

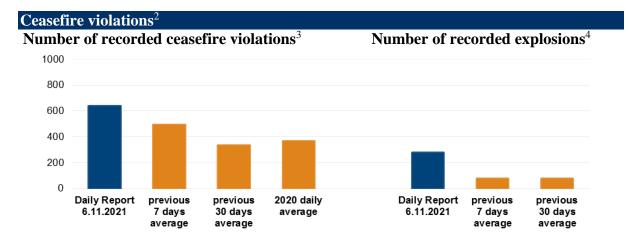
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 482 ceasefire violations, including 125 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 78 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 148 ceasefire violations, including 145 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded eight ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation, assessment and maintenance and repair of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at five entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM monitored border areas outside government control in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed gatherings in Kyiv and Kharkiv.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region and at a checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement areas near Zolote, Luhansk region. Its UAVs again experienced multiple instances of probable jamming and jamming.*



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 5 November 2021. All times are in Eastern European Time. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras.

 $^{^{2}}$ For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

³ Including explosions.

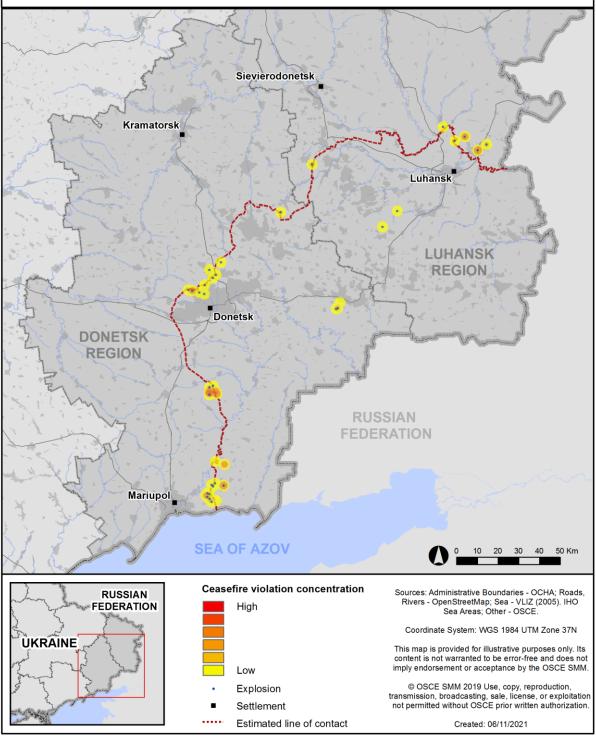
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 5 November 2021



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 482 ceasefire violations, including 125 explosions (four outgoing, three impacts and 118 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas close to the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below) and in areas south-west of Khreshchatytske (formerly Krasnoarmiiske, non-government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk). In the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded 78 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 148 ceasefire violations, including 145 explosions (46 outgoing, 14 impacts, 64 outgoing and impacts and 21 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north-east of the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) (see below) and in areas north and east of Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk). Additionally, the Mission recorded five undetermined explosions each in training areas near Shymshynivka (non-government-controlled, 27km south-west of Luhansk) and Buhaivka (non-government-controlled, 37km south-west of Luhansk), which were assessed as live-fire exercise outside the security zone. In the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded eight ceasefire violations in the region.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July 2020 regarding 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 73,245 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 19,754 explosions, 16,144 projectiles in flight, 355 muzzle flashes, 308 illumination flares and at least 36,684 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On the morning of 5 November, while positioned near Pshenychne (government-controlled, 20km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM heard 64 explosions (outgoing and impacts) at an assessed range of 6-8km south, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia** Luhanska, but within 5km of its periphery.

Inside the disengagement area, 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).

On 5 November, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), at three locations about 630m south of its northern edge, the Mission observed three craters: one in the asphalt of road T-1316, one about 6m further west, on the western shoulder of the road and one in a field about 40m west from the second crater. The SMM assessed the craters as recent but was unable to assess the type of weapon or the direction of fire.

On 5 November, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over the disengagement area.*

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them).

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

The SMM again saw the seven previously observed containers located south of the area's southern edge and inside the disengagement area. It saw that the <u>previously reported</u> road barriers across road T-1316, on the area's southern edge, continued to be closed.

While positioned inside the disengagement area, about 450m north of its southern edge, the SMM observed three <u>previously reported</u> boxes placed across road T-1316, assessed as ammunition boxes. It also <u>again</u> saw another metal box assessed as an ammunition box on the western edge of the road, about 70m south-south-east of the railway bridge and 1km south of the area's northern edge.

About 350m north of the disengagement area's southern edge, a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with "JCCC" written on it) denied the Mission passage into the area citing "the road is not open for the SMM".*

On the disengagement area's northern edge, the Mission observed that the construction of a bus station had been completed and saw one worker operating a crane unloading concrete blocks from a truck.

At about 100m north of the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote, the SMM observed ten mine hazard signs for the first time (red rectangular board with "Stop Mines" written on it with yellow letters in Russian language), five on the western side and five on the eastern side of road T-1316.

On the night of 4 November, the SMM camera in Petrivske recorded one undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 1-3km west-north-west, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, but within 5km of its periphery.

