

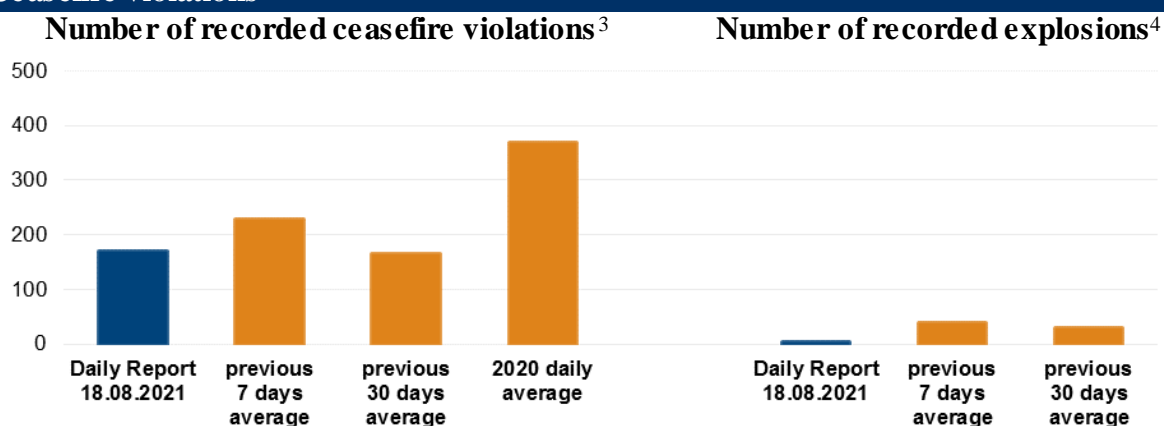
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 165 ceasefire violations, including three explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 139 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded five ceasefire violations. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 445 ceasefire violations.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations close to the disengagement area near Zolote and inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation and repairs to critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM 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 monitored a gathering in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.*

Ceasefire violations²



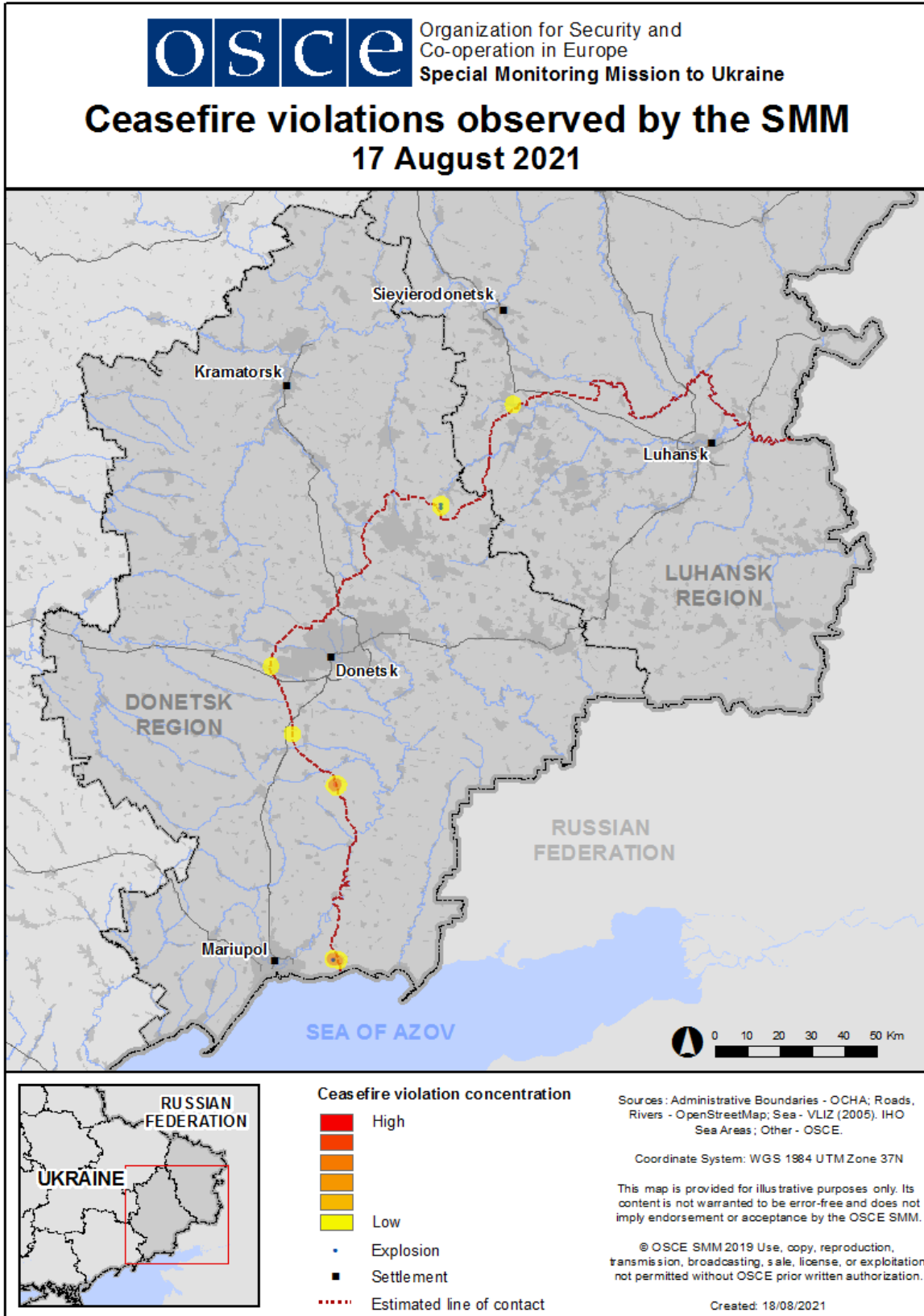
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 17 August 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 165 ceasefire violations, including three explosions (two undetermined and one airburst). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at northerly directions of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and inside the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). (See below.) In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 139 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded five ceasefire violations. All ceasefire violations occurred in an area north of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). (See below.) In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 445 ceasefire violations, the majority of which also occurred 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 50,551 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 14,251 explosions, 9,795 projectiles in flight, 265 muzzle flashes, 195 illumination flares and at least 26,045 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM 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).

