

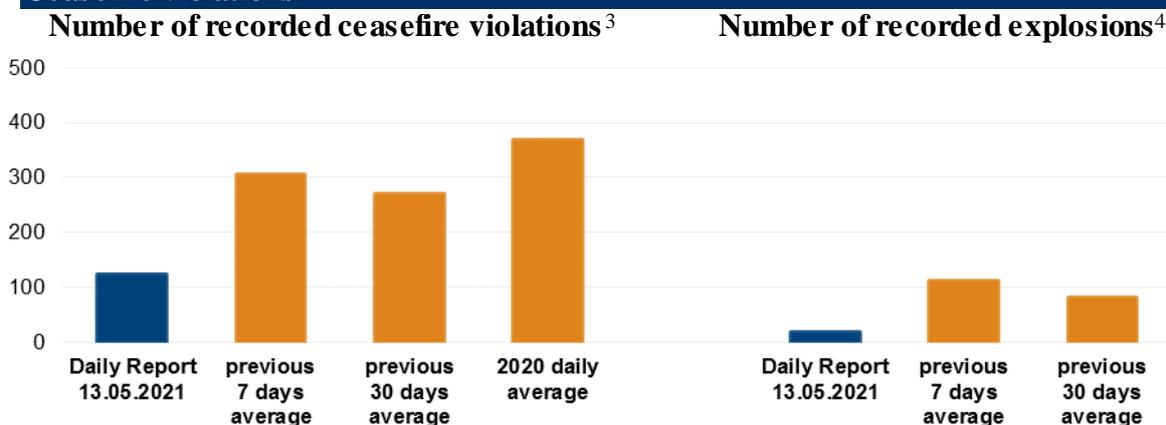
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 54 ceasefire violations, including 15 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 112 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 70 ceasefire violations, including three explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM observed anti-tank mines, some for the first time, near Luhanske and Lozove, and in Donetsk city, Donetsk region.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in 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. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 12 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.

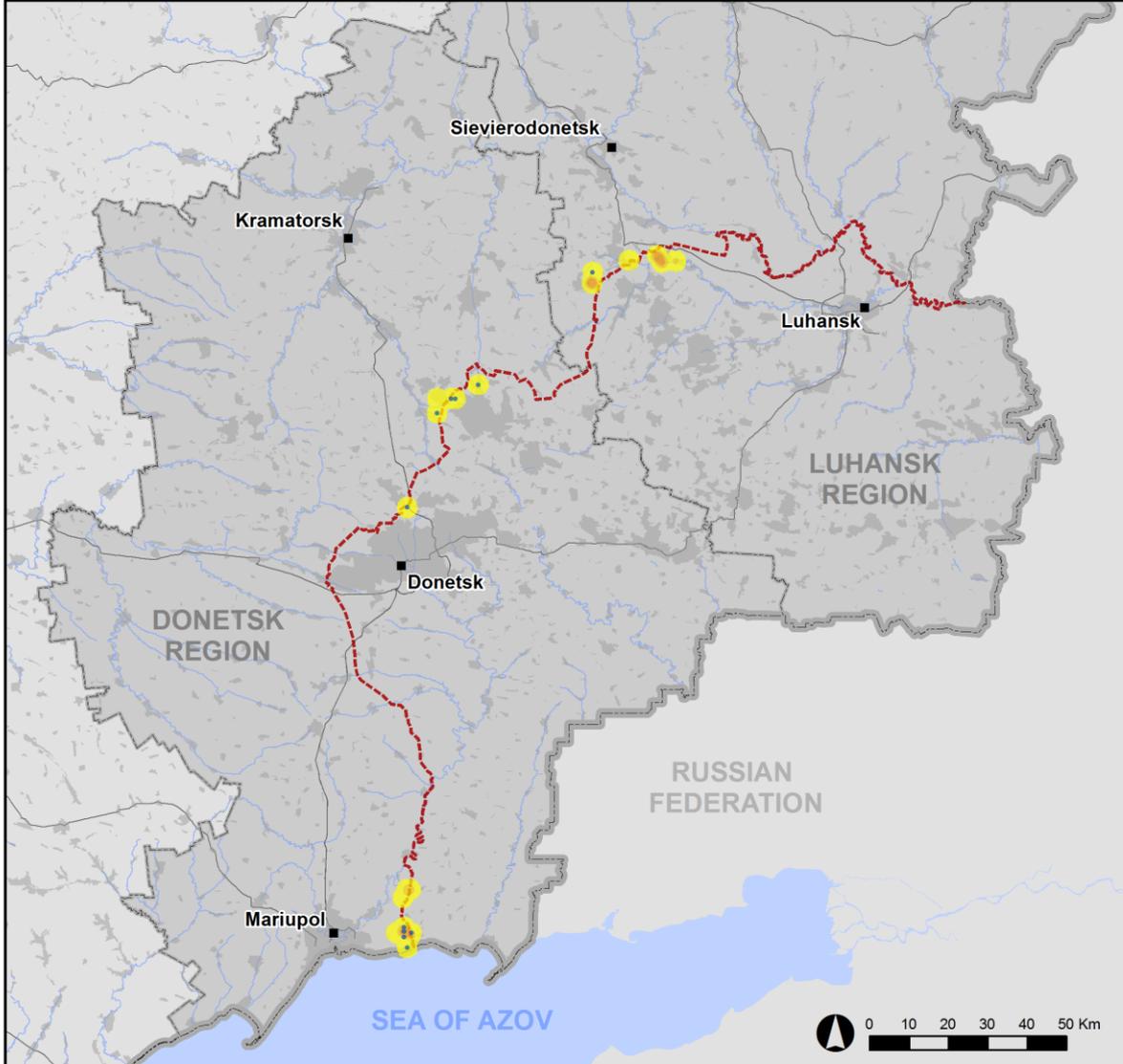
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

