

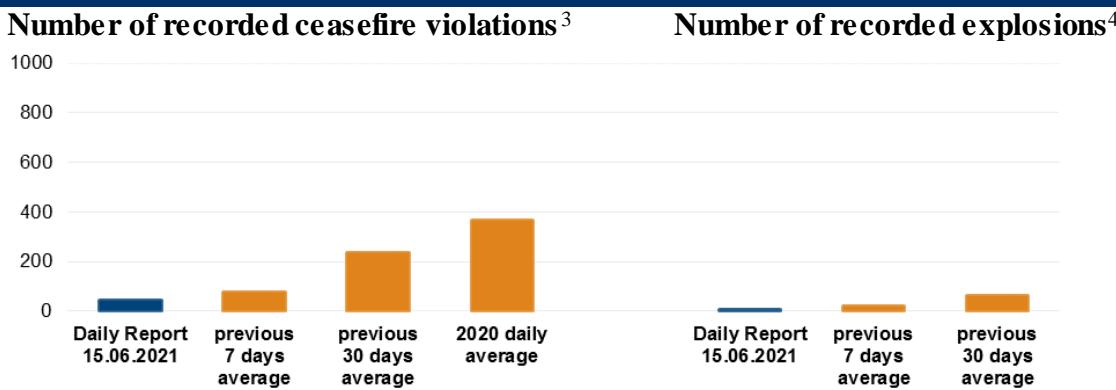
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 33 ceasefire violations, including one explosion. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 19 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 11 ceasefire violations and no explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 14 ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in non-government-controlled Vasylivka, 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 the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission visited two border crossing points outside government control in Donetsk region.
- The SMM monitored a gathering in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in Bessarabka, southern Donetsk region. Its UAVs again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference and its long-range UAV flight was cancelled due to dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 14 June 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 cameras in Petrivske and in Hnutove were not operational.

³ Including explosions.

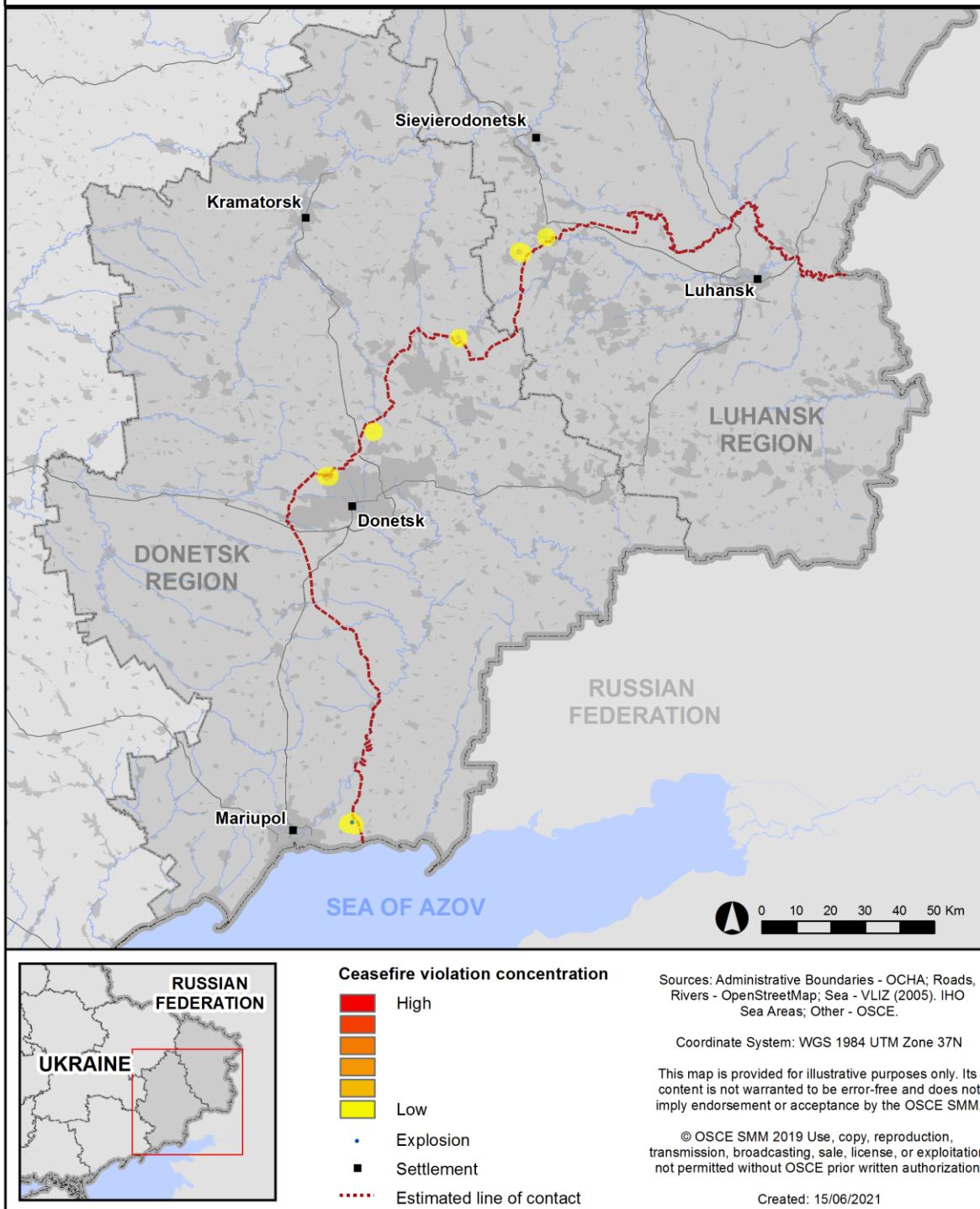
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM
14 June 2021



