

# Daily Report 51/2021

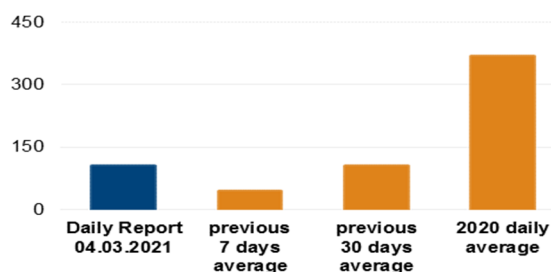
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## Summary

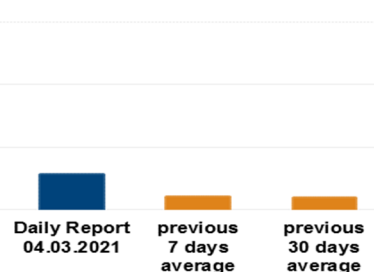
- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 102 ceasefire violations. In the previous reporting period, it recorded ten ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded no ceasefire violations for the fourth consecutive day.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, and observed people inside the area near Zolote during daytime.
- The Mission observed weapons in violation of withdrawal lines in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance, repairs and operation of critical civilian infrastructure. It heard seven ceasefire violations close to the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS), near the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving towards the station.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at two entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM observed 11 trucks bearing the logo of a humanitarian organization cross the contact line near non-government-controlled Vesela Hora towards government-controlled Shchastia.
- The Mission'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, 3 March 2021. 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.

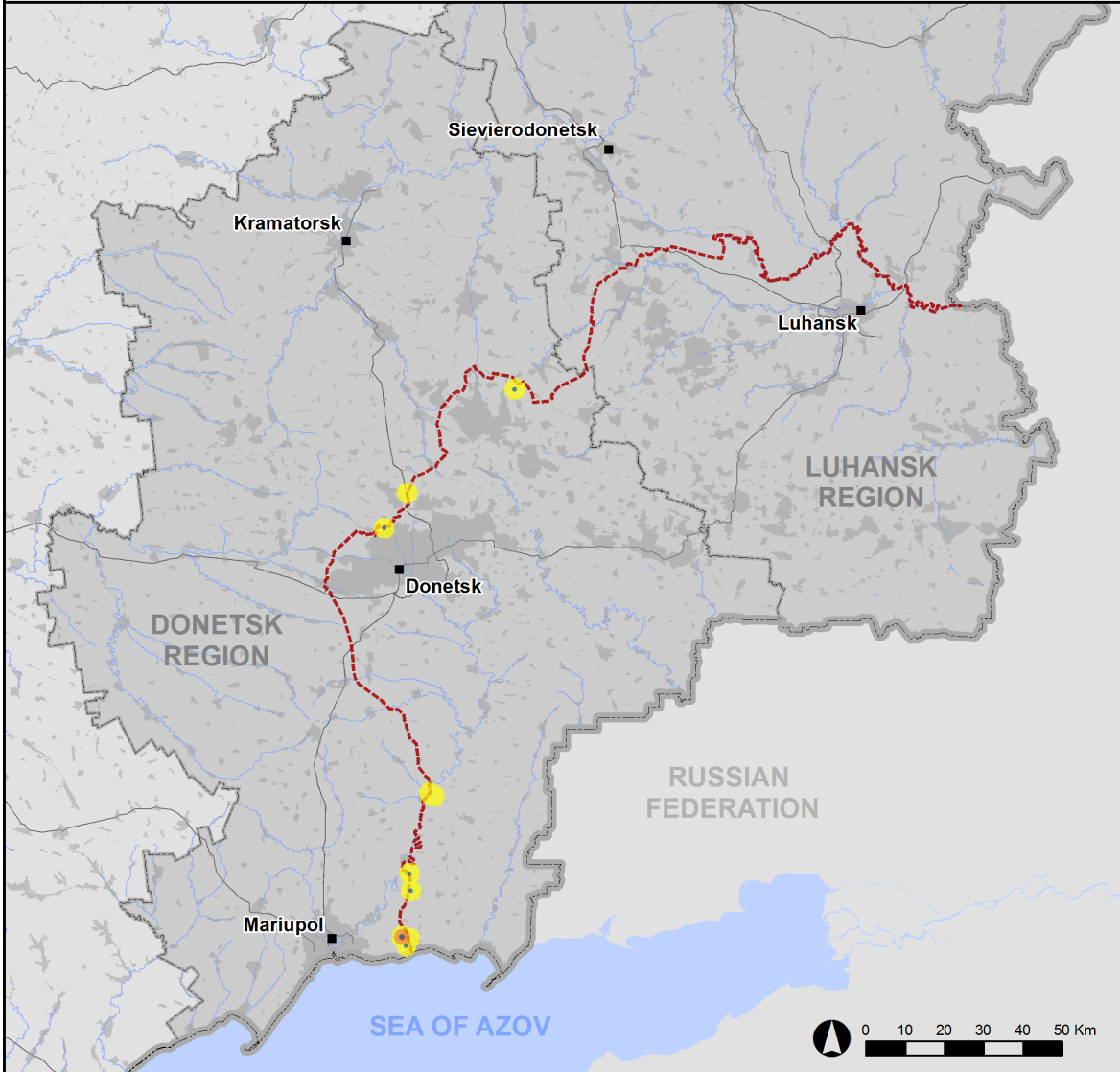
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

