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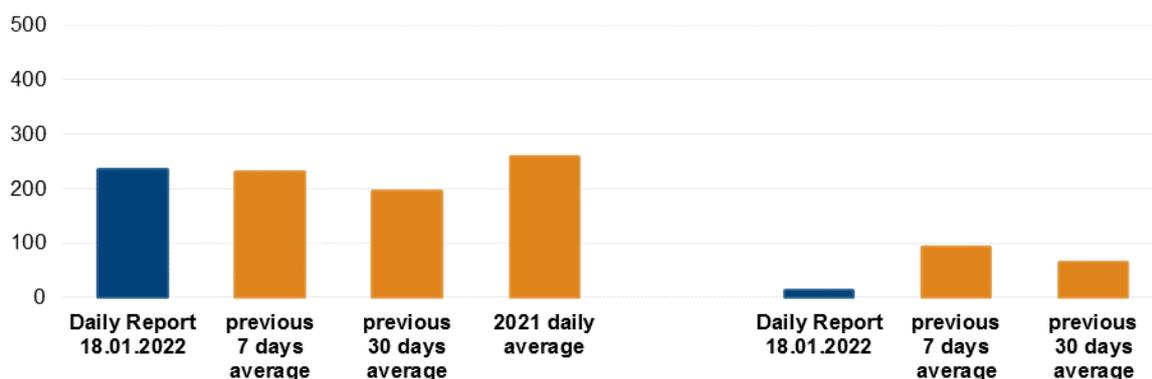
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 232 ceasefire violations, including 11 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 113 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded two ceasefire violations, including one explosion. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 144 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission monitored the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure. It recorded four ceasefire violations close to the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS), near the time of the transfer of DFS workers between Yasynuvata and the station.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and two corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed gatherings in Kyiv.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in southern Donetsk region.

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



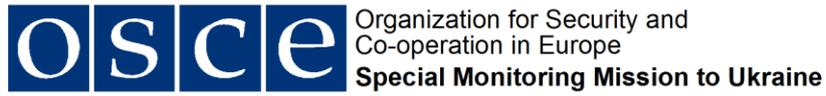
¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 17 January 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

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

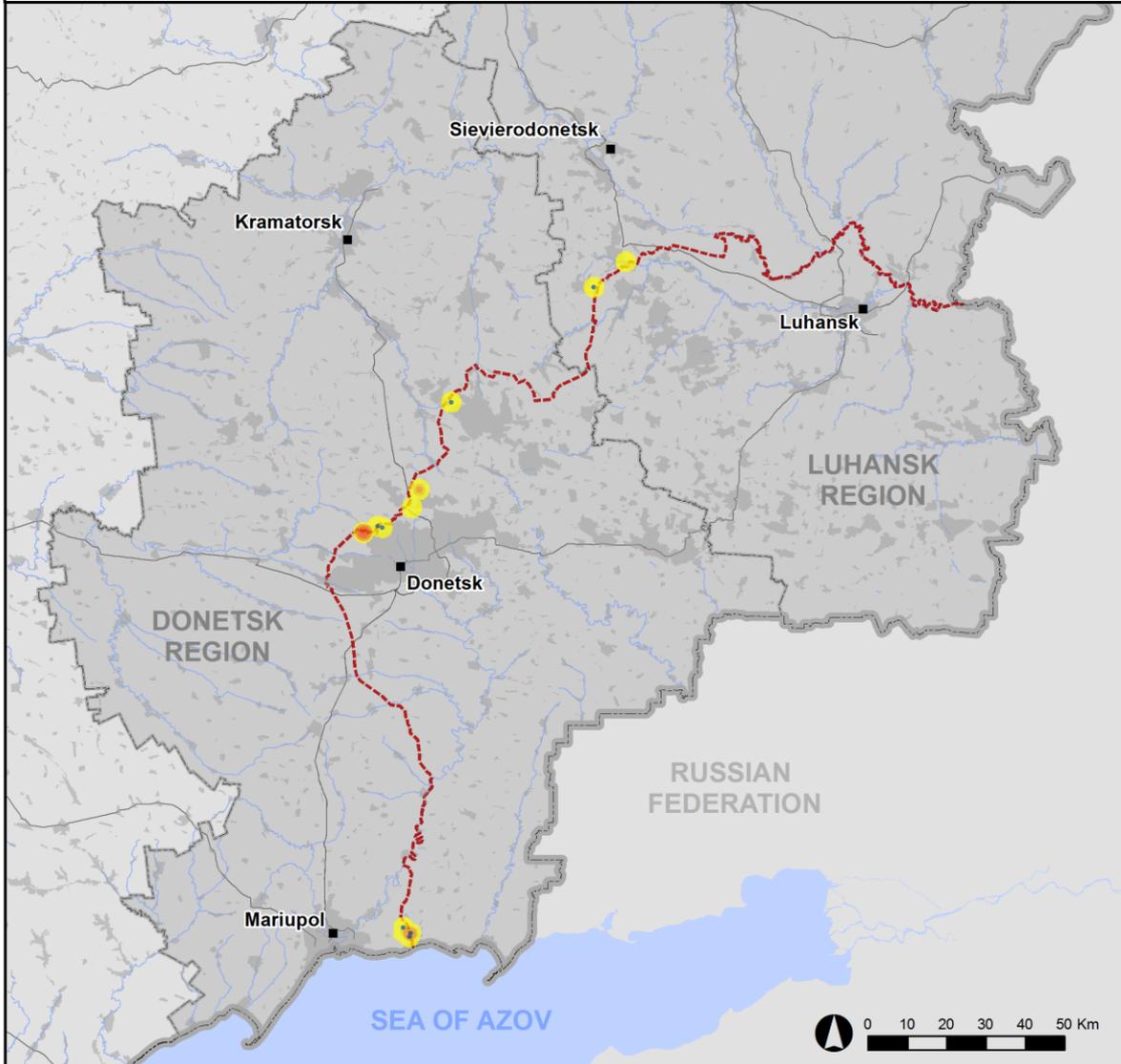
³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

