

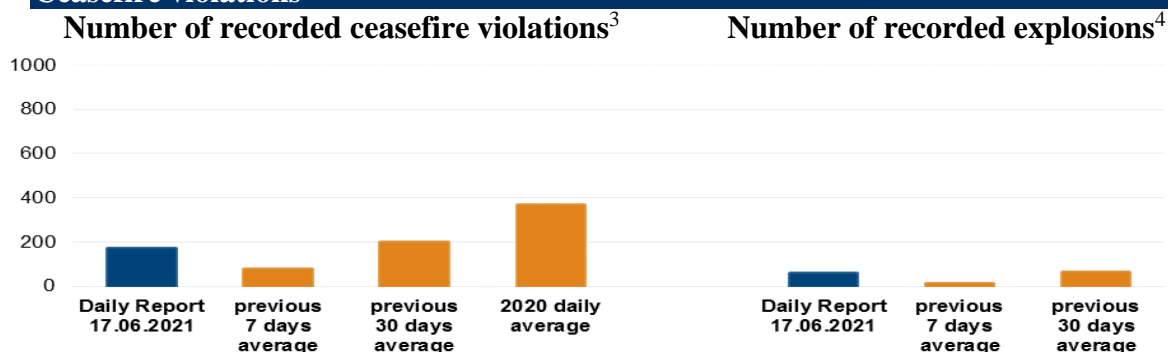
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 74 ceasefire violations, including 27 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 194 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 97 ceasefire violations, including 32 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded no ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in non-government-controlled Horlivka, Donetsk region.*
- 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 four entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Bessarabka and Kremynets, and near Shevchenko, all in Donetsk region. 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, 16 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, Hnutove, Stanytsia Luhanska and at the Prince Ihor Monument south-east of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were not operational.

³ Including explosions.

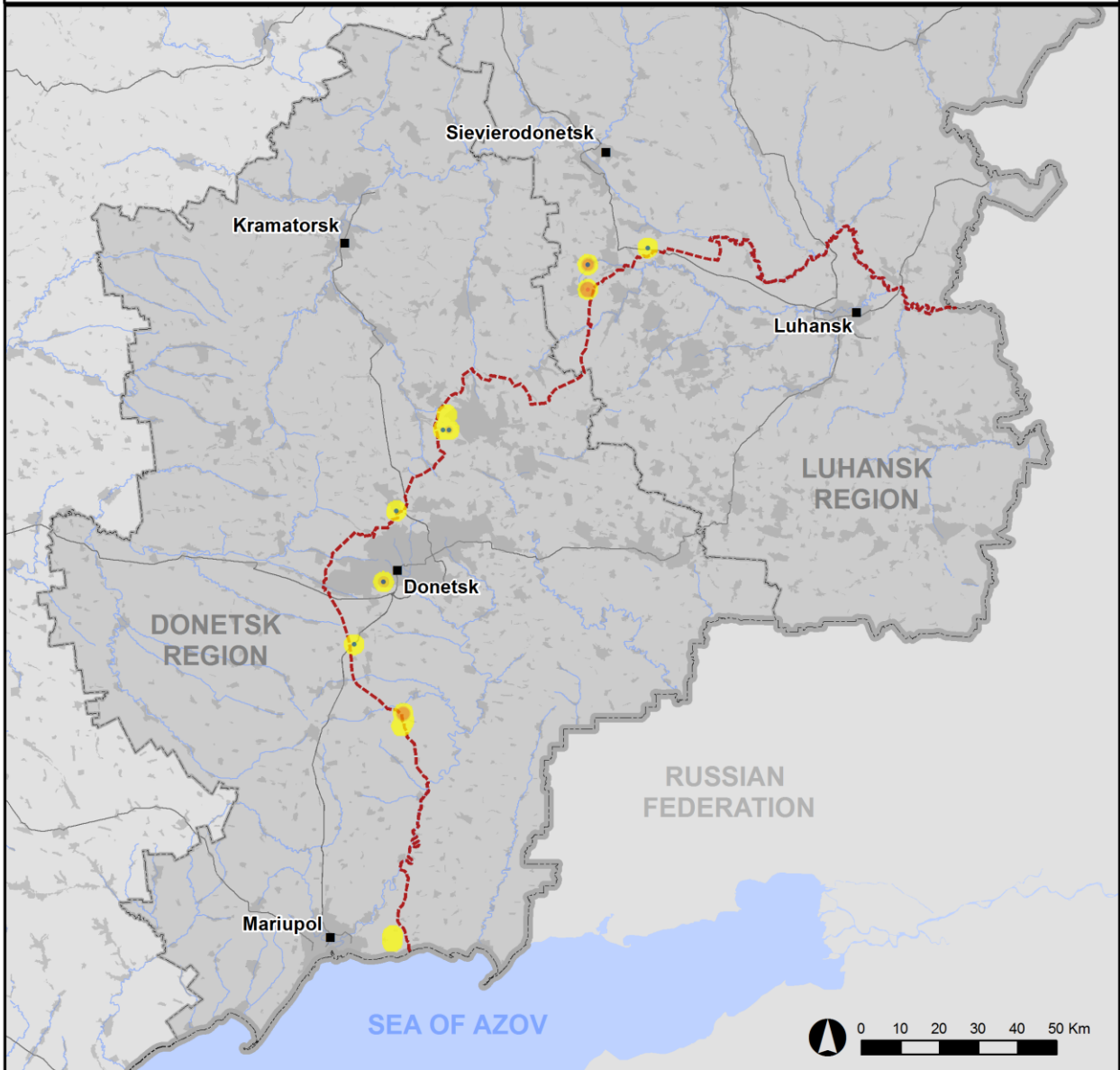
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

