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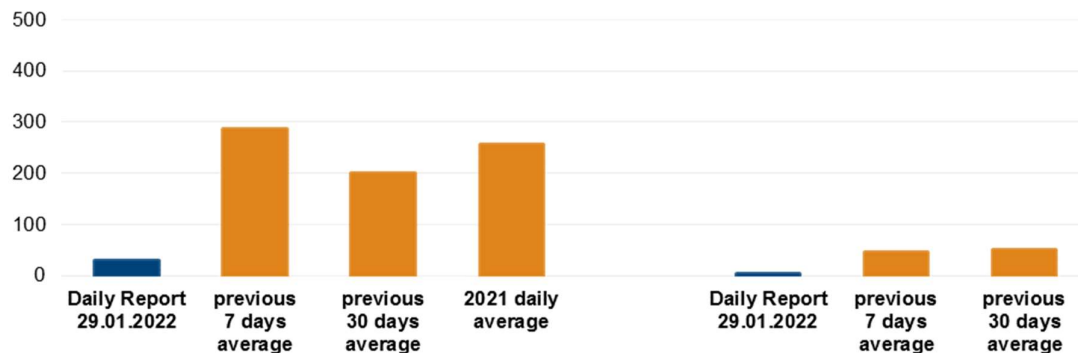
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 11 ceasefire violations, including three explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 173 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 19 ceasefire violations, including one explosion. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 93 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. It recorded one ceasefire violation inside the disengagement area near Zolote.
- The Mission monitored the operation and repair of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission visited two border crossing points outside government control in Donetsk region.
- The SMM observed a gathering in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near government-controlled Berdianske, in southern Donetsk region. Its unmanned aerial vehicles experienced instances of probable jamming.*

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 28 January 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

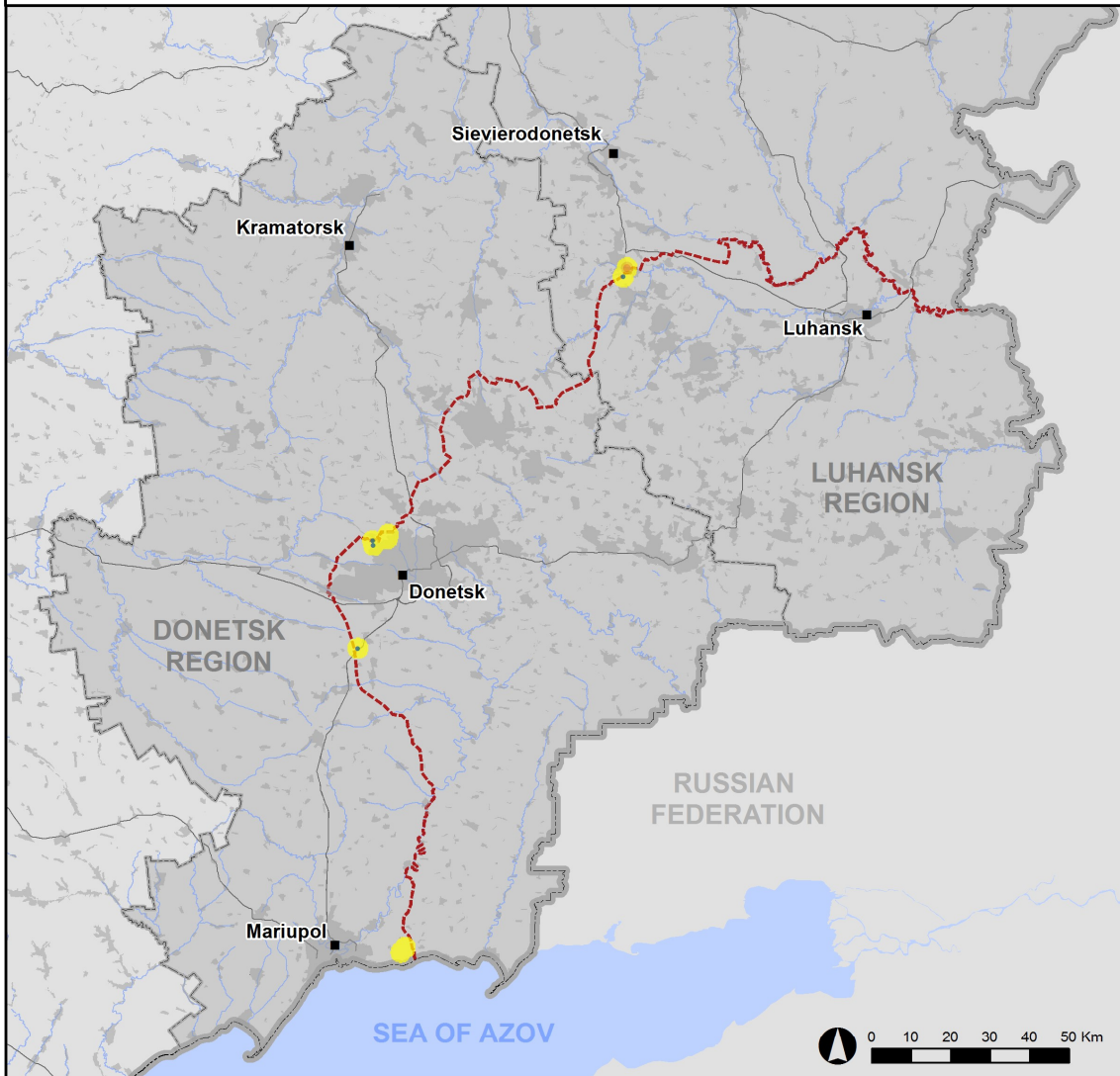
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

