

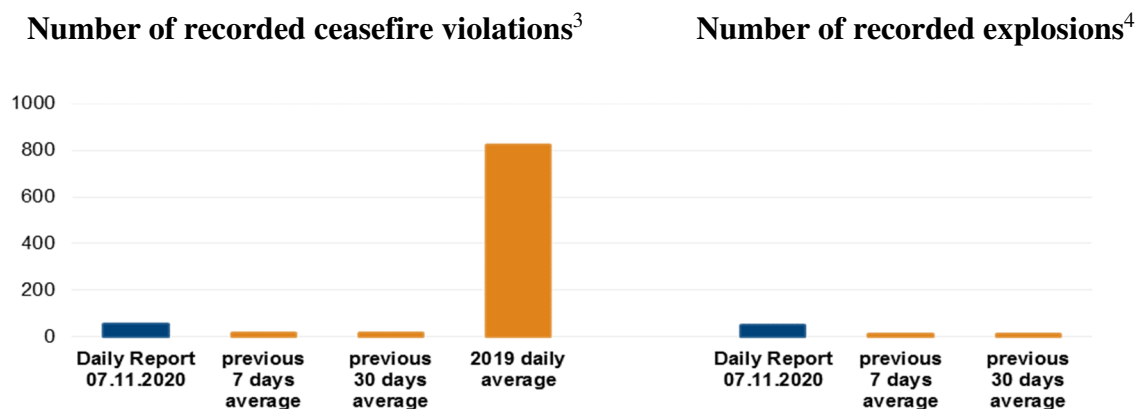
# Daily Report 266/2020

7 November 2020<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- The SMM recorded 55 ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and none in Luhansk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 52 ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and none in Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- 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 a checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka, Donetsk region and the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) in Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region. It noted the EECP remained closed.
- The SMM observed a public gathering in front of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including during ten SMM unmanned aerial vehicle flights over areas on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk region and government-controlled areas of Luhansk region.\*

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



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 6 November 2020. All times are in Eastern European Time.

<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.

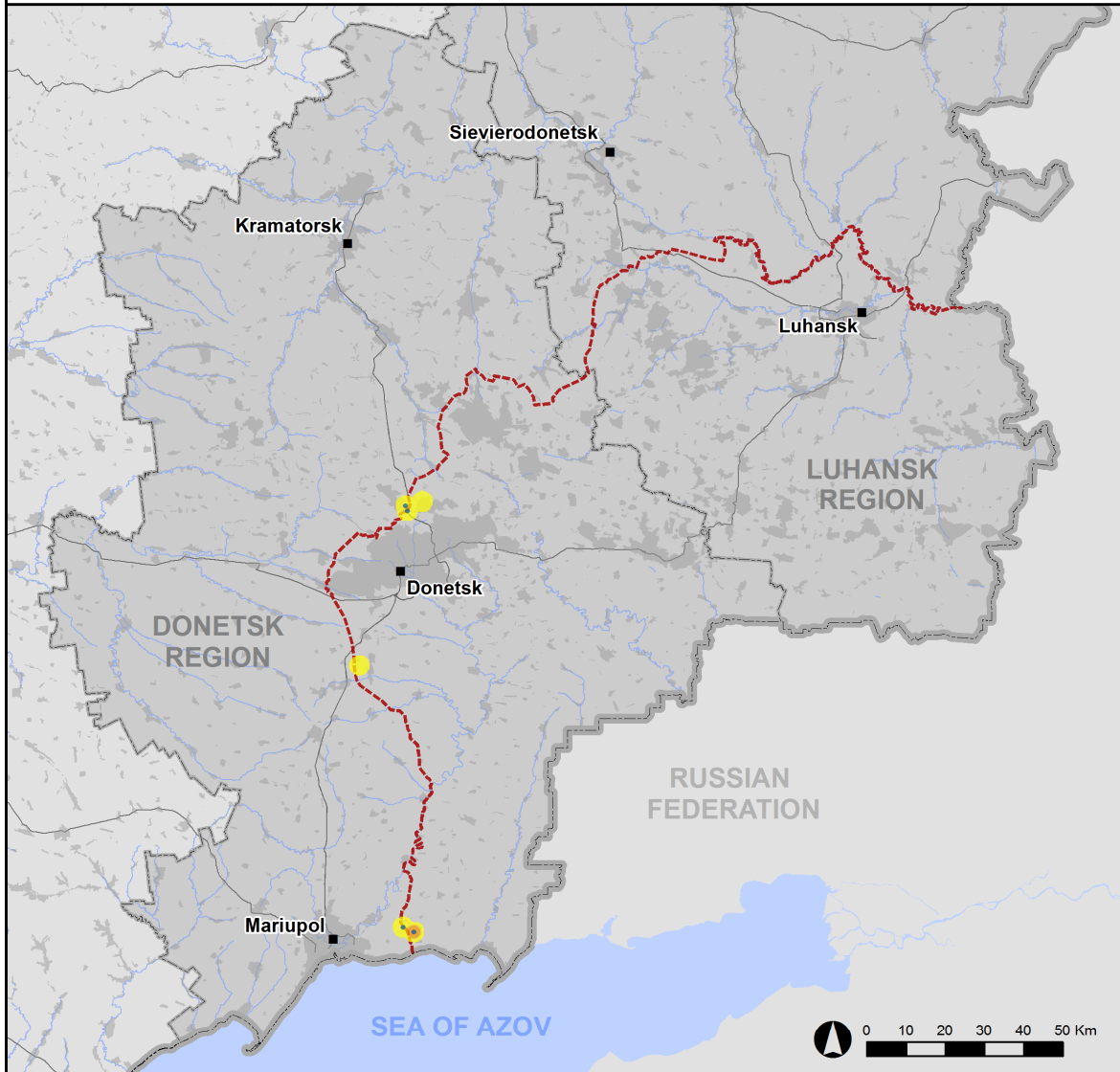
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

