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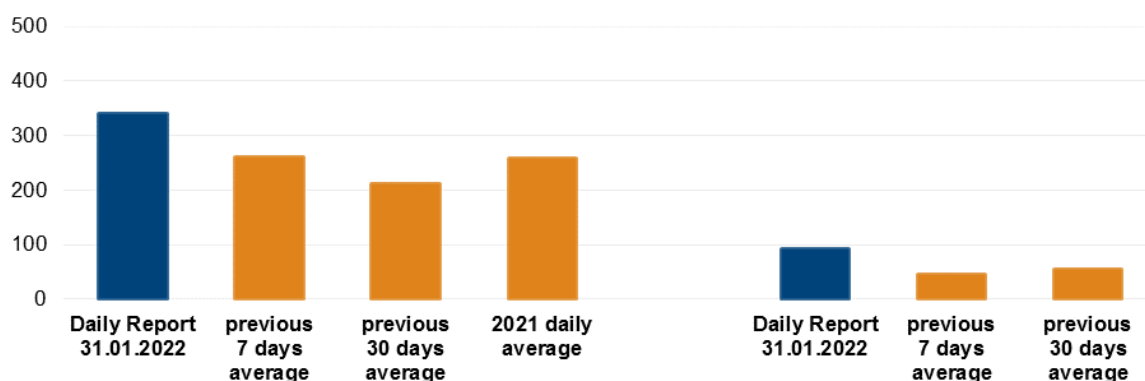
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 194 ceasefire violations, including 62 explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 146 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 146 ceasefire violations, including 29 explosions, 80 of which were assessed as a live-fire exercise outside the security zone. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 110 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 four entry-exit checkpoints and three corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission visited a border crossing point in Kharkiv region, where it saw no change in the security situation.
- The SMM observed two gatherings in Kyiv.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted. Its unmanned aerial vehicles again 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, 31 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.

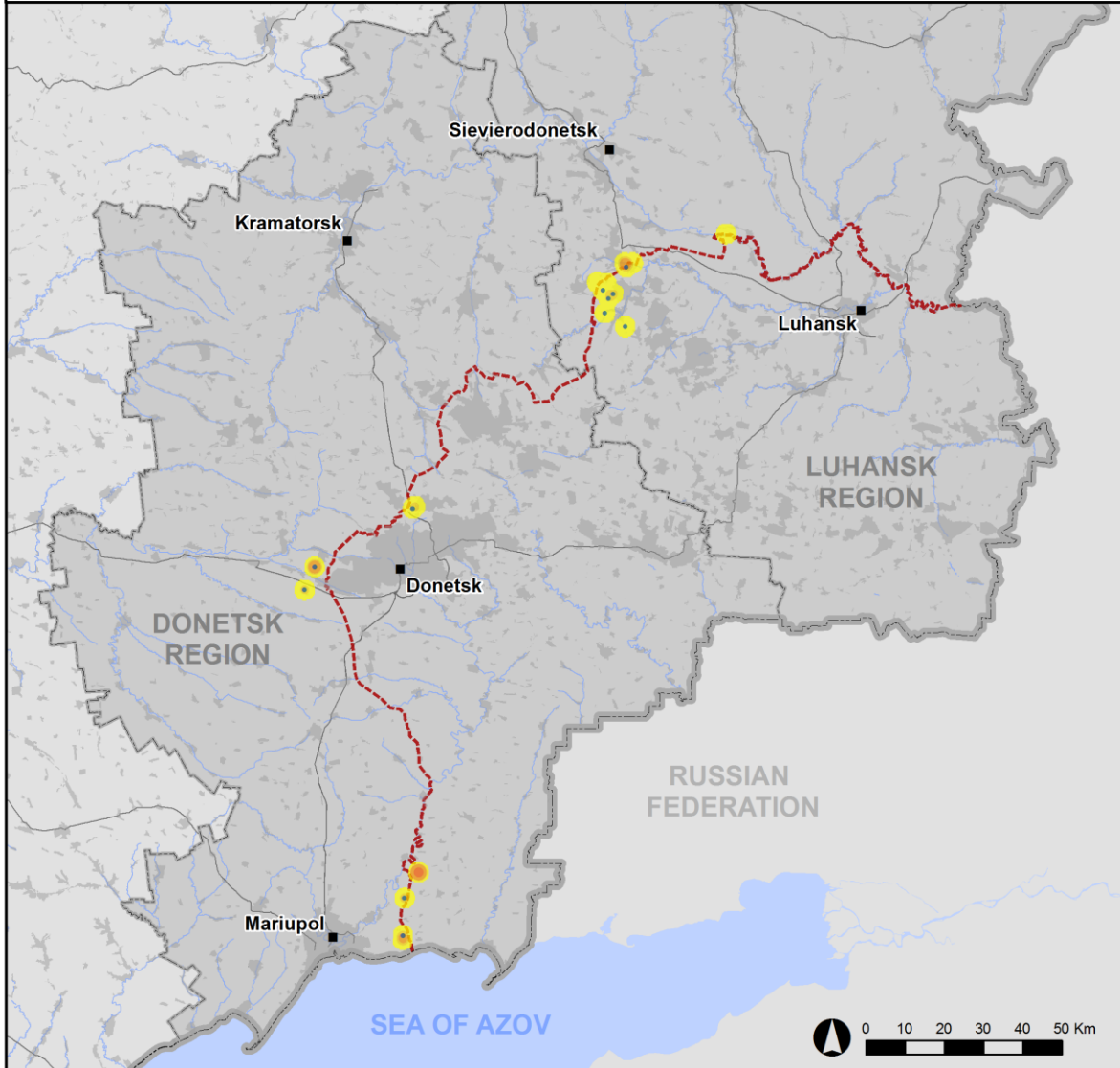
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

