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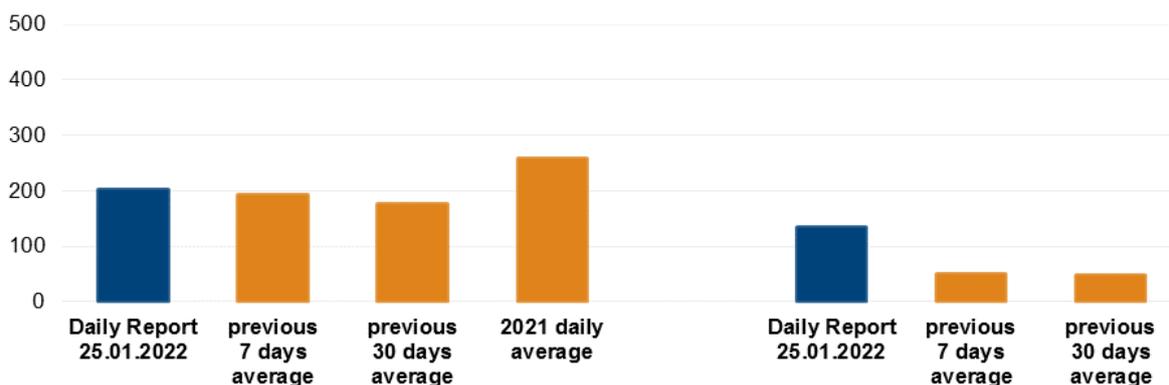
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 39 ceasefire violations, including 23 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 36 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 163 ceasefire violations, including 110 explosions, 34 of which were assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 146 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.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission observed a gathering in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again 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, 24 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 some SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

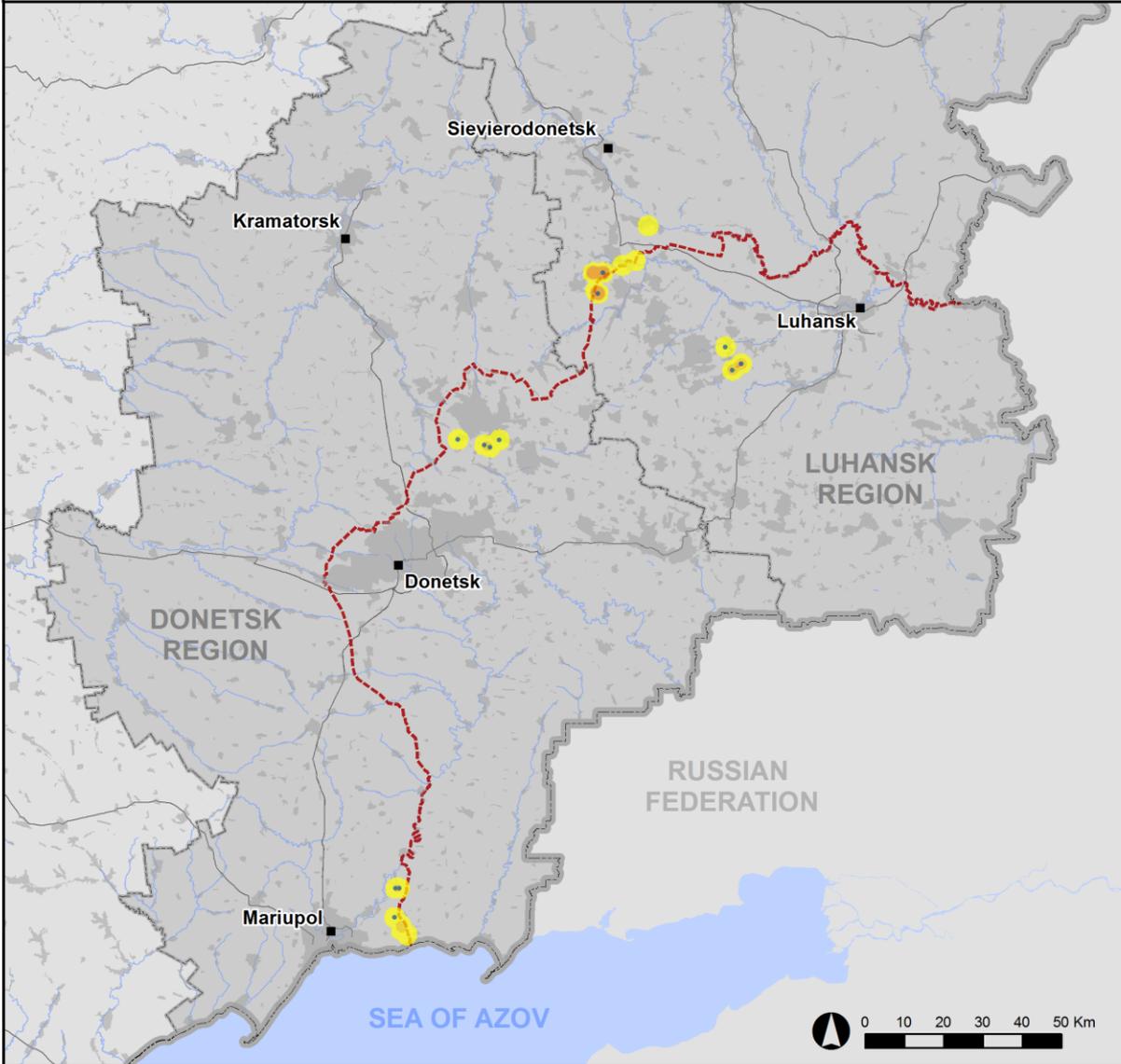
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