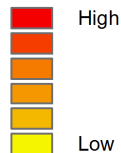


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 3 March 2021



#### 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 102 ceasefire violations, the majority of which were undetermined explosions which occurred at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded ten ceasefire violations, seven of which near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded no ceasefire violations for the fourth consecutive day. The last time it recorded ceasefire violations in the region was on the evening of 27 February. (See [SMM Daily Report of 1 March 2021](#).)

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July 2020 regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire, from 00:01 on 27 July 2020 until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has so far recorded at least 11,180 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 3,825 explosions, 1,281 projectiles in flight, 108 muzzle flashes, 62 illumination flares and at least 5,904 bursts and shots).

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

On 3 March, 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) south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

During the day on 2 March, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted two people inside former positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, one about 550m west-south-west of the area’s north-eastern corner and the other south of the railway track about 900m west of road T-1316.

On 3 March, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area, the SMM again saw five containers inside a fenced perimeter south of its southern edge, on the southern edge of the road leading eastwards towards Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 61km west of Luhansk). The Mission also again saw another container on the area’s southern edge.

Inside the area, the SMM again saw a container about 60–70m north of the other five and another about 350m north of the area’s southern edge, both on the western edge of road T-1316. About 10–30m north of the former container, the Mission again saw six concrete blocks placed in three rows across both lanes of the same road.

While positioned near the abovementioned checkpoint, the Mission saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), three of whom walked inside the area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned, accompanied by an ambulance carrying four people (two men and two women, mixed ages) in protective medical gear.

On 1 March, an SMM mini-UAV spotted two people in military-type clothing outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), about 5m north of its north-eastern corner, on road C-051532 between Petrivske and

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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.

Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south of Donetsk), as well as three people in military-type clothing carrying a large piece of wood on the same road, about 220m west-north-west of the area's north-eastern corner. Later on the same day, the UAV spotted four people in military-type clothing in the same location.

On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time seven probable anti-tank mines (assessed as not recently laid) in a field about 300m north-west of the area's north-eastern corner (not visible in imagery from 29 October 2020), assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

Also on 1 March, inside the area, the same mini-UAV again spotted 60 anti-tank mines about 250m north-west of the its south-eastern corner; 18 anti-tank mines about 1.2km north-north-west of its south-eastern corner, close to the area's eastern edge; and two probable anti-personnel mines (one MON-50 and one MON-90) about 600m south-south-east of its north-eastern corner, near its eastern edge, all assessed as belonging to the armed formations. The UAV also again spotted a single row of about 150 anti-tank mines about 700m east-south-east of the area's north-western corner, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On the same day, outside the area, the same SMM mini-UAV again spotted an anti-tank mine (probable TM-62) in a field about 700m north of Petrivske; about 60 anti-tank mines in a field about 200m east of the area's eastern edge, about 900m south-east of its north-eastern corner; six anti-tank mines about 130m west-north-west of its north-eastern corner, beside road C-051532; and about 20 anti-personnel mines in a plastic bag in a field about 2km north of Petrivske. All of these mines were assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Reports of 19 June 2020](#), [11 November 2020](#) and [28 January 2021](#).)

The same UAV also again spotted a single row of about 200 anti-tank mines about 650m east-north-east of the area's north-western corner, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 19 June 2020](#).)

On 3 March, while positioned at three locations near the disengagement area, 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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM observed six tanks and three howitzers in a non-government-controlled training in Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the Mission observed two tanks, three anti-tank guided missile systems and four anti-tank guns in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (For further information, see the tables below.)

### **Weapons storage sites**

*At a weapons permanent storage site in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region*  
3 March

The SMM noted that 65 tanks (T-64), 24 mortars (22 M120-15 *Molot*, 120mm and two 2B11 *Sani*, 120mm) were again missing.

