

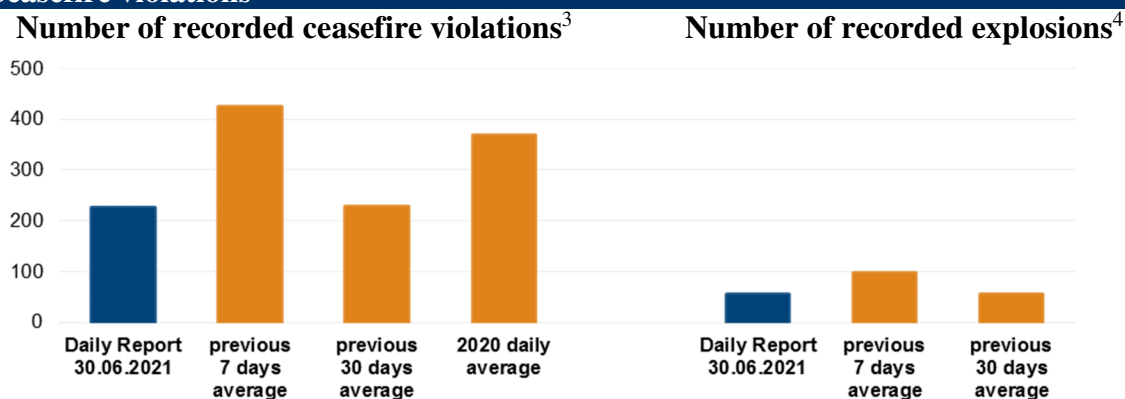
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 90 ceasefire violations, including 47 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 394 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 135 ceasefire violations, including nine explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 48 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission 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 Mission observed a gathering in Kyiv related to accountability for alleged activities of foreign nationals in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at four checkpoints of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region and at a border crossing point outside government control near Izvaryne, Luhansk region. Its unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) again experienced multiple instances of GPS signal interference.

Ceasefire violations²



Map of recorded ceasefire violations

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 29 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.

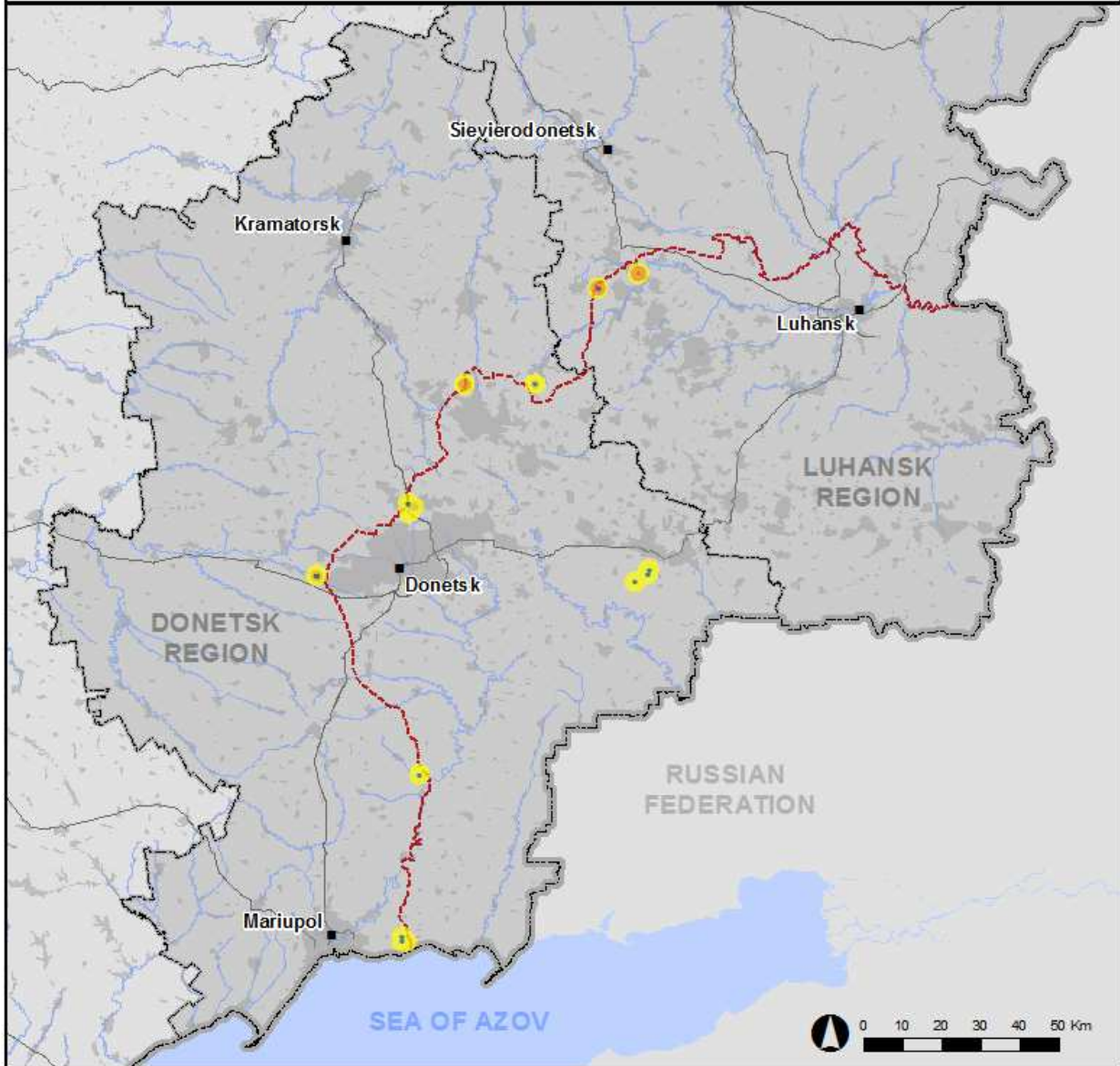
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