During the day of 5 November, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the Mission heard 34 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 3-4km south-south-west, assessed as inside the disengagement area. On the same day, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the Mission heard 12 undetermined explosions, unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area, and four outgoing explosions and 205 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire assessed as outside the disengagement area, 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 sites, the SMM observed 16 howitzers and an anti-tank gun in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including at a railway station. (For further information, see the table below.)

SMM facilitation of the operation, assessment, maintenance and repair of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at three locations near the DFS, the SMM heard five undetermined explosions and five shots of small-arms fire, all assessed as inside a 5km radius

of the DFS. Five of these ceasefire violations, all shots of small-arms fire, occurred when a bus with DFS workers was driving between the station and Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk).

It also monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable assessment and maintenance of two phenol sludge reservoirs near Nelipivka (government-controlled, 40km north of Donetsk) and repair of a water pipeline near Hladosove (government-controlled, 51km north-east 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) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were open, with civilian traffic passing through in both directions. It also saw that the EECP near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) was open.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open and saw people queueing to travel in both directions at the latter checkpoint.

The Mission 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 control⁶

While at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 30 minutes, the SMM observed one woman (in her forties) and two men (in their thirties and sixties, respectively) entering Ukraine and one woman (in her thirties) and a five year old girl exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 80 minutes, the Mission saw 11 cars (including ten with "DPR" plates), one bus (with "DPR" plates carrying 45 people of mixed genders and ages) and 11 people (three women and seven men, mixed ages, and a girl) entering Ukraine, and 46 cars (including 29 with "DPR" plates), three covered cargo trucks (including one with "DPR" plates), three buses (all with "DPR" plates, each carrying about 45 people, mixed genders and ages), and 11 people (two women and two men, mixed ages, and seven children) exiting Ukraine.

The SMM also monitored areas near the border with the Russian Federation close to Manych (76km east of Donetsk) and Novoukrainske (77km east of Donetsk), Donetsk region, and Krasne (25km south-east of Luhansk), Simeikyne (31km south-east of Luhansk) and Teple (formerly Krasnodon, 33km south-east of Luhansk), Luhansk region, and observed no change in the security situation.

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.

The SMM monitored gatherings in Kyiv and Kharkiv

On 4 November, the SMM monitored peaceful gatherings of about 200 people (men and women, mostly in their twenties and thirties) in Kyiv and about 40 people (mixed ages and genders) in Kharkiv, commemorating the three-year anniversary of the death of Kateryna Handziuk, an anti-corruption activist, who died in November 2018 following an acid attack.

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, 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 Co-ordination (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 <u>SMM Daily Report of 3</u> <u>November</u>). 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 near Sosnivske (non-government-controlled, 78km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage west towards the settlement, citing "orders from superiors".
- At a checkpoint near Khreshchatytske (formerly Krasnoarmiiske, non-government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage west towards Verkhnoshyrokivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), citing "orders from superiors" and "ongoing engineering works".
- At a checkpoint on the northern edge of Shymshynivka (non-government-controlled, 27km south-west of Luhansk), two member of the armed formations, one of which armed, denied the SMM passage south towards the settlement, citing the "SMM's safety" and "live-fire training exercises" in the training area near Shymshynivka.
- About 350m north of the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote (governmentcontrolled, 60km west of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with "JCCC" written on it) denied the Mission passage south, citing "the road is not open for the SMM". (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.

Other impediments:⁷

- While conducting a test flight, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between Novoandriivka (government-controlled, 75km north-west of Donetsk) and Chasiv Yar (government-controlled, 62km north of Donetsk), between Krepy (government-controlled, 43km north of Luhansk) and Shyshkove (non-government-controlled, 11km north-west of Luhansk) and over areas near Varvarivka (government-controlled, 81km north-west of Donetsk). The same UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying over areas between Chasiv Yar and Krepy and between Shyshkove and Varvarivka.
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during nine flights: twice each while flying over areas near Luhanske (government-controlled, 59km north-east of Donetsk), Slovianoserbsk (non-government-controlled, 28km north-west of Luhansk), Smile (non-government-controlled, 31km north-west of Luhansk) and once each while flying over areas near Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk), Stepove (non-government-controlled, 27km west of Luhansk) and on the southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote.

⁷ For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of tens of kilometres from the UAVs' positions.

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites⁸

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation				
Government-controlled areas								
4/11/2021	1	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 Rapira, 100mm)	Near Kalynove (formerly Kalinine, 65km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol				
	16	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 Gvozdika, 122mm)	At a railway station in Druzhkivka (72km north of Donetsk)					

