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Summary

- From the evening of 24 February, the Mission has continued to hear multiple explosions, including from multiple launch rocket systems and heavy artillery fire in and near the cities of Kherson, Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Kyiv. In downtown Kyiv, it also heard small-arms fire near its headquarters.
- The SMM switched off its camera systems on the morning of 26 February. On the night of 25-26 February, the cameras recorded in total 109 undetermined explosions along the contact line in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission continued evacuation activities as per the instruction of 24 February to evacuate all International Mission members.

Kherson region

During the evening of 25 February, the Mission heard multiple undetermined explosions south-east of Kherson city and in Mykolaiv. During the day on 26 February, the SMM heard explosions assessed as heavy artillery fire north, north-east and north-west of Kherson city, including near the Antonivka bridge.

At 23:20 on 25 February, the SMM noted a movement of armoured combat vehicles across the Antonivka bridge.

The head of Kherson Regional Administration told the Mission that there were no ongoing hostilities in Henichesk and Skadovsk on the morning of 26 February.

Ivano-Frankivsk region

On the night of 25-26 February, the SMM heard an aircraft overflying Ivano-Frankivsk city on two occasions.

Kharkiv region

During the night of 25-26 February, the Mission noted that the situation in Kharkiv city was calm. Throughout the day of 26 February the SMM heard explosions assessed as multiple

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 17:00, 26 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.

launch rocket system and heavy artillery fire at various distances and directions from its location.

Donetsk region

Throughout the day of 26 February the Mission heard 123 explosions at various distances from south, south-west and west of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled).

Chernivtsi region

On the afternoon of 25 February, the Mission saw a helicopter overflying Chernivtsi city at a low altitude, heading north. During the night of 25-26 February the SMM noted that the situation in the city was calm.

Luhansk region

During the evening of 25 February, the Mission noted that the situation in Luhansk city was calm.

Kyiv region

The Mission heard multiple undetermined explosions at various directions and distances in Kyiv city on the night of 25-26 February. On the morning of 26 February, while in the SMM Head Office in the city centre, the Mission heard numerous shots of small-arms and heavy machine-gun about 100m south. It also heard and saw tracer rounds being fired over the SMM's headquarters building on 26 Turhenievska Street.

SMM cameras

During the night of 25-26 February, 18 out of 26 SMM camera were operational. From 16:00 of 25 February to 08:00 of 26 February, the SMM cameras in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), Berezove (government-controlled, 31km south-west of Donetsk), 1.5km north-east of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk), at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk), at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and at Prince Ihor Monument south-east of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) recorded 109 undetermined explosions.

On the morning of 26 February, the SMM switched off all its camera systems.

SMM movement

The Mission continued evacuation activities as per the instruction of 24 February to evacuate all International Mission members².

² For further details see SMM Spot Report 9/2022.