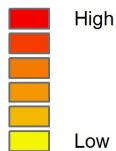


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 28 January 2022



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, the SMM recorded 11 ceasefire violations, including three undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas north and north-west of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk) and in areas north and south-west of Vesele (non-government-controlled, 9km north-west of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 173 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Shyrokyne.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 19 ceasefire violations, including one undetermined explosion. All ceasefire violations occurred in an area north of and inside the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 93 ceasefire violations in the region.

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 104,422 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 28,458 explosions, 24,976 projectiles in flight, 448 muzzle flashes, 476 illumination flares and at least 50,064 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission 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 the southern part of the **disengagement area near Zolote** recorded one undetermined explosion, assessed as inside the area and the SMM camera in Zolote recorded 18 projectiles in flight, assessed as outside the area, but within 5km of its periphery. (For details, see the table below.)

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area, the Mission saw two 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 the northern edge of the area, the Mission observed a type of smoke signaling device, [previously](#) assessed as an anti-tank mine (TM-62), placed on the roof of a structure, assessed as part of a former checkpoint of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

While positioned near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation.

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.

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

In violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM saw one surface-to-air missile system in a residential area of a government-controlled area, and aerial imagery available to the Mission revealed the presence of three tanks at a training area near Novoselivka (non-government-controlled, 37km north-east of Donetsk), Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed the presence of 35 tanks and 25 pieces of artillery (of which ten self-propelled howitzers) at three training areas in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The Mission saw eight armoured combat vehicles (one of which probable) in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including near a residential area. It also saw five armoured combat vehicles in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including at a compound in a residential area. (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 facilitated repair works to power lines near Verkhnotoretske (government-controlled, 23km north-east of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were open, with civilian traffic passing through in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska was open, with people queuing to travel in both directions.

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.

Areas near the border outside government control⁶

While at a border crossing point near Uspenka (73km south-east of Donetsk) for about 1 hour and 30 minutes, the SMM observed 18 cars (including 11 with “DPR” plates), one bus (with “DPR” plates, carrying people of mixed genders and ages), and 27 people (11 women and 12 men of mixed ages, and four children) entering Ukraine. During the same time, it saw 24 cars

⁶ According to decisions in 2014 by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, operations are officially designated as suspended at these and other border crossing points located outside government control.

