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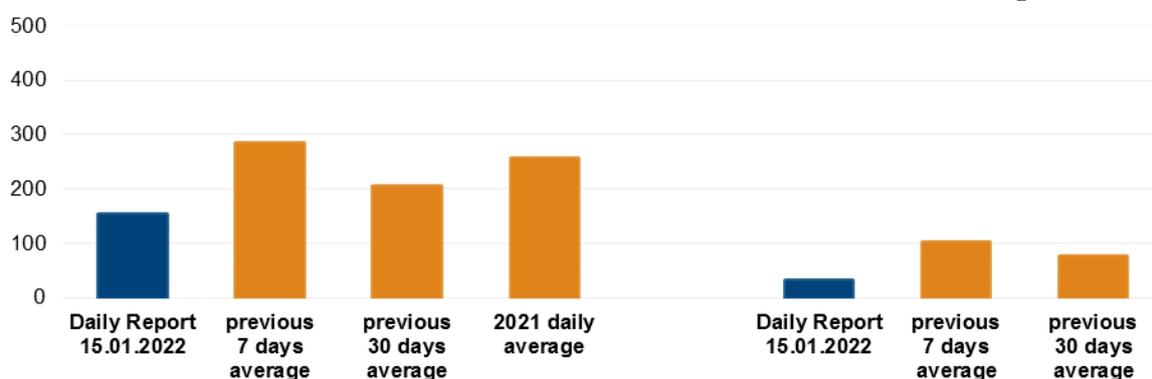
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 49 ceasefire violations, including two explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 175 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 105 ceasefire violations, including 30 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 151 ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in non-government-controlled Vasylivka, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote, and Petrivske.
- The SMM monitored the operation 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 Mission visited a border crossing point and monitored areas near the border outside government control in Donetsk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. Its UAVs encountered instances of GPS signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 14 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, the SMM camera near the Oktiabr mine was not operational and weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

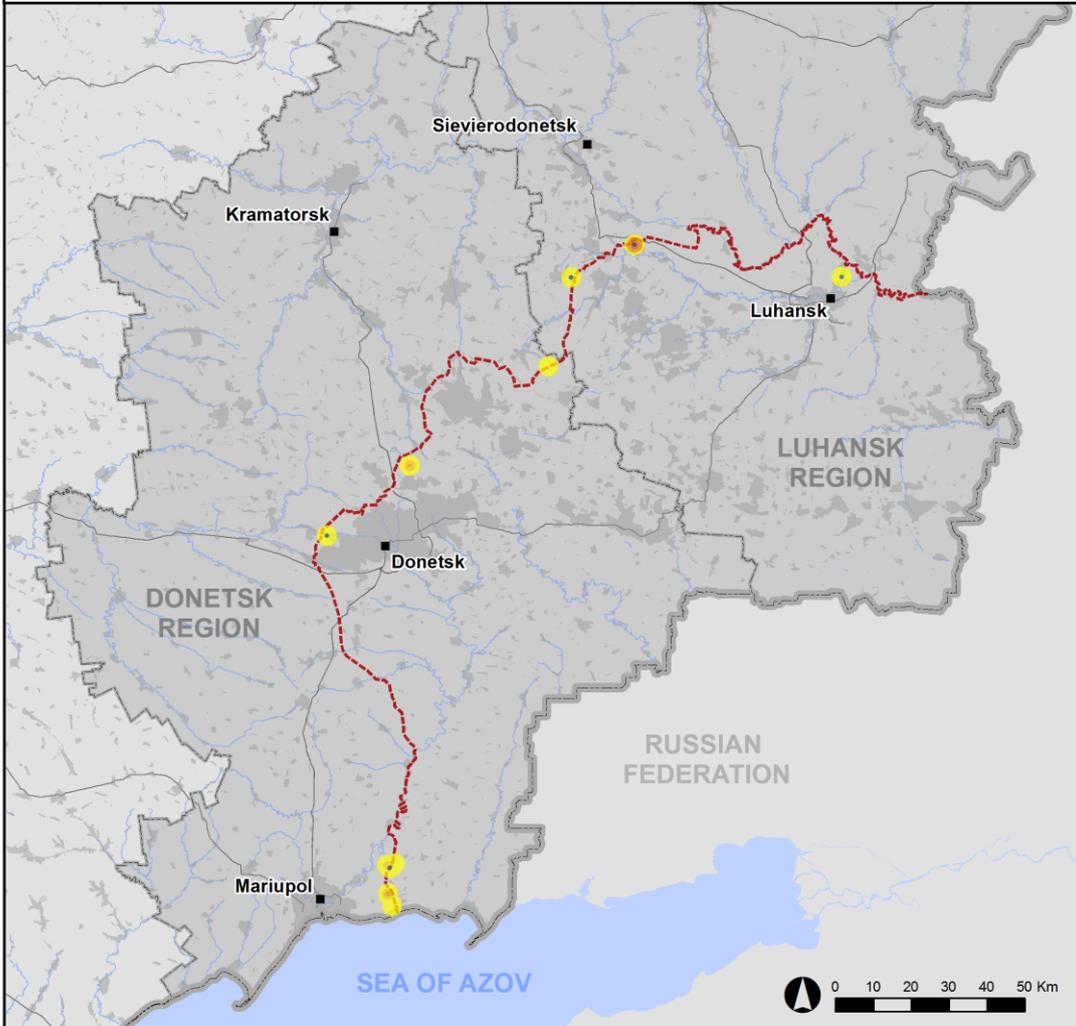
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