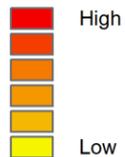


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 24 January 2022



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 39 ceasefire violations, including 23 explosions (five impacts and 18 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 36 ceasefire violations in the region, almost all of which also occurred near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 163 ceasefire violations, including 110 explosions (76 outgoing and impacts and 34 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north, north-east and west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). The Mission assessed six undetermined explosions in an area south-south-west of Zymohiria (non-government-controlled, 27km west of Luhansk) and 28 undetermined explosions south of Ivanivske (formerly Lotykove, non-government-controlled, 30km west of Luhansk) as live-fire training exercises outside the security zone. In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 146 ceasefire violations in the region, almost all of which also occurred in areas close to the disengagement area near Zolote.

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 103,150 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 28,382 explosions, 24,773 projectiles in flight, 448 muzzle flashes, 474 illumination flares and at least 49,073 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 two 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 five projectiles in flight. During the day, while on the northern edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the Mission heard and saw 36 explosions (outgoing and impacts) and heard 38 bursts and shots assessed as fired by the cannon of an infantry fighting vehicle. All of these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**, but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

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 SMM observed a calm situation.

Withdrawal of weapons

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 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 Mission observed one anti-tank-gun, three mortars, and ten multiple launch rocket systems, in a residential area, at a compound, and in two training areas near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk) and near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk), in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines, but outside designated storages sites, the SMM saw two surface-to-air missile systems, 25 howitzers and 43 tanks (nine of which probable), at two compounds and in the aforementioned two training areas, in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The Mission also saw five armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including in a residential area, and one anti-aircraft gun in a non-government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

Anti-tank mines near Vesela Hora, and mine hazard sign near Raivka Luhansk region

On 22 January, about 1.7km east-north-east of Vesela Hora (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk), an SMM mini-UAV spotted 55 anti-tank mines (TM-62M) (including 20 not previously reported), assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 23 February 2021](#).)

On 24 January, about 650m east of Raivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north-west of Luhansk) and about 150m south of a local road, the Mission saw a recently erected mine hazard sign (red rectangle, with the words “Stop Mines” written on it in Russian, not previously reported).

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 repair works to a water pipeline in Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south 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 people queuing to travel 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 in both directions.

The SMM noted that the EECs 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.