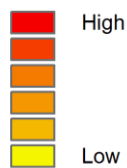


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 16 June 2021



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 74 ceasefire violations, including 27 explosions (15 outgoing of artillery rounds and 12 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred north of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 194 ceasefire violations, some of which occurred inside and near the disengagement area.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 97 ceasefire violations, including 32 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north-east and south-east 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 34,566 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 10,855 explosions, 5,967 projectiles in flight, 234 muzzle flashes, 115 illumination flares and at least 17,395 bursts and shots).

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

While positioned on the north-western edge of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight, the Mission heard two shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 100-200m south-west, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 200m south-west of the SMM's position. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area.*

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 saw three 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). 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 15-16 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded two projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km east and south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**.

On 16 June, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka, the SMM heard 39 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire at an assessed range of 2-3km north-east, assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the Mission saw a howitzer in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region and five tanks in a training area in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region, in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM saw four self-propelled howitzers and 18 tanks in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (For further information, see the tables below.)

Presence of mines near Kruta Balka and Vasylivka and of mine signs near Naberezhne, all in Donetsk region

On 14 June, an SMM mini-UAV again spotted eight anti-tank mines near residential houses on the northern edge of Kruta Balka (non-government controlled, 16km north of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 31 March 2021](#).)

On the same day, an SMM mini-UAV again spotted in total 24 anti-tank mines in fields about 1.5km north-north-west and 2km north-north-east of Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 31 March 2021](#).)

On 15 June, on the north-western edge of Naberezhne (non-government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed for the first time six mine hazard signs (two red squares and four rectangular laminated sheets of paper, all with a skull and crossbones and “Danger, Mines” written on them in Russian) near residential houses in a field about 5-10m north-west of road C-051217.

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 about 2.5km south-east of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), the SMM heard one undetermined explosion, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The SMM also 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 Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the EECF 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. At the checkpoint of the armed formations, the SMM saw a previously observed container. A woman (in her thirties) who introduced herself as its staff, told the Mission that a “post office” had been opened in the container since 14 June and would operate daily, except for Sundays, from 09:00 to 16:00.

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 for civilian traffic.

At the EECF near Shchastia and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia, the Mission saw two cars and five trucks, all bearing the logo of an international humanitarian organisation, and a truck with a trailer crossing the contact line and travelling towards non-government-controlled areas.

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 [SMM Daily Report of 16 June 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.

Denial:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Bessarabka (non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), referring to “COVID-19 protection measures”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian vehicles crossing in both directions.
- On a local road north of Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 82km south of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations stopped the Mission and denied it passage southwards.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formation near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), five members of the armed formations (two of whom visibly armed)

allowed the Mission to proceed westwards towards a checkpoint of the armed formation near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk) only after 26 minutes.

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 16 June, on the north-western edge of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), the Mission heard two shots of small-arms fire, assessed as aimed at the UAV. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area. (See above.)
- On the same day, 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).

⁶ 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				
16/6/2021	1	Howitzer (type undetermined)	Near Hirske (63km west of Luhansk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
16/6/2021	5	Tank (probable T-64)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove) (67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Patrol

