

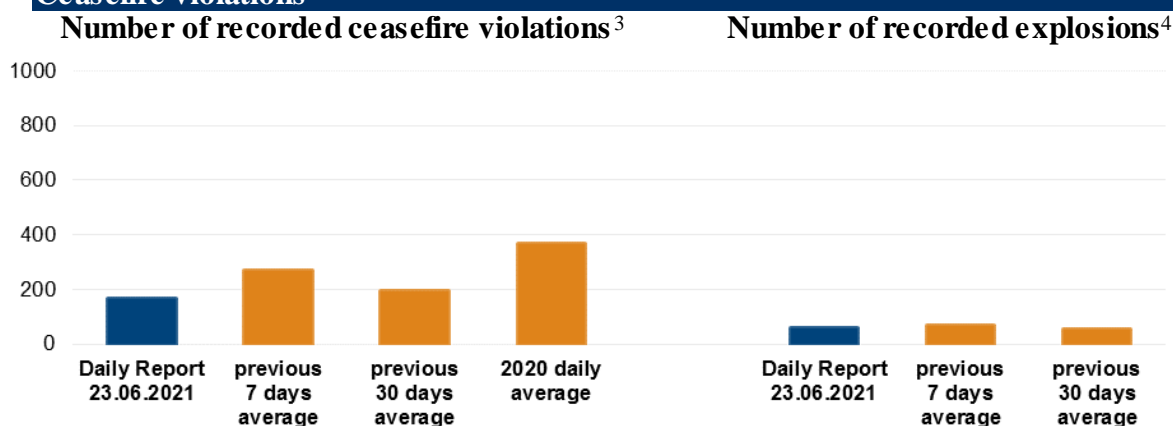
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 77 ceasefire violations, including 36 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 254 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 89 ceasefire violations, including 24 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 36 ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) near non-government-controlled Kalynove-Borshchuvate, Luhansk 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 three entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Novoazovsk and Siedove, in southern Donetsk region. Its UAVs again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 22 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 Oktiabr mine were not operational.

³ Including explosions.

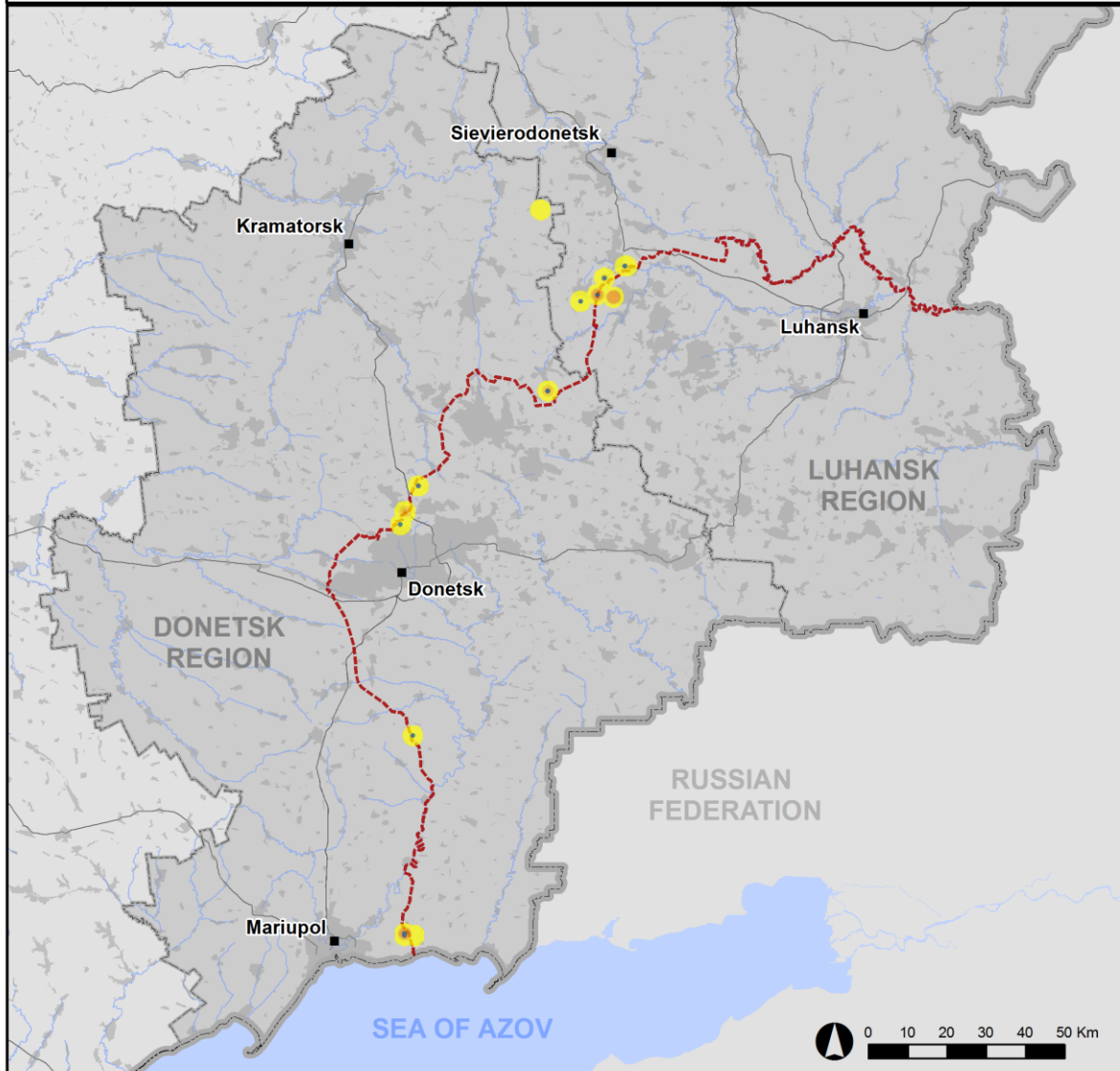
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