#### **Weapons the SMM could not verify as withdrawn<sup>6</sup>**

*At two heavy weapons holding areas in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region*

3 March

The SMM noted that four anti-tank guns (MT-12 *Rapira*, 100mm) and 15 self-propelled howitzers (2S1 *Gvozdika*, 122 mm) were present, and that 86 howitzers (49 2A36 *Giatsint-B*, 152mm and 37 2A65 *Msta-B*, 152mm) were again missing.

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

The SMM saw armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk region, including near residential houses, and in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

#### **Anti-tank mines near Petrivske, Donetsk region, and Vesela Hora, Luhansk region, as well as demining activities near Myrna Dolyna, Luhansk region**

On 1 March, an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time eight anti-tank mines (assessed as not recently laid) about 3km north of Petrivske, assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

On the same day, in a field about 2.5km east-north-east of Vesela Hora (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted about 32 anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 7 December 2020](#).)

On 3 March, on the eastern outskirts of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), on the southern edge of a road leading towards Viktorivka, the SMM observed for the first time a hazard sign (red with a skull and crossbones and a warning written on it in Ukrainian).

On the same day, about 1.8km south-east of Myrna Dolyna (government-controlled, 67km north-west of Luhansk), on the western edge of road P-66, the SMM observed seven de-miners (men, mixed ages) of an international organisation conducting demining activities.

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

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). During the day, while positioned near the station, the Mission recorded seven shots of small-arms fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the station, near the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving towards the station.

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<sup>6</sup> The SMM observed weapons that could not be verified as withdrawn, as their storage did not comply with the criteria set out in the 16 October 2015 notification from the SMM to the signatories of the Package of Measures on effective monitoring and verification of the withdrawal of heavy weapons.

<sup>7</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

It also facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance and repairs to sewage treatment infrastructure near a government-controlled area of Dolomitne (53km north-east of Donetsk) and repairs to power lines near Zolote-5/Mykhailivka.

### **Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints**

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, the Mission noted that the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge was open, with people queueing to travel in both directions.

The SMM also noted that the entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open but did not observe any people passing through, and that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote was closed.

While positioned near the EECP and near the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia, the SMM saw 11 trucks bearing the logo of an international humanitarian organization cross towards government-controlled areas. (For a previous observation of trucks passing through this crossing point into non-government-controlled areas, see [SMM Daily Report of 2 March 2021](#).)

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, 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 Minsk agreements 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 2 March 2021](#)). 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:<sup>8</sup>

- On 2 March, an SMM long-range UAV twice experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, once while flying over areas between government-controlled Novozvanivka (70km west of Luhansk) and Troitske (69km west of Luhansk), and once between government-controlled Luhanske (59km north-east of Donetsk) and Marinka (23km south-west of Donetsk).

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<sup>8</sup> For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAV's positions.



## Table of weapons

### Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
2/3/2021	6	Tank (T-72B)	In a training area near Novoselivka (37km north-east of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	3	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)		

### 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>				
2/3/2021	2	Tank (T-72B)	In a compound in Kostiantynivka (60km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	3	Anti-tank guided missile system (9P149 <i>Shturm-S</i> , 130mm)	At a railway station in Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	4	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		

### 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>				
2/3/2021	3	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	Near Myronivskiyi (62km north-east of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle	In a residential area of Luhanske (59km north-east of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Slavne (26km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		
	2	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a residential area of Bakhmut (formerly Artemivsk, 67km north of Donetsk)	
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)		
3/3/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Krasnohorivka (24km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
1/3/2021	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-1 and two BMP variants)	Near Petrivske (41km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Armoured combat vehicle		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (probable MT-LB)		
2/3/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (probable MT-LB)	In a residential area of Lukove (72km south of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (two BTR-80A and one BMP-1)	In a training area near Khoroshe (36km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	2	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)		

<sup>9</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.



