

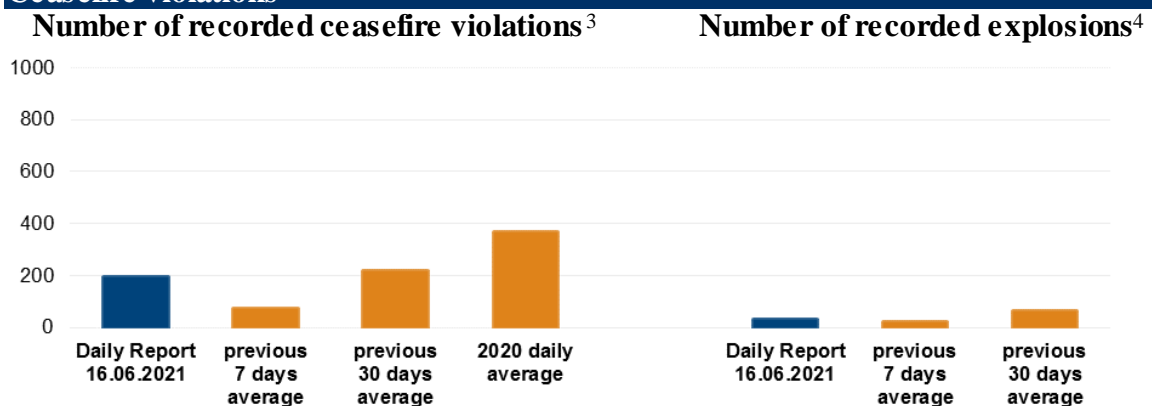
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 194 ceasefire violations, including 32 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 33 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded no ceasefire violations. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 11 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM lost spatial control of its mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) near Vesele, Donetsk region, after small-arms fire was assessed as directed at it.*
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside and near the disengagement area near 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 three entry-exit checkpoints and two corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a border crossing point outside government control near Izvaryne, Luhansk region. Its UAVs again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 15 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.

