

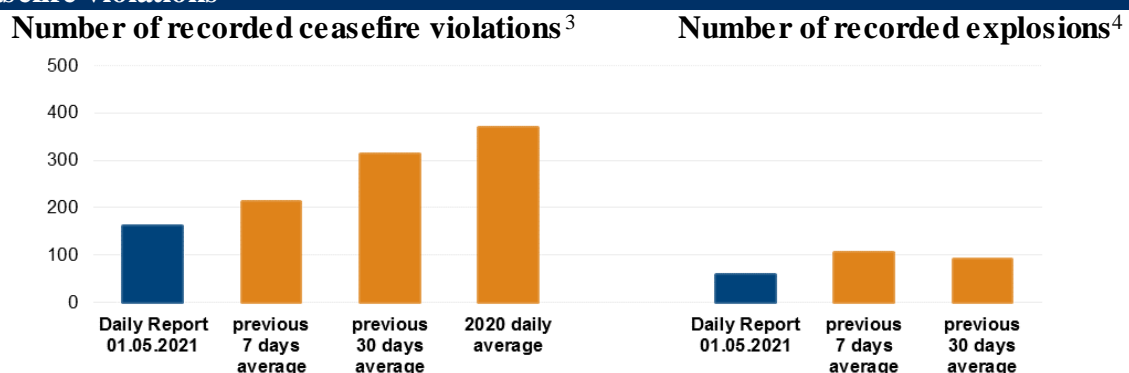
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 95 ceasefire violations, including 47 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 82 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 66 ceasefire violations, including ten explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 36 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It spotted people inside the disengagement area near Zolote during day time.
- The SMM observed anti-tank mines near government-controlled Marinka and non-government-controlled Verkhnoшыrokiwske, Khreshchatytske, Syhnalne (assessed as recently laid), and Oleksandrivka, Donetsk region.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk region.
- The SMM visited two border crossing points outside government control and monitored areas close to the border with the Russian Federation in Donetsk region.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. The SMM's long-range UAV again experienced dual GPS signal interference at its base in government-controlled Stepanivka on 30 April. On 1 May, the UAV was able to complete its planned flight*.

Ceasefire violations²



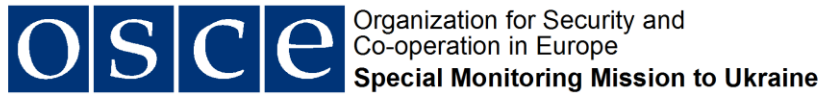
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 30 April 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Petrivske and the SMM camera system at the Oktiabr mine were not operational.

