

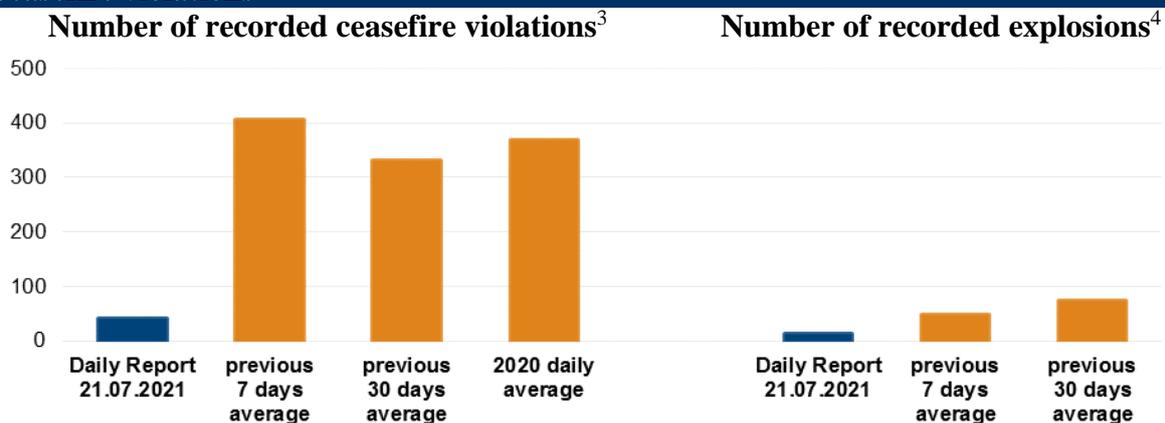
# Daily Report 168/2021

21 July 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 40 ceasefire violations, including 12 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 86 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded two ceasefire violations. In the previous reporting period, it recorded four ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM observed recent damage to a civilian property in Olenivka, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation and repairs of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission 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 SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk region and at a railway station outside government control near the border with the Russian Federation in Luhansk region.\*

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 20 July 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited observational capabilities of some of the SMM cameras.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

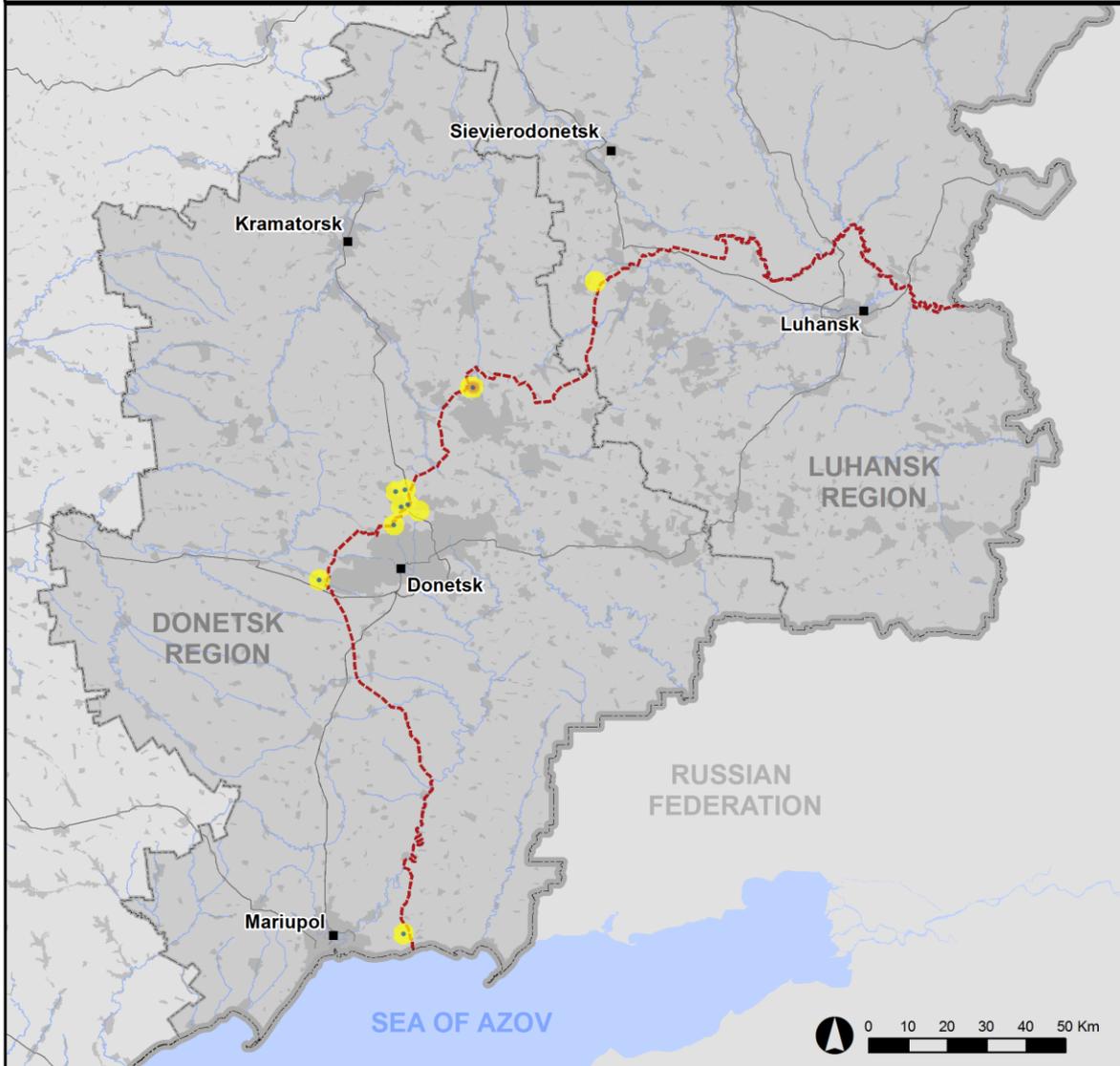
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