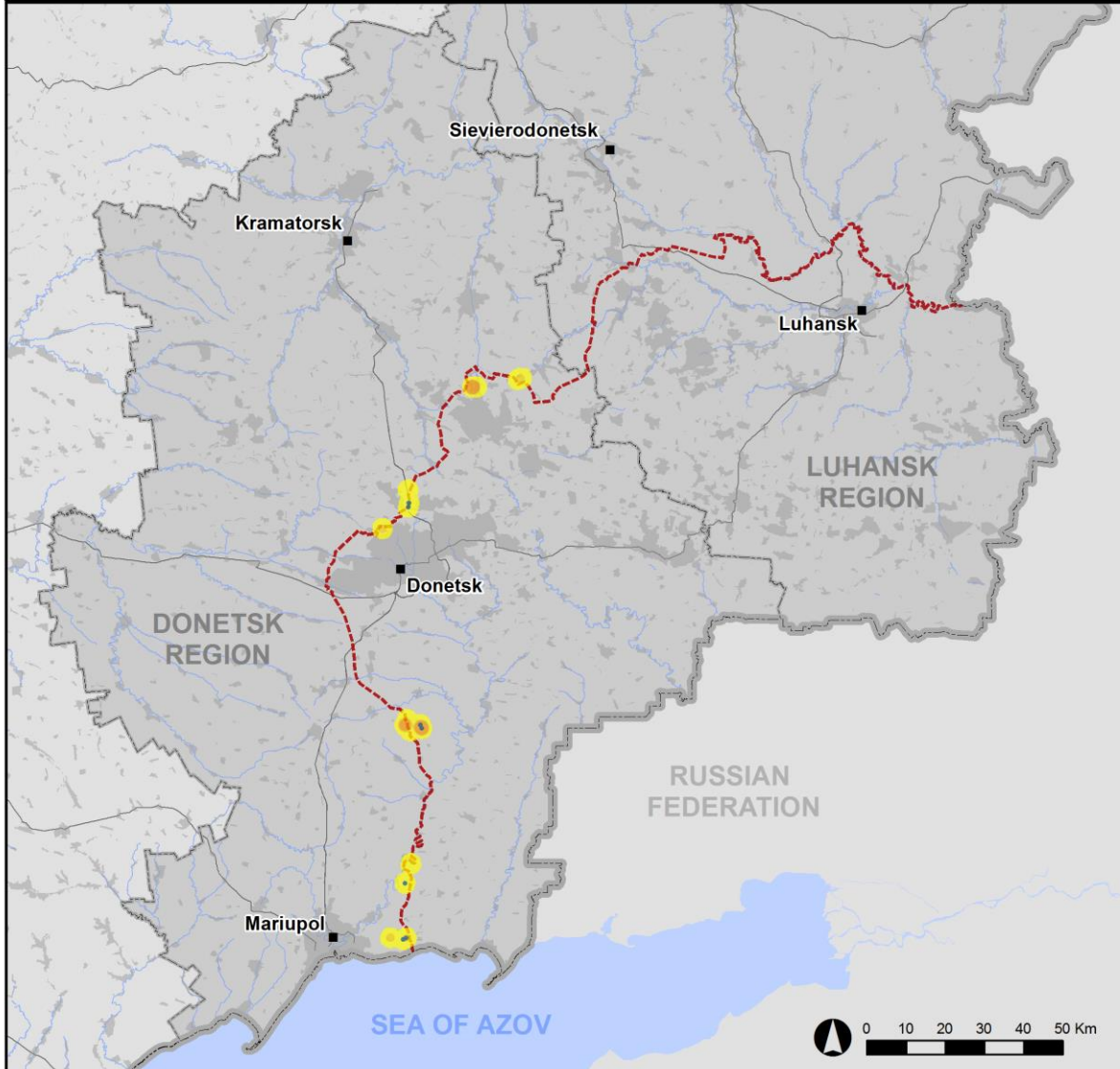
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 15 June 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 194 ceasefire violations, including 32 explosions (two outgoing and 30 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred inside and south-east of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below) and east of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 33 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded no ceasefire violations. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 11 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 34,395 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 10,796 explosions, 5,965 projectiles in flight, 234 muzzle flashes, 115 illumination flares and at least 17,285 bursts and shots).

The SMM lost spatial control of its mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near Vesele, Donetsk region, after small-arms fire was assessed as directed at it

While positioned on the western edge of Vesele (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard ten shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 0.8-1km north-west, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying over positions of the armed formations about 900m north of the SMM's position, after which the SMM lost spatial control over it. The Mission was unable to retrieve the UAV and left the area. During the same flight, 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 Mission observed a calm situation.

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). The SMM again saw the seven previously observed containers located south of the disengagement area's southern edge and inside the area.

On the night of 14-15 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded 31 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km east and south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, as well as three projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 3-5km south-east, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 15 June, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka, the SMM heard one shot of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 2km south-east, assessed as inside the disengagement area. On the same day, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the SMM heard 20

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

undetermined explosions and 34 bursts of small-arms fire, all at an assessed range of 3-5km south-south-east, 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.

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

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

The SMM saw 15 armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including near a residential area, and one probable armoured personnel carrier in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of anti-tank mines near Lohvynove and Luhanske, Donetsk region

On 11 June, in fields about 3km 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 22 anti-tank mines, assessed as not recently laid.

In fields about 2.5km and 3.5km north-west of Lohvynove, the same UAV again spotted about 250 anti-tank mines.

All of these mines were assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 12 May 2021](#).)

On the same day, in a field about 4.5km south-east of Luhanske (government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), the same UAV spotted for the first time about 30 anti-tank mines, assessed as not recently laid and belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

On the same day, in fields about 4.5km south-east of Luhanske, west of road M-03, the same UAV again spotted about 205 anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in the area see [SMM Daily Report of 12 May 2021](#).)

