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Summary

- Since the evening of 24 February and throughout the reporting period, the Mission heard multiple explosions, including multiple launch rocket system fire, near Shchastia as well as in the vicinity of the cities of Kherson, Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Kyiv.
- The Mission heard aircraft overflying the cities of Ivano-Frankivsk and Kyiv. It heard two helicopters flying over Donetsk city.
- The SMM observed long queues at border crossing points with Hungary, Poland and Romania.
- The Mission started evacuation activities following the decision to evacuate all International Mission members (IMM) made on 24 February.

Kherson region

During the evening and night of 24-25 February, the Mission recorded at least 60 undetermined explosions east and north-east of the Kherson city. It also heard military jets flying at a low altitude in the south-north and east-west directions. The local authorities in Kherson reported on a number of civilian and military casualties, which could not be corroborated by the Mission.

Between 08:36 and 08:55, the SMM observed two airstrikes near the Antonivka Bridge near Kherson city. In the afternoon, the SMM heard multiple explosions, shots and burst of heavy-machine-gun fire and as well as fire from multiple launch rocket systems coming from the direction of the bridge.

Odessa region

During the day, the SMM noted that the situation in the city of Odessa was calm.

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 17:00, 24 February 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time. 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.

Lviv region

The Mission observed long queues at petrol stations in Lviv. It saw increased traffic (queues of up to 1,000 cars) exiting Ukraine at the border crossing points near Krakovets (with Poland) and Chop (with Hungary).

Ivano-Frankivsk region

On the night of 24-25 February, the SMM heard aircraft overflying Ivano-Frankivsk city. At the border crossing point near Porubne (with Romania), the Mission observed vehicles queueing for 6km to exit Ukraine.

Kharkiv region

During the night of 24-25 February, the Mission heard 13 undetermined explosions. Throughout the day on 25 February and beyond the reporting period, the SMM heard numerous explosions (outgoing and impacts) and projectiles, including from multiple launch rocket systems in the area.

Donetsk region

On the evening of 24 February, the Mission heard 19 explosions 4-6km south-west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk), 549 at various distances from south-west to north-west of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled) and 55 at various distance west and north-west of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk).

During the day, the Mission recorded 102 undetermined explosions at various distances at easterly, southerly and westerly directions of Donetsk city.

Dnipropetrovsk region

The Mission noted a calm situation in Dnipro. In the afternoon, it observed that some shops were closed.

Chernivtsi region

The SMM noted a calm situation in Chernivtsi.

Luhansk region

During the night of 24-25 February the Mission noted a calm situation near the Forward Patrol Bases in Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) and Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk)

On the morning of 25 February, the Mission heard 12 explosions near Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk). While in Stanytsia Luhanska, the Mission observed three armoured personnel carriers (BTR type) with mounted anti-aircraft guns heading in the direction of Bolotene (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk).

Throughout the morning on 25 February, the SMM observed a calm situation in the areas near the Forward Patrol Bases in Stanytsia Luhanska and Popasna.

Kyiv region

On 24 February, between 17:10 and 22:13, the Mission heard eight explosions from the direction of Hostomel (24km north-west of Kyiv). During the night of 24-25 February, the Mission heard multiple explosions mostly from north-western direction.

At 19:00, the SMM heard one aircraft flying over Kyiv.

At 04:20, the SMM heard and saw two undetermined explosions in the Pozniaki area of Kyiv

At 04:50, the Mission heard undetermined explosions near the National Circus area in Shevchenkivskiy District.

At 06:30, the SMM observed several aircraft overflying the city at a low altitude.

SMM cameras

18 out of 26 SMM cameras were fully operational. The SMM cameras in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km south of Donetsk), in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km north-west of Luhansk), at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk), in Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) and 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) were non-operational as of 16:00 on 25 February.

During the reporting period the SMM cameras have recorded 193 undetermined explosions, 48 projectiles in flight and six muzzle flashes.

SMM camera in Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), SMM camera on parking lot south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and SMM camera 1.5km north-east of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) recorded military movement in the area.

SMM movement

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