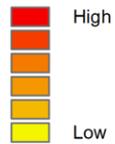


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 14 January 2022



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 49 ceasefire violations, including two undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas east-south-east and south-east of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and in areas north and north-north-east of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 175 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 105 ceasefire violations, including 30 explosions (one impact and 29 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non-government-controlled, 50km west of Luhansk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 151 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 101,256 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 27,764 explosions, 24,349 projectiles in flight, 440 muzzle flashes, 455 illumination flares and at least 48,248 bursts and shots).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at an SMM mini-UAV in Vasylivka, Donetsk region

While positioned on the eastern edge of Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight, the SMM heard 14 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of about 100-200m south-west, assessed as targeting the UAV. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area. During the same flight, the UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.*

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 14 January, the SMM camera in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) recorded four projectiles in flight, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), but within 5km of its periphery.

During the same day, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw two 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.

While positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), 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 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 26 howitzers in a training area near Buhaivka (non-government-controlled, 37km south-west of Luhansk) and seven tanks in a training area near Novoselivka (non-government-controlled, 31km north-east of Donetsk).

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, the Mission spotted three surface-to-air missile systems, 50 tanks, 15 self-propelled artillery pieces and ten towed artillery pieces located in training areas near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk), Buhaivka, Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk), Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk), as well as six towed artillery pieces in a compound near Sadovyi (57km south-west of Luhansk). (For further information, see the tables below.)

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).

The SMM also monitored repairs to power lines in Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km west of Donetsk) and to water supply pipelines near Toretsk (formerly Dzerzhynsk, government-controlled, 43km north of Donetsk) and Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk). While positioned near Staromykhailivka to monitor repairs in Krasnohorivka, the Mission heard one undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 2-3km west.

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 Kremynets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

The SMM noted that the 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.

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 queuing 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 Marynivka (non-government-controlled, 78km east of Donetsk) for about one hour and five minutes, the SMM observed nine cars (including five with “DPR” plates), one covered cargo truck, one bus (carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages) and 12 people (five women and seven men of mixed ages) entering Ukraine. At the same time, the SMM observed 26 cars (including 21 with “DPR” plates), two covered cargo trucks (including one with “DPR” plates), two buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages), two mini-buses (with “DPR” plates) and eight people (four women and three men of mixed ages and one child) exiting Ukraine.

The SMM also monitored areas close to the border with the Russian Federation near Chervona Zoria (non-government-controlled, 84km east of Donetsk).

The Mission 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 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 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

- An SMM mini-UAV was assessed as targeted by small-arms fire while flying over areas in Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk). During the flight, the mini-UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming. (See above.)

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.

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.

- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming during seven flights: on four occasions over areas near Betmanove (formerly Krasnyi Partyzan, non-government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk) and once each over areas near Vasylivka, Kashtanove (non-government-controlled, 13km north of Donetsk) and Kalynove (government-controlled, 35km north of Donetsk).

Tables of weapons
Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
12/1/2022	14	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk) where the Mission also spotted two probable radio relay stations, three signals and command vehicles (one R-142 and two R-145), 44 armoured combat vehicles, three of which with anti-aircraft guns (ZU-23, 23mm) mounted on top. ⁸	Mini-UAV
	12	Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
23/12/2021	7	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Novoselivka (31km north-east of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
12/1/2022	3	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	In a training area near Buhaivka (37km south-west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	14	Tank (one T-72 and 13 T-64)		
23/12/2021	10	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 27 armoured combat vehicles (14 probable). ⁹	Aerial imagery
	7	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 14 armoured combat vehicles.	
	15	Self-propelled artillery piece (type undetermined)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 54 armoured combat vehicles.	
	10	Towed artillery piece (type undetermined)		
	19	Tank (type undetermined)	In a compound near Sadovyi (57km south-west of Luhansk)	
6	Towed artillery piece (type undetermined)			

Other weapons¹⁰

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
23/12/2021	3	Multiple launch rocket system (type undetermined)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk)	Aerial imagery
	9	Self-propelled artillery piece (type undetermined)	In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk)	
	2	Multiple launch rocket system (type undetermined)	In a compound near Sadovyi (57km south-west of Luhansk)	