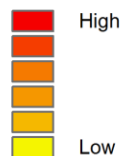


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 31 January 2022



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 194 ceasefire violations, including 62 explosions (ten airbursts, one impact and 51 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas south-east of Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km south of Donetsk) and south-west of Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km west of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 146 ceasefire violations in the region, some of which also occurred near Chermalyk.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 146 ceasefire violations, including 29 explosions (six impacts and 23 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in areas south of Denezhnykove (government-controlled, 59km north-west of Luhansk) and in areas close to the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). The Mission assessed 80 bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire near Denezhnykove as live-fire training exercise outside the security zone. In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 110 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 105,118 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 28,662 explosions, 25,277 projectiles in flight, 452 muzzle flashes, 481 illumination flares and at least 50,246 bursts and shots).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska**, the Mission saw four 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).

The SMM cameras in Zolote and Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) recorded 25 projectiles in flight and one illumination flare, while SMM patrols heard 17 undetermined explosions and nine bursts and shots of heavy-machine-gun and small-arms 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.)

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the area, the Mission saw a member of the armed formations (wearing an armband with “JCCC” written on it). 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.

While positioned at three locations 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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, aerial imagery available to the SMM revealed the presence of 15 tanks at a training area near non-government-controlled Pokrovka (36km east of Donetsk). (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

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned on the western edge of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk), the SMM heard ten ceasefire violations (including one undetermined explosion and nine shots of small-arms fire), all of which occurred when a bus with DFS workers was in transit between Yasynuvata and the DFS.

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 people queuing to travel in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the SMM noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open, with people queuing to travel in both directions.

The Mission noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open, but that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote was closed.

The SMM visited a crossing point on the border with the Russian Federation in Kharkiv region

While at a border crossing point in Hoptivka (35km north of Kharkiv), Kharkiv region, the Mission saw that it was open with traffic entering and exiting Ukraine and observed a calm situation.

