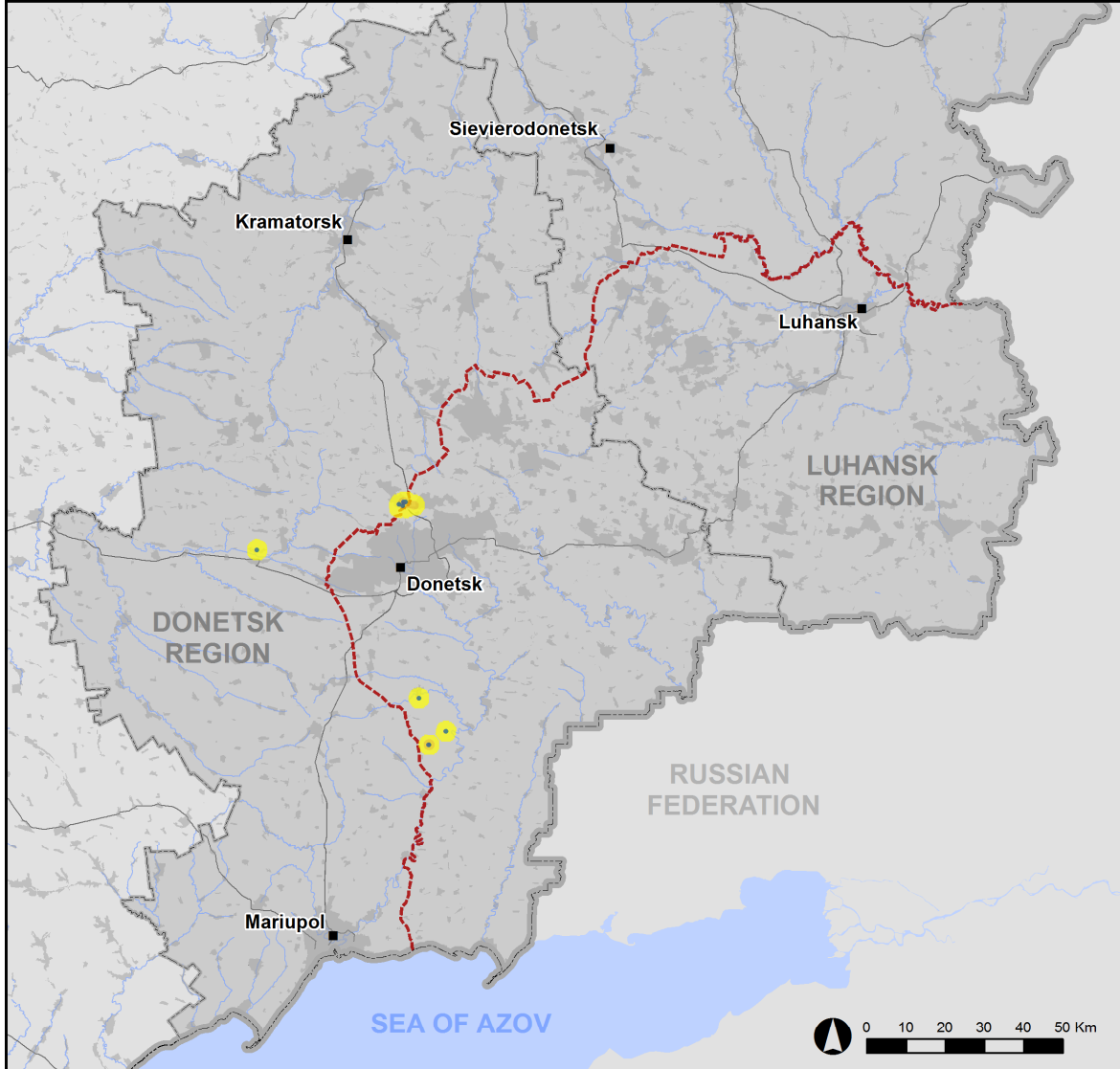
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

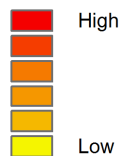


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 5 November 2020



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 52 ceasefire violations, including 32 undetermined explosions, in areas south-south-east and east-south-east of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) and in areas south-east of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded three ceasefire violations in the region, all of them undetermined explosions south of the DFS.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded no ceasefire violations. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded one ceasefire violation in the region.

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 2,051 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 682 explosions, 43 projectiles in flight, 16 muzzle flashes, 23 illumination flares and 1,286 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw two 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 4 November, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted two people near a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near the area’s north-eastern corner.

On the same day, inside the area, an SMM mini-UAV spotted a person in military-type clothing, with an armband, walking north on the T-1316 road, about 120m from the area’s southern edge.