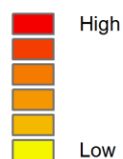


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 22 June 2021



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 77 ceasefire violations, including 36 explosions (one airburst and 35 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and south-easterly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 254 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 89 ceasefire violations, including 24 explosions (one impact and 23 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at northerly, southerly and westerly directions of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 36 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 36,494 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 11,436 explosions, 6,134 projectiles in flight, 234 muzzle flashes, 122 illumination flares and at least 18,568 bursts and shots).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near non-government-controlled Kalynove-Borshchuvate, Luhansk region

While positioned on the western edge of Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km west of Luhansk) to conduct an announced mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight, the Mission heard 40 shots of small-arms fire, at an assessed range of 300-600m south, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 600m south-south-west of the Mission's position. The SMM landed the UAV and left the area. (See below.)*

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 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 21 June, an SMM mid-range UAV spotted an armoured combat vehicle outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, about 40m north of the area's northern edge and about 230m west-north-west of its north-eastern corner.

On the evening of 21 June, while on the northern edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard nine undetermined explosions, at an assessed range of 5-7km east. On the night of 21-22 June, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded two explosions (one undetermined and one impact) and five projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 2-4km east. During the day on 22 June, while positioned on the western edge of Kalynove-Borshchuvate, the SMM heard 40 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 300-600m south. All these ceasefire violations were 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.

On 22 June, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote, the Mission saw three 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.

During the day on 22 June, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission heard two undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 4-5km south-east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) 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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM saw 21 tanks at a railway station in a government-controlled area in Luhansk region and six tanks in a training area in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The SMM saw five armoured combat vehicles and an anti-aircraft gun in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including in a residential area, and one armoured combat vehicle in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of anti-tank mines near Staromykhailivka, and demining activities in Novoluhanske, Donetsk region

On 20 June, about 400m west of the western edge of Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted seven anti-tank mines on a road leading towards Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km west of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see the [SMM Daily Report of 23 May 2020](#).)

On the eastern and western edges of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk), and in the settlement, the SMM observed ten members of an international organization (unknown genders and ages) with protective gear and metal detectors carrying-out de-mining activities. (For previous observations in the area, please see the [SMM Daily Report of 22 June 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 at two locations near the station, the SMM heard a total of 15 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS. These ceasefire violations occurred during the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving

between the station and 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), and adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable maintenance to a power line in Pryshyb (non-government-controlled, 34km north-west of Luhansk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (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.

