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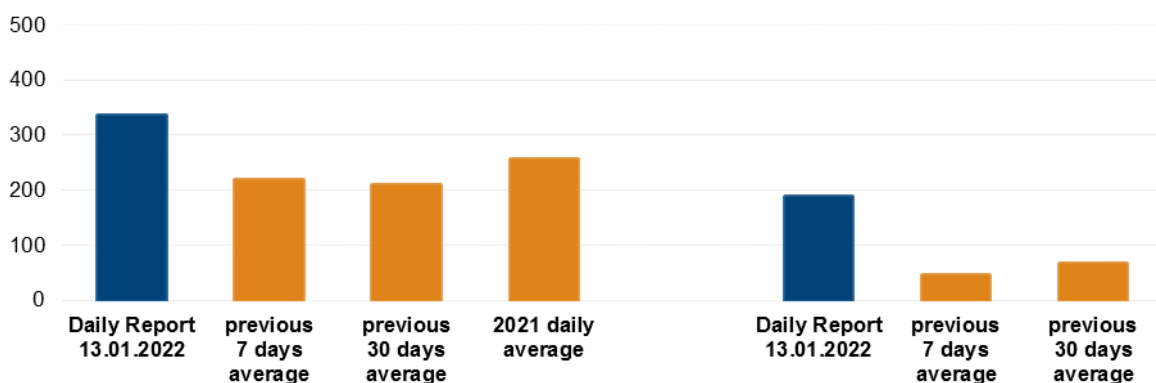
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 187 ceasefire violations, including 94 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 197 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 148 ceasefire violations, including 95 explosions, 113 of which were assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 105 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded a ceasefire violation and saw a person inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM 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 Mission visited two border crossing points outside government control and monitored areas near the border outside government control in Donetsk region.
- The SMM's unmanned aerial vehicles encountered instances of GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming and jamming.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 12 January 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of one SMM camera.

³ Including explosions.

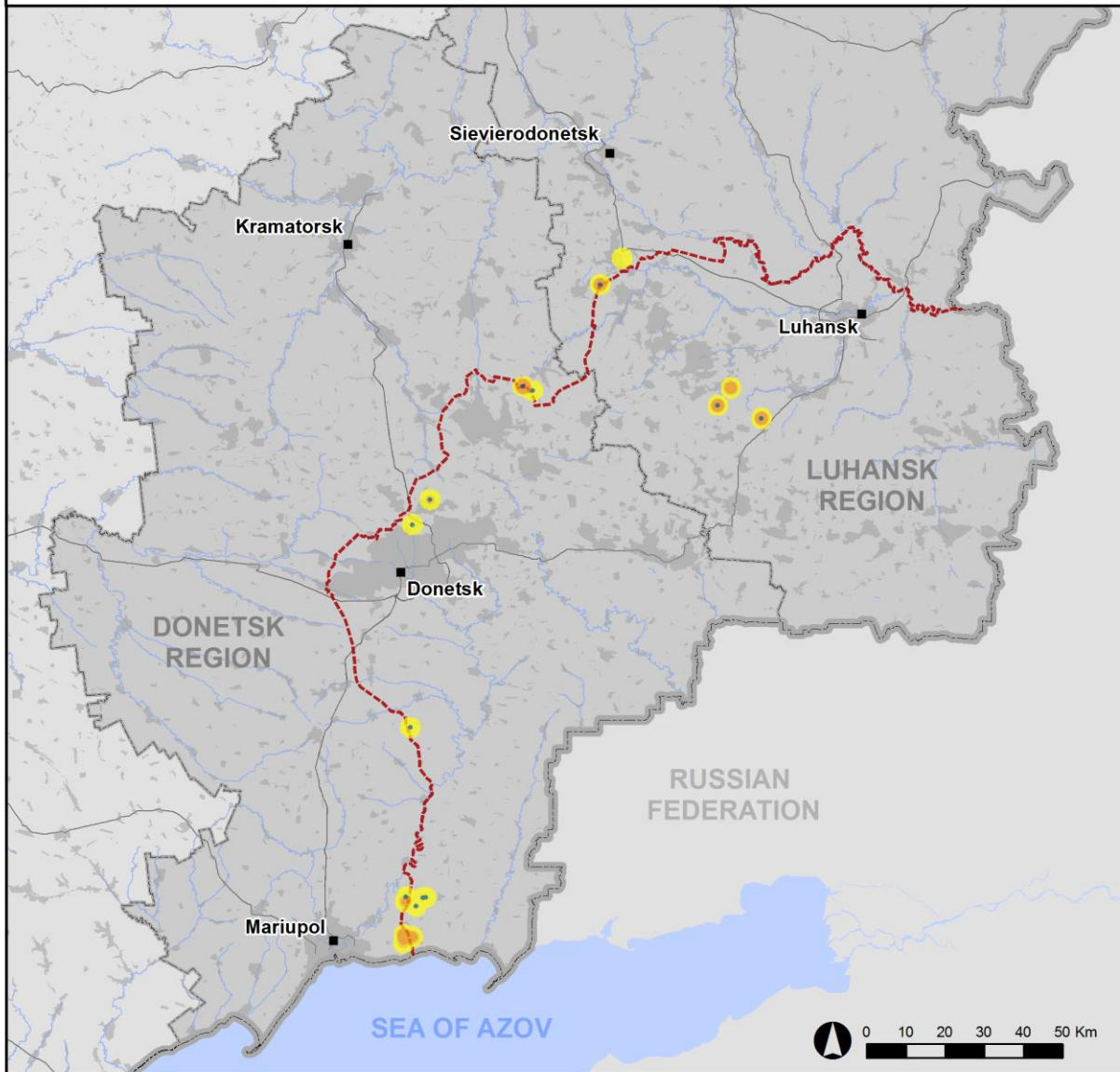
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

