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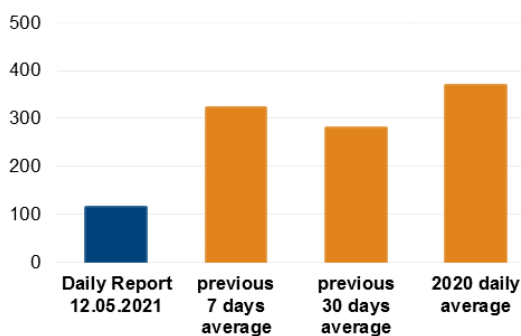
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Summary

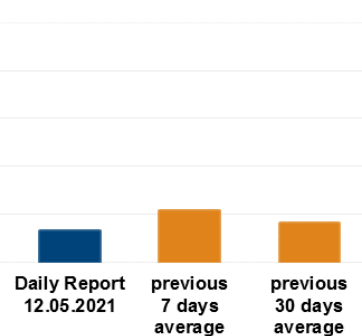
- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 112 ceasefire violations, including 66 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 200 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded no ceasefire violations. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 17 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM followed up on reports of injuries to a man due to the detonation of an explosive device in Orikhove-Donetske, Luhansk region.
- The Mission saw fresh damage assessed as caused by shelling to residential houses in the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiy District.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) near government-controlled Bohdanivka, Donetsk region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and two corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Staromykhailivka, Donetsk region. Its UAVs again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³



Number of recorded explosions⁴



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 11 May 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 was not operational.

³ Including explosions.

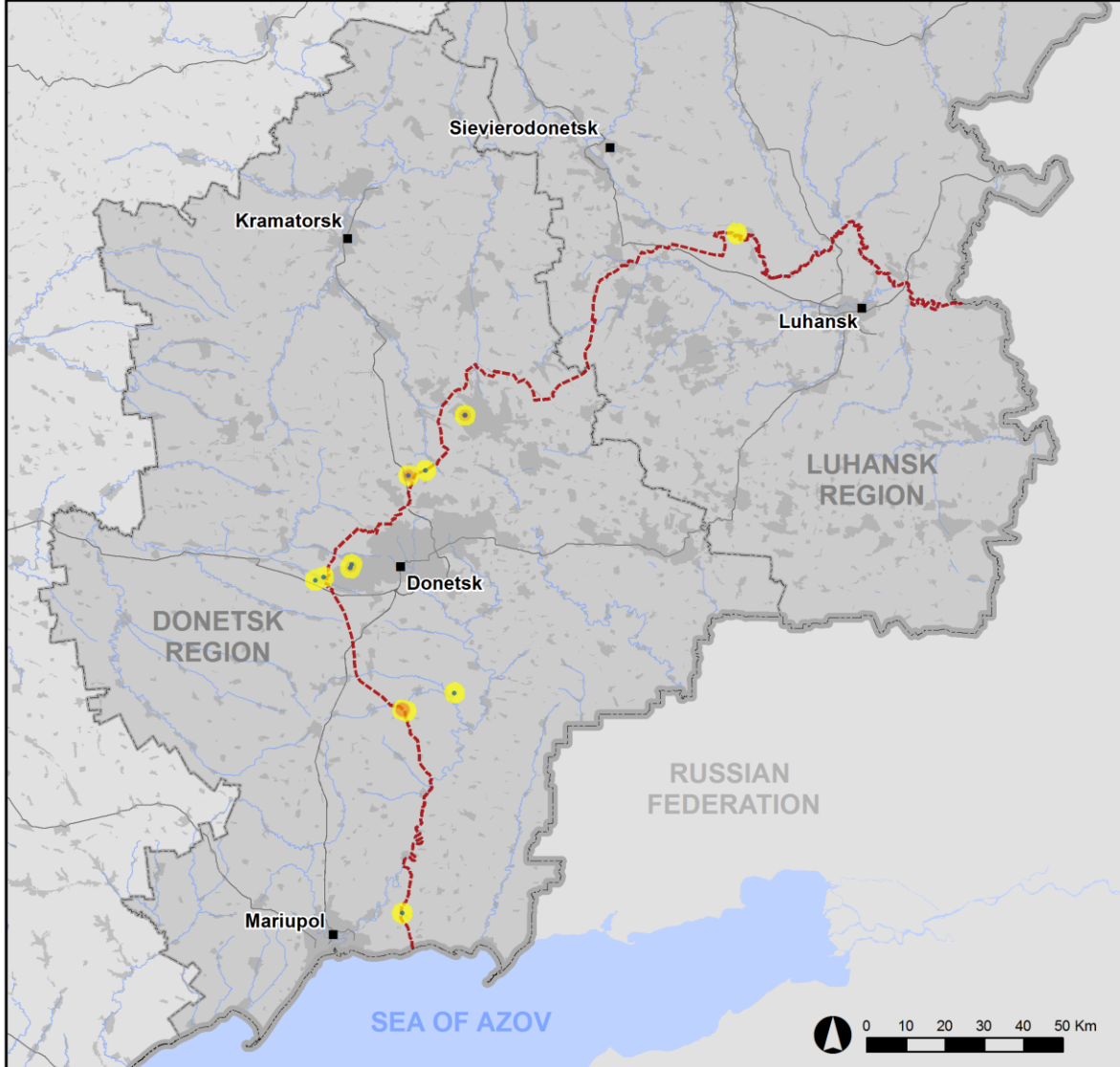
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