SMM monitored a gathering in Kyiv

On 22 January, at Sofiiska Square in Kyiv, the SMM observed a gathering of about 250 people (mixed genders and ages), some of whom were holding flags of *National Corps*, *Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists* and *Democratic Axe*, conveying messages critical of a neighbouring country and calling upon certain countries to support Ukraine. The Mission also saw participants forming a human chain and unfurling a several hundred-metre-long Ukrainian flag, while the national anthem of Ukraine was played. The SMM subsequently saw participants walking to the St Michael's Monastery with some participants lighting candles and giving speeches in front of a wall displaying pictures of people who lost their lives in conflict-affected areas of eastern Ukraine. The Mission saw about 120 law enforcement officers nearby and observed a calm situation.

The SMM continued monitoring in Odessa, Lviv, Kherson, Kharkiv, 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 [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:⁶

- SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during six flights: twice each while flying over areas near Metalist (non-

⁶ 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 unmanned aerial vehicles' (UAV) positions.

government-controlled, 7km north-west of Luhansk) and over the northern outskirts of non-government-controlled Luhansk city, as well as once each while flying over areas near Rozivka (government-controlled, 32km north of Donetsk) and Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk).

Tables of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
22/1/2022	3	Mortar (2B11 <i>Sani</i> , 120mm)	In a residential area of Obozne (18km north of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Anti-tank gun (MT-12 <i>Rapira</i> , 100mm)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk)	
23/1/2022	2	Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk)	
	8		In a compound near Sadovyi (57km south-west of Luhansk)	

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
21/1/2022	8	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Shymshynivka, where imagery also revealed the presence of 13 armoured combat vehicles on 21 January and the Mission spotted 25 armoured combat vehicles on 22 January ⁷	Aerial imagery
22/1/2022	7	Tank (T-72)		In a training area near Miusynsk, where the Mission also spotted 42 armoured combat vehicles
	9	Probable tank (type undetermined)		
23/1/2022	8	Towed howitzer (2A36 <i>Giatsint-B</i> , 152mm)		
	10	Towed howitzer (2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm)		
	14	Tank (T-64)		
	4	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)		
	3	Towed howitzer (D-30A <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)		
	2	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)		
	5	Tank (four T-64 and one T-72)	At a compound near Sadovyi	

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
22/1/2022	2	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In a residential area of Pavlopil (84km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
24/1/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (<i>Novator</i>)	Near Trokhizbenka (32km north-west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	2	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	Near Shchastia (20km north of Luhansk)	
Non-government-controlled areas				
22/1/2022	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Vesela Hora (16km north of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV

⁷ The armoured combat vehicles mentioned in this table are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreement on the withdrawal of weapons.

