

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine

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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 175 ceasefire violations, including 96 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 187 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 151 ceasefire violations, including 131 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 148 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM corroborated reports of a civilian casualty in non-government-controlled Rovenky, Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote, and Petrivske. It spotted people inside the disengagements areas near 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 three entry-exit checkpoints and two corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Luhansk region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations near Novoselivka and Staromykhailivka, Donetsk region.*



Ceasefire violations²

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 13 January 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

 $^{^{2}}$ For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

³ Including explosions.

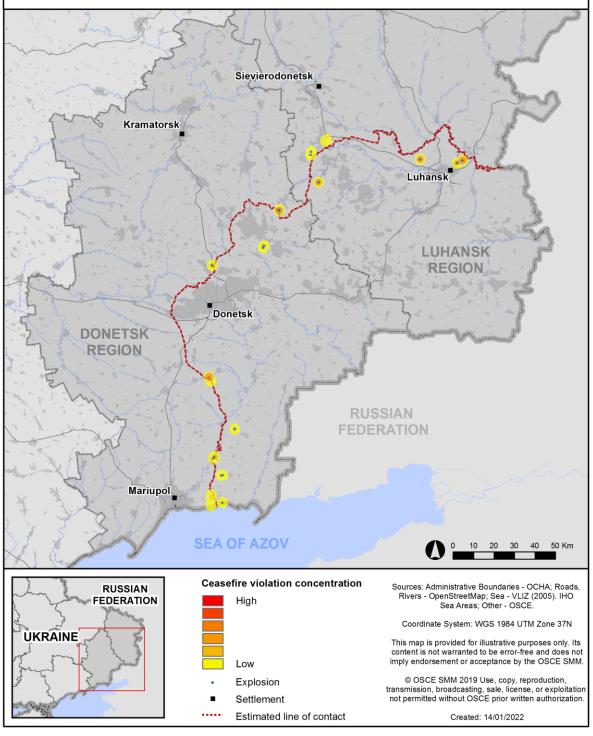
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 13 January 2022



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 175 ceasefire violations, including 96 explosions (five impacts of tank fire rounds and 91 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below) and in areas south of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk). The Mission assessed ten ceasefire violations, including five explosions (impacts of tank fire rounds), in an area west of Sofiivka (formerly Karlo-Marksove, non-government-controlled, 40km north-east of Donetsk) and five undetermined explosions in an area west of Yenakiieve (non-government-controlled, 41km north-east of Donetsk) as live-fire exercises inside the security zone, in violation of the decision of the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG) of 3 March 2016 that prohibits the conduct of live-fire training in the security zone. In the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded 187 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Svitlodarsk.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 151 ceasefire violations, including 131 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas west-south-west of the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk) (see below) and in an area south-west of Vesela Hora (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk). In the previous reporting period, the Mission recorded 148 ceasefire violations in the region.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the 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 101,102 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 27,732 explosions, 24,313 projectiles in flight, 440 muzzle flashes, 455 illumination flares and at least 48,162 bursts and shots).

Civilian casualty corroborated in non-government-controlled Rovenky, Luhansk region

The SMM followed-up on reports of an 18-year-old man injured in Rovenky (non-government-controlled, 54km south of Luhansk) on 13 December 2021.

On 10 January, a woman (age unknown), who introduced herself as the mother of the injured man, told the SMM over the phone that her son had been walking his dog near their house in Rovenky on 13 December, when she heard an explosion and then saw that her son's hands were injured. She added that she then called an ambulance which took her son to a hospital in Rovenky.

On 31 December, medical staff at a hospital in Rovenky told the Mission, that on 13 December an 18-year-old man had been admitted with wounds to his hands, consistent with those caused by the detonation of an explosive device.

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

While positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska**, the Mission heard 44 undetermined explosions and 15 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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

During the day on 12 January, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (governmentcontrolled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a person in a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces close to road T-1316, about 250m south of the area's northern and about 1.7km east of its western edge.

On the evening and night of 12-13 January, the SMM cameras in Zolote and Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) recorded four undetermined explosions and two projectiles in flight. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote but within 5km of its periphery.

During the day on 13 January, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw three 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.

During the day on 12 January, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske**, an SMM longrange UAV spotted a person in a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 1.5km north-east of the area's south-western corner. Also inside the area, about 200m west-north-west of the area's south-eastern corner, the same UAV spotted a person in a former position of the armed formations.