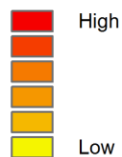


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 11 May 2021



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 112 ceasefire violations, including 66 explosions (65 undetermined and one airburst). The majority of ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, occurred at northerly directions of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below), at north-westerly directions of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) and at north-easterly directions of Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 200 ceasefire violations, some of which in an area close to the disengagement area near Petrivske.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded no ceasefire violations. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 17 ceasefire violations.

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 recorded at least 26,136 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 8,521 explosions, 3,388 projectiles in flight, 208 muzzle flashes, 94 illumination flares and at least 13,925 bursts and shots).

Man injured due to the detonation of an explosive device in Orikhove-Donetske, Luhansk region

The Mission followed up on reports of a man (in his forties) who was injured on 21 March 2021 in Orikhove-Donetske (government-controlled, 44km north-west of Luhansk).

On 23 March, the SMM spoke over the phone to a woman (age unknown), who introduced herself as the man's sister. She said that around noon on 21 March, in Orikhove-Donetske, her brother (in his forties) had been working to disassemble an old house with a colleague (age unknown) when an object exploded and injured him. She added that he had been subsequently hospitalised.

On 24 March, medical staff of a hospital in Sievierodonetsk (government-controlled, 74km north-west of Luhansk) told the SMM that on 21 March, a man (in his forties) had been brought to the hospital with multiple shrapnel injuries. On 7 May, the Mission saw the man's medical certificate, according to which he had suffered shrapnel wounds consistent with the detonation of an explosive device.

Damage to residential houses in the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiy District

The SMM followed up on reports of damage to residential houses due to shelling in the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiy District (non-government-controlled) on 8 May.

On 10 May, on 10 Tomska Street, on the western edge of the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiy District, the Mission saw an impact crater (about 40cm in diameter) in the backyard of an inhabited one-storey house, about 5m south-east of its east-facing wall, in which it saw two shattered windows covered with transparent plastic foil. Just north and east of the crater, the SMM saw a total of about 25 holes in the western side of an outhouse, the south-facing wall of a shed and in a metal barrel in front of it. At the aforementioned address, a man (in his thirties), who introduced himself as a resident of the house, told the SMM that in the evening of 8 May, he had been at a friend's house located further north on the same street, when he had heard an explosion nearby.

At 4/2 Bezlisna Street, located in the western part of the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiy District, the Mission saw a hole in the glass pane of a north-west-facing window of an inhabited one-storey house and that the upper part of the north-facing side of a tree about 5m north-west of the window had splintered. A woman (in her seventies), who introduced herself as the house's owner, told the SMM that in the early morning and the afternoon of 8 May, she had heard explosions nearby.

At 6/1 Bezlisna Street, located about 50m north-east of the abovementioned house, the SMM saw that the glass pane of a north-west-facing window of an inhabited one-storey house was shattered and saw about 20 holes in its frame. A woman (in her eighties), who introduced herself as the house's owner, told the Mission that on the early morning and the afternoon of 8 May, she had heard explosions nearby.

The SMM assessed all of this damage as fresh and caused by rounds of undetermined weapons fired from a north-westerly direction.