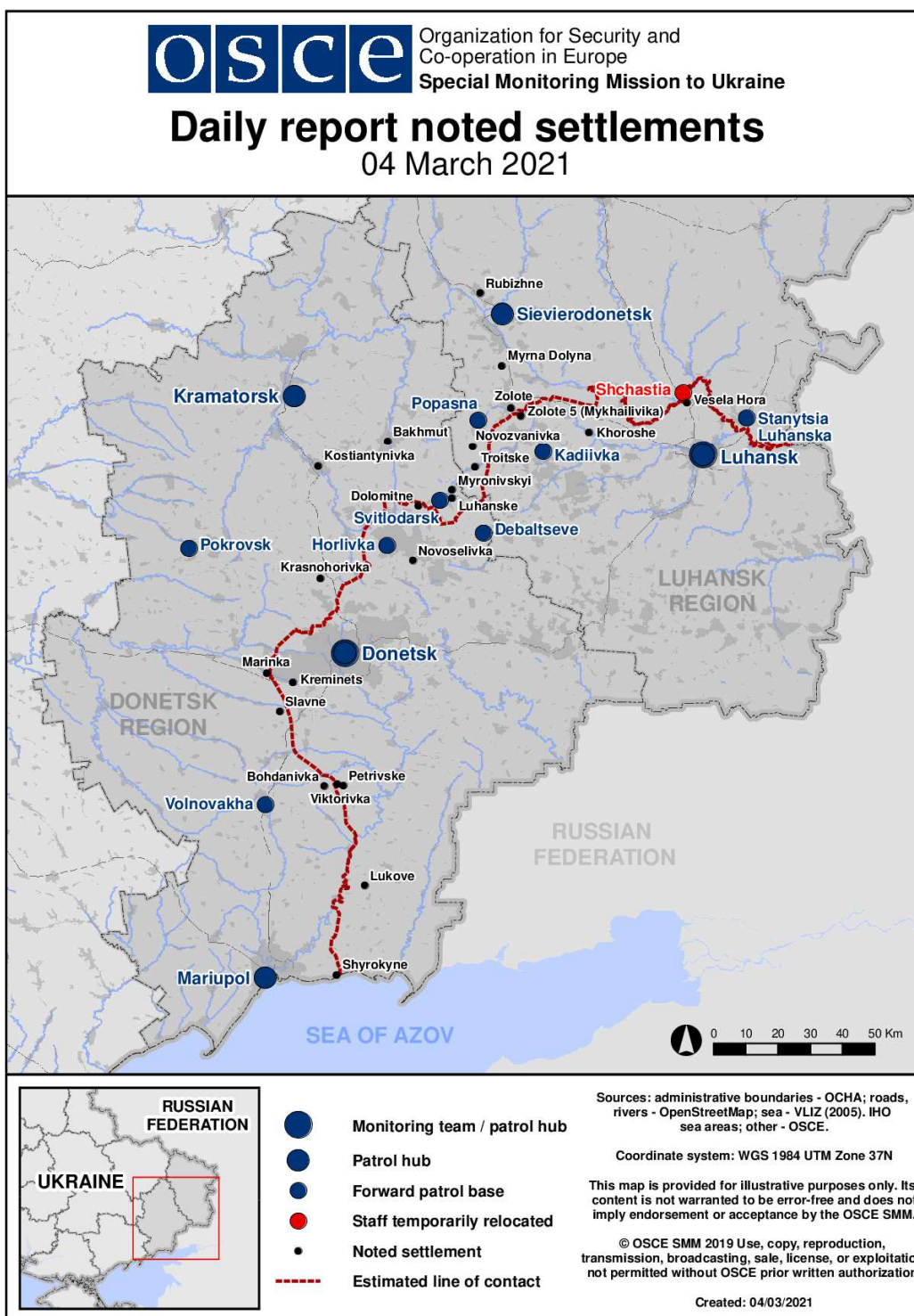
**Table of ceasefire violations as of 3 March 2021<sup>10</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
About 2km SSE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	0.5-1km SSE	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	3-Mar, 13:10-13:14
About 1km SW of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 13:32
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SSE	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	2-Mar, 23:32
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	2-Mar, 23:32
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	2-Mar, 23:32
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	2-Mar, 23:32
SMM camera at the entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	2-Mar, 21:15
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	2-Mar, 21:15
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	2-Mar, 21:15
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	1-3km ENE	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	2-Mar, 21:44
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	3-Mar, 00:55
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 07:23
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	2-Mar, 21:15
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Mar, 21:15
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	2-Mar, 21:25
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	2-Mar, 21:38
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	2-Mar, 21:38
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:11
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:12
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:13
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:14
4-6km N	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:15	

<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.

4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:16
4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:18
4-6km N	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:19
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:20
4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:21
4-6km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:22
4-6km N	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:23
4-6km N	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:24
4-6km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:25
4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:28
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:32
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:35
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:41
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:42
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:44
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:45
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:46
4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:47
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:48
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:49
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:50
4-6km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:51
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:53
4-6km N	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:55
2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:55
4-6km N	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:56
4-6km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:57
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:58
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 02:59
4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 03:05
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 03:06
4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 03:07
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 03:08
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 03:09
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Mar, 03:10

### 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).