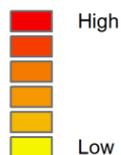
Map of recorded ceasefire violations



Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 17 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 232 ceasefire violations, including 11 explosions (two airbursts and nine undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-west of Pisky (government-controlled, 11 km north of Donetsk), north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and south and north-east of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) (see below). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 113 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded two ceasefire violations, including one undetermined explosion. One ceasefire violation occurred in areas north of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) and the other south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 144 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 101,833 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 27,914 explosions, 24,489 projectiles in flight, 440 muzzle flashes, 469 illumination flares and at least 48,521 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).

The SMM camera in Zolote recorded one projectile in flight, 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 four 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.

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 two mortars (of which one probable) in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

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

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw one armoured combat vehicle at a compound in a government-controlled area and one armoured personnel carrier in a residential area of a non-government-controlled area. (For further information, see the table below.)

SMM facilitation of the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS. While positioned at two locations near the DFS, the SMM heard 21 bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the DFS. Of these, four occurred near the time of the transfer of workers between Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) and the station.

The SMM also monitored repair to water pipelines near Toretsk (formerly Dzerzhynsk, government-controlled, 43km north of Donetsk) and near Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), and to power lines near Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 24km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) was open, with 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 queueing to travel towards government-controlled areas at the EECP, and in both directions at the corresponding checkpoint.

The Mission 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.

The Mission observed gatherings in Kyiv

In Kyiv, at Zhulyani airport, the SMM observed about 4,500 people (mixed genders and ages) in support of the arrival of a former President of Ukraine, some of whom were holding flags of Ukraine, of the European Solidarity party, and of the *Right Sector* movement, as well as different regional flags, and saw about 100 law enforcement officers nearby. Later, at Pechersk District Court, the Mission observed about 1,500 people (mixed genders and ages), in support of the aforementioned former President who was attending the Court, and saw about 320 law enforcement officers nearby. At both locations, the Mission observed a calm situation.

Also in Kyiv, first on Maidan Square and then in front of the building of the Kyiv City State Administration at 36 Khreshchatyk Street, the SMM observed a gathering of about 300 people (mixed genders and ages), some of whom were holding flags of Ukraine and banners with inscriptions against military registration for women. The Mission then saw the gathering move to the building of the Cabinet of Ministers and then to the Verkhovna Rada. At both locations,

a woman (in her late twenties) gave a speech protesting against military registration for women. The Mission saw four law enforcement officers during the movement of people from Maidan Square to the Verkhovna Rada, and observed a calm situation throughout.

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

- At a checkpoint near Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations denied the Mission passage into the settlement, citing “orders from superiors”.

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.

Tables of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
15/1/2022	2	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm, one probable)	Near Sentianivka (formerly Frunze, 44km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁶

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
16/1/2022	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	At a compound near Pionerske (101km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
Non-government-controlled areas				
17/01/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In a residential area of Donetsk city's Kyivskyi District	Patrol