The same mini-UAV also spotted over 300 anti-tank mines (probable TM-62), in fields south of the railway track, east of road T-1316, assessed as part of a larger minefield of about 500 mines belonging to the armed formations (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report 3 November 2020](#)).

During the day on 5 November, inside the disengagement area, the Mission [again](#) saw a stationary white container truck with “JCCC” written on its sides facing north on the side of road T-1316 about 840m south of the area’s northern edge and 100m north of the railway bridge.

During the same day, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote, the SMM saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), two of whom walked inside the area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned.

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

Near the checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces on the northern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM saw 12 workers removing soil and graveling both sides of road T-1316.

South of the southern edge of the Zolote disengagement area, the SMM observed eleven workers with heavy equipment installing a fence on the western and eastern shoulders of road T-1316 and welding a metal structure, reportedly for a bus stop, on the eastern shoulder of road T-1316. The Mission also observed ten workers clearing vegetation, and repairing the road on the southern entrance of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk).

During the day on 4 November, inside **the disengagement area near Petrivske**, an SMM mini-UAV spotted a person inside a former position of the armed formations near the area's south-eastern corner. On the evening of the same day, also inside the area, an SMM long-range UAV spotted a person inside a former position of the armed formations near the area's eastern edge, about 400m north of its south-eastern corner.

On 4 November, inside the disengagement area near Petrivske, an SMM mini-UAV spotted over 200 anti-tank mines (TM-62) laid in two rows in a north-south direction about 900m east of the area's western edge and 700m south of its northern edge, assessed as a part of a known larger minefield belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report 13 March 2020](#)).

On the same day, outside the disengagement area, about 50m west from its western edge, and about 550m south-west from its north-western corner, the same UAV spotted an anti-tank mine (TM-62), part of larger minefield. All these mines were assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces (for previous observations, see [SMM Daily Report 8 April 2020](#)).

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.

In violation of the withdrawal lines, the SMM spotted three surface-to-air missile systems in residential areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region. It also spotted 14 tanks beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further information, see the tables below).

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁶

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

SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. During the day on 5 November, while positioned about 1km north-west of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), it recorded ten ceasefire violations, assessed as within a 5km radius of

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

the station, three of which occurred while the DFS workers convoy was driving towards Yasynuvata on road M-04.

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), 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.

At the intersection of roads H-21 and T-1309, at the former Ukrainian Armed Forces checkpoint on the northern edge of the bridge in Shchastia, the SMM observed workers repairing asphalt, welding a metallic fence and members of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine installing communications equipment in booths. About 3km south-east of the bridge, the Mission saw about 80 workers with heavy equipment clearing vegetation, paving and repairing road H-21 and building metal structures, assessed as for future sanitary facilities.

The Mission also facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable railway inspection, maintenance and vegetation clearance near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk); maintenance of road T-1316 near Zolote – north and south of the disengagement area (see above) – and of road H-21 south of Shchastia; as well as demining activities in agricultural fields between Hirske (government-controlled, 63km west of Luhansk) and Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk), across road H-21 near the bridge in Shchastia, and on road T-1316 inside the disengagement area near Zolote.

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

In Luhansk region, the Mission noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) in Stanytsia Luhanska remained closed.⁷

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnipro, 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, 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 30 October](#)

⁷ Notice about the EECP's temporary closure from 15 October to 31 October 2020 was published on the website of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 13 October. On 28 October, the Ukrainian Armed Forces published on their official Facebook page that the temporary closure of the EECP had been extended until 15 November 2020.

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.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of the withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
04/11/2020	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	In a residential area of Troitske (69km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
05/11/2020	2	Probable surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	In a residential area of Taramchuk (29km south-west of Donetsk)	

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
05/11/2020	10	Tank (six of them T-64)	Near Zatyshne (64km south-west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	4	Tank (three of them T-64)	In a compound on the edge of Volnovakha (53km south of Donetsk)	

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁸

Date	No.	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
04/11/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	Mini UAV
04/11/2020	1	Armoured combat vehicle (probably BMP-variant)	In a compound near Troitske (69km west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	In a residential area of Troitske (69km west of Luhansk)	
	4	Armoured combat vehicle (probably BMP-variant)	In a compound near Trudivske (47km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)		
	1	Armoured combat vehicle (probably BMP-variant)	In a residential area of Novoselivka (66km south of Donetsk)	
05/11/2020	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a residential area of Olhynka (40km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-type)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-variant)	Near Krasnohorivka (21km west of Donetsk)	
	3	Armoured combat vehicle		
Non-government-controlled areas				
04/11/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Styła (34km south of Donetsk)	Mini UAV
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		