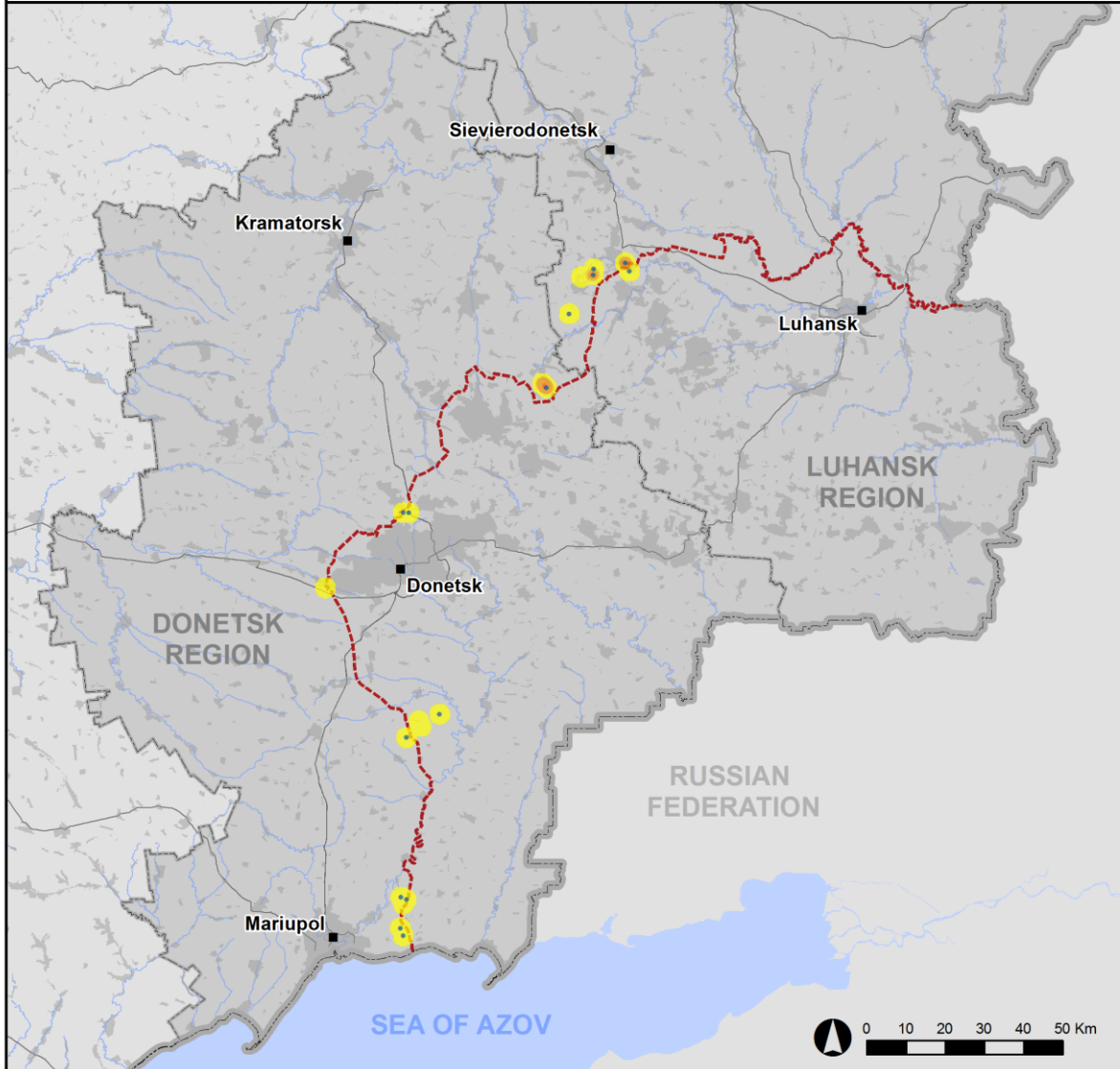
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

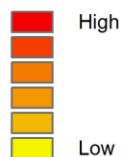
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 30 April 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 95 ceasefire violations, including 47 explosions (one impact and 46 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-east of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 82 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 66 ceasefire violations, including ten undetermined explosions. Almost all ceasefire violations occurred in areas north and west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 36 ceasefire violations, some of them in areas north-west of the disengagement area.

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 23,321 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 7,652 explosions, 2,862 projectiles in flight, 196 muzzle flashes, 79 illumination flares and at least 12,532 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 30 April, while positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

During the day on 29 April, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted in total three people inside former positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near the area's north-eastern corner as well as near the railway track about 1.6km west-south-west of its north-eastern corner.

On the night of 29 and 30 April, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded an undetermined explosion and 29 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km east. During the same night, while positioned on the northern edge of Popasna, the SMM heard two undetermined explosions and 22 bursts at an assessed range of 3-4km east. On 30 April, while positioned at the same location, the SMM heard an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 3-5km east-north-east. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. On the same day, while positioned in Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard three undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 6-8km west-south-west, unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area.

On 30 April, inside the disengagement area, an SMM mini-UAV again spotted at least 89 anti-tank mines in fields about 500m north of the area's southern edge, and west and east of road T-1316, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Reports of [14 May 2020](#) and [14 April 2021](#).)

While positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw five 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

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

edge and then returned, accompanied by two women (in their thirties) wearing protective medical gear.

The Mission again saw the eight previously observed containers located south of the disengagement area's southern edge, on its edge and inside the area.

While positioned at two locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard three undetermined explosions and four shots of small-arms fire, all 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.

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

The Mission saw one armoured personnel carrier in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Anti-tank mines near government-controlled Marinka and non-government-controlled Verkhnohyrokiivske, Khreshchatytske, Syhnalne (assessed as recently laid) and Oleksandrivka, Donetsk region

On 28 April, an SMM mid-range UAV spotted for the first time about 1,350 anti-tank mines in two fields: one about 700m north-west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk) and the other extending from the northern edge Verkhnohyrokiivske to about 3km further north. The same UAV also spotted for the first time four anti-tank mines attached to a board on a road at a checkpoint of the armed formations on the western edge of Khreshchatytske (formerly Krasnoarmiiske, non-government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk). All these mine were assessed as not recently laid and as belonging to the armed formations.

The same UAV again spotted in total 130 anti-tank mines in three fields about 4km north-north-east, 1.7km west and 1km west of Verkhnohyrokiivske, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Reports of [3 February 2020](#), [22 April 2021](#) and [27 April 2021](#)).