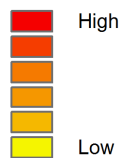


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 6 November 2020



#### 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 55 ceasefire violations, including 48 undetermined explosions, the majority of which in areas north-north-east of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and in areas south-south-west of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 52 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which occurred in areas south-east of the DFS.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded no ceasefire violations, as in the [previous reporting period](#). The last time it recorded ceasefire violations in the region was on 4 November (see [SMM Daily Report 5 November 2020](#)).

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 2,106 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 730 explosions, 45 projectiles in flight, 16 muzzle flashes, 23 illumination flares and 1,292 bursts and shots).

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

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).

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), three of whom, together with three people wearing medical protective gear, walked inside the area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned.

During the day on 6 November, inside the disengagement area, the Mission [again](#) saw a stationary white container truck with a JCCC inscription facing north on the side of road T-1316 about 840m south of the area’s northern edge and 50m north of the railway bridge.

Outside the disengagement area, about 450m north of its northern edge, the SMM saw a tent with a logo of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU), 13 personnel of the Ukrainian Armed Forces installing metal barriers on both sides of road T-1316 and painting a fence on the eastern side of the checkpoint.

Outside the area, about 150-400m south of its southern edge, the Mission saw about 45 workers with heavy equipment painting newly constructed fences and poles and welding a metal construction, reportedly for a pedestrian corridor. Close to the aforementioned construction, the SMM also saw the installation of a double container and a fence, the latter reportedly for a covered walkway.

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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.

While positioned at four locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed a calm situation.

### **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 seven weapons in violation of withdrawal lines (including a multiple launch rocket system) in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, all of them at an airfield near Peremozhne (19km south of Luhansk) (for previous observations in the area see [SMM Daily Report 19 October 2020](#)). Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, it saw ten weapons on both sides of the contact line in Luhansk region (for further information, see the tables below), seven of which at the above-mentioned airfield.

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

The Mission observed two armoured personnel carriers in non-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 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.