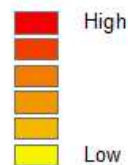


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 30 June 2021



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 90 ceasefire violations, including 47 explosions (40 undetermined and seven outgoing artillery rounds). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area north-east of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk), at westerly directions of Manuilivka (non-government-controlled, 65km east of Donetsk), which were assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone, as well as in an area north-west of Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 394 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 135 ceasefire violations, including nine undetermined explosions. All ceasefire violations occurred in areas east and south-west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 48 ceasefire violations, all near the aforementioned disengagement area.

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 39,519 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 12,120 explosions, 6,368 projectiles in flight, 235 muzzle flashes, 126 illumination flares and at least 20,670 bursts and shots).

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).

While positioned at two locations near the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the SMM heard nine undetermined explosions and 126 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

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.

On 29 June, while positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

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 Mission saw 20 tanks and a surface-to-air missile system in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region, all at or near a railway station. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

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

The SMM saw five infantry fighting vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of mines near Opytne, Spartak, Lozove and Zoloti Pisky, Donetsk region

On 27 June, about 3km east of Opytne (government-controlled, 12km north-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted for the first time ten anti-tank mines laid across a road, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces and as not recently laid.

On the same day, on two roads near the north-western and northern edges of Spartak (non-government-controlled, 9km north of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted for the first time in total 11 anti-tank mines near residential houses, assessed as belonging to the armed formations and as not recently laid.

On 27 June, about 4km north of Lozove (non-government-controlled, 13km west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted at least 22 anti-tank mines laid across the eastern lane of a highway, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area see [SMM Daily Report of 18 March 2021](#).)

On the same day, on a highway about 3km south-west of Zoloti Pisky (government-controlled, 12km north-west of Donetsk), the same mini-UAV again spotted about 29 anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. (For previous observations in the area see [SMM Daily Report of 18 March 2021](#).)

On 29 June, about 800m north of a local road on the northern outskirts of Pravdivka (government-controlled, 38km north of Donetsk), the SMM observed six members of a demining organisation (unknown genders and ages) with protective gear and metal detectors carrying out de-mining activities.

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 in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM heard 11 shots of small-arms fire, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Luhansk region, the Mission 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.

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.

At the latter checkpoint, the SMM observed three workers with an excavator digging a hole under a shade shelter for pedestrians located about 15m south of the checkpoint.

