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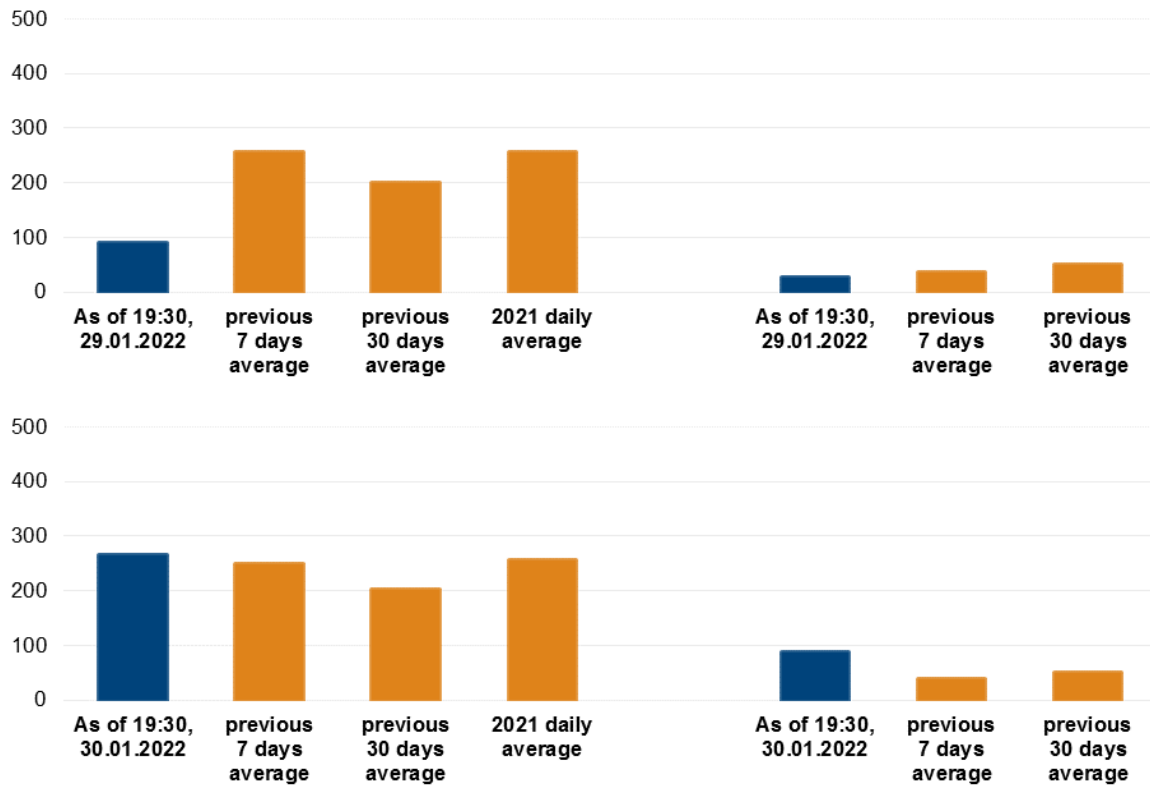
Summary

- In Donetsk region, between the evenings of 28 and 30 January, the SMM recorded 213 ceasefire violations, including 46 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 11 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 28 and 30 January, the Mission recorded 143 ceasefire violations, including 67 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 19 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission monitored the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at five entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission monitored the security situation in east and south-east Kherson region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at two checkpoints of the armed formations close to the disengagement areas near Petrivske and Stanytsia Luhanska, Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

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

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³ **Number of recorded explosions⁴**



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

³ Including explosions.