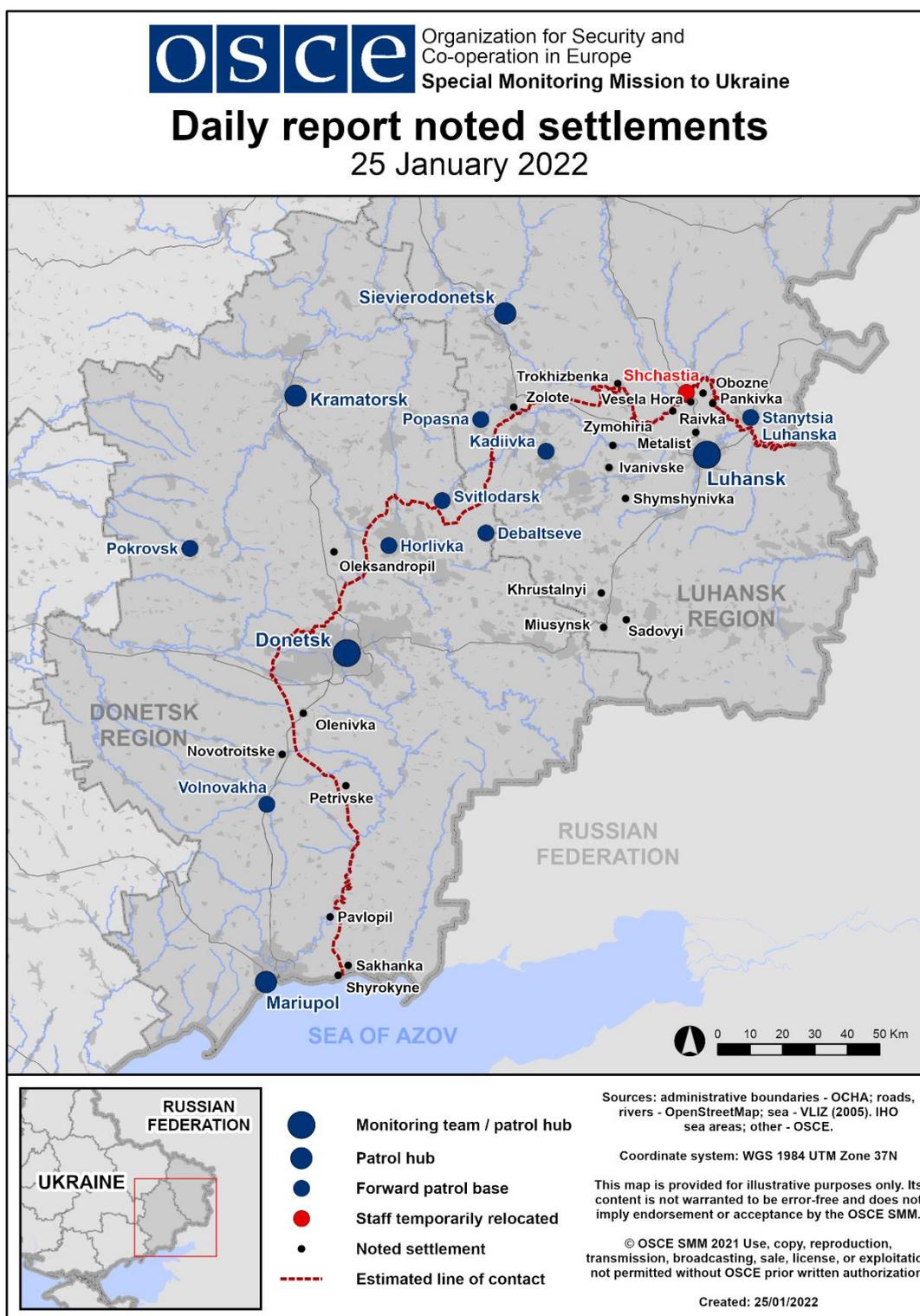
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Table of ceasefire violations as of 24 January 2022⁹

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	E to W	N/K	23-Jan, 19:17
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	23-Jan, 19:23
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	23-Jan, 20:08
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	23-Jan, 20:37
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	23-Jan, 21:04
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	23-Jan, 21:21
	5-7km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	23-Jan, 21:22
	5-7km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	23-Jan, 21:50
About 4km S of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jan, 09:02
	3-4km ESE	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jan, 09:03-09:05
	6-8km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jan, 09:10
	4-6km ESE	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jan, 09:22-09:24
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jan, 10:45-10:50
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	1km E	Heard	5	Explosion	Outgoing	Mortar (type N/K)	24-Jan, 10:53-11:00
	1-3km E	Heard	5	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	Mortar (type N/K)	24-Jan, 10:53-11:00
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	5-7km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	23-Jan, 21:18
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	24-Jan, 17:49
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-8km E	Heard and saw	36	Explosion	Outgoing and impact (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	23-Jan, 16:15-17:20
	3-5km E	Heard	38	Shots and bursts	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	IFV (type N/K)	23-Jan, 16:15-17:20
	5-10km SE	Heard and saw	40	Explosion	Outgoing and impact	N/K	23-Jan, 16:15-17:20
	5-8km SE	Heard	7	Shots and bursts		IFV (type N/K)	23-Jan, 16:15-17:20
E part of Toshkivka (government-controlled, 60 km NW of Luhansk)	2-3km ESE	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	24-Jan, 11:55-11:56
E part of Zymohiria (non-government-controlled, 27 km W of Luhansk)	10-12km SSW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jan, 12:15
About 2.5km NE of Ivanivske (formerly Lotykove, non-government-controlled, 30km W of Luhansk)	10-12km S	Heard	15	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jan, 12:30-12:40
S part of Ivanivske (formerly Lotykove, non-government-controlled, 30km W of Luhansk)	8-12km S	Heard	13	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	24-Jan, 12:50-13:00

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).