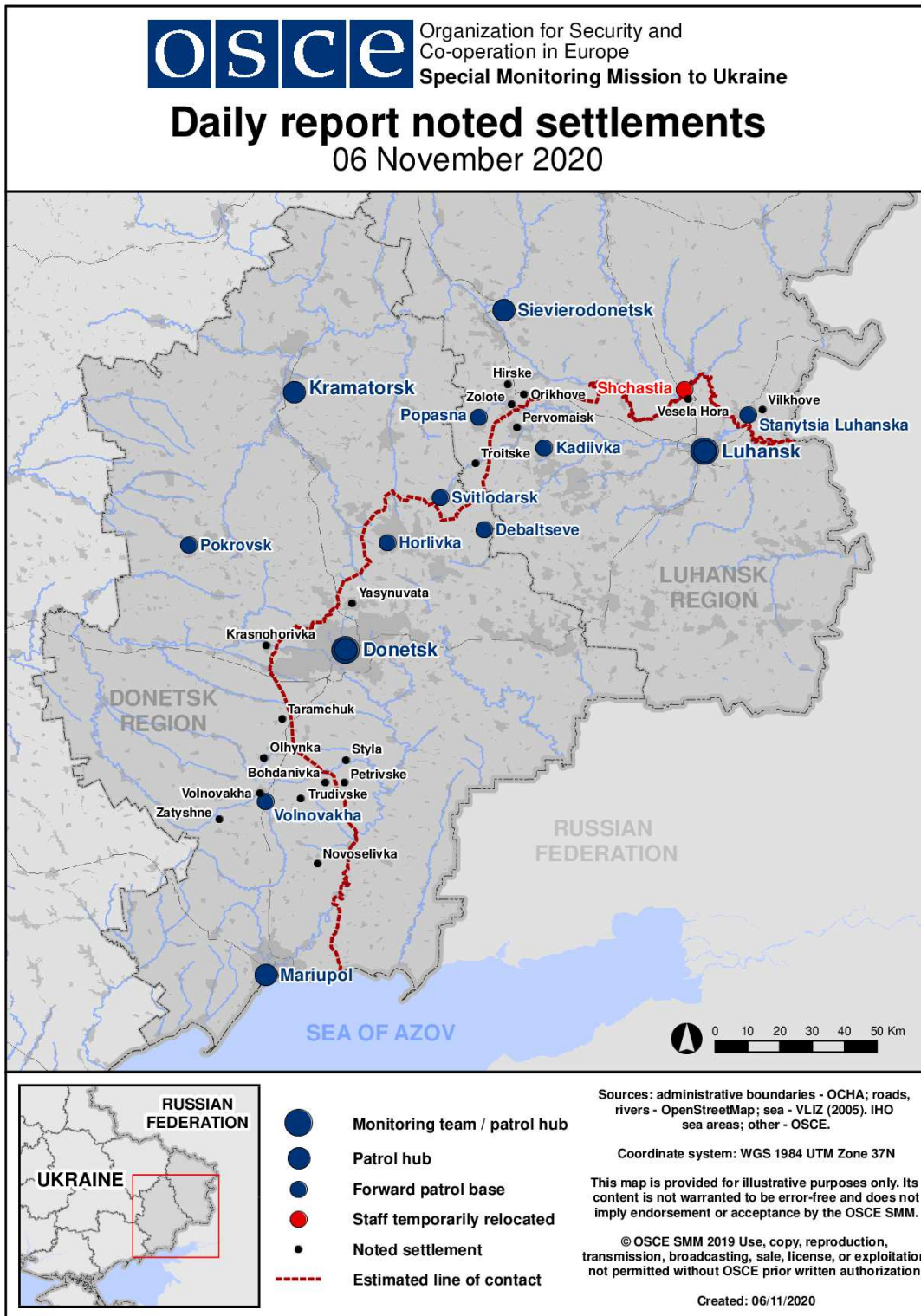
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Table of ceasefire violations as of 5 November 2020⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km E	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 16:21
	3km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 16:22
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 16:23
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 16:24
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 16:24
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Burst	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Nov, 16:24
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Nov, 16:26
	3-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	5-Nov, 16:26
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	5-Nov, 16:27
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Nov, 16:29
1-2km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 16:38	
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	5-Nov, 13:43
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	8-10km SSE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:03
	8-10km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:19
	8-10km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:23
	8-10km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:38
	8-10km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:41
	8-10km SSE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:50
	8-10km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:57
About 700m NW of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	8-10km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 12:34
	8-10km ESE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 12:36
	8-10km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 12:40
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	6-8km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:39
Kurakhove (government-controlled, 40km W of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 09:26
	3-4km NE	Heard	5	Shot		HMG	5-Nov, 09:45

⁹ 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 regions¹⁰



¹⁰ 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).