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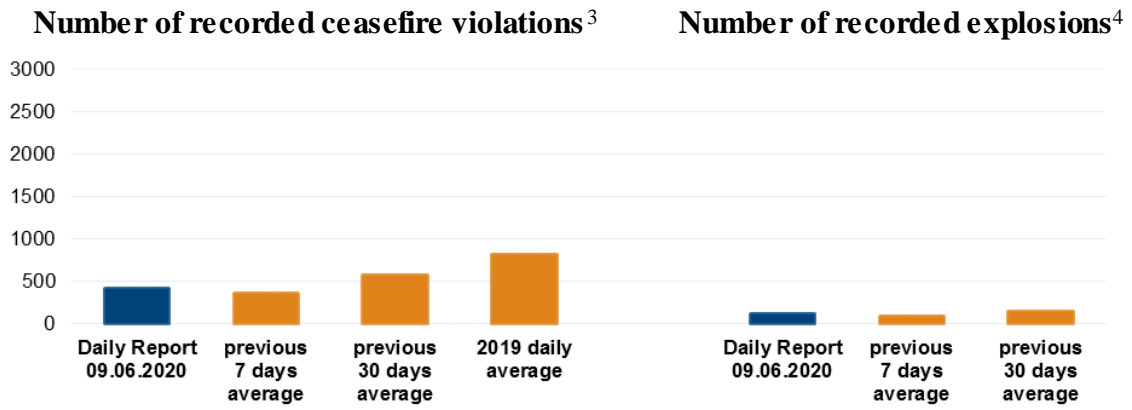
9 June 2020¹

Summary

- Compared with the previous 24 hours, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle flying over areas north-east of the Proletarskyi district of Donetsk city.
- The SMM saw damage from gunfire to residential houses in Berezivske, Luhansk region.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the Mission passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.*
- The SMM continued monitoring all three disengagement areas.
- It facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove; repairs to power lines near Obozne and Zolote-5/Mykhailivka; and demining activities in Orikhove.
- The Mission continued following up on measures taken amid the COVID-19 outbreak, including at entry-exit checkpoints and their corresponding checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Members of the armed formations continued to restrict the SMM's freedom of movement, including at a border crossing point near Dovzhanske, Luhansk region.*

¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 8 June 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