About 50m north of the former checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces on the northern edge of the bridge in Shchastia, the Mission observed 50 members of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (SBGS) putting office equipment into containers, reportedly for processing booths, building a sanitary facility, raising fences and painting pavement markings on the asphalt. About 3km south-east of the bridge, at the checkpoint of the armed formations, the Mission saw about 80 workers with heavy equipment constructing a metal roof, reportedly for a vehicle inspection booth, while also installing fences, assessed as for future pedestrian corridors.

The SMM 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 – and of road H-21 south of Shchastia; and demining of road T-1316 near Zolote, of road H-21 near the bridge in Shchastia and of agricultural fields near government-controlled Hirske (63km west of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. During the day on 6 November, while positioned about 1km north-west of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk), the Mission heard three ceasefire violations, all shots of small-arms fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

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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 also facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable a transfer of funds from non-government- to government-controlled areas across the bridge in Shchastia, reportedly related to water payments.

### **Measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic**

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was operational. While at the checkpoint at 08:20 and 11:10, the Mission saw a total of 16 people (mixed genders and ages), one vehicle and an ambulance queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas.

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

### **Public gathering at Constitutional Court of Ukraine**

On the morning of 6 November, in front of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine at 14 Zhylianska Street in Kyiv, the Mission monitored a peaceful gathering of about 200 people (mixed genders, majority in their sixties and seventies), some of whom were expressing messages critical of a land-reform law and possible legal changes to the Constitutional Court. The SMM noted that some of the participants carried banners of various movements related to traditional values and those associated with farmers and landowners. It also saw about 250 police officers at the site.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnipro, Kharkiv and Chernivtsi.

### **\*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 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

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<sup>7</sup> 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.

civilians' movement, through failure to conduct comprehensive clearance of mines, UXO and other obstacles.

Other impediments:

- An SMM mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk).
- On four separate flights, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, twice while flying over areas near Vodiane, once near Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk) and once near Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk).
- On five occasions, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> The interference could have originated from anywhere within a radius of kilometres from the UAVs' positions.

## 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>				
05/11/2020	1	Anti-tank gun (BS-3, 100mm)	At an airfield near Peremozhne (19km south of Luhansk) (for previous observations in the area see <a href="#">SMM Daily Report 19 October 2020</a> )	Mini UAV
	1	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		
	1	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	1	Towed howitzer (2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm)		
	1	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)		
	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)		
	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S3 <i>Akatsiya</i> , 152mm)		

### 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>				
06/11/2020	3	Self-propelled howitzers (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm),	Near Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
05/11/2020	1	Tank (T-64)	At an airfield near Peremozhne (19km south of Luhansk) (for previous observations in the area see <a href="#">SMM Daily Report 19 October 2020</a> )	Mini UAV
	1	Tank (T-72)		
	1	Mortar (2B14 <i>Podnos</i> , 82mm)		
	1	Towed mortar (2B9 <i>Vasilek</i> , 82mm)		
	1	Towed mortar (PM-38, 120mm)		
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> )		
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i> )		

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
06/11/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	In a military-type compound near Stare (formerly Chervonyi Prapor, 58km west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)		

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**Table of ceasefire violations as of 6 November 2020<sup>10</sup>**

