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17 January 2022¹

Summary

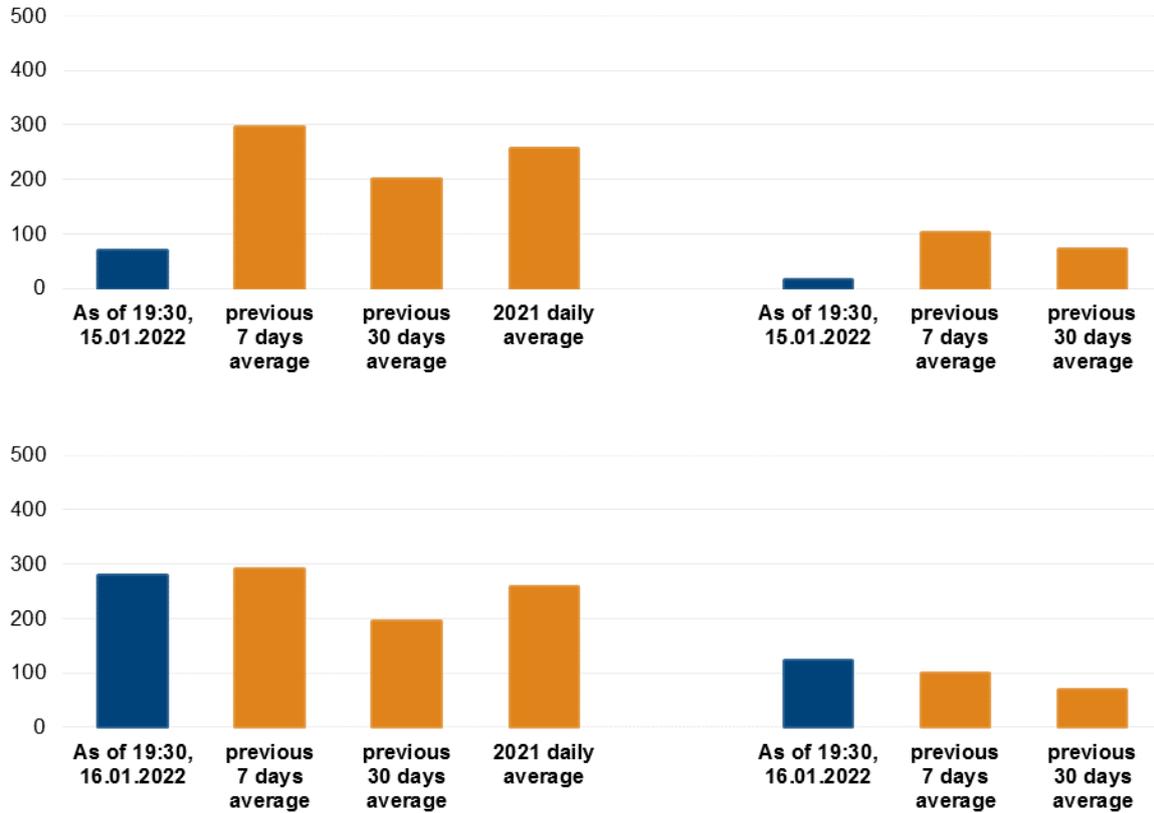
- In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 14 and 16 January, the SMM recorded 129 ceasefire violations, including 20 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 49 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 14 and 16 January, the Mission recorded 214 ceasefire violations, including 118 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 105 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded one ceasefire violation inside the disengagement area near 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 SMM visited two border crossing points and monitored areas near the border outside government control in Donetsk region.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at three checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk region. Its UAVs encountered multiple instances of GPS signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming*

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 16 January 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



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; between the evenings of 14 and 15 January weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