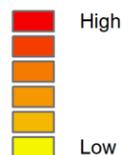


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 12 May 2021



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 54 ceasefire violations, including 15 explosions (four impacts, ten undetermined and one airburst). The majority of ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, occurred at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 112 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 70 ceasefire violations, including three undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at northerly directions of Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km west of Luhansk) and easterly directions of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded no 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 26,260 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 8,539 explosions, 3,426 projectiles in flight, 208 muzzle flashes, 94 illumination flares and at least 13,993 bursts and shots).

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).

On the evening of 11 May, the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) recorded a projectile at an assessed range of 3-4km east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 12 May, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), all of whom walked inside the area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned, as well as an ambulance with four people (three men and one woman) 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.

On 11 May, outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), about 600m east-north-east of its north-western edge, in a field north of the road between Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) and Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) again spotted about 68 anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in the area see [SMM Daily Report 19 June 2020](#).)

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

On 12 May, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

On the same day, two SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over the disengagement area.*

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 SMM saw two infantry fighting vehicles in a residential area of a government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of anti-tank mines near Luhanske and Lozove, and in Donetsk city, Donetsk region

On 7 May, in two fields about 2km and 2.5km south-west of the southern edge of Luhanske (government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM mid-range UAV spotted about 104 anti-tank mines, 45 of which for the first time, assessed as not recently laid and belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in the area see [SMM Daily Report 7 May 2021](#).)

On the same day, in two fields and along two local roads 500m west-north-west, 200m south-west, and 200-400m south-east of Lozove (non-government-controlled, 52km north-east of Donetsk), the same UAV spotted about 1,250 anti-tank mines, about 1,135 of which for the first time, assessed as not recently laid and belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area see [SMM Daily Report 7 May 2021](#).)

On 11 May, on the western outskirts of the Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk city centre), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted 32 anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 17 April 2021](#).)

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 in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard an undetermined explosion, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

Also while positioned in Avdiivka, the Mission heard three undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 2-3km south-east, assessed as pre-announced controlled detonations.

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

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

In Luhansk region, the Mission noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open, with people queuing to travel in both directions.

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.

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point⁷ near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 50 minutes, the Mission observed seven pedestrians (three women, in their forties and sixties, and four men, mixed ages) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it also observed 16 cars (ten with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks with “DPR” plates, one bus with “DPR” plates (with passengers of mixed genders and ages), and one male pedestrian (in his twenties) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about half an hour, the Mission observed two pedestrians (a woman and a man, in their thirties) exiting Ukraine.

The SMM also monitored border areas outside government control near 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), Kultura (54km south-east of Donetsk) and Kumachove (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 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:

⁷ According to decisions in 2014 by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, operations are officially designated as suspended at these and other border crossing points located outside government control.

- 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:⁸

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km southwest of Donetsk).
- Two SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). (See above.)
- An SMM-mini UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Zymohiria (non-government-controlled, 27km west of Luhansk).
- An SMM-mini UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 33km west of Luhansk).

⁸ 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.

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
12/5/2021	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BTR-3)	In a residential area of Mariupol (102km south of Donetsk)	Patrol