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 33 ceasefire violations, including one undetermined explosion. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas west of the Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk city centre) and west-south-west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 19 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 11 ceasefire violations (no explosions). All ceasefire violations occurred in areas east-south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) and north and west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 14 ceasefire violations, all of which also occurred in an area north of the disengagement area near Zolote.

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 34,201 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 10,764 explosions, 5,859 projectiles in flight, 234 muzzle flashes, 114 illumination flares and at least 17,230 bursts and shots).

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

While positioned on the south-western edge of Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard five bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 300m north-north-east, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 230m north-north-east of the SMM's position. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area. During the same flight as well as a subsequent one, the UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 14 June, while positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission observed a calm situation.

On the night of 13-14 June, the SMM camera in Popasna recorded two projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east. On the same night, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded two projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km east. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 14 June, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area, the Mission saw four 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.

While positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

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

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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM saw 25 tanks in a training area near non-government-controlled Ternove (57km east of Donetsk), Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

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

Presence of unexploded ordnance near Lohvynove, Donetsk region

On 11 June, in four locations in fields about 2km west, 1km south-west, 1.5km south-west and 2.5km south-west of Lohvynove (non-government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted nine rocket tailfins embedded in the soil (eight of which for the first time), assessed as from rounds of multiple launch rocket systems (probable 122mm or 220mm). These were assessed as not recently fired.

SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka.

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the SMM observed 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.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing 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

On 13 June, while at a border crossing point⁶ near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the Mission observed 24 cars (including 12 with “DPR” plates), three covered cargo trucks, two buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) and 21 people (ten women and seven men of mixed ages, and four children) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it saw ten cars (including six with “DPR” plates), 16 cargo trucks (ten with covered cargo and six empty, including 15 with “DPR” plates), two buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) and 39 people (21 women and 17 men of mixed ages, and a child) exiting Ukraine.

On the same day, while at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk), for about 40 minutes, the SMM observed a woman (in her thirties) exiting Ukraine.

SMM monitored a demonstration in Kyiv

At 3-A Sadova Street, in front of the building of the Parliamentary Committees of the Parliament of Ukraine, the SMM saw 60 people (mixed genders, mostly in their twenties and thirties) holding banners demanding the mandatory dubbing of all films and series in Ukrainian language and expressing opinions critical of politicians, reportedly in favour of the postponement of such a measure.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Lviv, Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro and Chernivtsi.

*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 9 June 2021](#)).⁷ 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

⁶ 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.

⁷ In the SMM Daily Report 14 May 2021, the passage on page 6 should have read "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 9 June 2021](#))."

civilians' movement, through failure to conduct comprehensive clearance of mines, UXO and other obstacles.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Bessarabka (non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), three members of the armed formations allowed the Mission passage southwards towards Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk) only after about 100 minutes, citing "lack of permission from superiors". While at the checkpoint, the SMM observed cars passing through the checkpoint in both directions.

Other impediments:⁸

- While positioned on the south-western edge of Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard five bursts of small-arms fire, assessed as aimed at the UAV. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area. During the same and a subsequent flight, the UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.
- While preparing to launch announced mini-UAV and mid-range UAV flights near Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk) and Brianka (non-government-controlled, 46km south-west of Luhansk), an officer of the Ukrainian Armed Forces of the JCCC asked the Mission to postpone the UAV flights for about 90 minutes, due to jamming in the area.
- 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).
- The SMM was also unable to launch three SMM mid-range UAVs due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, in areas near Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk city centre).
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near the Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district, during two flights over areas near Kruta Balka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Donetsk), and during one flight over areas near Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk).

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.

Tables of weapons

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
10/6/2021	25	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 21 armoured combat vehicles. ⁹	Aerial imagery

Other weapons¹⁰

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
10/6/2021	3	Self-propelled artillery (type undetermined)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone¹¹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
11/6/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Myronivskyi (62km north-east of Donetsk)	Mid-range UAV
	5	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)		
14/6/2021	2	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a residential area of Petrivka (27km north of Luhansk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	Near a residential area of Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	

⁹ The armoured combat vehicles mentioned here are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

¹⁰ The SMM was unable to assess whether these weapons were in violation of withdrawal lines in the absence of information on their calibre.

