

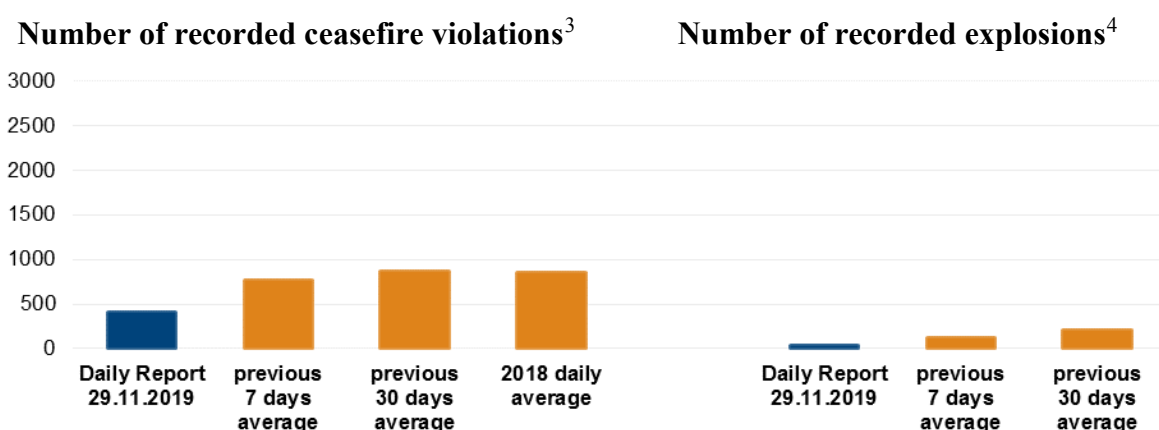
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Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- In fields inside the Zolote disengagement area, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle spotted again anti-tank mines, assessed as belonging to the armed formations.
- Inside the Stanytsia Luhanska disengagement area, the SMM saw workers from non-government-controlled areas placing and welding new railings on both sides of the metal span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.
- The Mission monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to facilitate repairs to critical civilian infrastructure, including to water pipelines in Zaitseve, to the phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne, and to communication equipment in Obozne.
- The SMM saw convoys of trucks with Russian Federation licence plates in non-government-controlled areas.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Zaichenko, in southern Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 28 November 2019. All times are in Eastern European Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. Fog limited the observation capabilities of the majority of SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

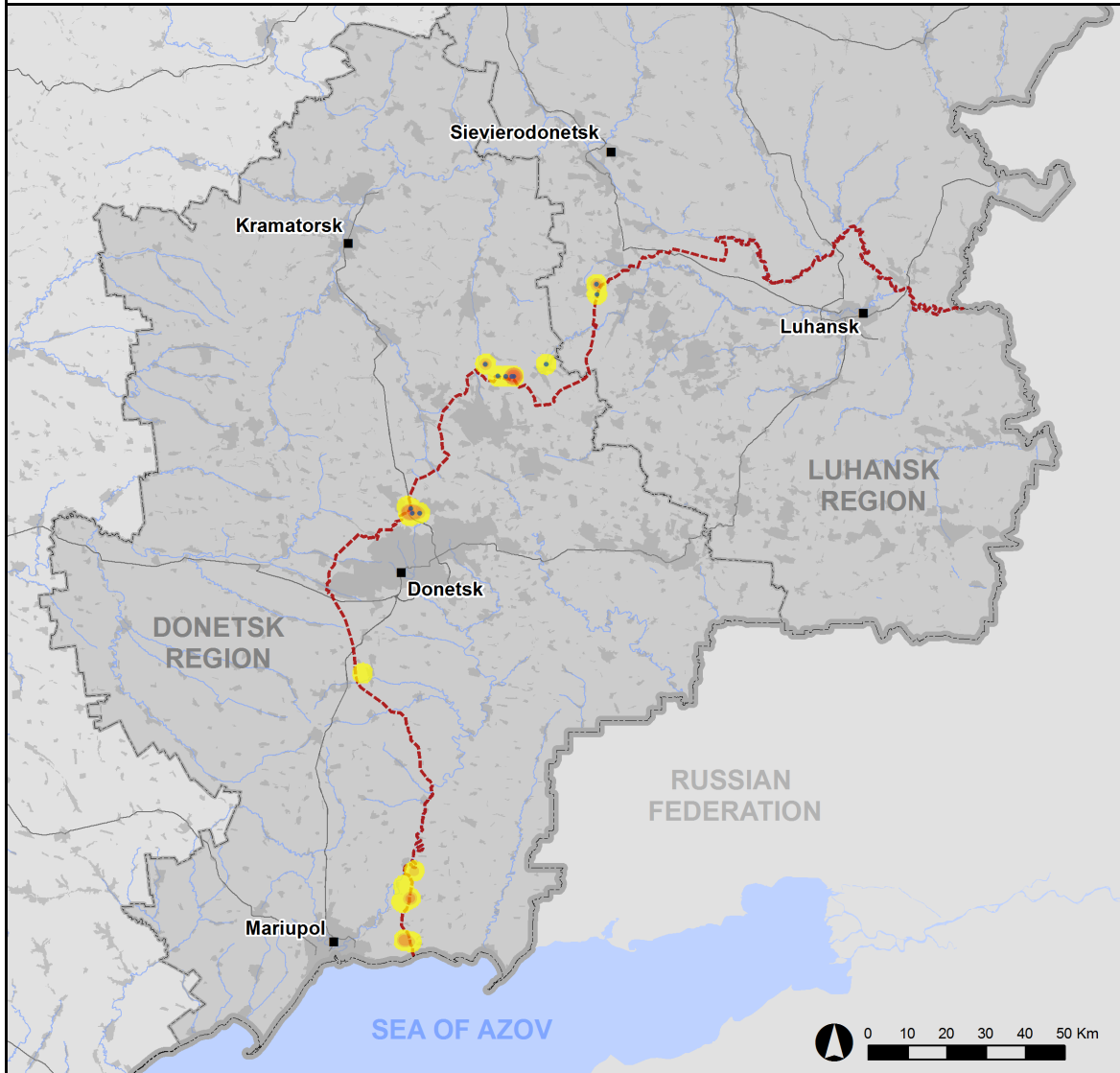
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