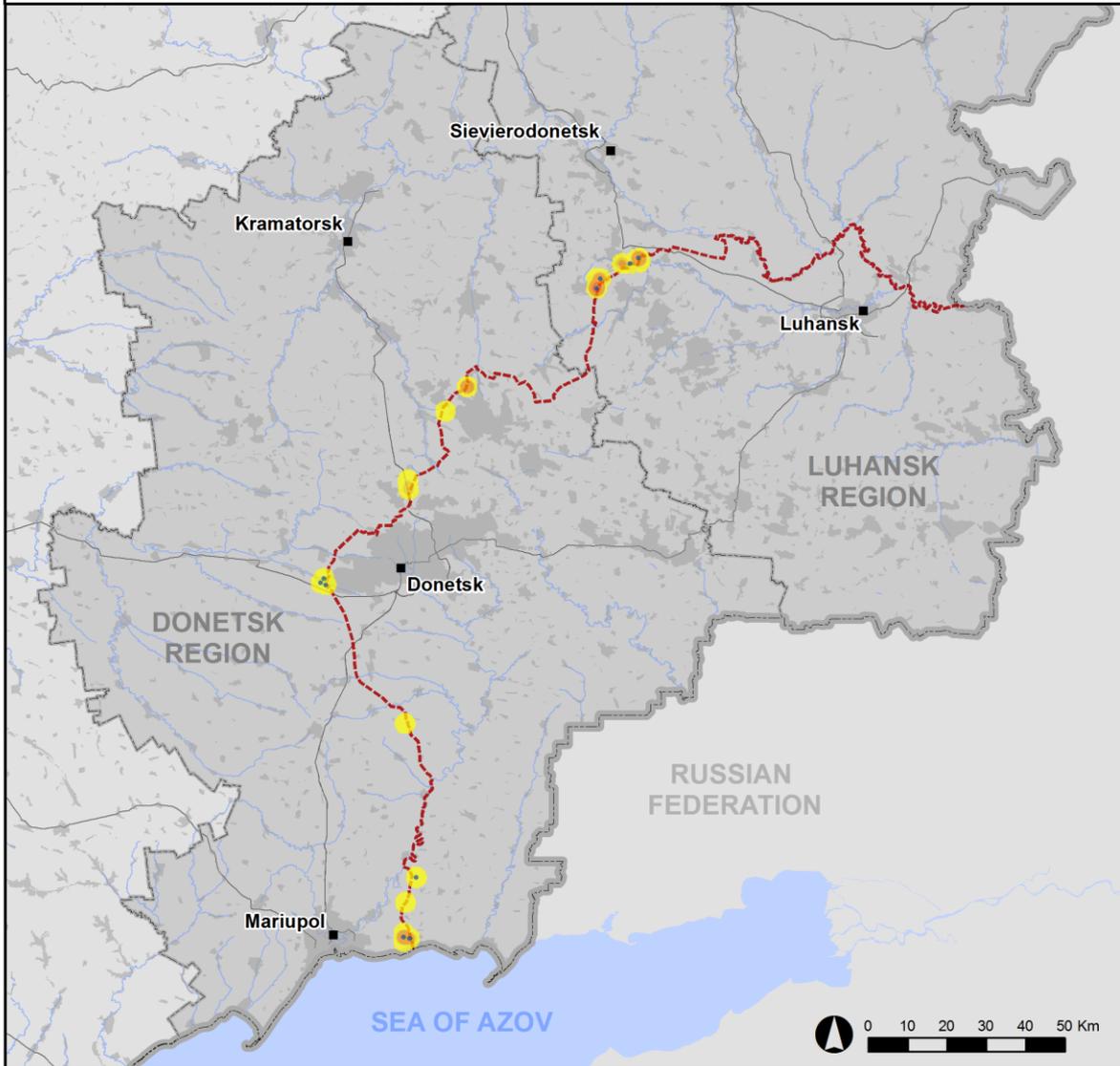
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

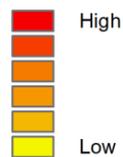


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 15-16 January 2022



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, between the evenings of 14 and 16 January, the SMM recorded 129 ceasefire violations, including 20 explosions (four airbursts and 16 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north and north-north-east of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and east of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 49 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 14 and 16 January, the SMM recorded 214 ceasefire violations, including 118 undetermined explosions. All ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-west and north-east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 105 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 101,599 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 27,902 explosions, 24,453 projectiles in flight, 440 muzzle flashes, 469 illumination flares and at least 48,335 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 15 and 16 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw 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 reporting period, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded one undetermined explosion and 18 projectiles in flight assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery. During the same period, SMM patrols heard 117 undetermined explosions, and 78 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun fire and small-arms fire, all also assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

On 15 and 16 January, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them). On both days, 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.

During the evening, on 14 January, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded one projectile in flight assessed as inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

On 15 and 16 January, while positioned at three locations near the disengagement 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 Mission continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

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

The SMM saw one armoured personnel carrier in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and six armoured combat vehicles in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, the latter in a zone within which deployment of heavy armament and military equipment is proscribed according to Point 5 of the Memorandum of 19 September 2014. (For further information, see the table below.).

The SMM followed up on reports of a leak of ammonia gas in non-government-controlled Horlivka, Donetsk region

On 16 and 17 January, the SMM followed up on reports of an alleged leak of ammonia gas from a factory in Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk). The Mission observed a calm situation and will continue to follow up.

SMM facilitation of the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure

On 15 and 16 January, the Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

On both days, the SMM monitored repair to water pipelines near Toretsk (formerly Dzerzhynsk, government-controlled, 43km north of Donetsk).