(including 22 with “DPR” plates), 35 trucks (21 of which with covered cargo, including 18 with “DPR” plates; six of the latter were seen transporting corn), three buses (with “DPR” plates, carrying people of mixed genders and ages), three minibuses (with “DPR” plates, carrying people of mixed genders and ages), and 28 people (seven women and 19 men of mixed ages, and two children) exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Ulianivske (61km south-east of Donetsk), for about 30 minutes, the Mission did not observe any traffic in either direction.

The SMM observed a gathering in Kyiv

In Kyiv, outside the Kyiv Court of Appeal at 2A Solomianska Street, the Mission observed about 300 people (mixed genders and ages), some of whom were carrying flags of Ukraine, the European Union and NATO and expressing messages critical of the current government and in support of a former President of Ukraine. The Mission subsequently saw the former President of Ukraine exit the court building and give a speech to the crowd. The SMM saw about 200 law enforcement officers nearby and observed calm situation.

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

Denial:

- At a checkpoint near Berdianske (government-controlled, 102km south of Donetsk), a soldier of the Ukrainian Armed Forces denied the Mission passage east on road M-14 towards Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk), citing “safety concerns due to probable UXO in the area.”

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.

Other impediments:⁷

- SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during five flights: twice over areas near Berdianske and once each over areas near Semyhiria (government-controlled, 58km north-east of Donetsk), Klynove (government-controlled, 68km north-east of Donetsk) and Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk).
- The Mission was unable to launch a mid-range UAV due to GPS signal interference, assessed caused by as probable jamming, near Semyhiria.

⁷ 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.

Tables of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
27/1/2022	1	Probable surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i>)	In a residential area of Novotroitske (36km south-west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
Non-government-controlled areas				
26/1/2022	3	Tank (type undetermined, one of which probable)	At a training area near Novoselivka (37km north-east of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
27/1/2022	3	Piece of artillery (type undetermined)	At a training area near Miusynsk (62km south-west of Luhansk)	Aerial imagery
	5	Probable tank (type undetermined)		
	23	Tank (type undetermined)	At a training area near Myrne (28km south-west of Luhansk)	
	10	Self-propelled howitzer (type undetermined)		
	12	Towed piece of artillery (type undetermined)		
	7	Tank (type undetermined)	At a training area near Shymshynivka (27km south-west of Luhansk)	

Other weapons⁸

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
27/1/2022	2	Probable towed piece of artillery (type undetermined)	At a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk)	Aerial imagery

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁹

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
27/1/2022	5	Infantry fighting vehicle (four BMP-2 and one BMP variant)	Near Novotroitske (36km south-west of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Probable armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)		
	1	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near a residential area of Novotroitske (36km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		
Non-government-controlled areas				
26/1/2022	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	At a compound in a residential area of Kalynove (60km west of Luhansk)	Mini-UAV
27/1/2022	2	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Dokuchaievsk (30km south-west of Donetsk)	

⁸ The SMM was unable to assess whether these weapons were in violation of withdrawal lines in the absence of information on their calibre.