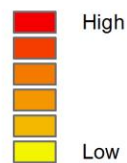


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 12 January 2022



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 187 ceasefire violations, including 94 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north and north-north-east of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), as well as south and south-west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 197 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 148 ceasefire violations, including 95 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations (113) occurred in areas east-south-east and south of Buhaivka (non-government-controlled, 37km south-west of Luhansk) and were assessed as a live-fire training exercise outside the security zone. In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 105 ceasefire violations in the region, of which almost all were also assessed as a live-fire training exercise outside the security zone.

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 100,776 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 27,505 explosions, 24,301 projectiles in flight, 440 muzzle flashes, 455 illumination flares and at least 48,075 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 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).

During the day on 12 January, while positioned on the western edge of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard 17 undetermined explosions and 16 bursts and shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire. On the evening of 12 January, the SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) recorded two projectiles in flight. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

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

On 10 January, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a man (in his forties) wearing military-style clothing inside a former position of the armed formations about 180m west of the area’s south-eastern corner.

On 10 January, outside the disengagement area, in a field about 500m north of its south-eastern corner and about 100m east of its western edge, an SMM mini-UAV spotted 13 anti-tank mines for the first time (not seen in imagery from 15 September 2021). In a field about 1.5km north

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

of the area's south-eastern corner, the same UAV spotted about 300 previously observed anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Reports of 22 April 2021](#)).

During the night of 11-12 January, the SMM camera about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded one undetermined explosion assessed as inside the disengagement area.

During the day on 12 January, while positioned at three locations close to the disengagement area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

Withdrawal of weapons

The Mission 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 SMM spotted one mortar in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The Mission spotted ten armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk region, including at a compound. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of anti-tank mines near Styla and Petrivske, Donetsk region

On 10 January, about 4.5km south-south-west of Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted about 500 previously observed anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 6 May 2021](#).)

On the same day, in a field about 1.5km south-south-east of Petrivske, an SMM UAV spotted six previously observed anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Reports of 28 May 2021](#)).