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near Bohdanivka, Donetsk region

While positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the SMM heard three instances of in total 43 shots and bursts of small-arms fire (see the section below) at an assessed range of 2km north-north-east, assessed as directed at the UAV, which was flying about 2km north and north-north-east of the SMM's position. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area. During this flight, as well as a previous and a subsequent flight over the area, the UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

While positioned 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).

While positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), 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. At the checkpoint of the armed formations, the SMM saw two workers (men in their thirties) reportedly fixing an overhead phone line.

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.

On 11 May, while located about 2km north of Petrivske, the SMM heard three bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 2-3km west. On the same day, while positioned about 2km

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

east of Bohdanivka, the Mission heard 43 shots and bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 2km north-north-east (see above). All of these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** 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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the Mission saw a surface-to-air missile system in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The SMM saw an armoured personnel carrier in a residential area of a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of anti-tank mines near Lohvynove, Luhanske and Pankivka and unexploded ordnance in Donetsk city's Kyivskiy district

On 7 May, in fields about 3km and 4km north-west of Lohvynove (non-government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), west of road M-03, an SMM mid-range UAV spotted for the first time about 190 anti-tank mines, assessed as not recently laid. In fields between 2.5km and 4km north-west of Lohvynove near and on road M-03, the same UAV again spotted about 500 anti-tank mines (some of them burned out). All of these mines were assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area see SMM Daily Reports of [7 August 2020](#), [17 October 2020](#) and [18 March 2021](#).)

On the same day, in fields about 3.5km and 5km south-east of Luhanske (government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), west of road M-03, an SMM mid-range UAV spotted for the first time in total about 280 anti-tank mines, assessed as not recently laid. In fields between 3.5km and 5km south-east of Luhanske, the same UAV again spotted about 120 anti-tank mines, including near and on road M-03. All of these mines were assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in the area, see SMM Daily Reports of [7 August 2020](#) and [17 October 2020](#).)

On 10 May, about 650m north-west of Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time ten probable anti-tank mines located next to a military-type position, assessed as in storage and belonging to the armed formations.

On the same day, on the northern edge of Donetsk city's Kyivskiy district (non-government-controlled, 5km north of Donetsk city centre), about 80m north of the water pumping station at 2 Domobudivnykiv Street, the Mission observed for the first time two pieces of unexploded ordnance, assessed as artillery shells (152mm) with fuses attached (assessed as not recent).

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

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

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk).

The SMM also facilitated and monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable repair works 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 Luhansk region, the Mission noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel towards government-controlled areas.

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

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, 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 10 May 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.

Delay:

- On 11 May, at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations allowed the Mission to proceed only after about 25 minutes of waiting, referring to “a lack of permission from those in control” and “the SMM's safety”.

Other impediments:⁷

- While positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the SMM heard in total 43 shots and bursts of small-arms fire, assessed as directed at the UAV. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area (see above). During this flight, as well as a previous and a subsequent flight over the area, the UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Kurdiumivka (government-controlled, 54km north of Donetsk).
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Ozarianivka (government-controlled, formerly Pershe Travnia, 52km north of Donetsk).
- The SMM was unable to launch two mid-range UAV flights due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, near Ozarianivka and Kurdiumivka.
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk).
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Shyroka Balka (non-government-controlled, 34km north-east of Donetsk).
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Syhnalne (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk).
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk).

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 UAVs' positions.

Tables of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines⁸

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
11/5/2021	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Near Ozarianivka (formerly Pershe Travnia, 52km north of Donetsk)	Patrol

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
11/5/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In a residential area of Luhansk city	Patrol

⁸ In this and the subsequent table of the SMM Daily Report of 11 May 2021, the date “6/5/2020” should have read “6/5/2021”.

