

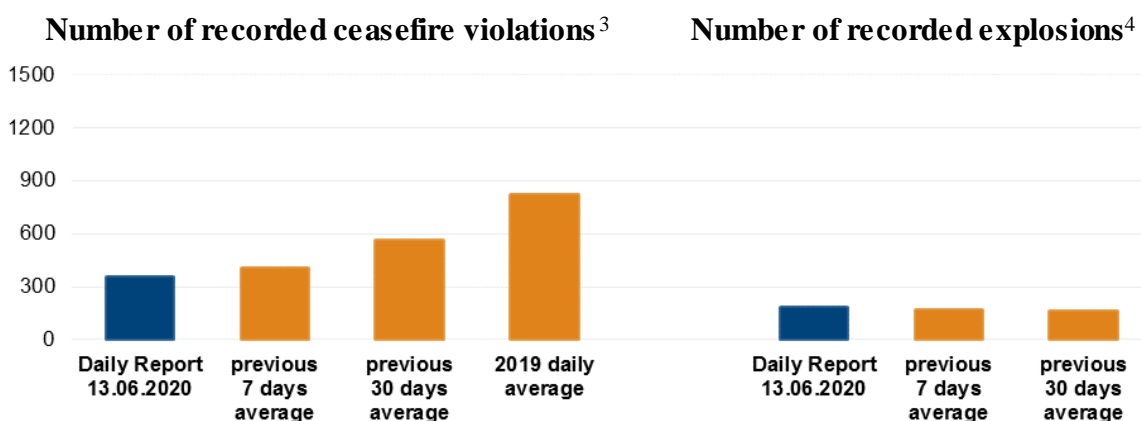
# Daily Report 140/2020

13 June 2020<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle flying over the southern part of Orlivske, Donetsk region.
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.\*
- The SMM continued monitoring all three disengagement areas. It observed people in the evening hours near former military and military-type positions inside the disengagement area near Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to a localised ceasefire to enable vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove and continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- The Mission saw that the entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) in Stanytsia Luhanska and Marinka were temporarily open but that the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations remained closed. At both EECPs, the Mission observed people and cars queuing to cross the contact line.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.\*

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>



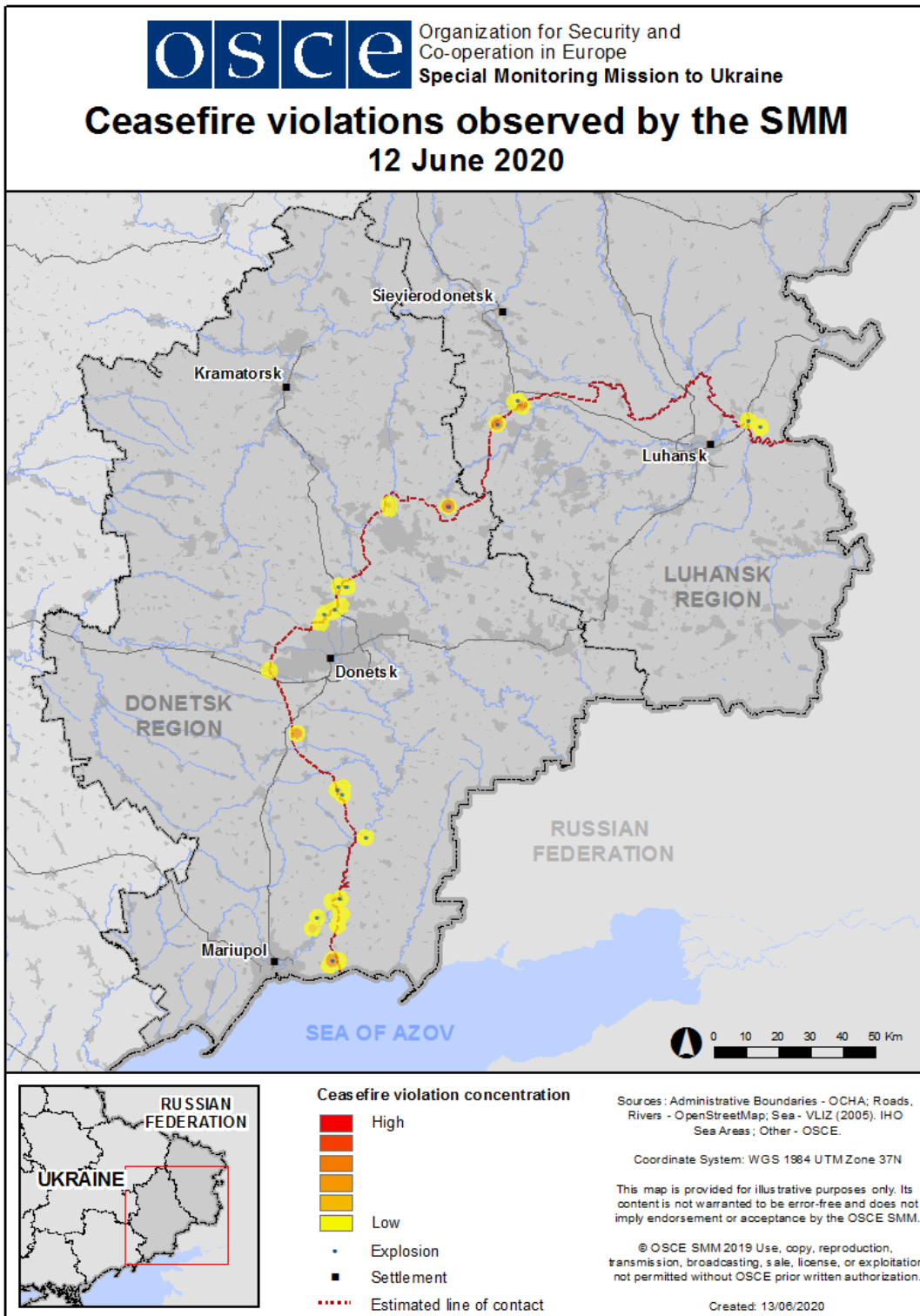
<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 12 June 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras in Petrivske and Krasnohorivka were non-operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 110), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 210 explosions). The majority of the ceasefire violations were recorded in areas south-east of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk), including 85 explosions of artillery rounds (type undetermined), and in areas north and north-north-east of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 70), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (about 130 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations, including 60 explosions of artillery rounds (type undetermined), were recorded in areas south-west 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 near Orlivske**