SMM facilitation of the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) (DFS). While positioned on the western edge of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM heard 11 undetermined explosions, assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS.

The SMM also monitored the security situation to enable repair of a water pipeline near Zaitseve (50km north-east of Donetsk) and of power lines in government-controlled Hladosove (51km north-east of Donetsk) and Travneve (51km north-east of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open, but that the corresponding

checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminetz (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

The SMM noted that the EECP near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the repaired span of the 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 checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote was closed.

Areas near the border outside government control⁶

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the Mission observed 33 cars (including 24 with “DPR” plates), eight covered cargo trucks, one bus and four mini-buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 48 pedestrians (27 women and 18 men of mixed ages, and three children) entering Ukraine. At the same time, the SMM observed 26 cars (including 13 with “DPR” plates), five buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 31 pedestrians (18 women and 11 men of mixed ages, and two children) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 45 minutes, the SMM observed one woman (in her fifties) and two men (in their forties and sixties) entering Ukraine.

The SMM also monitored areas close to the border with the Russian Federation near Vasylivka (65km south-east of Donetsk) and Amvrosiivka (56km south-east of Donetsk).

The Mission continued monitoring in Odessa, Kherson, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnipro, Kharkiv, 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 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 [SMM Daily Report of 4 January](#))

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.

[2022](#)). 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:⁷

- On 12 January, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between government-controlled Varvarivka (81km north-west of Donetsk) and Novotroitske (78km north-west of Donetsk). The same UAV experienced dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying over areas between Novotroitske and Pryvillia (government-controlled, 85km north of Donetsk).
- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming during six flights: twice while flying over areas near non-government-controlled Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk), and once each while flying over areas near government-controlled Zoria (40km north-west of Donetsk), Oleksandropil (43km north of Donetsk), Tarasivka (43km north-west of Donetsk), and Novoolenivka (48km north-west of Donetsk).

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.

Tables of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
11/1/2022	1	Mortar (2B14 <i>Podnos</i> , 82mm)	Near Naberezhne (77km south of Donetsk).	Mini-UAV

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
10/1/2022	5	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	At a compound near Myronivskiyi (62km north-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
12/1/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Novobakhmutivka (29km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	3	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Serednoteple (28km north of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (<i>Saxon</i>)	Near Shchastia (20km north of Luhansk)	