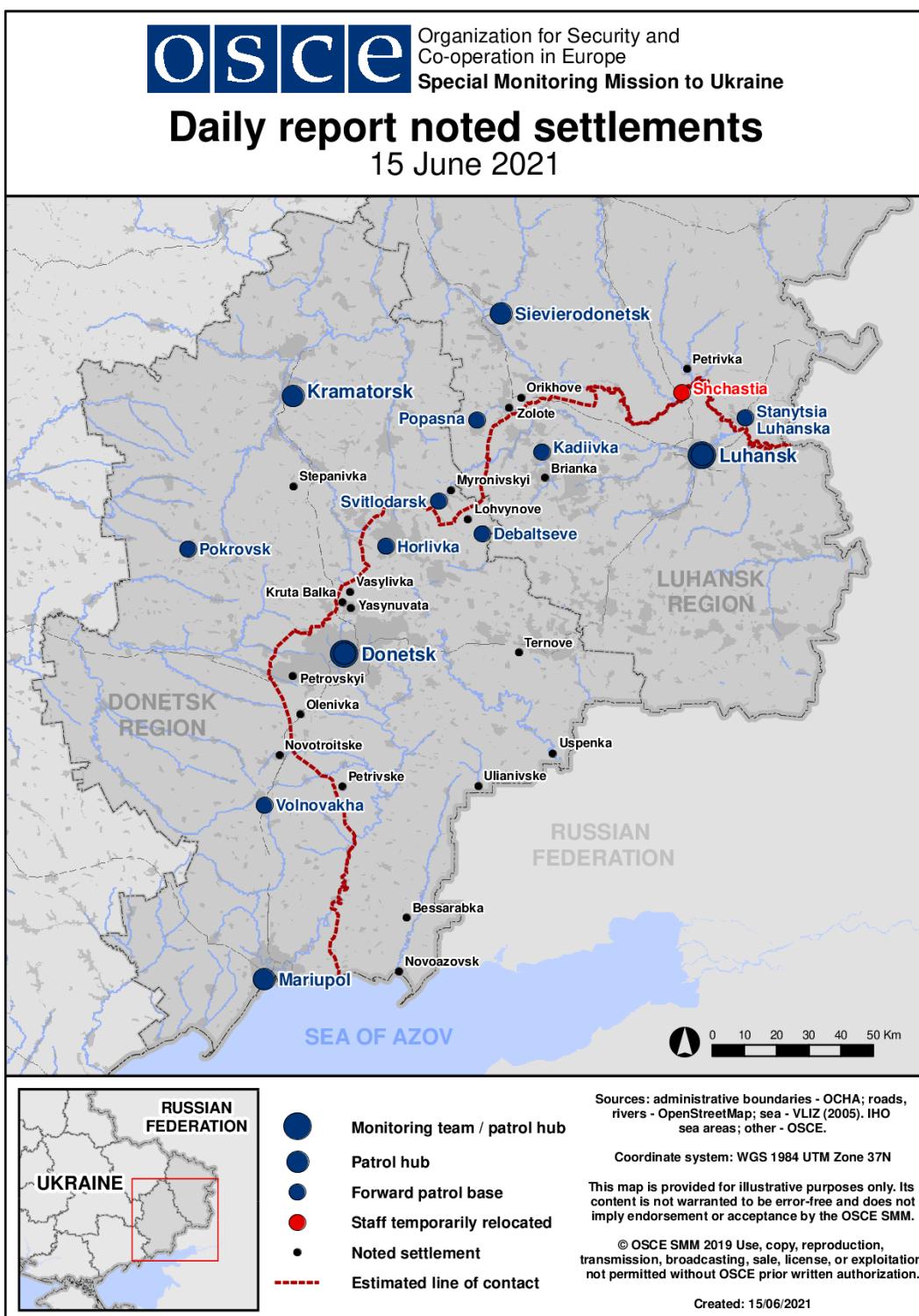
¹¹ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 14 June 2021¹²

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jun, 00:52
	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jun, 00:56
	2-4km W	Recorded	10	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jun, 00:56
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	14-Jun, 01:23
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km WSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	14-Jun, 00:00
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jun, 00:06
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jun, 00:08
About 2.5km SSE of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	3-4km E	Heard	4	Burst		HMG	14-Jun, 09:49
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jun, 11:01
SW edge of Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	300m NNE	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	14-Jun, 13:30
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	14-Jun, 00:54
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	14-Jun, 01:05
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jun, 01:27
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jun, 01:30
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jun, 01:38
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jun, 03:14
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jun, 03:16
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jun, 03:18
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-Jun, 00:45
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-Jun, 00:47

¹² 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 regions¹³



¹³ 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).