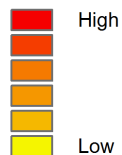


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 28 November 2019



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 fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 30), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 80 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas west of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk), including about ten explosions of artillery rounds, as well as in areas south-west of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk) and south-west of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (six), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (13 explosions). All ceasefire violations were recorded in areas east-south-east and south-east of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) (see below).

Disengagement areas near Zolote, Petrivske and Stanytsia Luhanska ⁵

On 27 November, inside the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted again at least 300 anti-tank mines (TM-62) in fields both east and west of road T-1316, about 500m north of the area's southern edge (for previous observation in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 13 November](#) and [SMM Daily Report 1 October 2019](#)). The UAV also spotted ongoing vegetation clearance in a field west of the aforementioned mines (approximately 200m of a tree line had been cleared).

On 28 November, positioned on the northern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM saw two vehicles of the State Emergency Service (SES) of Ukraine and four members of an SES demining team entering the Zolote disengagement area.

On the evening and night of 27-28 November, while on the northern edge of Popasna, the SMM heard six undetermined explosions and about 15 bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 4-7km east-south-east and south-east (all assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area but within its 5km periphery).

On 28 November, outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), positioned on the eastern outskirts of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw seven SUVs, an excavator and an ambulance of the SES of Ukraine, as well as about 30 members of an SES team, proceeding east on the road towards Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk), reportedly to remove some of the anti-tank mines laid across the aforementioned road.

On 28 November, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw four workers from non-government-controlled areas placing and welding new railings on both sides of the metal span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) over the Siverskyi Donets river. The SMM also saw at least five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them), between the southern edge of the newly constructed section of the bridge and the checkpoint of the armed formations.

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

Withdrawal of weapons

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁶

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including an infantry fighting vehicle and four armoured personnel carriers in the yard of a non-functional school within a residential area of Avdiivka (17km north of Donetsk) (for further details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to facilitate repairs to water pipelines in Zaitseve (50km north-east of Donetsk), the phenol sludge reservoir near Zalizne (government-controlled, 42km north-east of Donetsk) and to communication equipment in Obozne (non-government-controlled, 18km north of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the DFS and monitored the security situation in areas around the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

Hardship of civilians at checkpoints along the contact line

On 28 November, at a checkpoint of the armed formations on road H15 east of Kremiets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw a car with the sign “disabled driver” parked on the side the road and an elderly woman (aged about 90) inside it. The driver of the car (a man aged 40-50) told the SMM that he had been on his way to the hospital to seek medical treatment for his mother but had decided to drive back to Donetsk after waiting for almost four hours in a queue to travel towards government-controlled areas. He added that he was not allowed to proceed through on the priority lane despite the visible sign on his vehicle. The SMM saw that both lanes towards government-controlled areas were blocked by vehicles with no disability sign on them.

Convoys of trucks with Russian Federation licence plates in non-government-controlled areas

On 28 November, the SMM observed a convoy of 28 trucks entering a compound in the Budonivskiyi District of Donetsk city. Twenty-two of the trucks had Russian Federation licence plates, while six had black licence plates with white letter and numbers written on them. The SMM saw “Humanitarian Aid from the Russian Federation” written in Russian on two of the trucks.

The same day, the SMM saw four trailers being unloaded at the same compound in Luhansk city, where it had previously observed convoys of trucks with Russian Federation licence plates (see [SMM Daily Report 22 November 2019](#)).