About 1km north of Berdianske (government-controlled, 102km south of Donetsk), the SMM saw a sign for the first time (a yellow rectangle with “Anti-Tank Guided Missile, Hazardous Area” written on it in Ukrainian) on the southern edge of road M-14.

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 near the station, the SMM heard one undetermined explosion, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS, which occurred during the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving from the station to Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk).

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 Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECF near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel in both directions.

The SMM also noted that the EECFs 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 point⁶ near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk), the Mission observed five people (unknown genders and ages) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it saw 70 cars (including 37 with “LPR” plates) exiting Ukraine. Upon its arrival, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.*

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, 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 below). 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.

Denial:

- At a border crossing point near Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the Mission to leave the area, referring to the “need for prior coordination”.

Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/UXO:

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.

- 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

- While positioned on the western edge of Vesele (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard ten shots of small-arms fire, assessed as aimed at the UAV, after which the SMM lost spatial control over it. The Mission was unable to retrieve the UAV and left the area. During the same flight, the UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near government-controlled Lebedynske (99km south of Donetsk), Chernenko (86km south of Donetsk), Chermalyk (77km south of Donetsk), Talakivka (90km south of Donetsk), Zalizne (formerly Artemove, 42km north-east of Donetsk), Pivdenne (formerly Leninske, 40km north-east of Donetsk), and non-government-controlled Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district (15km south-west of Donetsk city centre) and Staromykhailivka (15km west of Donetsk).
- The SMM was also unable to launch two SMM mid-range UAVs due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, in areas near Donetsk city's Petrovskyi district and Staromykhailivka.

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.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/6/2021	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	In a residential area in Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Patrol

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/6/2021	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-1 and one probable BMP-2)	Near Prychepylyvka (50km north-west of Luhansk)	Mid-range UAV
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM variant)	Near a residential area in Novohnativka (40km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
	3	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Voitove (33km north-west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Plotyna (28km north-east of Luhansk)	
	2	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)		
	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Myrna Dolyna (67km north-west of Luhansk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
14/6/2021	1	Probable armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In Kalynove-Borshchuvate (61km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