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

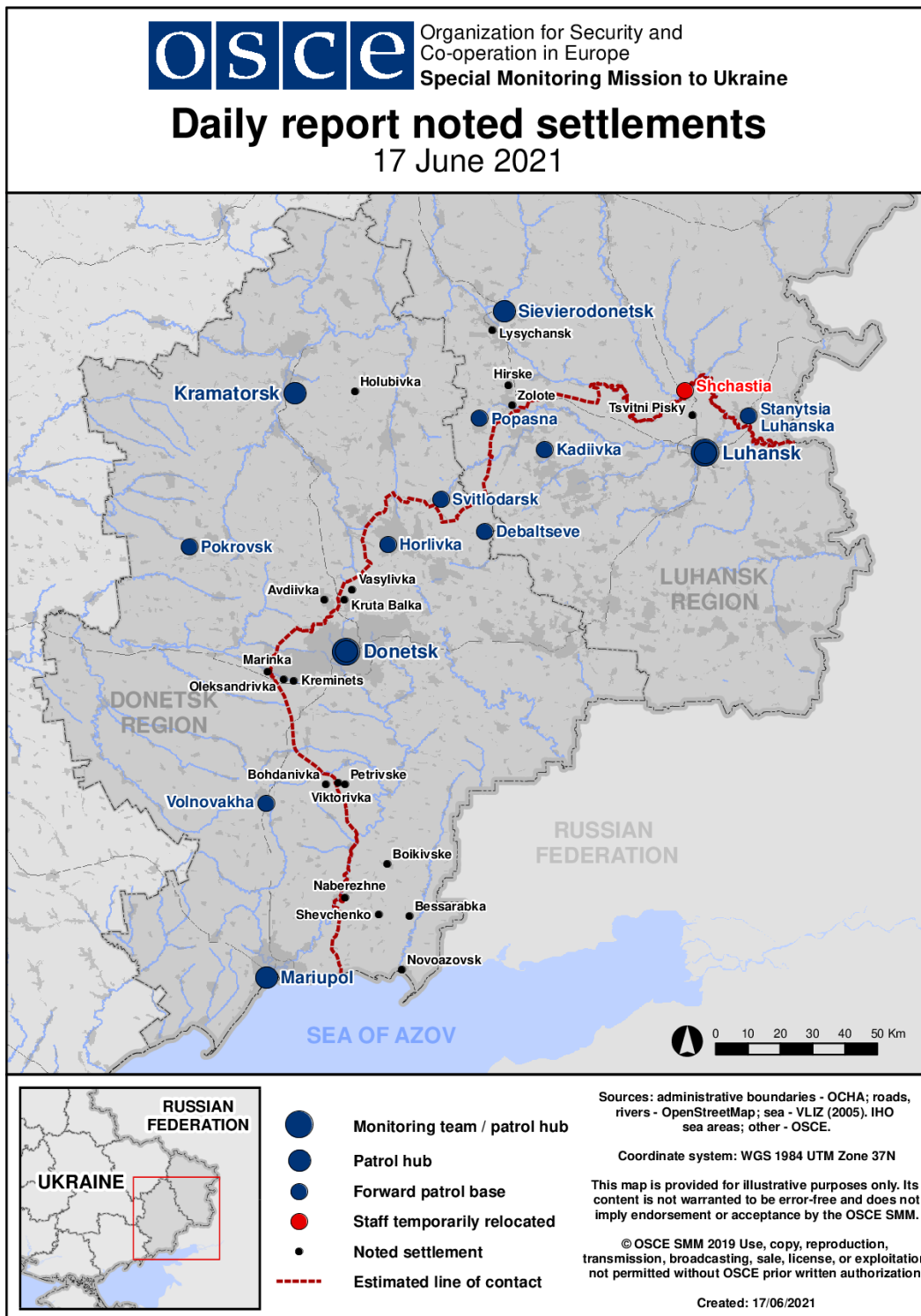
Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/6/2021	4	Self-propelled howitzer (2S3 <i>Akatsiya</i> , 152mm)	Near Holubivka (81km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	13	Tank (T-64)	In Lysychansk (75km north-west of Luhansk)	
16/6/2021	5	Tank (T-72)	On the northern edge of Sievierodonetsk (74km north-west of Luhansk)	

Table of ceasefire violations as of 16 June 2021⁷

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jun, 22:43
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside Petrivske disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jun, 23:02
	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Jun, 02:43
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk)	3-5km W	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jun, 19:38-19:43
	5-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jun, 03:39
Donetsk City Centre (non-government-controlled)	7-8km SW	Heard	15	Explosion	Outgoing	Artillery (type N/K)	16-Jun, 09:25-09:43
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km NE	Heard	30	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	16-Jun, 10:22-10:24
	2-3km NE	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	16-Jun, 10:22-10:24
	2-3km NE	Heard	3	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	16-Jun, 10:22-10:24
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	1-2km ENE	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	16-Jun, 10:48
About 2.5km SE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	1-2km NNE	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	16-Jun, 11:36
About 2.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1-2km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jun, 11:48
NW edge of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk)	100-200m SW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	16-Jun, 14:05
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-5km NE	Heard	30	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jun, 19:27-19:29
	4-5km SE	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	16-Jun, 02:12-02:20
	4-5km SE	Heard	13	Shot		Small arms	16-Jun, 02:12-02:20
	4-5km SE	Heard	15	Burst		Small arms	16-Jun, 02:43-02:48
	4-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	16-Jun, 04:32-04:46
	4-5km SE	Heard	16	Shot		Small arms	16-Jun, 04:32-04:46
	4-5km SE	Heard	4	Burst		Small arms	16-Jun, 04:32-04:46
About 3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	10-12km NE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jun, 10:30

⁷ 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 regions⁸



⁸ 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).