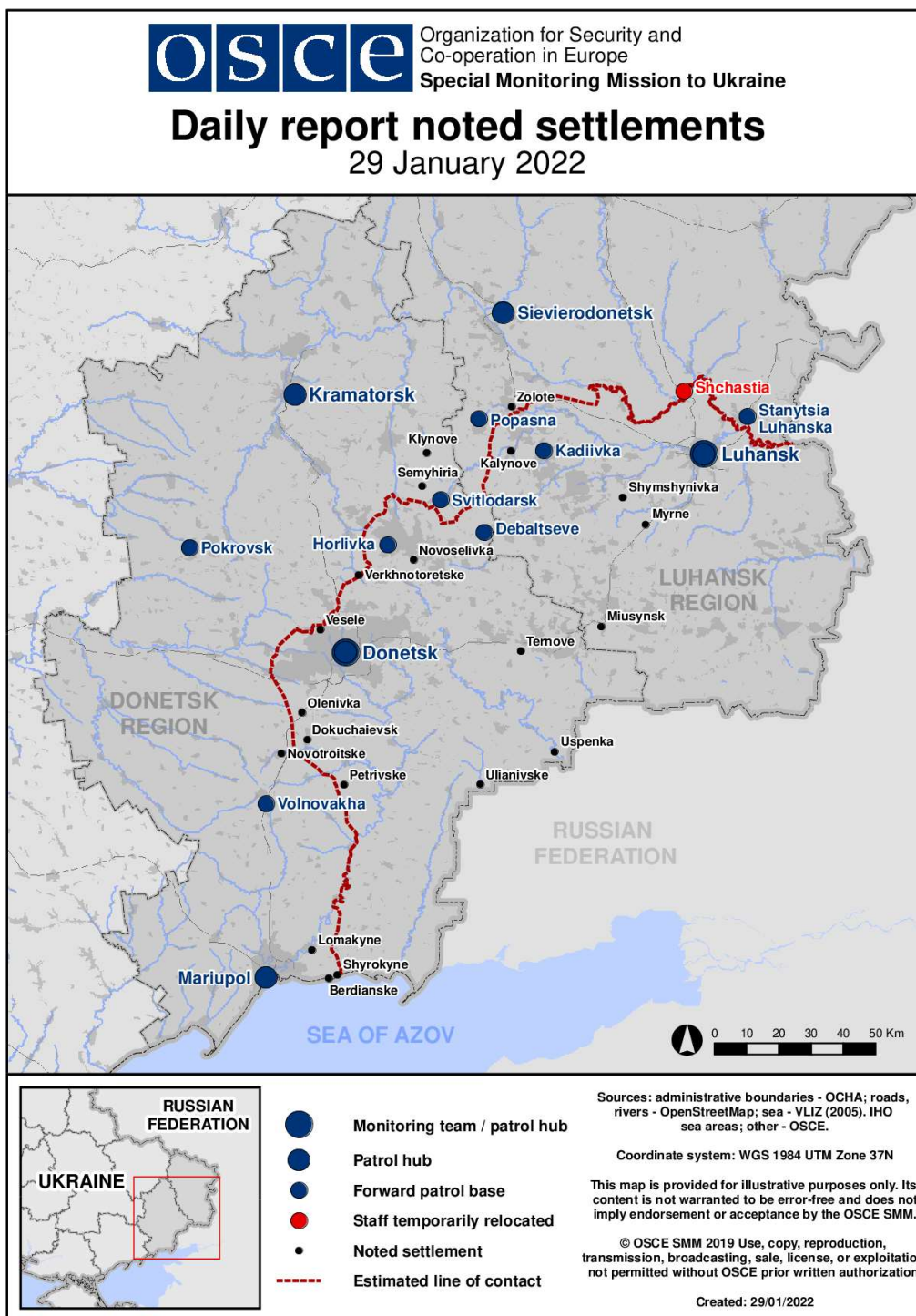
⁹ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 28 January 2022¹⁰

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km W	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Jan, 22:00
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Jan, 22:00
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km NNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	28-Jan, 02:47
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Jan, 18:04
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	28-Jan, 18:13
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	28-Jan, 18:14
About 400m NE of Vesele (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk)	600m NW	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	28-Jan, 09:50-10:20
	1km SW	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	28-Jan, 09:50-10:20
Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Jan, 10:21
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Jan, 20:19
	2-3km E	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Jan, 20:23
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Jan, 20:25
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Jan, 20:27
	2-3km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Jan, 20:54
	2-3km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Jan, 21:02
	2-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	27-Jan, 23:53
SMM camera in S part of the disengagement area near Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	0.5-1km NNW	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as inside the disengagement area)	N/K	28-Jan, 18:20

¹⁰ 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.

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹¹



¹¹ 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).