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 15 June 2021⁹

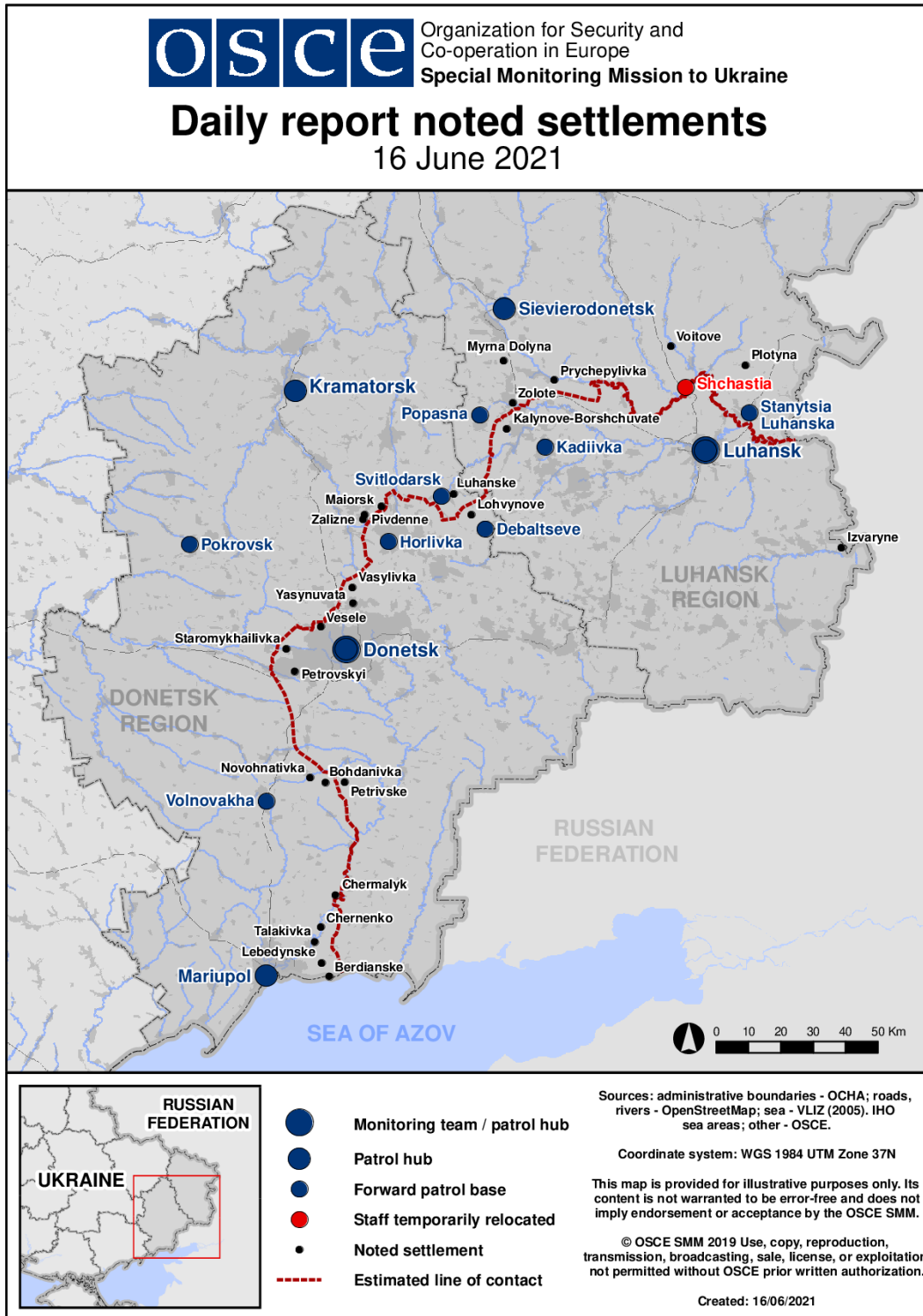
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jun, 21:37
	1-3km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jun, 22:10
	1-3km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jun, 22:11
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jun, 22:45
	1-3km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jun, 22:59
	1-3km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jun, 23:43
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdaniivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jun, 23:46
	1-3km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jun, 23:47
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jun, 23:58
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 00:01
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 00:04

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
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 00:04
	1-3km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 01:07
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 01:08
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 01:09
	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 02:35
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 02:36
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	15-Jun, 02:37
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	15-Jun, 02:03
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jun, 01:34
SMM camera at EECP in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jun, 00:33
	2-4km E	Recorded	15	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jun, 00:40
	2-4km E	Recorded	7	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jun, 00:41
	2-4km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jun, 00:42
	2-4km E	Recorded	12	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jun, 01:44
	2-4km E	Recorded	10	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jun, 01:45
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	15-Jun, 02:23
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jun, 00:17
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km WSW	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jun, 22:26
	3-5km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	14-Jun, 22:27
	3-5km WSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jun, 22:28
W edge of Vesele (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk)	0.8-1km NW	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	15-Jun, 12:01
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jun, 14:34
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SSE	Heard	17	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jun, 13:57-14:05
	3-5km SSE	Heard	25	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	15-Jun, 13:57-14:05
	3km SSE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jun, 14:05-14:07

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	3km SSE	Heard	9	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	15-Jun, 14:05-14:07
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2km SE	Heard	1	Shot	Assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	15-Jun, 09:45
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	N/K E	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	15-Jun, 10:32
	3-5km E	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jun, 10:38-10:40
	3-5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	15-Jun, 10:45
About 2km NE of Chemenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	3-5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jun, 12:33

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).