

OSCCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine

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#### **Summary**

- In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 11 and 13 June, the SMM recorded 84 ceasefire violations, including 25 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 51 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 11 and 13 June, the Mission recorded 107 ceasefire violations, including five explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded seven ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations close to the disengagement areas near Zolote and Petrivske.
- 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 four entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed no change in the security situation in east and south-east Kherson region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.\*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 13 June 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras in Petrivske and in Hnutove were not operational.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 12-13 June 2021



In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 11 and 13 June, the SMM recorded 84 ceasefire violations, including 25 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) on the night of 11-12 June and at northerly and southerly directions of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below) on 12 June. In the <u>previous reporting</u> <u>period</u>, the Mission recorded 51 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 11 and 13 June, the SMM recorded 107 ceasefire violations, including five undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area north of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) on the night of 11-12 June (see below). In the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded seven 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 34,157 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 10,763 explosions, 5,826 projectiles in flight, 234 muzzle flashes, 113 illumination flares and at least 17,221 bursts and shots).

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

On 12 and 13 June, while positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw 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 June and night of 11-12 June, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded one undetermined explosion, 70 projectiles in flight and one illumination flare, all at an assessed range of 2-3km east, east-south-east and south-east. During the day on 12 June, while positioned near a checkpoint of the armed formations about 2km south-west of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km north-west of Luhansk), the Mission recorded 12 bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 1-3km north-west. On the evening of 12 June and night of 12-13 June, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded 14 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 3-4 east-north-east and east. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 12 and 13 June, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area, the Mission saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them). The SMM again saw the seven previously observed containers located south of the disengagement area's southern edge and inside the area.

On 12 June, while positioned at four locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

During the day on 13 June, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (governmentcontrolled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission heard one burst of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 3-4km east, unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area,

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

and an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 5-6km south-east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

#### Withdrawal of we apons

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

#### Indication of military and military-type presence in the security zone

The SMM saw six armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including in a residential area. (For further information, see the table below.)

#### SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

On 12 and 13 June, the Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. On 12 June, while positioned at four locations near the station, the SMM heard five undetermined explosions and 25 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun-fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

On both days, the SMM also monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

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

In Donetsk region, on 13 June, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open, but did not observe any traffic passing through. It also noted that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, on 12 and 13 June, the SMM observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open, with people queueing to travel in both directions.

On both days, the SMM also noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (governmentcontrolled, 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.

#### Security situation in east and south-east Kherson region

Between 11 and 13 June, the SMM monitored areas of east and south-east Kherson region at checkpoints near Kalanchak (67km south-east of Kherson), Chaplynka (77km south-east of Kherson) and Chonhar (163km south-east of Kherson), as well as areas along the coast of the Azov Sea near Henichesk (176km east of Kherson), Stokopani (181km east of Kherson), Komisarivka (189km east of Kherson), Novohryhorivka (183km east of Kherson) and Novyi Azov (190km east of Kherson). While monitoring these areas, the Mission observed no change in the security situation.

The SMM continued monitoring in Lviv, Odessa, 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 <u>SMM Daily Report of 9 June 2021</u>). 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:6

- On 13 June, an SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 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.

Date	No.	Туре	Location	Source of observation	
		Government-contro	olled are as		
11/6/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Vodiane (94km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV	
11/0/2021	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Voltane (94km south of Donetsk)	WIIII-UAV	
12/6/2021	2	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-4)	Near Hirske (63km west of Luhansk)	Detrol	
13/6/2021	2	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB variant)	In a residential area of Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Patrol	

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</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 13 June $2021^8$

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	5-7km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 01:18
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 21:37
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 21:45
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 21:52
Donetsk city centre)	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 21:59
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 22:26
	5-7km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 22:32
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Jun, 23:02
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 23:05
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Jun, 23:13
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	11-Jun, 23:19
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Burst	W to E	N/K	11-Jun, 23:19
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 23:26
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 23:27
Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 23:28
	5-7km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Jun, 23:29
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Jun, 23:31
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Jun, 23:31
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 23:39
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 23:43
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 00:46
	3-5km SW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12 Jun, 00:10
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	11-Jun, 11:33
About 1km NNW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-	2-3km SW	Heard	15	Shot		HMG	12-Jun, 08:38
controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km SW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 08:43
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 09:03
	4-5km WSW	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	12-Jun, 10:00
About 2km WSW of Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	4-5km WSW	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	12-Jun, 10:03-10:22
About 700m WSW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government- controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SSW	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	12-Jun, 11:10
	2-3km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:08
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:30
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:31
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:32

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:41
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:43
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:49
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:56
	2-3km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 22:57
	2-3km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:07
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:08
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:09
	2-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:09
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:09
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:10
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:19
	2-3km E	Recorded	7	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:20
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:22

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:24
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:24
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:24
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:25
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:26
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:43
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:52
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:55
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 00:00
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical fight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 00:00
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 00:03
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 00:11
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 00:46
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical fight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 00:46

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 00:47
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 01:41
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 01:41
	2-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 02:05
	2-3km E Rec	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 02:22
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical fight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 02:31
	2-3km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 02:50
	2-3km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 03:01
About 2km SW of Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km NW of Luhansk)	1-3km NW	Heard	12	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	12-Jun, 14:05-14:07
	5-7km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 14:17
	5-10km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 14:23
E edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-10km SSW 4-6km SE	Heard	1 5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K HMG	12-Jun, 14:32 12-Jun,
		Heard	5	Burst			14:40-14:44
W edge of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 14:18
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	5-7km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	12-Jun, 23:09
	2-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	12-Jun, 23:35
	2-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Jun, 00:03
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of	2-5km N 2-5km N	Recorded Recorded	1 3	Explosion Muzzle flash	Undetermined	N/K N/K	13-Jun, 00:05 13-Jun, 00:56
Donetsk)	3.6km N Recorded 1 Illumination	Illumination	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Jun, 01:03		
	2-5km N	Recorded	1	flare Muzzle flash	flight	N/K	13-Jun, 01:04
							13-Jun, 01:04
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Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk)	6-8km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K Small	12-Jun, 21:23
	5-6km W	Heard	1	Burst		arms	12-Jun, 21:38

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-4km E	Heard	1	Burst	Unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	13-Jun, 13:47-13:50
	5-6km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	13-Jun, 13:47-13:50
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 22:12
	3-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 22:18
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 22:25
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 22:44
	3-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 23:42
	3-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Jun, 01:41
	3-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Jun, 02:02



#### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</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 daylighthours and also patrols in this settlement during daylighthours).