On 16 January, the Mission also monitored repair to water pipelines near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

On 15 and 16 January, 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 Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

On 16 January, the SMM noted that the EECP near Maiorsk was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Horlivka was closed.

On 15 January, 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 towards government-controlled areas at the EECP, and in both directions at the corresponding checkpoint. On 16 January, the SMM observed that the EECP was open but observed no civilians queueing in either direction.

On both days, the Mission noted that the EECs 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

On 15 January, while at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about an hour, the SMM observed 15 cars (including 13 with “DPR” plates), three buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages), and 17 people (ten men and six women of mixed ages, and one child) entering Ukraine. At the same time, it saw 27 cars (including 18 with “DPR” plates), three covered cargo trucks (with “DPR” plates), two buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying passengers of mixed genders and ages), and ten people (five women and five men of mixed ages) exiting Ukraine.

On the same day, while at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk) for about 30 minutes, the Mission did not observe any traffic passing through.

On 15 January, the SMM also monitored areas close to the border with the Russian Federation near Kosharne (61km south-east of Donetsk), Vasylivka (65km south-east of Donetsk), Petropavlivka (68km south-east of Donetsk) and Stepne (72km south-east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, 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.

Denial:

- On 16 January, at a checkpoint near Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the Mission passage west. While at the checkpoint, the SMM observed civilian traffic passing through.

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.

- On the same day, at a checkpoint near Starolaspa (non-government-controlled, 51km south of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage south into the settlement, citing “ongoing engineering activities” in the settlement.
- On the same day, at a checkpoint near Nova Marivka (non-government-controlled, 64km south of Donetsk), two visibly armed members of the armed formations denied the Mission passage into the settlement, citing “ongoing engineering activities” in the settlement and “the SMM’s safety”.

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 15 and 16 January, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during 11 flights: three times while flying over areas near Mykolaivka (government-controlled, 40km south of Donetsk), twice each while flying over areas near Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, non-government-controlled, 44km west of Luhansk) and Vesele (government-controlled, 21km north of Donetsk), and once each while flying over areas near Oleksandro-Kalynove (government-controlled, 47km north of Donetsk), Kalynove (government-controlled, 35km north of Donetsk), Pionerske (government-controlled, 101km south of Donetsk) and Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km west of Luhansk).

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.

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

Date	No.	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/1/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
Non-government-controlled areas				
14/1/2022	2	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	In a compound on the edge of Boikivske (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.	Mini-UAV
	3	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)		
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)		