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 point⁶ near Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), for about 30 minutes, the SMM observed two people (a woman and a man, in their fifties), 12 cars (including nine with “DPR” plates) and three covered cargo trucks (with “DPR” plates) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it observed two women (in their sixties), 16 cars (including nine with “DPR” plates) and one covered cargo truck (with “DPR” plates) exiting Ukraine.

The Mission also monitored border areas outside government control along the border with the Russian Federation near Oleksandrivske (formerly Rozy Liuksemburh, 90km south-east of Donetsk), Markyne (94km south of Donetsk), Vaniushchyn (90km south-east of Donetsk) and Kuznetsy (89km south-east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

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

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.

to Ukraine's border outside control of the government (for example, see the [SMM Daily Report of 22 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.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formation denied the SMM passage westward, eastward and southward towards Novoazovsk, citing "orders from superiors" and a "lack of advance notice".
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Siedove (non-government-controlled, 106km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards the settlement, citing an "ongoing exercise in the area". While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed traffic passing through the checkpoint in both directions.

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:⁷

- While positioned on the western edge of Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km west of Luhansk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard 40 shots of small-arms fire, assessed as aimed at the UAV. (See above.)
- An SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 30km north-east of Donetsk).
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Betmanove (formerly Krasnyi Partyzan, non-government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk), during two flights over areas near Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km west of Donetsk), during one flight over areas near Mykhailivka, during one flight over areas near Shumy (government-controlled, 41km north of Donetsk) and during one flight over areas near Novoselivka (government-controlled, 66km south of Donetsk).
- The Mission was also unable to launch two mid-range UAVs, one near Betmanove and the other near Novoselivka, due to persistent GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.

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.

Tables of weapons

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
21/6/2021	21	Tank (T-64B)	At a railway station in Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
Non-government-controlled areas				
22/6/2021	6	Tank (four T-72 and two T-64)	In a training area near Oleksandrivske (formerly Rozy Liuksemburh, 90km south-east of Donetsk)	Patrol

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
19/6/2021	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery
21/6/2021	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Zolote-4/Rodina (62km west of Luhansk)	Mid-range UAV
22/6/2021	1	Armoured recovery vehicle (BREM-2)	Near Krasnohorivka (24km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-variant)	In Chermalyk (77km south of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-variant)	Near Novotoshkovske (53km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	In a residential area of Trokhizbenka (32km north-west of Luhansk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
22/6/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Kreminets (16km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol

⁸ The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 22 June 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	6-7km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 21:38
	6-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 21:41
	6-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 21:47
	6-7km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	E to W	N/K	21-Jun, 21:48
	6-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	21-Jun, 21:49
	6-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 21:49
	6-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 22:01
	6-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 22:02
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 22:14
	6-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	21-Jun, 22:29
	6-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	21-Jun, 22:53
	6-7km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 23:02
	6-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 23:13
	6-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	21-Jun, 23:22
	6-7km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	21-Jun, 23:38
	6-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	21-Jun, 23:38
	6-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	21-Jun, 23:38
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km WSW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	22-Jun, 14:47
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 20:45-20:47
	4-6km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 21:03-21:06
	4-6km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 21:11-21:15
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 10:10
	3km E	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	22-Jun, 10:31
SE edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	4-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 14:26
	1-2km SE	Heard	12	Burst		HMG	22-Jun, 14:37-14:40
About 200m SE Spime (government-controlled, 96km north of Donetsk)	1km NW	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	22-Jun, 14:46
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	22-Jun, 15:50
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jun, 00:49
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jun, 00:51

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
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jun, 00:51
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jun, 00:54
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jun, 00:56
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jun, 01:09
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	22-Jun, 01:35
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	21-Jun, 20:19-20:20
	5-7km E	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	21-Jun, 22:10-22:20
	5-7km SE	Heard	20	Burst		HMG	22-Jun, 01:05-02:00
	5-7km S	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	22-Jun, 01:05-02:00
W edge of Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	300-600m S	Heard	40	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	22-Jun, 12:49-12:52

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).