The Mission observed two gatherings in Kyiv

At 3 Ivana Mazepy Street, the Mission observed two separate gatherings of about 350 and 80 people (mixed genders and ages), respectively, to commemorate the Battle of Kruty. The Mission saw participants of the first gathering carrying flags with text of logos of the following: *Azov, National Corps, Right Sector, Democratic Axe, Brothers in arms, Capitulation Resistance Movement, Youth Nationalistic Congress*; and participants of the second, later in the day, carrying a flag of Ukraine and flags with *Svoboda* and *Sokil* logo on them. Participants of both gatherings marched towards the memorial of the Heroes of Kruty at the Askold's Grave Historical Park at 1 Parkova Street. The SMM saw law enforcement officers present at both gatherings and observed a calm situation.

The Mission continued monitoring in 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.

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:⁶

- SMM mini-unmanned vehicles (UAV) experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights: once each while flying over government-controlled areas near Denezhnykove and Vyskryva (76km west of Luhansk).

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 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	15	Tank (type undetermined)	At a training area near Pokrovka (36km east of Donetsk), where imagery also revealed the presence of 15 armoured combat vehicles.	Aerial imagery

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
31/1/2022	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.

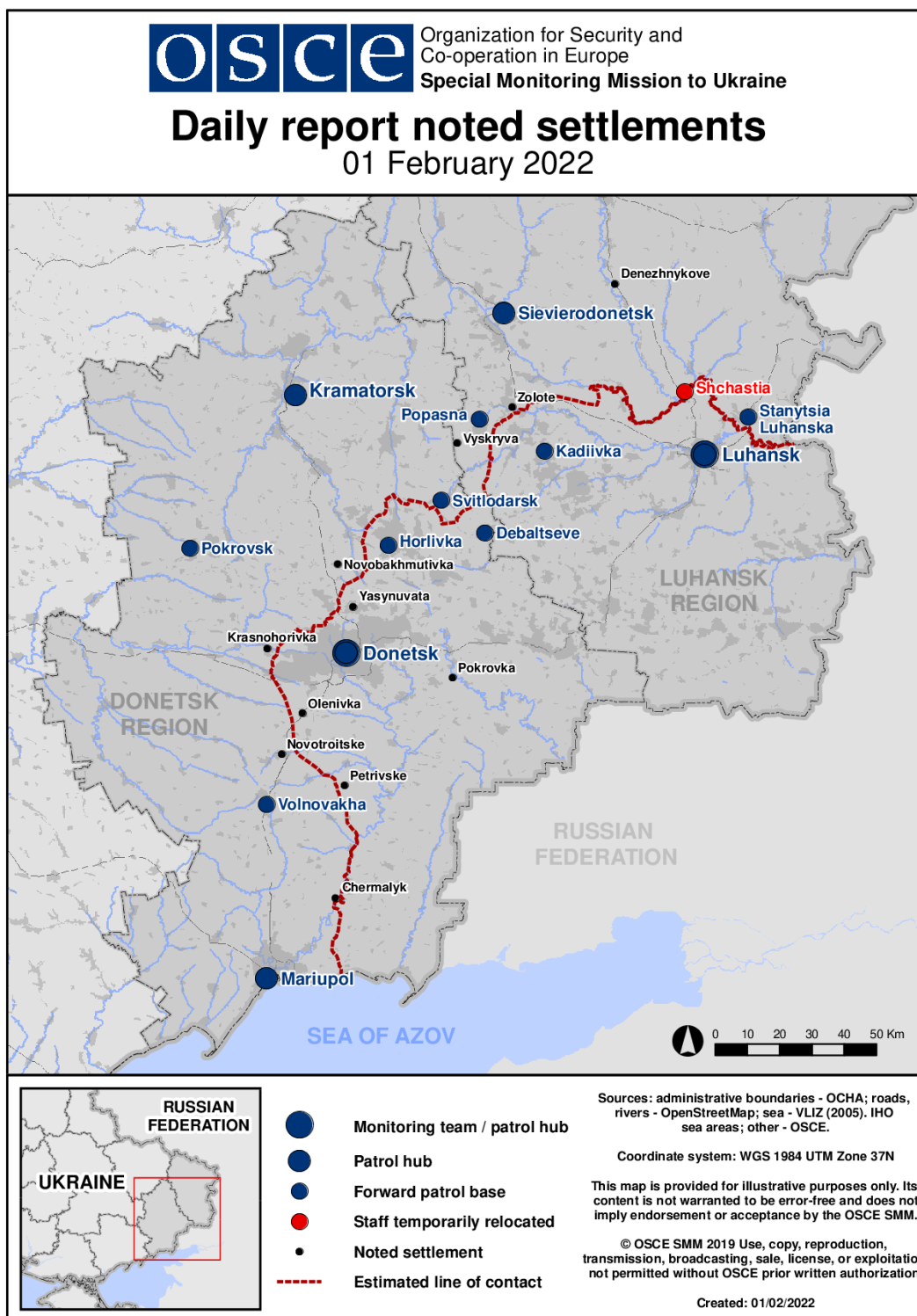
Table of ceasefire violations as of 31 January 2022⁸