While conducting a mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flight over the southern part of Orlivske (government-controlled, 82km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard 12 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of about 3km south-south-west, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying about 3km south-south-west. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area.\*

### **Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along the contact line**

Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes. These restrictions constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Mission's mandate.<sup>5</sup>

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 Petrivske<sup>6</sup>**

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) near their checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk). The Mission also saw four workers performing repairs to the roof and a wall of the aforementioned checkpoint and, near a

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

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

container of an international organization south of the checkpoint, the SMM saw three workers drilling the ground and delivering a pipe, reportedly for drainage purposes.

On the same day, inside the disengagement area, the SMM saw three vehicles and 16 members of an international organization, driving from the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) of the Ukrainian Armed Forces to the northern edge of the new section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge. The SMM saw the people unload cargo from the trucks and carry it to the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the bridge, where nine members of the international organization waited and loaded the cargo into six vehicles.

Also on 12 June, while on the eastern edge of Stanytsia Luhanska, the SMM heard six undetermined explosions at an assessed range of 5-7km south-east. Later, while positioned about 250m south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, the SMM heard an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 2-3km north-east. All of the above ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

On the evening of 11 June, while in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk), the SMM heard 60 explosions of artillery rounds (type undetermined) at an assessed distance of 5-8km east-south-east. On the same evening and night, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded an undetermined explosion, an illumination flare, and 21 projectiles in flight, all at an assessed range of 2-6km east-north-east and east. All of the ceasefire violations were assessed outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 12 June, on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them), two of whom walked inside the area along road T-1316 up to about 350m north of its southern edge and back.

On 11 June, just south of the northern edge of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), within a former position of the armed formations, an SMM mini-UAV spotted a probable automatic grenade launcher.

On the evening of 11 June, inside the disengagement area, an SMM long-range UAV spotted two persons within a former position of the Ukrainian Armed Forces about 600m south of the area's northern edge and about 2.2km east of its western edge, as well as three persons within a former position of the armed formations near the area's south-eastern corner.

On the same evening, the SMM camera 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) recorded two illumination flares at an assessed distance of 4-5km east-south-east. During the day on 12 June, while positioned at two locations near the disengagement area, the SMM heard 13 undetermined explosions and saw smoke rising from the area of one of the explosions. All of the ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske but within 5km of its periphery.

## **Withdrawal of weapons**

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

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the SMM observed 31 weapons, 29 of which were in a non-government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

#### **Indications of military and military-type presence inside the security zone<sup>7</sup>**

The SMM observed 12 armoured combat vehicles and a trench digger in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

#### **Presence of mines near Verkhnohyrokiyske and unexploded ordnance on eastern edge of Lebedynske**

At a checkpoint of the armed formations west of Verkhnohyrokiyske, the SMM [again](#) saw three anti-tank mines attached to a board and laid across a road leading towards Pyshevyk (government-controlled, 84km south of Donetsk).