On the evening of 12 January, the SMM camera in Petrivske recorded three projectiles in flight. During the day on 13 January, the Mission heard 64 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

Weapons that the SMM could not verify as withdrawn⁶

At two heavy weapons holding areas in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region 13 January

The SMM noted that all weapons observed at these sites were present, compared with the previous visits on 7 December 2021.

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 spotted one surface-to-air missile system and one self-propelled howitzer in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region and 35 multiple launch rocket systems, seven tanks and four self-propelled howitzers in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including in four training areas and at a compound.

⁶ The SMM observed weapons that could not be verified as withdrawn, as their storage did not comply with the criteria set out in the 16 October 2015 notification from the SMM to the signatories of the Package of Measures on effective monitoring and verification of the withdrawal of heavy weapons.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region, the Mission spotted 30 tanks, 11 howitzers, six surface-to-air-missile systems and three anti-tank guns, located in three training areas. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The Mission spotted an anti-aircraft gun in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region and a probable infantry fighting vehicle in a residential area of a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region. (For further information, see the table below.)

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 repairs to a phenol sludge reservoir near Nelipivka (government-controlled, 40km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queueing to travel to government-controlled areas.

The SMM noted that the EECPs 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. Near the EECP near Zolote, the Mission observed three new containers (for previous observations in the area, see <u>SMM Daily Report 29 December 2021</u>).

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi and Kyiv.

*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 4 January 2022</u>). The SMM's operations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions remain restricted following <u>the fatal incident of 23 April 2017 near Pryshyb</u>; these restrictions continued to limit the Mission's observations.

Denial:

- On the south-western edge of Novoselivka (non-government-controlled, 37km north-east of Donetsk), a visibly armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage east towards a training area, citing "ongoing live-fire exercises".

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:

- At a checkpoint in Staromykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 15km west of Donetsk), three armed members of the armed formations allowed the Mission passage further west into the settlement only after about 35 minutes, referring to the SMM's safety. While at the checkpoint, the SMM observed civilian traffic passing through.

Tables of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation		
		Government-contro	olled areas			
13/1/2022	1	Surface-to-air missile system (9K33 Osa)	m (9K33 Osa) Near Roty (66km north-east of Donetsk)			
15/1/2022	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 Gvozdika, 122mm)	Near Vesele (21km north of Donetsk)	Patrol		
		Non-government-con	trolled areas			
12/1/2022	21	Multiple launch rocket system (20 9K51, BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm and one 2B26, BM-21 <i>Grad-K</i> , 122mm)	Near Khrustalnyi (formerly Krasnyi Luch, 56km south- west of Luhansk)			
	3		In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV		
12/1/2022	8	Multiple launch rocket system (9K51, BM-21 Grad, 122mm)	At a compound near Sadovyi (57km south-west of Luhansk)			
12/1/2022	3		In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk)			
	4	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 Gvozdika, 122mm)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk)			
13/1/2022	7	Tank (type undetermined)	In a training area near Sofiivka (formerly Karlo- Marksove, 40km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol		

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation		
		Non-government	-controlled areas			
	10	Tank (type undetermined)In a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of				
	4	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 Gvozdika, 122mm)	Luhansk), where the Mission also spotted 11 armoured combat vehicles ⁷ .			
	6	Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 Strela-10)				
	1	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 Gvozdika, 122mm)	In a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of	Long-range UAV		
12/1/2022	3	Anti-tank gun (BS-3, 100mm)	Luhansk), where the Mission also spotted 16 armoured			
	9	Tank (one T-64 and eight T-72B)	combat vehicles.			
	6	Towed howitzer (D-30A Lyagushka, 122mm)				
	11	Tank (T-72B)	In a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk), where the SMM also spotted 15 armoured combat vehicles.			

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

Date	No.	Туре	Location	Source of observation			
Government-controlled areas							
13/1/2022	1	Anti-aircraft gun (ZU-23, 23mm)	Near Roty (66km north-east of Donetsk)	Patrol			
Non-government-controlled areas							
10/1/2022	1	Probable infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	In a residential area of Styla (34km south of Donetsk)	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.