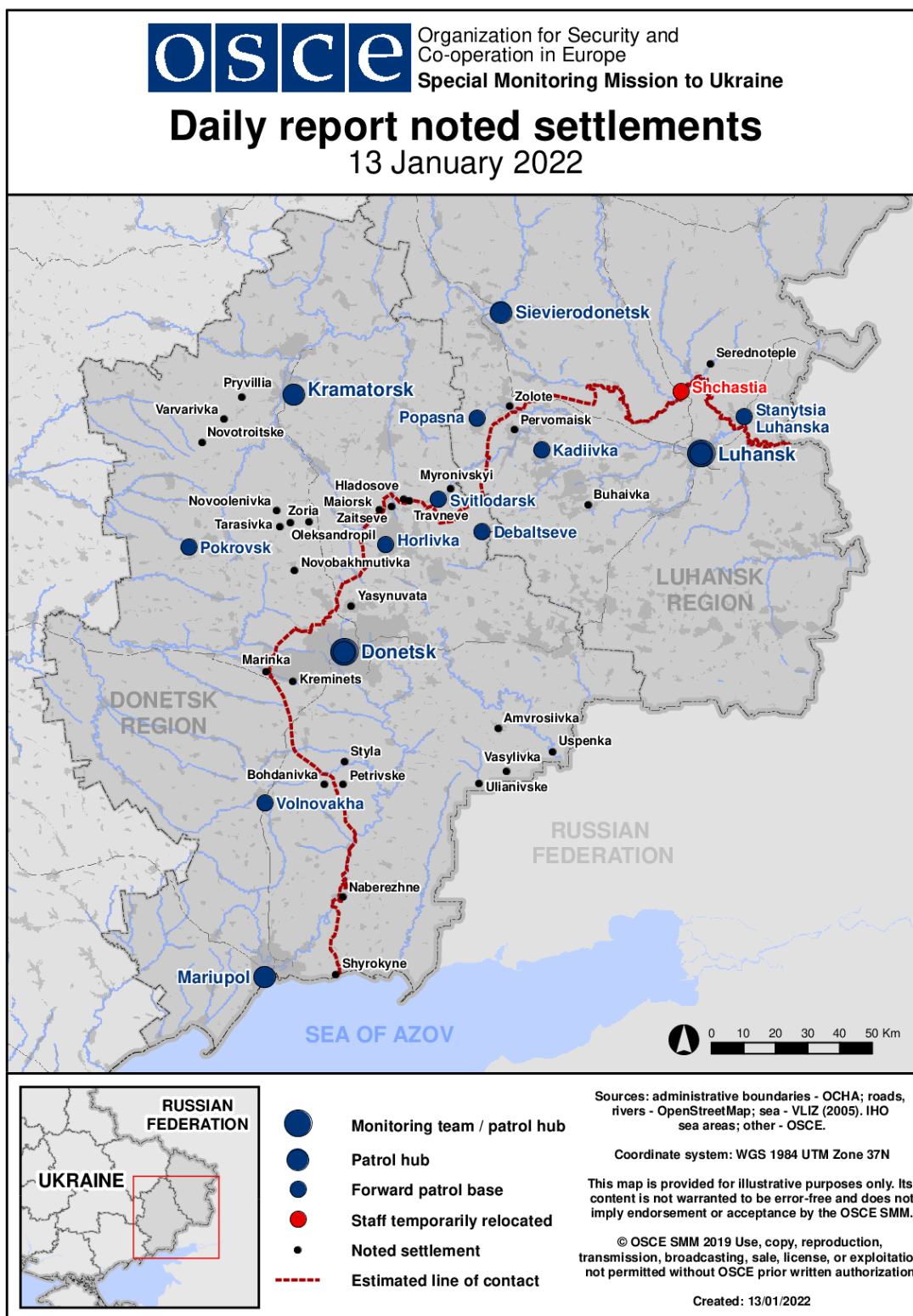
⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 12 January 2022⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdaniivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	12-Jan, 02:32
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 01:03
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	18	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	12-Jan, 01:36
	7-9km E	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 18:12
	5-7km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 18:15
	5-7km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 18:30
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	5-7km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 18:03
	5-7km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 18:12
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	15	Projectile	E to W	N/K	11-Jan, 18:24
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Jan, 22:22
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Jan, 22:28
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Jan, 22:34
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	11-Jan, 23:16
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	12-Jan, 00:12
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	12-Jan, 00:30
	5-7km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	12-Jan, 01:46
	5-7km N	Recorded	15	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Jan, 02:56
	5-7km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	W to E	N/K	12-Jan, 02:56
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Jan, 02:57
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Jan, 04:01
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	12-Jan, 05:43
	5-7km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	12-Jan, 17:23
	About 700m WSW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	4km NE	Heard	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K
4km SSW		Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 11:34
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 11:29-11:31
	3-4km SW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 17:10-17:12
	3-4km SW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 17:50
	3-4km SW	Heard	56	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 18:14-18:18
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 18:23
	2-4km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 18:45
Buhaiivka (non-government controlled, 37km south-west of Luhansk)	10-15km SE	Heard	40	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 10:05-10:40
	1-2km SE	Heard	35	Shot		Small arms	12-Jan, 10:15-10:45
	4-8km SSW	Heard	38	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 10:17-11:05
W edge of Pervomaisk (non-government controlled, 58km west of Luhansk)	2-4km WNW	Heard	17	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	12-Jan, 12:21-12:45
	2-4km WNW	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	12-Jan, 12:21-12:45
	2-4km WNW	Heard	10	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	12-Jan, 12:21-12:45

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.

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).