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

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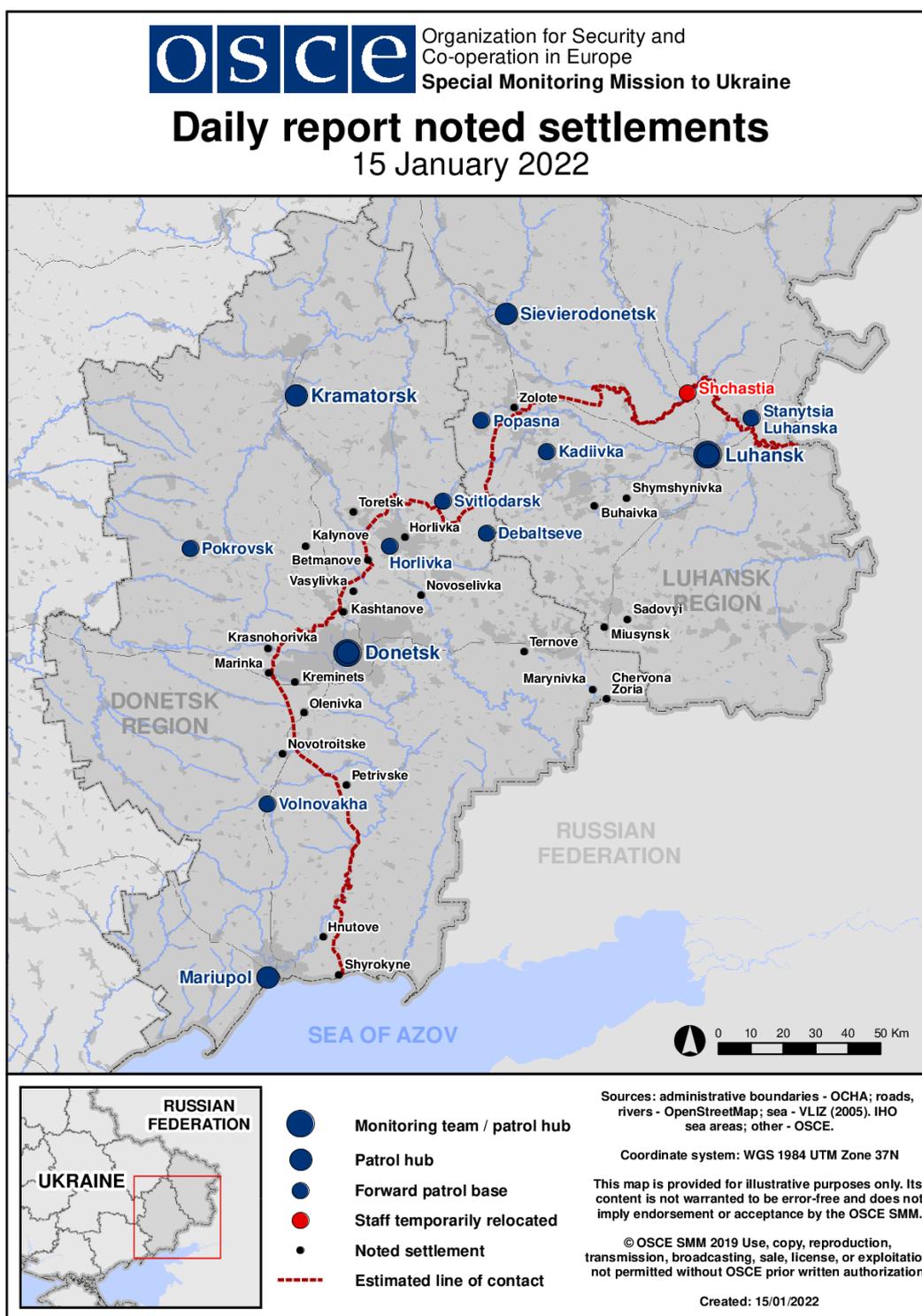
¹⁰ The SMM was unable to assess whether these weapons were in violation of withdrawal lines in the absence of information on their calibre.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 14 January 2022¹¹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	4-5km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	13-Jan, 19:31
	2-4km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jan, 01:11
	2-4km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	WSW to ENE (also recorded by the SMM camera in Shyrokyne)	N/K	14-Jan, 01:13
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jan, 01:19
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 03:19
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km N	Recorded	13	Projectile	E to W	N/K	13-Jan, 19:16
	5-7km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	13-Jan, 20:02
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	13-Jan, 22:48
E edge of Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	100-200m SW	Heard	14	Shot		Small arms	14-Jan, 09:21
Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km W of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 10:10
Nyzhnie Lozove (non-government-controlled, 59km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km NW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	14-Jan, 12:04
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 17:20
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	14-Jan, 17:20
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jan, 17:22
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jan, 17:22
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 17:22
	4-6km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	14-Jan, 17:23
Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non-government-controlled, 50km W of Luhansk)	14-16km N	Heard	28	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 17:50-18:54
	14-16km N	Heard	70	Burst		HMG	13-Jan, 17:50-18:54
About 300m SSE of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (non-government-controlled, 15km NE of Luhansk)	6-8km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 11:26

¹¹ 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 regions¹²



¹² 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).