⁶ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

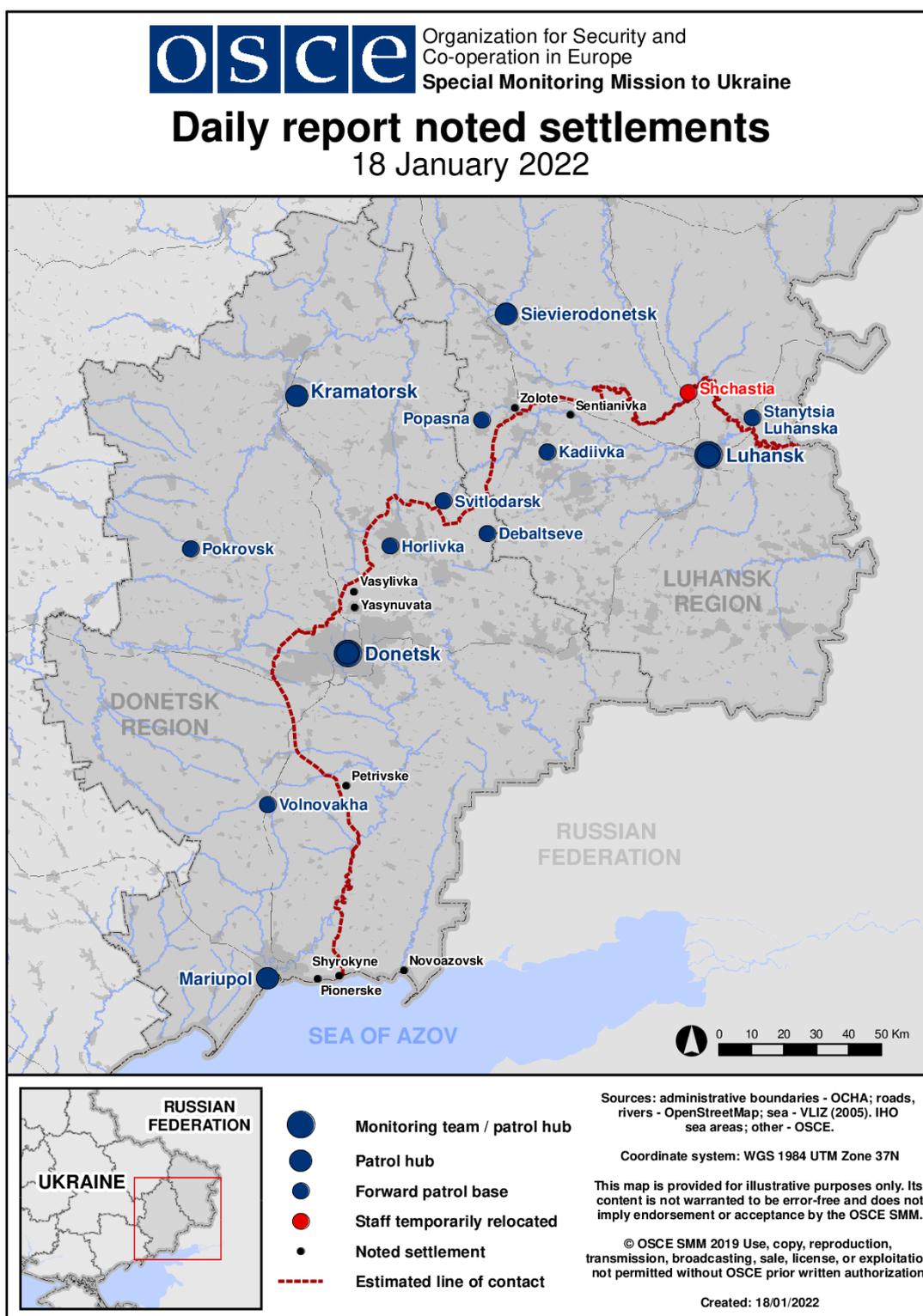
Table of ceasefire violations as of 17 January 2022⁷

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	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
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 18:44
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	16-Jan, 18:48
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	16-Jan, 18:48
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	16-Jan, 19:12
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	16-Jan, 19:12
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	16-Jan, 19:15
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSE to NNW (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	16-Jan, 19:15
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	4	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Jan, 19:22
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	16-Jan, 19:23
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	16-Jan, 19:31
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	10	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	16-Jan, 19:31
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	16-Jan, 19:31
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	16-Jan, 19:31
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	16-Jan, 19:56
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	16-Jan, 20:03
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	16-Jan, 20:09
	5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	16-Jan, 20:11
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	16-Jan, 23:10
5-7km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Jan, 00:11	
5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	17-Jan, 00:33	
5-7km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	17-Jan, 02:49	
4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	17-Jan, 17:47	
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	17-Jan, 09:20
	2-3km SW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	17-Jan, 09:26
Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	17-Jan, 10:35
	2-3km SW	Heard	9	Shot		Small arms	17-Jan, 10:42-11:00
	2-3km SW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	17-Jan, 10:42
Railway station in Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	3-4km NW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Jan, 09:53
About 2km NW of railway station in Donetsk city (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-3km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Jan, 10:40
About 7.5km WNW of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	2km N	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Jan, 10:18
	1-2km S	Heard	56	Shot		Small arms	17-Jan, 10:40-11:00

⁷ 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
About 2km WNW of Pisky (government-controlled, 12km NW of Donetsk)	1-2km S	Heard	4	Burst		Small arms	17-Jan, 10:40-11:00
	1-2km S	Heard	28	Shot		Small arms	17-Jan, 11:04-11:20
	1-2km S	Heard	36	Shot		Small arms	17-Jan, 11:21-11:40
	1-2km S	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	17-Jan, 11:21
	1-2km S	Heard	40	Shot		Small arms	17-Jan, 11:21-11:55
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	17-Jan, 04:28
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	17-Jan, 17:53

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁸



⁸ 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).