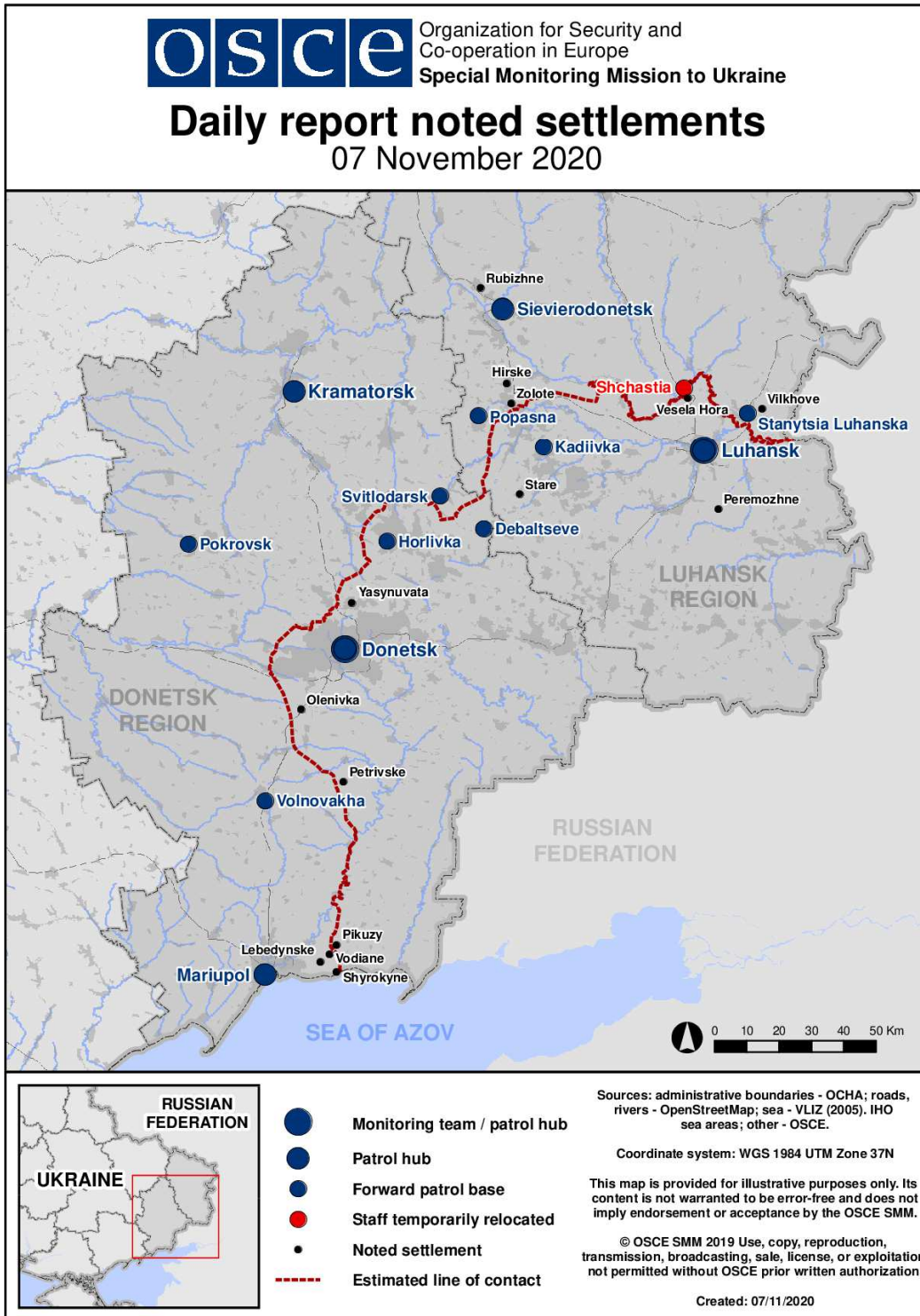
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, also recorded by the SMM camera at the DFS	N/K	6-Nov, 06:00
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, also recorded by the SMM camera at the DFS	N/K	6-Nov, 06:01
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined, also recorded by the SMM camera at the DFS	N/K	6-Nov, 06:02
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 21:05
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	5-Nov, 21:08
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	5-Nov, 21:11
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 21:18
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 21:23
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	6-8km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:15
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:29
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:30
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:31
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:32
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:33
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:34
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:35
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:35
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to the previous event)	N/K	5-Nov, 22:35
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:36
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:37
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:38
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:39
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:40
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:41
	6-8km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 22:42
WNW part Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km SW of Donetsk)	1-2km W	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	6-Nov, 09:15

<sup>10</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.



About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-1.5km NE	Heard	3	Shot	Inside 5km radius of the DFS	Small arms	6-Nov, 10:57
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	4-5km NE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Nov, 09:51
	4-5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Nov, 10:11
	4-5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	6-Nov, 10:55

### 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 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).