Inside the disengagement area, about 400m south of its northern edge, the Mission observed two men (ages unknown) cutting grass on the eastern edge of road T-1316.

On the evening of 16 August, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded five projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 1-3km east and assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

During the day on 17 August, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area, the Mission saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them).

On the night of 16-17 August, the SMM camera about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded 70 projectiles in flight and three illumination flares at an assessed range of 1-4km east-south-east and south-east, assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, as well as one projectile in flight at an assessed range of 2-4km south-east, unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area.

During the day on 17 August, while positioned at four locations near the area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

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, in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, the Mission observed six multiple launch rocket systems (three probable), six tanks and six mortars, all inside and near a training area in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the SMM saw 27 tanks, 12 howitzers, six anti-tank guns, one mortar and ten surface-to-air missile systems, in two training areas in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The SMM saw 17 armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk region, including in a training area in a non-government-controlled area in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014. (For further information, see the table below.)

While positioned 1km west of the north-western edge of Toshkivka (government-controlled, 60km north-west of Luhansk), the Mission observed two Ukrainian Armed Forces soldiers standing near a civilian vehicle parked on the eastern edge of road P-66. The SMM saw that one of the Ukrainian Armed Forces soldier was holding an object assessed as a control panel for an UAV. Then, the Mission saw a non-SMM mini-UAV flying and landing about 10m and 40m east, respectively, 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. Subsequently, the Mission saw the same Ukrainian Armed Forces soldier holding the control panel collect the UAV and leave the area (with the other Ukrainian Armed Forces soldier) in the aforementioned vehicle.

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).

The SMM also monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk), and adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to the phenol sludge reservoir near government-controlled Nelipivka (40km north of Donetsk), power lines in and near Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk) and to railway tracks near Yasne (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

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

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 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.

The Mission observed a gathering in Kyiv

On 17 August, at the Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred Alley in Kyiv, the SMM monitored a gathering of about 50 people (mostly men, between their twenties and forties), expressing their criticism about the presence of a set of installations depicting specific historical periods of Ukraine. It also saw about 40 law enforcement officers nearby. The Mission observed some of the participants dismantling the installations. It also saw a physical altercation between them and law enforcement officers, who detained four people.

Later, at 30 Moskovska Street, the SMM also observed another gathering of about 60 people (mostly men, between their twenties and fifties) expressing support for the detained participants at the previous gathering.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, 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 [SMM Daily Report of 13 August 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.

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

- Staff at a school in Perevalsk (non-government-controlled, 38km west of Luhansk) refused to share information on allegations of shelling referring the Mission to those in control.
- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight over areas near Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km west of Luhansk).

⁶ 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 UAV's position.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
16/8/2021	6	Tank (T-72)	Inside and near a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is further proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Mid-range UAV
	6	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)		
	6	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm, of which three probable)		

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites⁷

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
15/8/2021	1	Tank (T-72)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk), where the Mission also spotted 24 armoured combat vehicles.	
	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)		
16/8/2021	26	Tank (13 T-72, 12 T-64 and one type undetermined)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk), where the Mission also spotted 62 armoured combat vehicles and two anti-aircraft guns.	Mini-UAV
	1	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)		
	6	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)		
	12	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	9	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)		

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
18/8/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	Near Luhanske (59km north-east of Donetsk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
16/8/2021	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	In a training area near Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk), in a zone within which deployment of heavy armaments and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014.	Mid-range UAV
	13	Infantry fighting vehicle (ten BMP-2 and three BMP-1)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		

⁷ The armoured combat vehicles and anti-aircraft guns mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