On the eastern edge of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk), the SMM [again](#) saw a rusty artillery shell lying on an asphalted surface outside a compound.

#### **SMM facilitation of repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to a localised ceasefire to enable vegetation clearance, inspection, and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk).

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

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

In Donetsk region, the Mission saw that the EECP near Marinka was open between 11:00 and 14:00 and that 13 people (mixed ages and genders) and about ten cars were queuing to travel toward non-government-controlled areas. While present, the SMM saw a civilian car and a white van with “DPR” plates and “funeral” written on the side pass through the checkpoint towards non-government-controlled areas (see below). SMM later saw the civilian car return after being denied passage to non-government-controlled areas.

The Mission saw that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations east of Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) remained closed. Throughout the day, the SMM saw a total of two civilians (a man and a woman in their forties) in two cars approaching the checkpoint and then departing after being denied passage toward government-controlled areas. While present, the SMM saw a white van with “DPR” plates and “funeral” written on the side, pass through the checkpoint towards non-government-controlled areas.

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

In Luhansk region, the SMM saw that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska was open between 11:00 and 11:30, and that about 15 people (mixed genders and ages) were queueing at the EECP to travel toward non-government-controlled areas. While at the EECP, the SMM also saw four women and a man (all in their fifties) cross and arrive at the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, where they were denied and subsequently returned to government-controlled areas.

The Mission noted that the 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 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 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 10 June](#)). 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), 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.

#### *Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/unexploded ordnance (UXO):*

- The sides continued to deny the SMM full access, as well as the ability to travel on 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:

- On the evening of 11 June, an SMM long-range UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, while flying over areas between

government-controlled Novokalynove (29km north-west of Donetsk) and Taramchuk (29km south-west of Donetsk).<sup>8</sup>

- While conducting a mini-UAV flight over the southern part of Orlyvske (government-controlled, 82km south of Donetsk), the SMM heard shots of small-arms fire assessed as directed at the UAV. Shortly thereafter, the UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming. The SMM safely landed the UAV and left the area (see above).

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<sup>8</sup> The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAVs' positions.



### Table of weapons

#### Weapons beyond the withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapons	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
11/06/2020	2	Surface-to-air missile systems (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> )	At a train station in Kostiantynivka (60km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
09/06/2020	10	Tank (seven probable T-64 and three probable T-72)	Near Khrustalnyi (formerly Krasnyi Luch, 56km south-west of Luhansk)	Long-range UAV
	8	Towed howitzer (2A36 <i>Giatsint-B</i> , 152mm; six probable)		
	10	Towed howitzer (2A65 <i>Msta-B</i> , 152mm; seven probable)		

#### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>9</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
11/06/2020	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Dyliivka (52km north of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	5	Armoured combat vehicle		
	1	Trench digger (PZM-2)		
12/06/2020	4	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)	Near Bohdanivka (41km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)		
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1)	Near Novokalynove (29km north-west of Donetsk)	

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**Table of ceasefire violations as of 12 June 2020<sup>10</sup>**