On 29 April, in a field 1.5km north-east of Syhnalne (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time about 600 anti-tank mines (all probable), assessed as recently laid and as belonging to the armed formations.

On the same day, on the south-eastern edge of Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time six anti-tank mines (unable assess if recently laid), laid across a local road, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

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

On the same day, near a residential area on the north-western edge of Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk) an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time about 98 anti-tank mines, assessed as not recently laid and as belonging to the armed formations.

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at two locations near the station, the SMM recorded two ceasefire violations (both undetermined explosions), assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS. The Mission also monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk). On the morning of 30 April, while near Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard one undetermined explosion, at an assessed range of 2-4km south of its position, assessed as a controlled detonation.

The SMM also monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable regular railway track inspection, maintenance and vegetation clearance in Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk) and maintenance to the phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km north-east of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were open, with traffic passing through in both directions. While at the checkpoint of the armed formations, the Mission saw six trucks accompanied by two cars bearing logos of an international organization cross the contact line towards non-government-controlled areas.

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

In Luhansk region, the Mission noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queuing to travel in both directions. On the morning of 30 April, while positioned near the EECP, the SMM observed that the number of people queuing to enter government-controlled areas was continuously increasing up to about 500 people, who were not able to pass the document-processing booths. Two representatives of a non-governmental organisation informed the SMM that this was due to a temporary malfunction of the “Stay at home” application. After about four and a half hours, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine confirmed that the application was again operational and people started to pass through the processing booths into government-controlled areas.

The SMM also noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open. The Mission noted that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote was closed, and that the checkpoint of the armed formations 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia was closed for civilian traffic.

While positioned near the EECF near Shchastia and near the checkpoint of the armed formations 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia, the Mission observed 20 trucks, three of which bearing the logo of an international organization, cross the contact line and travel towards government-controlled areas.

Border areas outside government control

At a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk), for about 30 minutes, the Mission observed 15 cars (including seven with “DPR” plates) and 22 people (13 women, eight men of mixed ages and one girl) entering Ukraine. During the same time, the SMM saw nine cars (including seven with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates, carrying about 60 people of mixed genders and ages), two mini-buses (including one with “DPR” plates) and 16 people (eight women and six men, mixed ages and two girls) exiting Ukraine.

While positioned at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk), for about 15 minutes, the SMM did not observe any civilian traffic.

The SMM also monitored areas along the border outside government control near Manych (76km east of Donetsk), Stepne (72km south-east of Donetsk), Petropavlivka (68km south-east of Donetsk), Vasylivka (65km south-east of Donetsk), Kosharne (61km south-east of Donetsk), Novoivanivka (57km south-east of Donetsk) and Olhynske (55km south-east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

The SMM 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 Coordination (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 29 April 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: ⁷

- On 30 April, an SMM long-range UAV flight was cancelled due to dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, near its base in Stepanivka (government-controlled, 54km north of Donetsk). On 1 May, the SMM successfully conducted a long-range UAV flight.

⁷ For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interferences could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAV's position.

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
30/4/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol