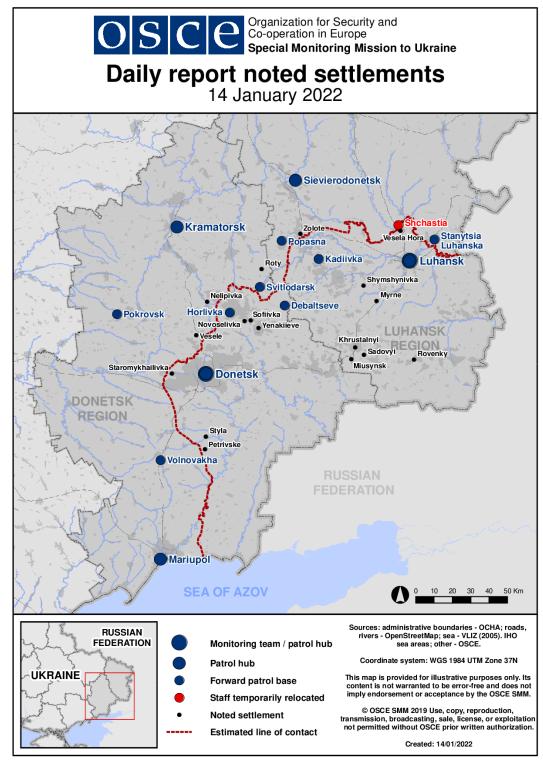
⁸ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 13 January 2022⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in	3-5km NE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 19:01
Avdiivka	3-5km NE	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 19:03
(government-	3-5km NE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 19:04
controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km NE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 19:05
Donetsk)	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 19:06
SMM camera in	6-8km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 17:52
Hranitne	6-8km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 17:53
(government-	6-8km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 17:54
controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	6-8km ESE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 17:55
D Dolletsk)	6-8km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 17:56
	6-8km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 17:57
SMM camera in Petrivske (non- government- controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	2-4km WNW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jan, 20:58
SMM camera 1km	0.5-1km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Jan, 21:12
SW of Shyrokyne	3-5km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Jan, 21:39
(government- controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km ENE	Recorded	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 17:57
Svitlodarsk	4-5km S	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 18:50
government-	4-5km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 19:10
controlled, 57km	4-5km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 19:35
NE of Donetsk)	4km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 19:55
	4-5km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 20:05
	4-5km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 20:45
	4-5km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 21:20
	4-5km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 21:30
	4-5km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 21:45
	4-5km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 21:50
	4-5km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 22:00
	4-5km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 22:30
	4-5km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 23:30
	4-5km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 23:45
	4-5km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 23:50
About 2km NE of	8-10km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 10:02
Chernenko	10km NNE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 10:13
(government- controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	8-10km NNE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 10:19
About 2km E of Bohdanivka government-	3-4km N	Heard	6	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	13-Jan, 12:33
controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-4km N	Heard	8	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	13-Jan, 12:36

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.

	3-4km N	Heard	12	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	13-Jan, 12:40-12:42
	3-4km N	Heard	21	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	13-Jan, 12:45-12:48
	3-4km N	Heard	7	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	13-Jan, 12:52
	3-4km N	Heard	10	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	HMG	13-Jan, 12:58
About 2.5km S of Sofiivka (formerly	2-3km W	Heard and saw	5	Explosion	Impact	Tank (type N/K)	13-Jan, 12:49-13:00
Karlo-Marksove, non-government- controlled, 40km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	13-Jan, 12:49-13:00
About 2.5km NW of Yenakiieve (non- government- controlled, 41km NE of Donetsk)	4-5km W	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 09:30-09:38
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	12-Jan, 19:42
controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	12-Jan, 19:50
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	12-Jan, 19:58
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	12-Jan, 20:03
SMM camera in Zolote (government- controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Jan, 00:59
Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non- government-	12-15km WSW	Heard	30	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jan, 20:07-20:33
controlled, 50km W of Luhansk)	12-15km WSW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	12-Jan, 20:07-20:33
Vesela Hora (non- government controlled, 16km N of Luhansk)	12-15km SW	Heard	35	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 09:35-09:45
Stanytsia Luhanska (government- controlled,16km NE	3-5km WSW	Heard	44	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	13-Jan, 15:10-15:25
of Luhansk)	6-8km WSW	Heard	18	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	13-Jan, 15:14-15:25
	3-5km WSW	Heard	15	Burst	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	HMG	13-Jan, 15:14-15:25



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).