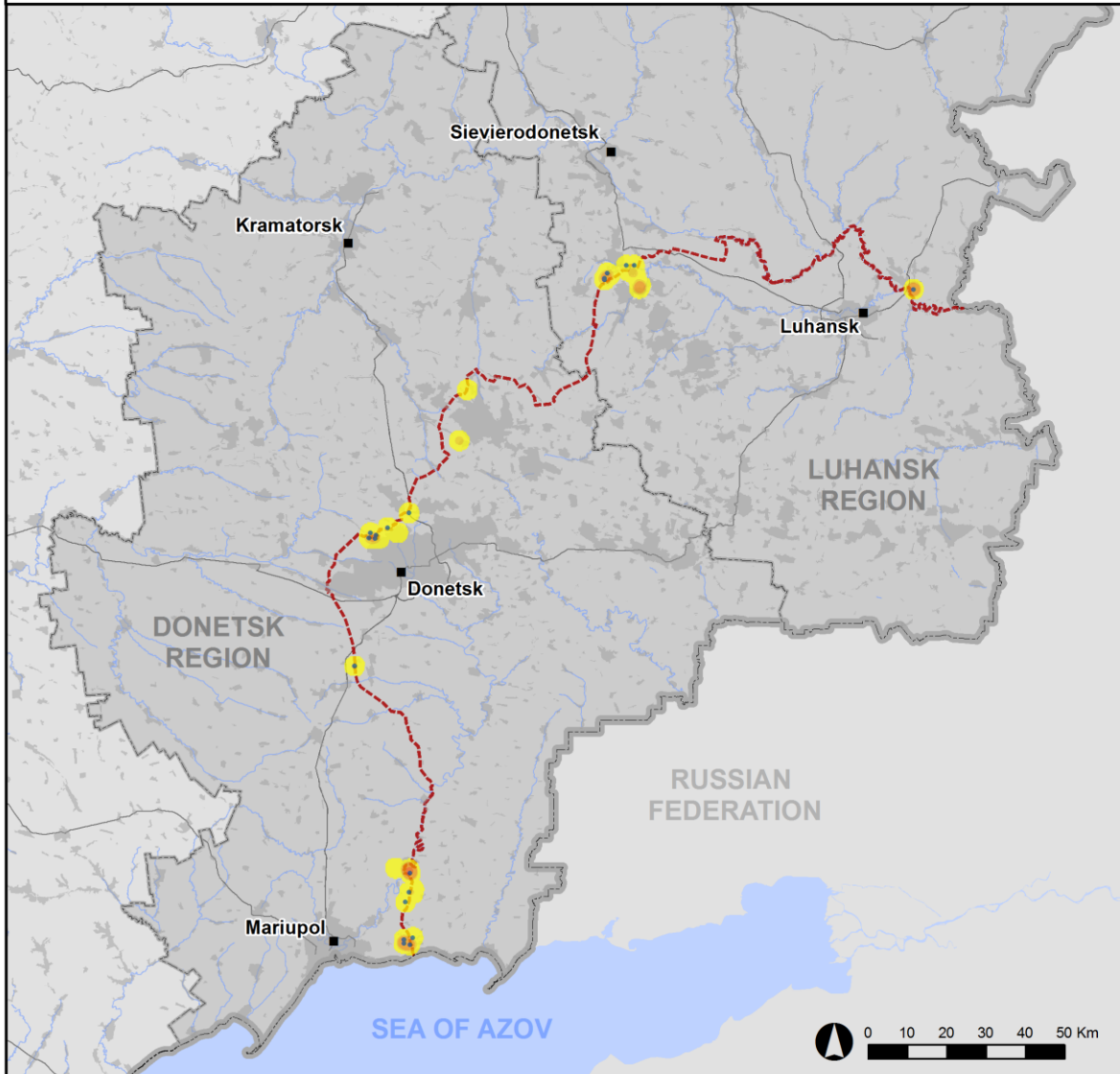
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

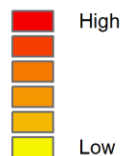


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 29-30 January 2022



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, between the evenings of 28 and 30 January, the SMM recorded 213 ceasefire violations, including 46 explosions (eight airbursts and 38 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-south-east of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk) and north and north-north-east of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 11 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 28 and 30 January, the SMM recorded 143 ceasefire violations, including 67 explosions (one impact, one airburst, 18 outgoing and impacts and 47 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas close to the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below) and in an area east of the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), with the latter all occurring around midday on 30 January (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 19 ceasefire violations in the region, all of which occurred 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 104,778 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 28,571 explosions, 25,129 projectiles in flight, 450 muzzle flashes, 480 illumination flares and at least 50,148 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 29 and 30 January, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska**, the Mission saw 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).

On 30 January, around midday, an SMM patrol positioned on the eastern edge of Stanytsia Luhanska heard 18 explosions (outgoing and impact) and 25 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

On the same day, outside the disengagement area, about 260m south-south-east of the area’s south-eastern edge, and north and east of the Prince Ihor Monument, respectively, the SMM observed a camera and a satellite dish attached to a flagpole, and another dish-shaped object, assessed as an antenna, covered with a plastic bag, attached to another, shorter, pole. The Mission saw several cables running from both poles to the bottom of the monument. It also observed two cables leading from the monument towards a previously reported position of the armed formations 100m further north.

