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Summary

- In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 11 and 13 February, the Mission recorded 261 ceasefire violations, including 50 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 114 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 11 and 13 February, the SMM recorded 114 ceasefire violations, including 24 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 258 ceasefire violations in the region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in non-government-controlled Kalmiuske, 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 SMM monitored the security situation in east and south-east Kherson region.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets in Luhansk region. Its UAVs again encountered instances of GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming and jamming.*

Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 13 February 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras.



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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



In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 11 and 13 February, the SMM recorded 261 ceasefire violations, including 50 explosions (one impact, two airbursts, eight outgoing, and 39 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred around midday on 13 February in areas north of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), south-west of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), and north-east, west and north-west of Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk). In the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded 114 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 11 and 13 February, the SMM recorded 114 ceasefire violations, including 24 undetermined explosions. Almost all ceasefire violations occurred in areas near the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the <u>previous reporting period</u>, the Mission recorded 258 ceasefire violations in the region.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG) 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 108,414 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 29,259 explosions, 25,894 projectiles in flight, 469 muzzle flashes, 491 illumination flares, and at least 52,301 bursts and shots).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at an SMM mini-UAV in non-government-controlled Kalmiuske, Donetsk region

On 13 February, while positioned about 1.5km north-north-east of Vesele (non-governmentcontrolled, 45km south-east of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight, the Mission heard eighteen bursts and shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 1,900-2,300m north-north-west, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 2km north of the SMM's position, over the south-western edge of Kalmiuske (nongovernment-controlled, 42km south-east of Donetsk). The SMM landed the UAV and left the area.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On the night of 11-12 February, while on the eastern edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (governmentcontrolled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM heard eight shots of small-arms fire, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska**, but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

On 12 February, the Mission monitored government-controlled areas inside and near the disengagement area and observed a calm situation. On 12 and 13 February, inside the disengagement area, the SMM 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 41 projectiles in flight and one muzzle flash, while SMM patrols heard 24 undetermined explosion and 40 bursts and shots

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 small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

On both days, near the checkpoint of the armed formation south of the area, the Mission saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them). Also 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.

On 12 February, while positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

On 13 February, while positioned 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM heard 74 shots of heavy-machine-gun fire, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

Withdrawal of weapons

The SMM 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 Mission saw 24 armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including in and near residential areas. (For further information, see the table below.)

On 12 February, while positioned about 2km north of Petrivske, the Mission observed ten civilian vehicles, each carrying five men wearing military-style clothing, travelling south on road C-051532 towards Petrivske. While driving between Luhanske (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk), Syhnalne (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk) and Petrivske, the SMM observed that eight checkpoints along the route where staffed with at least twice as many visibly armed members of the armed formations as usual.

SMM facilitation of the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure

On 12 and 13 February, the Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, on 12 February, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (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. On 13 February, the Mission observed that the 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.

In Luhansk region, on 12 and 13 February, the SMM noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel in both directions.

On both days, near the EECP, the Mission observed workers conducting groundworks and saw four cylinder concrete blocks and a pile of sand nearby, reportedly for improvements of a parking lot area.

On both days, the Mission noted that the EECP near Zolote was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote was closed. On both days, at the EECP, the SMM saw workers continuing to assemble the frames of containers, reportedly for future use as a center for administrative services.

On both days, the Mission noted that the EECP near Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations about 3km south-east of the bridge near Shchastia was closed.

Security situation in east and south-east Kherson region

From 11 to 13 February, the SMM monitored areas in east and south-east Kherson region at checkpoints near Kalanchak (67km south-east of Kherson) and Chonhar (163km south-east of Kherson), as well as at Ukrainian State Border Guard Service security posts near Chaplynka (77km south-east of Kherson) and in Valok (206km south-east of Kherson). The Mission also monitored areas in Henichesk (176 km east of Kherson) as well as areas along the coast of the Sea of Azov near Novooleksiivka (162 km east of Kherson) and Novohryhorivka (183 km east of Kherson). While monitoring these areas, the SMM observed no change in the security situation.

The Mission continued monitoring in Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi and Kyiv and observed no change in the security situation.

*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 <u>SMM Daily Report of 12</u> <u>February 2022</u>). 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.

Delay:

- On 13 February, at a checkpoint near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km southwest of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations allowed the SMM passage further west towards the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets only after about 40 minutes, citing the "need for approval from superiors".

Other impediments:6

- On 13 February, an SMM mini-UAV was assessed as targeted by small-arms fire while flying over areas near Vesele (non-government-controlled, 45km south-east of Donetsk). (See above.)
- On the same day, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between Novoandriivka (government-controlled, 75km north-west of Donetsk) and Rohanske (government-controlled,79km north-west of Donetsk) and between Rohanske and Novoandriivka. The same UAV experienced dual GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by jamming, while flying over areas between Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and Novoandriivka.
- On 12 and 13 February, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during three flights: twice over a government-controlled area near Lastochkyne (19km north-west of Donetsk) and once over areas near the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

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 UAVs' positions.