At a checkpoint between non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions north-east of Snizhne (non-government-controlled, 72km east of Donetsk), the Mission observed vehicular and pedestrian traffic in both directions.

Border areas outside government control

While positioned at a border crossing point⁶ near Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km south-east of Luhansk), the Mission observed no traffic entering or exiting Ukraine. After about five minutes, a visibly armed member of the armed formations asked the SMM to leave the area.*

The SMM observed a gathering in Kyiv

On 28 June, in front of the Office of the President of Ukraine at 11 Bankova Street in Kyiv, the SMM observed a peaceful gathering of about 1,500 people (mixed gender, mostly in their twenties to forties) expressing messages critical of the Government's actions in relation to holding foreign nationals accountable for their alleged activities in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. The Mission observed the presence of about 250 law enforcement agents.

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 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.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Staromarivka (62km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage southwards towards

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.

Shevchenko (non-government-controlled, 69km south of Donetsk), citing “kinetic activity in the area”. While at the checkpoint, the SMM saw cars passing through the checkpoint.

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations [again](#) denied the Mission passage westwards towards Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk) and southwards towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk), citing “orders from superiors” and “the SMM’s safety”.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Starolaspa (non-government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) twice denied the Mission passage into the settlement, citing “ongoing engineering and demining activity in the area”. While at the checkpoint, the SMM saw cars passing through the checkpoint.
- At a border crossing point near Izvaryne (non-government-controlled, 52km south-east of Luhansk), an armed member of the armed formations asked the SMM to leave the area, citing “orders from superiors”.

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.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations in Prymorske (non-government-controlled, 76km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations allowed the Mission passage southwards only after about 45 minutes, citing “the SMM’s safety”. While at the checkpoint, the SMM observed cars passing through the checkpoint.

Other impediments⁷:

- On 28 June, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Luhanske (government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk).
- On the same day, the Mission was unable to launch a mid-range UAV near Luhanske due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.
- On 29 June, the SMM was unable to launch a mid-range UAV near Starohnativka (government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk) due to GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.
- Also on 29 June, four SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Rubizhne (government-controlled, 84km north-west of Luhansk), one flight over areas near Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk), two flights over areas near Pravidivka (government-controlled, 38km north of Donetsk) and one flight over areas near Starohnativka.

⁷ For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interferences could have originated from anywhere within the radius of tens 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				
29/6/2021	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	At a train station in Rubizhne (84km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	20	Tank (two T-64 and 18 type undetermined)	Near a railway station in Rubizhne (84km north-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				
26/6/2021	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Hranitne (60km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
28/6/2021	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Talakivka (90km south of Donetsk)	
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-2 and one probable BMP-2)	Near Lomakyne (93km south of Donetsk)	

⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

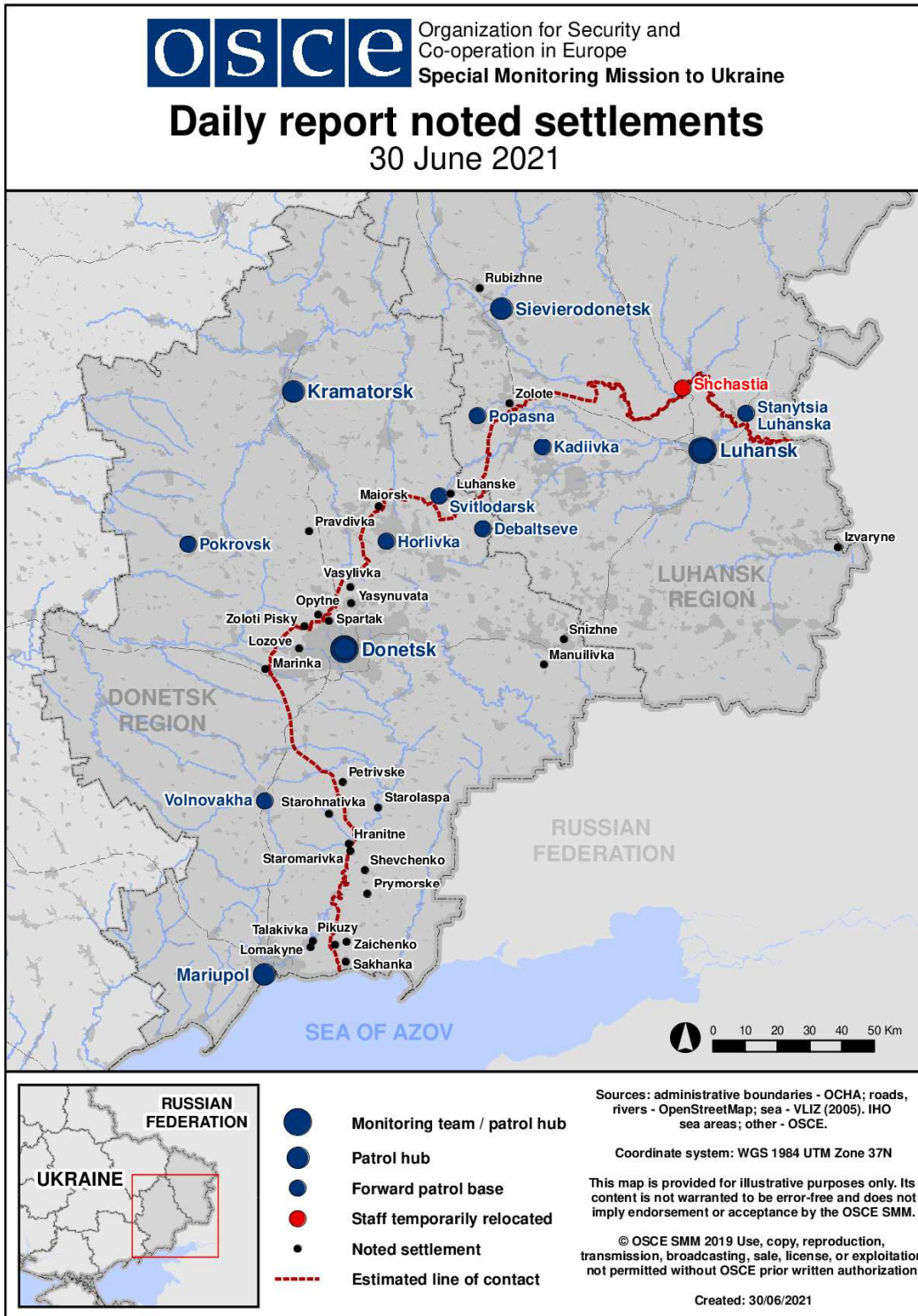
Table of ceasefire violations as of 29 June 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 21:33
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	2-4km S	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Jun, 21:20
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km ENE	Recorded	29	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Jun, 23:11
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:12
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:23
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:25
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:26
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:28
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:29
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:30
	3-5km NNW	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:31
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 23:57
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	29-Jun, 00:15
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 00:15
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Jun, 00:26
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km SSE	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jun, 18:30-18:33
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km SW	Heard	11	Shot		Small arms	29-Jun, 11:11-11:20
About 2km NNE of Velyka Shyshivka (non-government-controlled, 53km E of Donetsk)	4-8km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 11:31-11:35
About 3km WNW of Manuilivka (non-government-controlled, 65km E of Donetsk)	1-2km NNE	Heard	4	Explosion	Outgoing	Artillery (type N/K)	29-Jun, 12:15-12:30
About 4km NW of Manuilivka (non-government-controlled, 65km E of Donetsk)	1-2km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Outgoing	Artillery (type N/K)	29-Jun, 12:44-12:55
	1-2km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing	Artillery (type N/K)	29-Jun, 12:59
Maiorove (formerly Krasnyi Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 57km SE of Donetsk)	8km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jun, 12:10-12:20

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.

S edge of Berezivske (government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	1km WSW	Heard	65	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	29-Jun, 15:22-15:41
W edge of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-4km W	Heard	40	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	29-Jun, 17:26-17:49
	3-4km W	Heard	21	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area Zolote	Small arms	29-Jun, 17:26-17:49
	3-4km W	Heard	9	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	29-Jun, 17:26-17:49

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).