⁶ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

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 Package of Measures 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 Coordination (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 19 November 2019](#)). 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 of access:

- At a checkpoint about 800m north of Zaichenko (non-government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), two armed members of the armed formations denied the SMM passage towards Sakhanka (non-government-controlled, 97km south of Donetsk) and Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove, non-government-controlled, 92km south of Donetsk), citing “ongoing demining activity 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.

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
27/11/2019	8	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Kalynivka (95km south of Donetsk)	Patrol
28/11/2019	2	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Netailove (22km north-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Parked in the yard of a school in Avdiivka (17km north of Donetsk)	
	4	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)		

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 28 November 2019⁸

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-Nov, 19:39
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	27-Nov, 19:40
	2-4km SE	Recorded	8	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	27-Nov, 21:31
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-3km SSW	Recorded	5	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	27-Nov, 20:25
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	27-Nov, 21:31
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	3	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Nov, 21:31
	1-3km S	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Nov, 22:16
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	ENE to WSW	N/K	28-Nov, 00:11
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 00:12
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 00:50
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 01:12
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	3	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 01:13
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 01:27
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 01:28
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 01:29
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 04:55
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 05:05
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 05:14
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	10	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 05:16
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 05:18
	1-3km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	28-Nov, 05:40
	0.8-1km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 18:14
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	20	Projectile	N to S	N/K	28-Nov, 18:21
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	28-Nov, 18:21
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	27-Nov, 18:21
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Nov, 18:22
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Nov, 18:28
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	27-Nov, 18:41
	4-6km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Nov, 18:42
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Nov, 18:43
	4-6km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Nov, 18:44
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Nov, 18:44
	4-6km N	Recorded	4	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	27-Nov, 18:45
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	27-Nov, 18:57
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	E to W	N/K	27-Nov, 18:58
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K	27-Nov, 18:58
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	27-Nov, 18:59
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	27-Nov, 19:24
	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	27-Nov, 19:33
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1-2km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing	Mortar (type N/K)	28-Nov, 09:45
	1-2km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 09:57
	1-2km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 09:58

⁸ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM 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 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 and/or other considerations. Ceasefire violations recorded by more than one patrol and assessed to be the same are entered only once.

	1-2km S	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 10:30
	1-2km S	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 13:30
E part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	28-Nov, 11:35
Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km W	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 09:29
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2km WSW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	28-Nov, 10:42
	2km WSW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 10:42
	2km SW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 12:09
	2km SW	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	28-Nov, 12:27
	2km SW	Heard	6	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 12:40
	2km SW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	28-Nov, 12:40
	2km SW	Heard	9	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 13:05
	2-3km SW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 13:20
	2-3km SW	Heard	3	Burst		Small arms	28-Nov, 13:27
	2-3km SW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 13:29
	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 13:32
	3-4km SW	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 13:35
	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 13:46
	2km SW of Pyshevyk (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2km ESE	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms
2-3km ESE		Heard	1	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 10:54
2-3km ESE		Heard	1	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 10:57
About 1km NW of Pavlopil (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-3km ESE	Heard	2	Burst		Small arms	28-Nov, 13:24
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	4-6km W	Heard	10	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 20:53-20:56
	4-6km W	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 21:03-21:06
	4-6km W	Heard	40	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 21:16-21:20
	4-6km W	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 21:33-21:34
	4-6km W	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 21:39
	4-6km W	Heard	20	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 21:52-21:57
	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Nov, 22:10
	4-6km W	Heard	9	Shot		Small arms	27-Nov, 22:29
	4-6km W	Heard	3	Burst		Cannon (30mm)	27-Nov, 22:31
	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	27-Nov, 22:45
	4-6km W	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	27-Nov, 23:09
	4-6km W	Heard	15	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 23:09-23:11
	5-6km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Possibly outgoing	MLRS (BM-21 Grad, 122mm)	27-Nov, 23:13
	4-6km W	Heard	6	Shots and bursts		HMG	27-Nov, 23:17-23:18
	4-6km W	Heard	30	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 23:23-23:30
8-10km W	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	27-Nov, 23:32-23:34	

	4-6km W	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	27-Nov, 23:32-23:36
	5-6km W	Heard	21	Shots and bursts		HMG	27-Nov, 23:41-23:42
	6-8km W	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	27-Nov, 23:55
	4-6km W	Heard	15	Shots and bursts		Small arms	27-Nov, 23:55-23:56
	4-5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 12:30
	4-5km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 13:10
Kodema (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	28-Nov, 12:34-12:35
	2-3km SW	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	28-Nov, 12:34-12:35
	2-3km SW	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	28-Nov, 12:34-12:35
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	27-Nov, 18:50
	4-5km ESE	Heard	11	Burst	Assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area	Small arms	27-Nov, 23:14
	4-5km ESE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area)	N/K	28-Nov, 00:24
	4-5km ESE	Heard	5	Burst	Assessed as outside the Zolote disengagement area	Small arms	28-Nov, 00:25-00:29

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 has 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 patrols in this settlement during daylight hours, as well).