The SMM camera in Zolote recorded two explosions (one airburst and one impact) and seven projectiles in flight, while SMM patrols heard 47 undetermined explosions and 36 shots of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire. 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.)

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

On 29 and 30 January, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area, the Mission saw 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.

On 29 January, 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 30 January, while flying over the disengagement area, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming.*

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 saw one surface-to-air missile system in a government-controlled area of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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

The Mission saw one armoured combat vehicle in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

SMM facilitation of the operation of critical civilian infrastructure

On 29 and 30 January, 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 29 and 30 January, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kremiets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed. On both days, the Mission noted that the 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.

In Luhansk region, on 29 and 30 January, the SMM noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel in both directions. On 30 January, the Mission observed that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge was open, with people queueing to travel in both directions.

On 29 and 30 January the SMM 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 29 and 30 January the Mission noted that that the EECP near Shchastia

(government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) was open. On 29 January it noted that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia was closed.

Security situation in east and south-east Kherson region

From 28 to 30 January, 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 Stokopani (181km east of Kherson) and Strilkove (193km south-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 [SMM Daily Report of 27 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.

Delays:

- On 30 January, at a checkpoint near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations allowed the Mission passage south towards the settlement only after 25 minutes, citing “a need to wait for approval from superiors”.
- On the same day, at the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, a member of the armed formations allowed one of three SMM members to travel across the contact line towards government-controlled areas only after 18 minutes, while it did not delay the passage of the other two SMM members.

Other impediments:⁶

- On 29 January, an SMM mini- UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Vodiane (government-controlled, 94km south of Donetsk).
- On 30 January, an SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

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.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
30/1/2022	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 <i>Osa</i>)	Near Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Patrol

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
30/1/2022	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol

⁷ 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 30 January 2022⁸

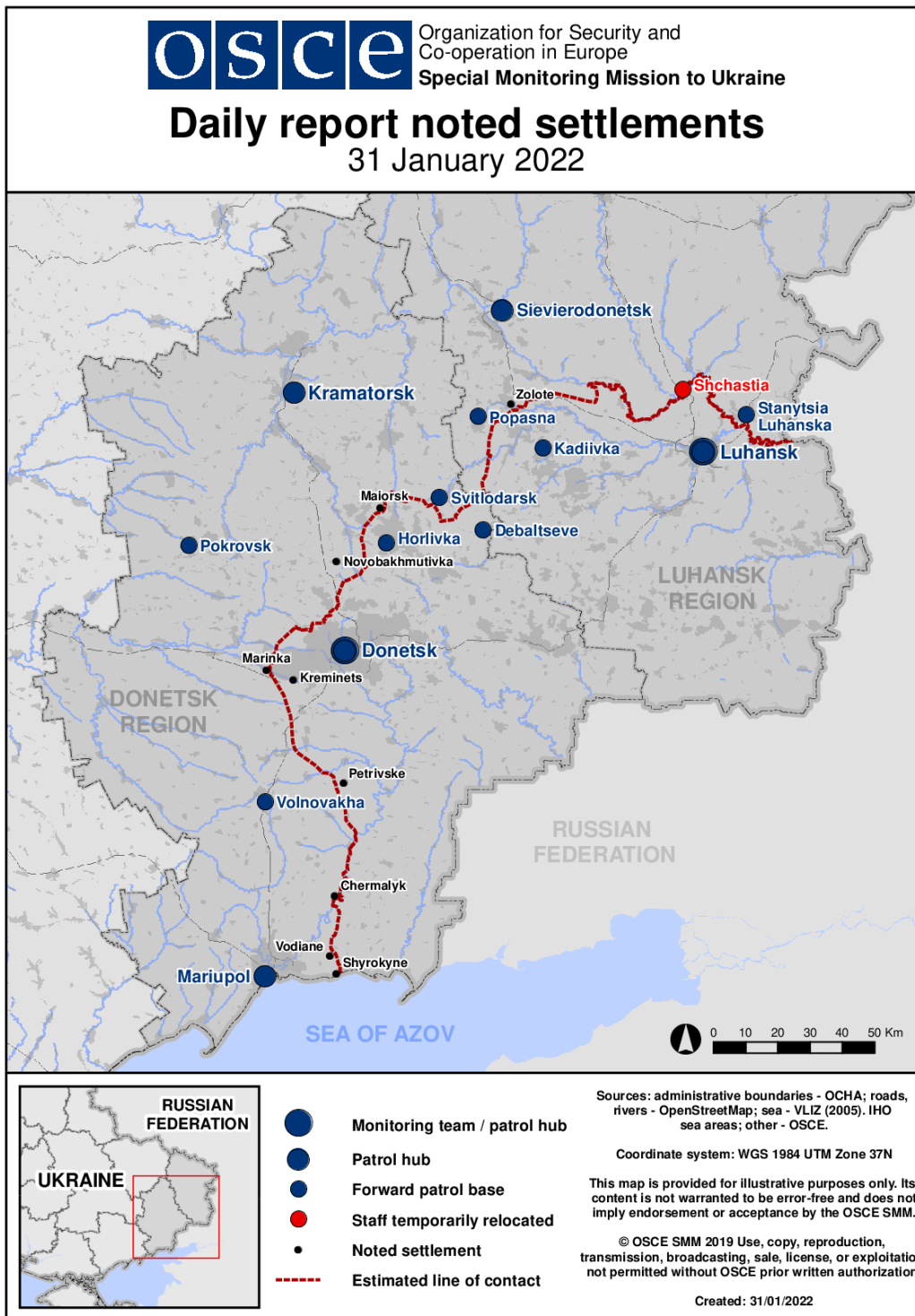
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 17:00
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 03:22
	2-4km SE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 03:36
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 03:42
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	29-Jan, 17:41
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Jan, 20:09
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Jan, 20:11
	1-3km WNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jan, 20:37
	0.5-1.5km W	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Jan, 20:37
	1-3km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jan, 20:45
	3-4km W	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 17:35
	3-4km W	Recorded	8	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 17:36
	3-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 17:51
	3-4km WNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 18:12
3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Jan, 23:45	
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Jan, 19:53
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	28-Jan, 19:53
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Jan, 20:22
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Jan, 20:25
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	28-Jan, 20:57
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	28-Jan, 20:57
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Jan, 21:23
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jan, 23:30
	5-7km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jan, 23:30
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	28-Jan, 23:33
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	29-Jan, 18:01
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	29-Jan, 18:14
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	29-Jan, 18:14
	3-5km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	29-Jan, 18:35
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	29-Jan, 08:25
	3-4km SW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	29-Jan, 08:37
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	29-Jan, 17:24
Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km SSW	Heard	12	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	29-Jan, 11:43-11:56
Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	0.5-0.6km SW	Heard	20	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	29-Jan, 12:15-12:20
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	1-3km SSE	Recorded	24	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	30-Jan, 01:46
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	13	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	30-Jan, 01:48