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	31-Jan, 18:05
	4-6km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	31-Jan, 18:06
	4-6km SE	Recorded	15	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	31-Jan, 18:08
	4-6km SE	Recorded	66	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	31-Jan, 18:08
	4-6km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	31-Jan, 18:08
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	31-Jan, 18:08
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	31-Jan, 18:08
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	30-Jan, 19:03
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	30-Jan, 19:10
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	30-Jan, 19:10
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	6	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	30-Jan, 19:10
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	30-Jan, 19:14
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	30-Jan, 19:14
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km SSW	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	31-Jan, 18:37
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	30-Jan, 19:00
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	30-Jan, 19:03
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	In vertical flight (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	30-Jan, 19:03
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	30-Jan, 19:10
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	30-Jan, 19:10
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	30-Jan, 19:10
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	30-Jan, 19:10
	3-5km N	Recorded	7	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	31-Jan, 17:44
	3-5km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	31-Jan, 17:44
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	31-Jan, 18:51
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Jan, 08:57
	1-1.5km SW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	31-Jan, 13:19
	1-1.5km SW	Heard	2	Shot		Small arms	31-Jan, 13:25-13:26
	1-1.5km SW	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	31-Jan, 13:33-13:34
E edge of Krasnohorivka (government-controlled, 21km W of Donetsk)	4-5km SW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Jan, 11:10
	4-5km SW	Heard	34	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Jan, 11:12-11:55
Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	4-5km WSW	Heard	10	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Jan, 12:12-12:35
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	31-Jan, 05:05
	4-6km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 03:24

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
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:04
	2-4km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:04
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:06
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:07
	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:08
	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:09
	2-4km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:11
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:16
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	31-Jan, 18:17
3km N of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SSW	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	31-Jan, 09:28
	4-6km SSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	31-Jan, 09:48
S edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	1-2km NNW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (Assessed as outside disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	31-Jan, 10:12-10:25
	1-2km NNW	Heard	5	Burst	Assessed as outside disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	31-Jan, 10:12-10:25
NE of Katerynivka (government-controlled, 64km W of Luhansk)	5-7km SSW	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	31-Jan, 10:10-10:14
	3-5km SSW	Heard	1	Burst	Assessed as outside disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	31-Jan, 10:10-10:24
	3-5km SSW	Heard	3	Shot	Assessed as outside disengagement area near Zolote	Small arms	31-Jan, 10:10-10:24
Denezhnykove (government-controlled, 59km NW of Luhansk)	1km WSW	Heard	80	Burst		HMG	31-Jan, 10:10-10:58
ENE edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69 km W of Luhansk)	5-6km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Impact	N/K	31-Jan, 13:55-14:00
W edge of Kadiivka (formerly Stakhanov, non-government-controlled, 50km W of Luhansk)	8-10km WSW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Jan, 14:36-14:46
	12-15km W	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	31-Jan, 14:36-14:46

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).