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

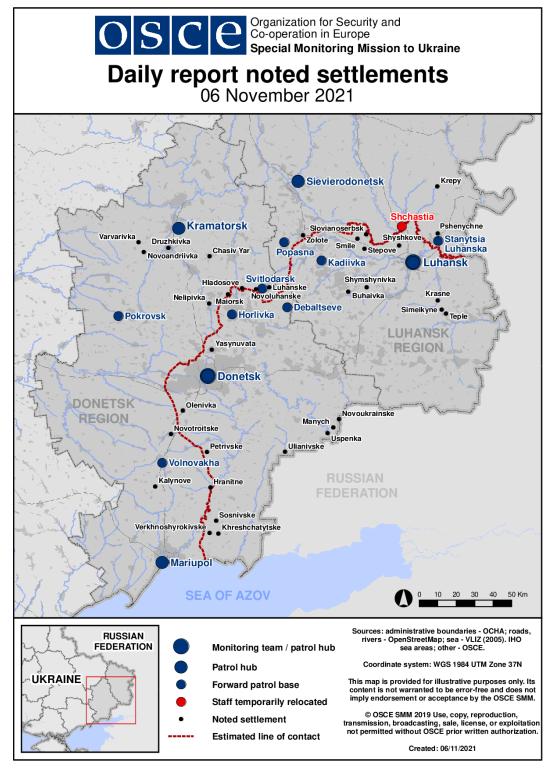
Table of ceasefire violations as of 5 November 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	1-3km WNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	4-Nov, 22:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 17:31
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 17:32
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	5-Nov, 17:33
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	5-Nov, 17:35
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Nov, 17:35
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	5-Nov, 18:23
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Nov, 18:32
Railway station in Donetsk city (non-government- controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city center)	2-4km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 10:35
Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	3km S	Heard	50	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	5-Nov, 11:12
Sosnivske (non-government-controlled, 78km S of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	32	Burst		HMG	5-Nov, 13:34-13:39
Khreshchatytske (formerly Krasnoarmiiske, non- government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Heard	63	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 14:01-14:36
Zhabunki (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of	5-7km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 10:16
Donetsk city center)	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 10:32
	2-4km N	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	5-Nov, 11:50
	1.5-2km W	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	5-Nov, 11:56
About 4km NW of Manuilivka (non-government-	1.5-2km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:56
controlled, 65km E of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 12:02-12:15
	2-3km NW	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	5-Nov, 12:02-12:15
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata	2-3km WSW	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	5-Nov, 09:38
(non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 13:10
About 700m WSW of the railway station in Yasynuvata	3-4km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 12:28
(non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 12:34
(non government controlled, Tokin (VE of Donetsk)	3-4km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 12:44
About 1.8km N of Petrivske (non-government- controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SSW	Heard	34	Shot	Assessed as inside the disengagement area	Small arms	5-Nov, 12:01-12:03
	2km SSE	Heard	15	Burst		Small arms	5-Nov, 10:15
About 2.1km WNW of Pisky (government-controlled,	2km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 10:15
11km NW of Donetsk)	2km SSE	Heard	15	Burst		Small arms	5-Nov, 10:53
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled,	3-5km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 13:12
20km N of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 13:13

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
SE edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	5-7km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 13:15
	4-5km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 15:14
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of	4-5km S	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 15:20
Donetsk)	4-5km S	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 15:27
	4-5km ESE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 10:06-10:11
	4-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 10:06-10:11
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	5-Nov, 10:06-10:11
	3-4km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	5-Nov, 10:06-10:11
	4-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	5-Nov, 10:06-10:11
	3-4km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing	Mortar (type N/K)	5-Nov, 11:38-11:47
About 1km E of Talakivka (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	4-5km ESE	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	Mortar (type N/K)	5-Nov, 11:38-11:47
Jokin 5 of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	20	Shot		IFV (type N/K)	5-Nov, 11:38-11:47
	4-5km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:38-11:47
About 2.5km SSE of Lomakyne (government-	4-5km E	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 12:16-12:22
controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)	4-5km E	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	5-Nov, 12:16-12:22
About 1.5km NNW of Chermalyk (government- controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	5-Nov, 13:12
	N/K SE	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Nov, 10:52-11:12
	3-5km SE	Heard	10	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	5-Nov, 10:52-11:12
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	14 5	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	5-Nov, 11:55-12:10
	3-4km S	Heard	4	Explosion	Outgoing (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Nov, 12:18-12:20
	N/K N	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (unable to be assessed as inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	5-Nov, 12:49

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
Checkpoint of the armed formation 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km N of Luhansk)	5-8km N	Heard	6	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	5-Nov, 09:03-09:15
Khrystove (non-government-controlled, 18km N of Luhansk)	5-8km E	Heard	40	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	5-Nov, 10:56-11:16
200 meters N of Shymshynivka (non-government- controlled, 27km SW of Luhansk)	3-5km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 09:35-09:50
S part of Buhaivka (non-government-controlled, 37km SW of Luhansk)	8-10km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 11:10-11:35
	5-7km SE	Heard	14	Explosion	Impact	Artillery (type N/K)	5-Nov, 10:35-10:44
N part of Pshenychne (government-controlled, 20 km NE of Luhansk)	6-8km S	Heard	64	Explosion	Outgoing and impacts (assessed as outside of the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska)	Artillery (type N/K)	5-Nov, 10:45-11:00
SW edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W	3-4km SSE	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Nov, 13:58-14:10
of Luhansk)	3-4km SSE	Heard	3	Burst	Undetermined	HMG	5-Nov, 13:58-14:10



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).