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 16 January 2022⁹

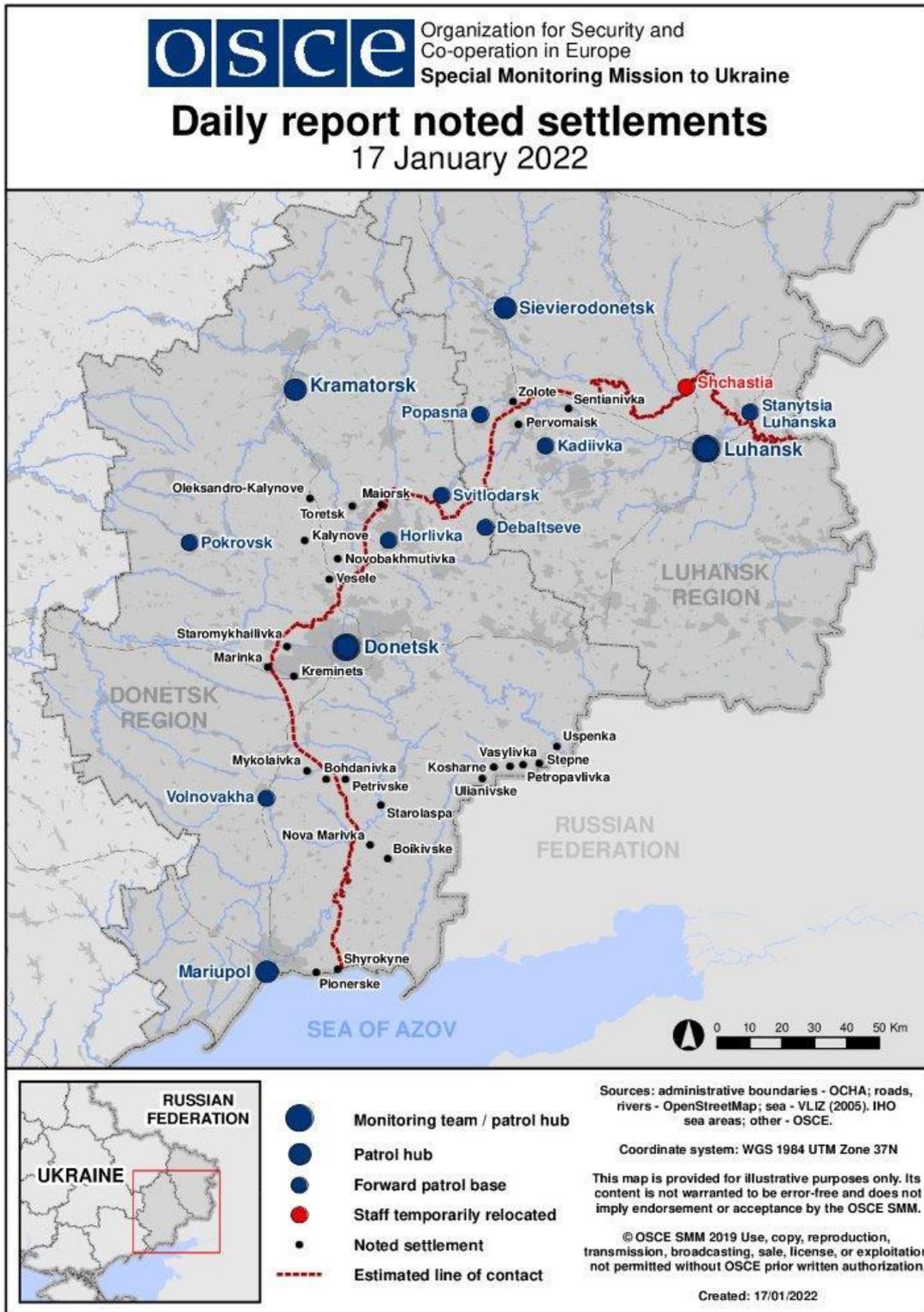
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdaniivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as inside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	14-Jan, 20:38
SMM camera at EECP in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 20:13
SMM camera at EECP in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 19:45
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:14
	1-2km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jan, 22:22
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jan, 23:07
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 23:07
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jan, 23:07
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	15-Jan, 02:39
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	15-Jan, 17:17
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	15-Jan, 17:17
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	15-Jan, 17:20
	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	15-Jan, 18:00
About 500m SW of Bereziivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km NNW	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	15-Jan, 11:40-12:14
	3-5km NNW	Heard	33	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	15-Jan, 11:40-12:14
	3-5km NNW	Heard	10	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	15-Jan, 11:40-12:14
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 21:00
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 21:20
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 21:27
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 21:37
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 21:39
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 21:58
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 22:03
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 22:18
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 22:18
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 23:56
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	16-Jan, 00:15
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	16-Jan, 01:52
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	16-Jan, 02:31
	4-6km NE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	16-Jan, 02:51
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	15-Jan, 22:53
SMM camera at EECP in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km E	Recorded	20	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	15-Jan, 22:09
	1-2km E	Recorded	18	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	15-Jan, 22:10
	1-2km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	15-Jan, 22:10
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	15-Jan, 19:16
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	15-Jan, 19:33
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	15-Jan, 19:35

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
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	15-Jan, 19:36
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	15-Jan, 19:38
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	15-Jan, 19:40
	3-5km N	Recorded	15	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	15-Jan, 21:03
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 21:46
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	15-Jan, 22:08
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	15-Jan, 22:09
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 23:52
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jan, 23:55
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	16-Jan, 00:13
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 00:13
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Jan, 00:26
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 00:53
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 01:42
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	16-Jan, 01:43
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	16-Jan, 01:43
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	16-Jan, 01:43
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	16-Jan, 01:44
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 01:51
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 01:52
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	16-Jan, 02:16
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	16-Jan, 02:16
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	16-Jan, 02:16
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	16-Jan, 02:17
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	16-Jan, 02:17
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	16-Jan, 02:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	16-Jan, 17:24
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	16-Jan, 17:43
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 18:44
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 18:48
About 2km SSE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2-3km N	Heard	6	Burst		HMG	16-Jan, 09:23
About 7.5km WNW of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km W	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	16-Jan, 11:00
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jan, 19:33
	1-3km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jan, 23:55
	1-3km E	Recorded	12	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jan, 23:57
Molodizhne (non-government-controlled, 63km NW of Luhansk)	1-2km WNW	Heard	12	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	16-Jan, 10:05-10:11
Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	4-5km W	Heard	86	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	16-Jan, 10:15-10:45
	4-5km W	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	16-Jan, 10:15-10:45
	4-5km W	Heard	4	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	16-Jan, 10:15-10:45
Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	1-2km NNE	Heard	7	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	16-Jan, 10:05-10:12

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km NNW	Heard	8	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	16-Jan, 11:32-11:41
Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NW	Heard	23	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	16-Jan, 13:17-13:30

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).