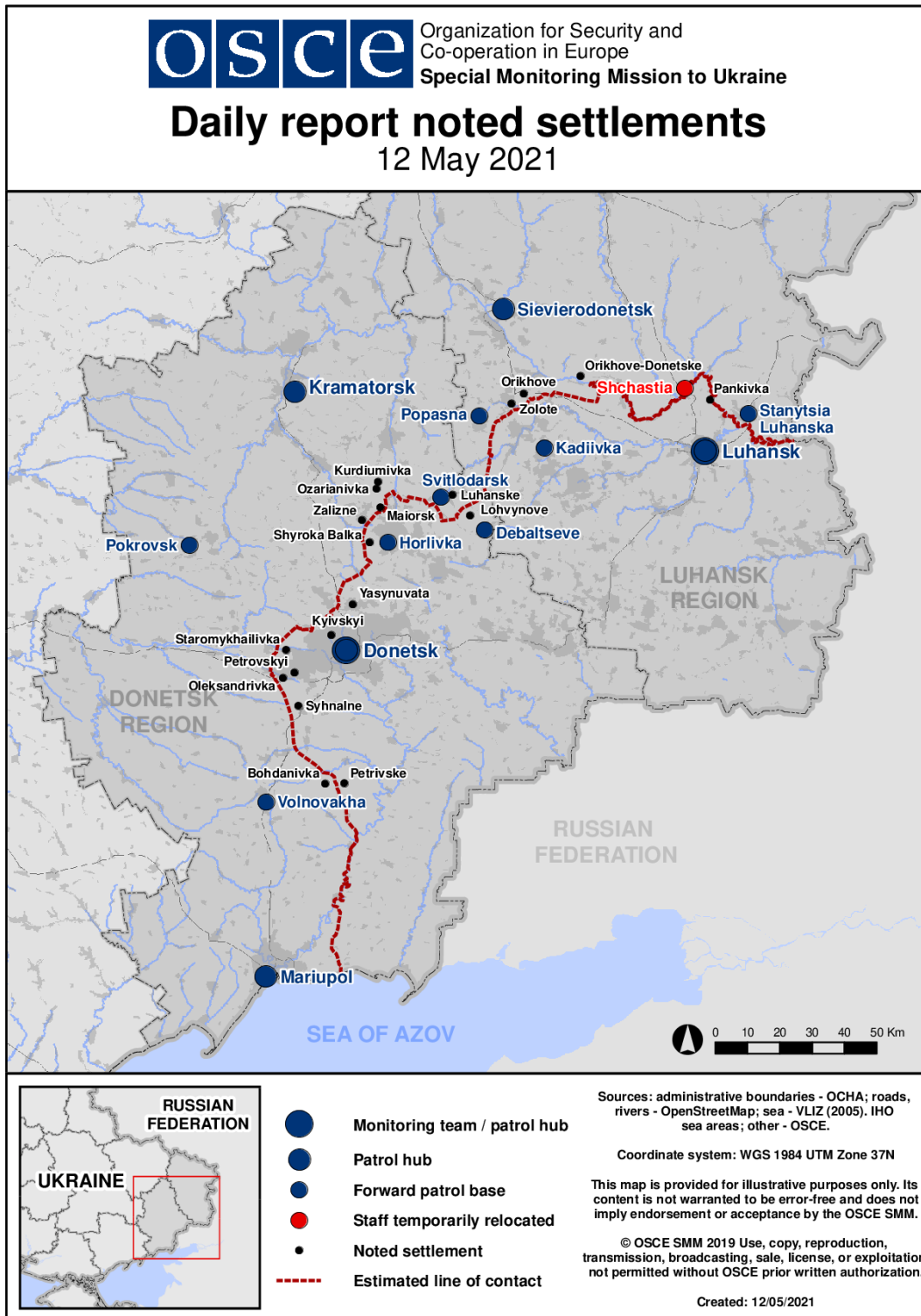
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Table of ceasefire violations as of 11 May 2021¹⁰

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-May, 23:20
	2-4km NW	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	10-May, 23:26
	2-4km NW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	10-May, 23:26
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-May, 23:32
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	3-4km SSE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	10-May, 21:13
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	5-6km W	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-May, 18:32-18:55
	5-6km W	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 15:55-16:43
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	6-8km NNW	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 13:05-13:58
	6-8km NNW	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 14:25-14:42
Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km SW of Donetsk)	5-7km NNE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 10:02-10:04
	5-7km NNE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 10:08-10:11
	6-8km NNE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 10:23-10:26
	6-8km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 10:32
Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km S of Donetsk)	8-10km E	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 10:04-10:06
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	11-May, 10:57-11:00
About 2km SSE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	6-7km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 13:13
	6-7km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 13:21
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2km NNE	Heard	8	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	11-May, 10:52
	2km NNE	Heard	5	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	11-May, 10:54
	2km NNE	Heard	27	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	11-May, 10:56
	2km NNE	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	11-May, 10:56
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	5-7km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 13:12

¹⁰ 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 regions¹¹



¹¹ 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).