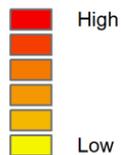


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 20 July 2021



#### 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 40 ceasefire violations, including 12 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at easterly and northerly directions of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 86 ceasefire violations, of which the majority also occurred in an area east of Maiorsk.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded two ceasefire violations in an area near the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded four 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 45,914 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 13,453 explosions, 8,667 projectiles in flight, 262 muzzle flashes, 165 illumination flares and at least 23,367 bursts and shots).

### Recent damage to a civilian property in Olenivka, Donetsk region

The SMM followed up on reports of damage to a civilian property on the southern outskirts of Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk).

On 19 July, at 13 Zhovtneva Street in Olenivka, about 20m north-north-east of an inhabited house, the Mission observed an impact crater in the house's garden and saw that a window pane in the house's north-facing wall was missing. It also saw glass shards collected in a bucket below the window. The Mission also observed multiple holes in a steel fence situated about 25m north of the house. The SMM assessed the crater and the damage as recent. The Mission assessed the direction of fire as south-south-west, but was not able to determine the weapon used.

A woman in her seventies, who introduced herself as the owner of the house told the SMM that, in the morning of 18 July, she had heard two loud explosions, which had shattered the glass of her hallway window. She added that thirty minutes later, she had gone into her garden and found the impact crater.

### Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>5</sup>

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.

On the evening and night of 19-20 July, the SMM camera in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) recorded two illumination flares at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east, assessed as outside **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

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

On 19 July, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the SMM observed 22 recent mine hazard signs (red, with “Stop, Mines” written in Russian) east and west of road T-1316 starting from the checkpoint and continuing north to about 350m inside the disengagement area. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 19 July 2021](#)).

On 20 July, also while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw four members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them). On the same day, 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 Mission 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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the Mission saw two probable multiple launch rocket systems in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the SMM saw two howitzers and eight parts assessed as part of a surface-to-air-missile system in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and an anti-tank gun in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

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

While positioned about 2.5km south-east of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed a non-SMM UAV flying about 3-5km north-north-east of the SMM’s position, despite the ban on the operation of any aerial vehicles included in the 22 July 2020 Trilateral Contact Group decision regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire.

### **Anti-tank mines in Donetsk city, Donetsk region**

On 19 July, on the western outskirts of the Trudivski area of non-government-controlled Donetsk city’s Petrovskiyi district (15km south-west of Donetsk city centre), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted three anti-tank-mines on a road leading towards Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), assessed as belonging to the armed formations (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 26 May 2021](#)).

### **SMM facilitation of the operation and repairs of critical civilian infrastructure**

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk). During the day, while positioned at four locations near the DFS, the SMM heard ten ceasefire violations, including eight undetermined explosions, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The Mission also monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable maintenance of a cell phone network in Bolotene (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk) and repairs to water infrastructure in Krasnyi Lyman (non-government-controlled, 30km north-west of Luhansk).

### **Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints**

In Donetsk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) was open, but did not see traffic passing through in either direction.

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. At the latter checkpoint, the SMM observed medical staff provide first aid to a woman in her sixties, who lost consciousness while queueing to be registered for self-isolation.

On 19 July, the Mission noted that, near the EECP near Zolote vegetation had been cleared by heavy machinery and that a section of a fence, running north to south and parallel to the road T-1316, starting about 100m south of the EECP's northern edge and continuing to about 200m south of it, had been removed.