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

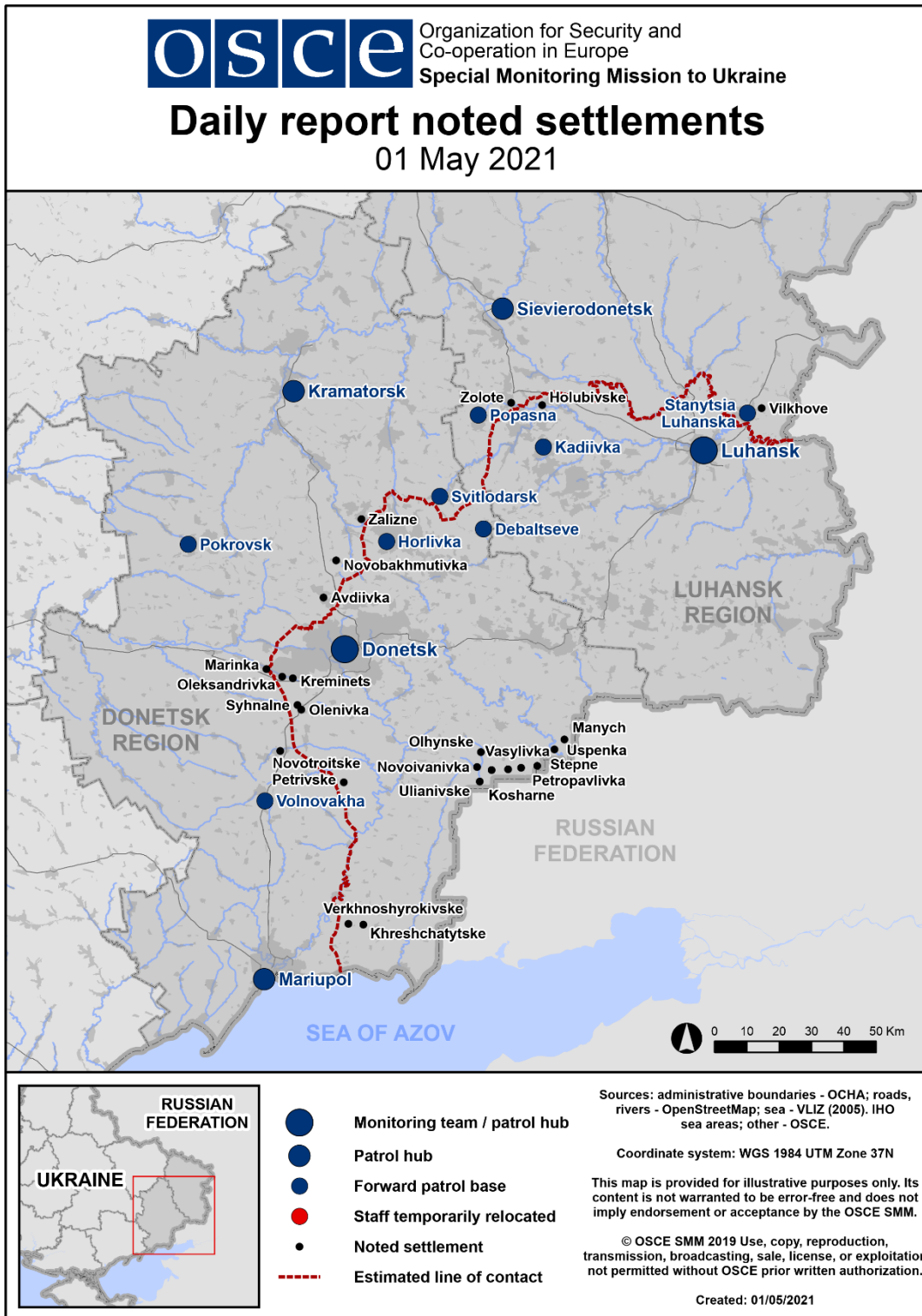
Table of ceasefire violations as of 30 April 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Apr, 02:04
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Apr, 14:18
About 2.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Apr, 14:18
Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	1-2km SE	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	30-Apr, 11:13
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SSE	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	30-Apr, 10:20-10:30
	5-7km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Apr, 12:20
	2km SSE	Heard	2	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	30-Apr, 13:48
About 2km E of Bohdaniivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	5km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	30-Apr, 12:42
	5km SSE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	30-Apr, 13:20
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	30-Apr, 10:28-10:30
	3-4km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	30-Apr, 10:28-10:30
	2km ESE	Heard and saw	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	30-Apr, 10:28-10:30
About 500m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Apr, 12:35
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Heard	19	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Apr, 19:00-19:08
	4-6km SE	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Apr, 19:14-19:18
	3-4km SE	Heard	22	Burst		HMG	29-Apr, 19:14-19:22
	4-6km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Apr, 19:28-19:32
	4-6km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Apr, 19:43-19:44
	3-5km SE	Heard	18	Burst		HMG	29-Apr, 19:54-19:59
	4-6km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Apr, 20:01
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	10	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Apr, 21:47

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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Apr, 21:47
	2-4km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Apr, 21:49
	2-4km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Apr, 21:56
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Apr, 01:10
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Apr, 01:37
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-4km E	Heard	9	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	29-Apr, 21:48-21:49
	3-4km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	29-Apr, 21:56
	3-4km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	29-Apr, 22:06
	3-4km E	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	N/K	29-Apr, 22:06
	3-4km E	Heard	10	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	N/K	29-Apr, 22:09
	700-800m SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	30-Apr, 01:00-01:04
	700-900m SE	Heard	2	Burst		Anti-aircraft gun	30-Apr, 01:05-01:06
	3-5km ENE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Apr, 11:29
N edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	15-20km SW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Apr, 11:30
Holubivske (non-government controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	6-8km WSW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	30-Apr, 11:31-11:43

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).