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
	1-3km SSE	Recorded	11	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	30-Jan, 01:49
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	15	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	30-Jan, 04:18
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	24	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	30-Jan, 04:19
	2-4km SSE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	30-Jan, 18:13
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	30-Jan, 18:49
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	30-Jan, 18:49
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	30-Jan, 18:57
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	30-Jan, 18:03
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	30-Jan, 18:24
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	30-Jan, 18:24
	1-3km ESE	Recorded	4	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	30-Jan, 18:24
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	30-Jan, 18:52
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	1-3km W	Recorded	7	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 17:36
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	29-Jan, 23:23
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	29-Jan, 18:14
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	29-Jan, 20:13
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	29-Jan, 20:13
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	29-Jan, 20:13
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	29-Jan, 21:04
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	29-Jan, 22:22
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Jan, 23:11
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	29-Jan, 23:12
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	13	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	29-Jan, 23:55
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	30-Jan, 02:23
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	30-Jan, 17:42
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	30-Jan, 18:13
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jan, 18:28
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jan, 18:29
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	30-Jan, 18:49
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jan, 18:49
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jan, 18:57
About 2.5km WSW of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	1-2km S	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	30-Jan, 10:15-10:20
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 03:15
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 03:15
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event) (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 03:15
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 03:17
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 03:18
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 03:20

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-3.5km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 09:53
	3-3.5km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 10:00
Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km W of Luhansk)	1-2km SW	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	30-Jan, 11:34-11:40
	3-3.5km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 11:34-11:40
Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	3-5km SSE	Heard	18	Explosion	Outgoing and impact (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	30-Jan, 12:12-12:16
	3-5km SSE	Heard	25	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	HMG	30-Jan, 12:12-12:16
Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-6km W	Heard	16	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	30-Jan, 09:48-10:05
Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	2-3km W	Heard	4	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	30-Jan, 12:58-13:00
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-4km ESE	Heard	26	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	AGL	30-Jan, 15:30-15:45

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).