On 20 July, 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. While at the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote, the Mission observed eight workers clearing vegetation on the eastern and western sides of road T-1316.

### **Border areas outside government control**

While positioned at a border crossing point<sup>6</sup> near Marynivka (78km east of Donetsk), for about 40 minutes, the SMM observed five cars (including three with "DPR" plates), three covered cargo trucks (including two with "DPR" plates), two buses (with "DPR" plates, with about 50 passengers each, mixed genders and ages), one mini-bus (with "DPR" plates, with about 20 passengers, mixed genders and ages) and nine people (four women and five men, mixed genders and ages) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it saw 12 cars (including eight with "DPR" plates), one covered cargo truck (with "DPR" plates), three buses (with "DPR" plates, with about 50 passengers each, mixed genders and ages) and one mini-bus (with

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<sup>6</sup> 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.

“DPR” plates, with about 20 passengers, mixed genders and ages) exiting Ukraine.

While positioned at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about half an hour, the Mission observed ten cars (including five with “DPR” plates), one covered cargo truck (with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates, with about 50 passengers, mixed genders and ages), one mini bus (with “DPR” plates, with about 20 passengers, mixed genders and ages) and 48 people (20 women and 23 men, mixed genders and ages and five children) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it also saw six cars (including three with “DPR” plates), six covered cargo trucks (including four with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates, with about 50 passengers, mixed genders and ages), one mini bus (with “DPR” plates, with about 15 passengers, mixed genders and ages) and 28 people (ten women and 12 men, mixed genders and ages, and six children) exiting Ukraine.

While positioned at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 25 minutes, the SMM observed no traffic entering or exiting Ukraine.

The Mission also monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation near Vyselky (72km south-east of Donetsk), Stepne (72km south-east of Donetsk), Petropavlivka (68km south-east of Donetsk), Vasylivka (65km south-east of Donetsk), Novoivanivka (57km south-east of Donetsk), Kosharne (61km south-east of Donetsk), Zernove (70km south of Donetsk), Hrekovo-Oleksandrivka (72km south-east of Donetsk), Mykhailivka (74km south-east of Donetsk), Kuznetsovo-Mykhailivka (67km south-east of Donetsk), Shevchenko (65km south-east of Donetsk) and Rozivka (61km south-east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

While positioned at the Chervona Mohyla border railway station in Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, 65km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM observed 50 stationary cargo railway cars (contents not visible). After two minutes, two members of the armed formations told the Mission to leave the area.\*

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, 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.*

Denials:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), one of two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards the settlement, citing “the SMM’s safety”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations south of Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations twice denied the Mission passage south towards Lukove (non-government-controlled, 72km south of Donetsk), citing “demining activities in the area”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.
- At a checkpoint of the armed formations east of Nova Marivka, a visibly armed member of the armed formations twice denied the SMM passage westwards into the settlement, once providing no reason and once citing “demining and engineering activities”. While at the checkpoint, the Mission observed civilian traffic passing through.
- At the Chervona Mohyla railway station in Voznesenivka (formerly Chervonopartyzansk, non-government-controlled, 65km south-east of Luhansk), two members of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area, citing “the SMM’s lack of coordination with their superiors”. (See above.)

*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:

- While at a railway station in Kostiantynivka (government-controlled, 60km north of Donetsk), a member of the Ukrainian Armed Forces only allowed the Mission to proceed inside the station after about 20 minutes of waiting, citing “ongoing loading and unloading activities”.

## Tables of weapons

### Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
20/7/2021	2	Probable multiple launch rocket system (BM-30 <i>Smerch</i> , 300mm)	Near a residential area of Kindrativka (68km north of Donetsk)	Patrol

### Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
20/7/2021	2	Towed howitzer (one 2A36 <i>Giatsint-B</i> , 152mm and one 2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm)	At a railway station near Selezivka (97km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Eight tubes assessed as parts of a surface-to-air missile system (S-300)	At a railway station in Kostiantynivka (60km north of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
19/7/2021	1	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)	In a compound in a residential area of Luhansk city	Mini-UAV

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
16/7/2021	3	Armoured combat vehicle (BMP-variant)	In a residential area of Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
20/7/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (undetermined variant)	In a residential area of Krasnohorivka (24km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
19/7/2021	2	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	In a compound in a residential area of Luhansk city	Mini-UAV