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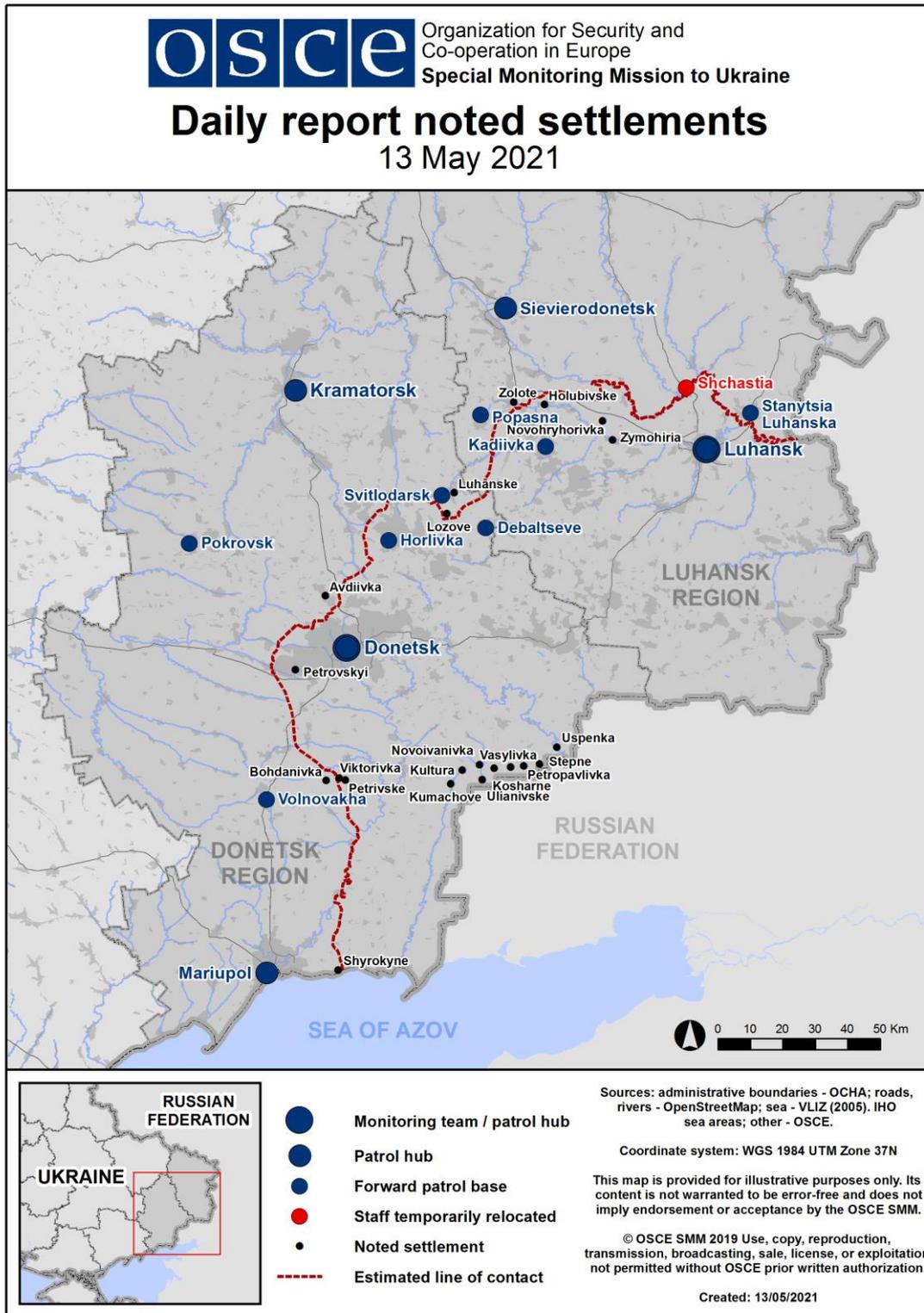
Table of ceasefire violations as of 12 May 2021¹⁰

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	11-May, 22:30
	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	11-May, 22:31
	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNW to SSE (also recorded by the SMM camera in Shyrokyne)	N/K	12-May, 02:53
	3-5km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	12-May, 04:04
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 20:54
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-May, 20:58
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-May, 20:58
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	11-May, 21:01
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-May, 21:05
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-May, 21:05
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-May, 21:05
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-May, 21:06
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSE to NNW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-May, 21:06
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-May, 21:10
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-May, 21:10
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	11-May, 21:11
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-May, 21:11
	4-6km NNW	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-May, 21:18
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 21:18
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	11-May, 21:52
	4-6km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-May, 21:56
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	11-May, 21:58
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 22:29
	0.5-2km NE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-May, 01:54
About 2km WSW of Zalizne (formerly Artemove, government-controlled, 42km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-May, 10:02
	4-6km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-May, 10:19
	1-2km E	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	12-May, 10:27
	3-5km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-May, 10:41
About 6km N of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-May, 10:41
About 2.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-May, 14:25
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-May, 22:00
Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-May, 22:42-22:46

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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	3-5km SE	Heard	23	Burst		N/K	11-May, 22:42-22:46
Holubivske (non-government controlled, 51km west of Luhansk)	4-5km N	Heard	15	Burst		HMG	12-May, 10:26-10:30
	4-5km N	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	12-May, 10:30
	2-4km NNE	Heard	17	Shot		HMG	12-May, 10:35-10:36
	4-6km NE	Heard	8	Shot		HMG	12-May, 10:54-10:57

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).