Ceasefire violations²

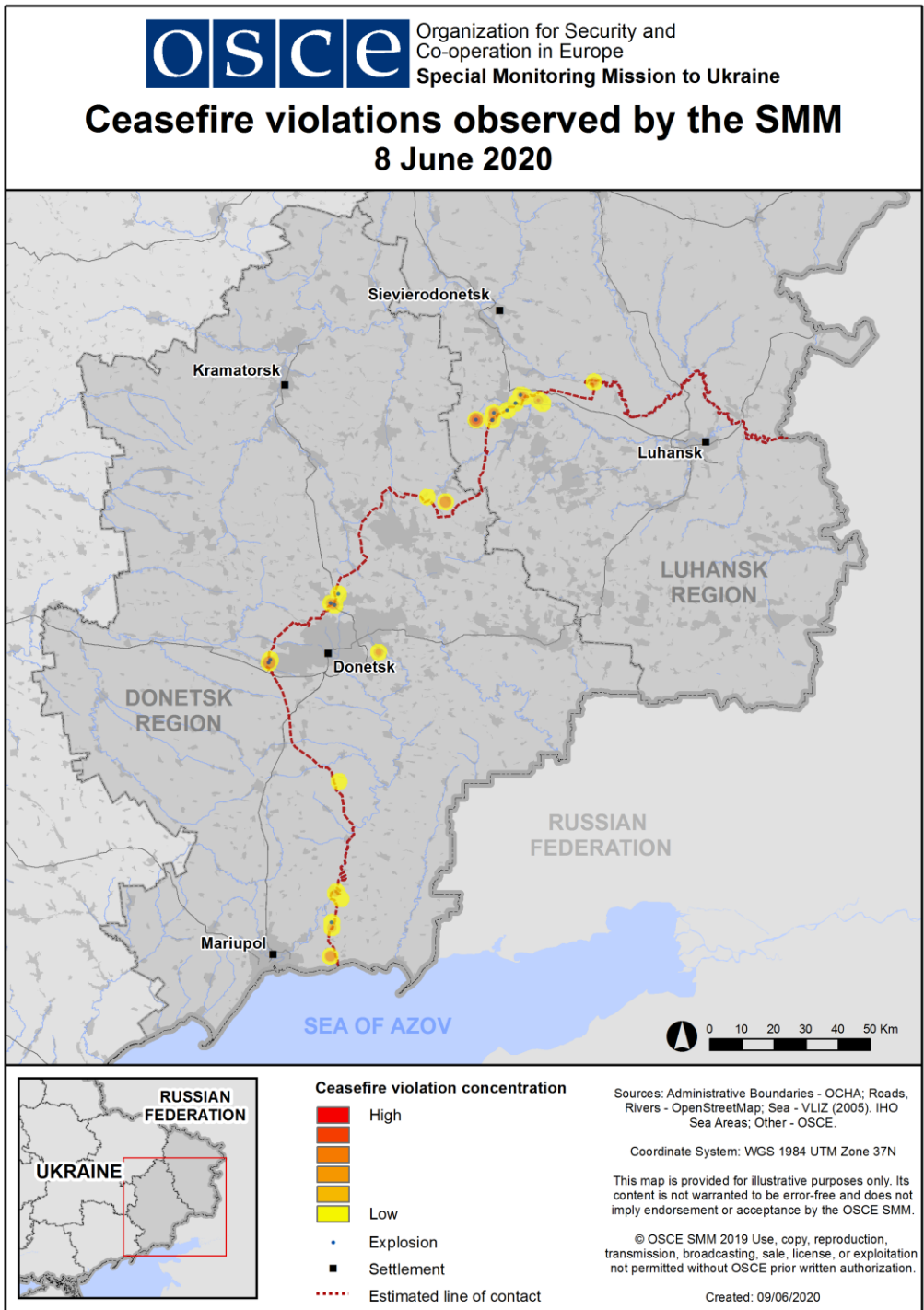


² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras in Petrivske and at the Oktiabr mine remained non-operational.

³ Including explosions.

⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including a similar number of explosions (13), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (ten explosions). Over half of the ceasefire violations were recorded in areas north-north-east of Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk), south-east of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and north of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations, including a five-fold increase in explosions (about 100), compared with the [previous 24 hours](#) (about 20 explosions). About half of the ceasefire violations, including the majority of explosions, were recorded at westerly and north-easterly directions of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

Small-arms fire assessed as directed at SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle north-east of the Proletarskyi district of Donetsk city

While conducting a mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight over areas north-east of the Proletarskyi district of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled), the SMM heard 12 shots and six bursts of small-arms fire at an assessed range of about 100-200m south-east, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 100-150m south-east. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area.*

Damage from gunfire to residential houses in Berezivske

The SMM followed up on reports of damage from gunfire to three residential houses in the eastern part of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km north-west of Luhansk).

At an inhabited house at 2 Pervomaiska Street, the SMM saw a hole in the north-west-facing side of a shed about 10m east of the house, assessed as fresh and caused by a (30mm) round fired from a northerly direction. A resident of the house (man in his sixties) told the SMM that he had been working in the shed on the evening of 7 June when he heard an impact over his head.

About 650m south of the previously mentioned house, at an inhabited house at 88 Pervomaiska Street, the SMM saw chipped plaster on a north-east-facing outer wall, a broken south-east-facing window and, inside the house, chipped plaster on the corresponding south-east-facing kitchen wall, all assessed as fresh. On the floor of the kitchen, the SMM saw a piece of unexploded ordnance (UXO), assessed as a (30mm) round from an infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2) cannon, which was assessed to have entered the house through the window before striking the wall. A resident of the house (woman in her sixties) told the SMM that she had been at home with her husband on the evening of 7 June when she heard gunfire.

About 5m north of 88 Pervomaiska Street, at an inhabited house at 90 Pervomaiska Street, the SMM saw a hole in the north-east-facing side of the house and in the east-facing part of its roof. The SMM assessed the damage as fresh and caused by a (30mm) round fired from a northerly direction. A resident of the house (woman in her seventies) told the SMM that she had been at home with her husband and grandchildren on the evening of 7 June when they all heard an explosion in the area.

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along the contact line in Donetsk and Luhansk regions

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions along official crossing routes. These restrictions constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Mission's mandate.⁵

In Donetsk region, at a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19.*

In Luhansk region, at a checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas, referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19.*

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁶

On 8 June, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and their checkpoint south of it.

On the evening of 7 June, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded an undetermined explosion and two projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 2-5km east, assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 8 June, inside the disengagement area near Zolote, the Mission saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) near the area's southern edge, two of whom were walking on road T-1316 inside the disengagement area up to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned.

Throughout the day, while positioned at four locations near the disengagement area near Zolote, the SMM heard about 60 undetermined explosions and about 20 shots and bursts of heavy-machine-gun fire assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the evening of 7 June, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded a projectile in flight and a muzzle flash at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east, which were unable to be assessed as inside or outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

⁵ The Mission began facing repeated denials when attempting to cross into non-government-controlled areas at checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk region on 21 March and Luhansk region on 23 March. For more information, see SMM Daily and Spot Reports.

⁶ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

On 8 June, about 300m north-west of the northern-western corner of the disengagement area, the SMM saw seven Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel unloading ammunition boxes, including boxes of rocket-propelled grenades, and carrying them into an underground location.

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 inside the security zone⁷

The SMM observed armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including some in residential areas (for further details, see the table below).

At a checkpoint about 4km east of Svitlodarsk, the SMM [again](#) saw an electronic warfare system (*Bukovel-AD*).

Fresh crater near Verkhnohyrokiyske

On a road running between Verkhnohyrokiyske and Pyshevyk (government-controlled, 84km south of Donetsk), about 1m north of the road, near positions of the armed formations, the SMM saw a fresh crater with remnants of a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG-7) inside. The SMM assessed the crater as caused by the impact of an RPG-7 round.

SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk); repairs to power lines near Obozne (non-government-controlled, 18km north of Luhansk) and Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 61km west of Luhansk); and demining activities in Orikhove (government-controlled, 57km north-west of Luhansk).

The SMM continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). While positioned at two locations near the DFS, the SMM heard eight undetermined explosions as well as bursts of small-arms fire assessed as within a 5km radius of the station.

Border areas outside government control

While at a border crossing point near Dovzhanske (84km south-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw no cross-border traffic. After about five minutes, a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave the area.*

The SMM noted that a pedestrian border crossing point near Novoborovytsi (79km south of Luhansk) remained closed.

⁷ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Measures taken at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints amid COVID-19 outbreak

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Verkhnohyrokiivske remained closed.*

In Luhansk region, the SMM saw that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska and its corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge remained closed.*

The Mission continued monitoring in Kherson, Dnipro, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, 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 and 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 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 below). 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 south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards government-controlled areas, referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19.
- At a checkpoint west of Verkhnohyrokiivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled areas, referring to quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19.
- At a border crossing point near Dovzhanske (non-government-controlled, 84km south-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations told the SMM to leave 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:

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas north-east of the Proletarskyi district of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled). While conducting a successive mini-UAV flight in the area, the SMM heard shots and bursts of small-arms fire assessed as directed at the UAV. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area.⁸
- An SMM mid-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas near Fedorivka (government-controlled, 71km south of Donetsk).

⁸ The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAV's position.

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
08/06/2020	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Under camouflage among residential houses in Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	

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 8 June 2020¹⁰

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	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	8-Jun, 01:02
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	8-Jun, 01:03
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	8-Jun, 01:03
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 01:03
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jun, 01:03
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	8-Jun, 01:04
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	8-Jun, 01:04
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdaniivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Unable to assess if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	N/K	7-Jun, 21:57
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N (unable to assess if inside or outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	7-Jun, 23:23
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	7-Jun, 21:48
	1-2km SE	Recorded	10	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	7-Jun, 22:41
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	8-Jun, 03:04
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	7-Jun, 23:44
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:48
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:50
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:52
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:53
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:54
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:58
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:59
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 22:10
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 22:12
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 22:15
	3-5km SE	Recorded	5	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 22:16
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jun, 22:17
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	7-Jun, 22:19
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka	2-4km NNE	Recorded	5	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jun, 00:51
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jun, 00:52
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jun, 00:52
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jun, 00:53

¹⁰ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the 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.

(government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jun, 00:54
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jun, 00:54
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jun, 00:55
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	4	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jun, 00:55
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	21	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jun, 00:56
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jun, 00:56
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jun, 00:57
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jun, 00:59
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 00:59
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jun, 00:59
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	3	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jun, 00:59
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jun, 00:59
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	8-Jun, 00:59
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jun, 01:00
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	6	Projectile	W to E	N/K	8-Jun, 01:01
	2-4km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	8-Jun, 01:07
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:54
	3-5km N	Recorded	10	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:55
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:56
	3-5km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:57
	3-5km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	7-Jun, 22:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	5	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	7-Jun, 22:01
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	7-Jun, 23:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	E to W	N/K	8-Jun, 00:59
SMM camera in Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	8-Jun, 00:23
	100-200m SE	Heard	12	Shot		Small arms	8-Jun, 12:39
About 3km NE of the Proletarskyi district of Donetsk city (non-government-controlled)	100-200m SE	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	8-Jun, 12:39
	1-2km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jun, 10:03
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jun, 10:08-10:10
	1-2km SE	Heard	11	Burst		Small arms	8-Jun, 10:08-10:10
E part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jun, 10:38
	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	7-Jun, 19:55-19:59
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	12	Shot		Small arms	7-Jun, 20:03-20:09
	3-5km SE	Heard	15	Shot		Small arms	7-Jun, 20:11-20:13
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	7-Jun, 20:12-20:13
	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	7-Jun, 20:20-
	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Burst		HMG	7-Jun, 20:20-

							20:24
	3-5km SE	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	7-Jun, 20:30-20:34
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km SSW	Recorded	20	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	7-Jun, 21:57
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Jun, 21:43
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	7-Jun, 23:06
1km S of Komyshevakha (government-controlled, 68km W of Luhansk)	4-7km S	Heard	40	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jun, 09:56-10:04
	4-7km S	Heard	84	Burst		HMG	8-Jun, 09:56-10:04
1km N of Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km SE	Heard	7	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	8-Jun, 10:00
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-7km ESE	Heard	16	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	8-Jun, 10:15-10:55
	4-8km E	Heard	30	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	8-Jun, 11:13-11:25
SE edge of Berezivske (non-government-controlled, 53km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km NNW	Heard	12	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	8-Jun, 11:35-11:43
NE edge of Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 59km W of Luhansk)	3-5km NE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote)	N/K	8-Jun, 11:35-11:45
	3-5km NE	Heard	7	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	HMG	8-Jun, 11:35-11:45
1 km SE Holubivske (non-government-controlled, 51km W of Luhansk)	2-3km NNW	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	8-Jun, 11:41

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹¹



¹¹The 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).