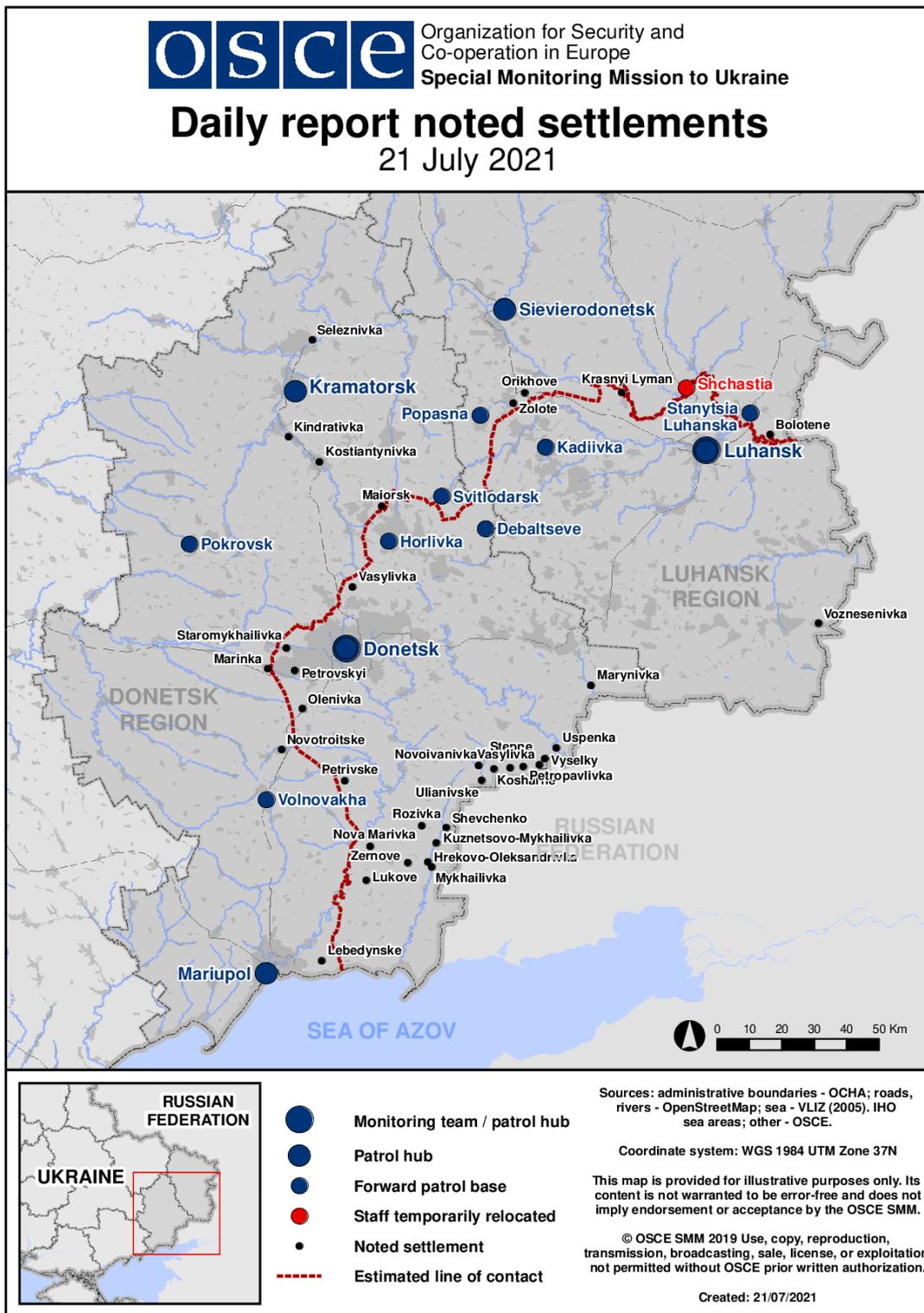
<sup>7</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

**Table of ceasefire violations as of 20 July 2021<sup>8</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1.5-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	19-Jul, 21:10
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	19-Jul, 21:13
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	19-Jul, 21:13
	2-4km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	N to S	N/K	19-Jul, 21:13
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jul, 21:13
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	19-Jul, 21:22
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	19-Jul, 21:22
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	19-Jul, 21:22
	2-4km E	Recorded	15	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	20-Jul, 00:09
2-4km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jul, 22:01	
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	19-Jul, 23:26
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	20-Jul, 02:18
About 1.3km NNE of Donetsk Railway Station (6km north-west of Donetsk city centre)	2-3km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jul, 10:42
About 2km W of Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk)	3-4km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jul, 10:44
About 700m WSW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jul, 11:50
	1km S	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	20-Jul, 11:53
	4-5km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jul, 12:12
About 1.5km SSW of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jul, 11:58
About 500m NNE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	20-Jul, 10:42
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	19-Jul, 22:46
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	20-Jul, 01:19

<sup>8</sup> 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 regions<sup>9</sup>



<sup>9</sup> 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).