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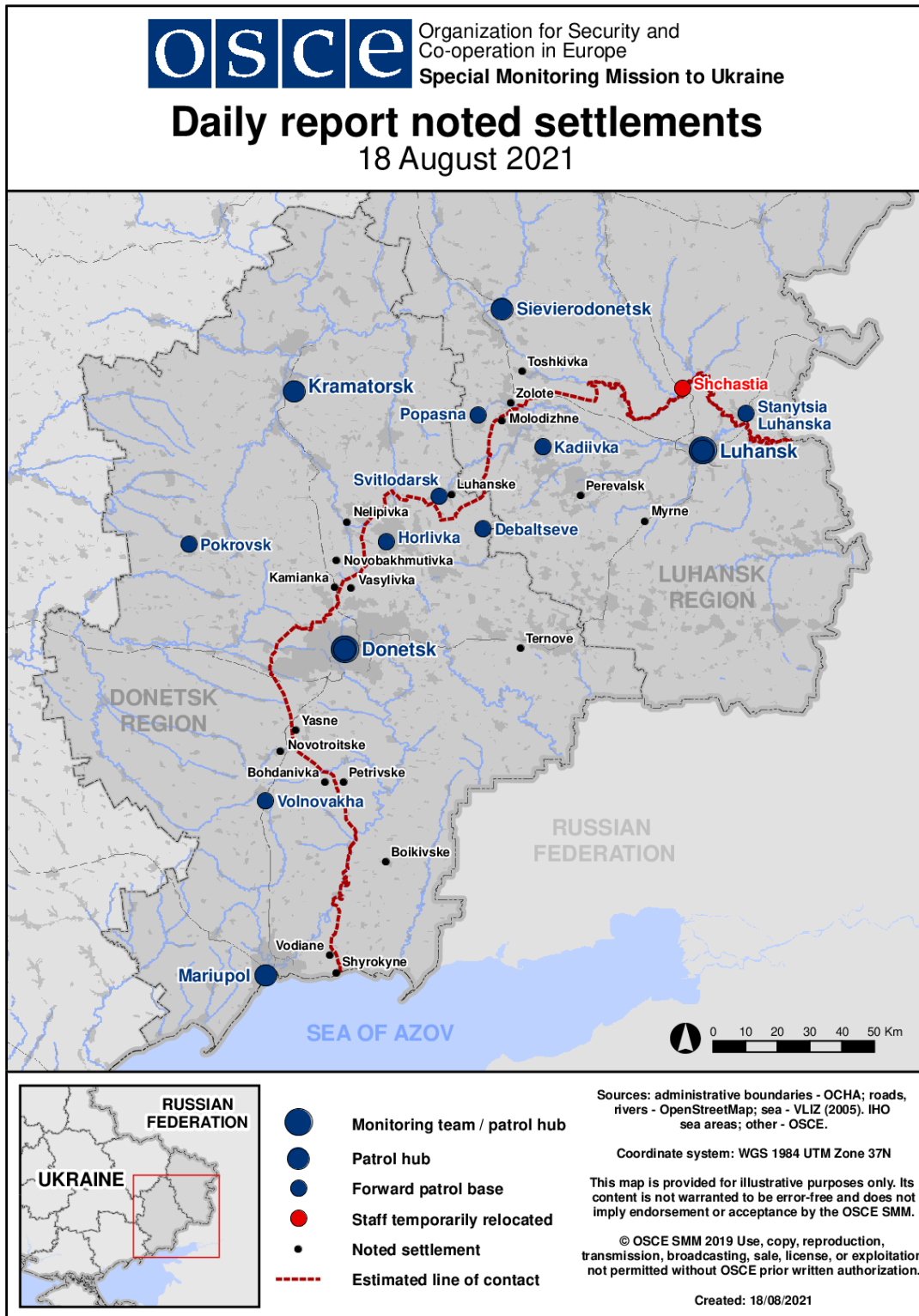
Table of ceasefire violations as of 17 August 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	16-Aug, 20:15
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	16-Aug, 20:18
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	16	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 21:12
	1-3km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 21:15
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 22:02
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 22:11
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 22:37
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 22:50
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 23:35
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 23:36
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 23:44
	1-3km SE	Recorded	15	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 23:50
	1-3km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 23:53
	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	16-Aug, 23:57
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	17-Aug, 00:17
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	6	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	17-Aug, 00:53
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	17-Aug, 02:23
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	Unable to be assessed if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	17-Aug, 04:06
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	16-Aug, 21:02
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	16-Aug, 20:45
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Aug, 20:49
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Air burst	N/K	16-Aug, 21:00
	4-6km N	Recorded	25	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Aug, 21:15
	4-6km N	Recorded	23	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Aug, 21:20
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Aug, 22:00
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	16-Aug, 22:06

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.

	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Aug, 22:06
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	14	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	16-Aug, 23:22
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Aug, 23:22
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	16-Aug, 23:36
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	17-Aug, 00:14
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	17-Aug, 01:17
Svitlodarsk FPB (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Aug, 16:23
	3-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Aug, 18:25
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-3km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	16-Aug, 22:49
	1-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	16-Aug, 22:50

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).