Date	No.	Туре	Location	Source of observation					
Government-controlled areas									
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	In a residential area of Stepne (29km south-west of	Mini-UAV					
11/2/2022	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Donetsk)						
	10	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near a residential area of Stepne						
	6	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near a residential area of Solodke (33km south-west of Donetsk)	WIIII-UAV					
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-1 and one BMP-2)	Near a residential area of Lisne (43km south-west of						
	1	Armoured recovery vehicle (BREM)	Donetsk)						
13/2/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (probable BTR-70)	In a residential area of Stanytsia Luhanska (16km north-	SMM camera					
	2	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (probable BRDM-2)	east of Luhansk)	Sivilvi camera					

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

⁷ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 22:34
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-	1-2km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 21:47
government-controlled, 9km NW of	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	11-Feb, 21:47
Donetsk city centre)	1-2km W	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Feb, 21:51
	1-2km W	Recorded		Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 21:51
	1-2km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Feb, 21:52
	1-3km W	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:10
	1-2km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:15
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:23
	1-3km W	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:24
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:37
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:38
	1-3km W	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:39
	1-3km W	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:54
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:54
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 00:57
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	12-Feb, 00:58
	1-3km W	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	
	1-3km W 1-3km W		2	Muzzle flash	Undetermined	N/K N/K	12-Feb, 01:02
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	1-3km W	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	
	1-2km WSW	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	12-Feb, 01:10
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	N. C	N/K	12-Feb, 01:36
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Feb, 01:36
	1-3km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	12-Feb, 01:36
	1-3km W	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 01:36
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 02:13
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 02:14
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	11-Feb, 20:47
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-6km WSW	Heard	25	Burst		HMG	12-Feb, 07:19- 07:22
	3-6km WSW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Feb, 07:20- 07:22
	3-6km WSW	Heard	30	Burst		HMG	12-Feb, 07:27- 07:29
SMM camera in Zolote (government- controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Feb, 19:21
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Feb, 19:37
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	11-Feb, 23:48
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	11-Feb, 23:57
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	12-Feb, 01:23

Table of ceasefire violations as of 13 February 2022^8

⁸ 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 E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Feb, 01:45
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Feb, 01:50
N edge of Popasna (government- controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-4km E	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	11-Feb, 18:39- 20:39
E edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	1-2km S	Heard	8	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	12-Feb, 04:25- 04:30
Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non- government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	3-4km WSW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	12-Feb, 13:20- 13:30
	3-4km WSW	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	12-Feb, 13:20- 13:30
	1-2km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	12-Feb, 13:39
	1-2km SW	Heard	3	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	12-Feb, 13:39
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	12-Feb, 19:41
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-	0.3-1km W	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	12-Feb, 23:32
government-controlled, 9km NW of	3-5km NE	Recorded		Muzzle flash		N/K	13-Feb, 00:18
Donetsk city centre)	3-5km NE	Recorded		Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	13-Feb, 00:18
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Feb, 22:01
Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Feb, 18:21
	4-6km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Feb, 18:39
	4-6km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Feb, 18:40
About 1.5km NNW of Vesele (non-	1.9-2.3km NNE	Heard	8	Burst		Small arms	13-Feb, 10:23
government-controlled, 45km SE of Donetsk)	1.9-2.3km NNE	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	13-Feb, 10:23
About 800m N of Vasylivka (non- government-controlled, 47km S of Donetsk)	1.5-2km WSW	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	13-Feb, 10:57- 11:00
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-5km NNE	Heard	14	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	13-Feb, 11:25
	4-5km NNE	Heard	60	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	13-Feb, 11:25- 11:50
Orlivske (government-controlled, 82km S of Donetsk)	3-4km NE	Heard	28	Shot		Small arms	13-Feb, 10:19- 10:25
NE edge of Pavlopil (government- controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	4km NNE	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	13-Feb, 11:20- 11:23
About 2.5km SE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	5-6km NE	Heard	8	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	13-Feb, 13:07- 13:08
SMM camera in Zolote (government- controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	12-Feb, 20:36
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	12-Feb, 20:38
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	12-Feb, 21:06
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	12-Feb, 21:07

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	12-Feb, 21:09
	3-5km E	Recorded	13	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Feb, 21:44
	3-5km E	Recorded	10	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement)	N/K	12-Feb, 21:45
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	12-Feb, 22:34
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Feb, 22:34
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Feb, 22:35
Holubivka (formerly Kirovsk, non- government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	13-Feb, 09:04
Pervomaisk (non-government- controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-4km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	13-Feb, 09:28- 09:37
	3-4km WNW	Heard	16	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	13-Feb, 09:28- 09:37
	3-4km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	13-Feb, 09:54
	3-4km W	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	13-Feb, 10:13
E edge of Kalynove-Borshchuvate (non-government-controlled, 61km W of Luhansk)	2-3km WNW	Heard	17	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	13-Feb, 13:25



Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁹

⁹ 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).