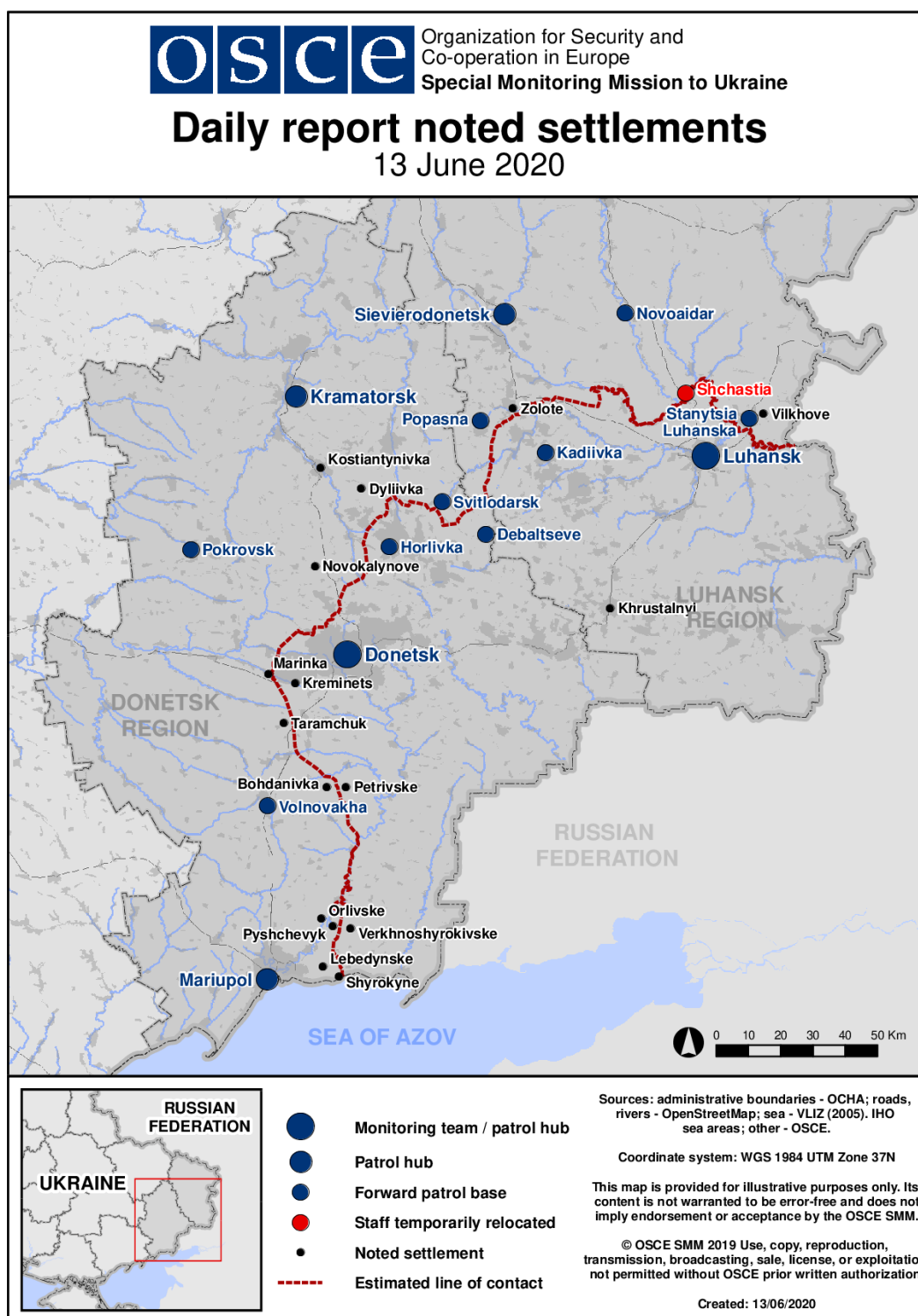
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	11-Jun, 22:35
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	11-Jun, 23:27
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSE to NNW	N/K	11-Jun, 23:27
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	24	Projectile	S to N	N/K	11-Jun, 23:29
SMM camera 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	4-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Illumination flare	WSW to ENE (assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:15
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	1-3km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	11-Jun, 21:28
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	N to S	N/K	12-Jun, 00:14
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	3-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	11-Jun, 23:04
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	11-Jun, 23:32
	3-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	11-Jun, 23:34
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)	4-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	11-Jun, 21:54
	4-7km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	11-Jun, 21:54
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	11-Jun, 22:14
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	11-Jun, 22:17
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	11-Jun, 22:40
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	11-Jun, 23:03
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	1-3km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	11-Jun, 23:47
	4-6km NNE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	11-Jun, 23:00

<sup>10</sup> 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.

SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	4-6km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	ESE to WNW	N/K	12-Jun, 00:07
	4-6km N	Recorded	50	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	12-Jun, 00:10
	4-6km N	Recorded	6	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Jun, 02:56
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 02:56
	4-6km N	Recorded	3	Projectile	E to W	N/K	12-Jun, 03:30
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km WSW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	12-Jun, 10:50
SE part of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 09:32-09:35
About 1km S of Vesele (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk)	2-3km NNE	Heard	5	Shot		Small arms	12-Jun, 09:45
	5-6km NNE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 10:46
About 2km N of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km S of Donetsk)	5-6km S	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 10:00-10:05
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	8	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 10:01-10:07
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	2-3km ESE	Heard	6	Burst		Small arms	12-Jun, 11:22
S part of Orlivske (government-controlled, 82km S of Donetsk)	N/K ESE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 11:27-11:29
	3.1km SSW	Heard	12	Shot		Small arms	12-Jun, 11:44-11:45
Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	12-Jun, 12:32
About 500m NE of Kamianka (government-controlled, 20km N of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 10:13
	1-2km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 12:33
	3-4km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	12-Jun, 12:58
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	11-Jun, 18:57-19:02
	3-5km SE	Heard	52	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	11-Jun, 19:31-19:45
	3-5km SE	Heard	28	Explosion	Undetermined	Artillery (type N/K)	11-Jun, 19:50-20:20
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	11-Jun, 23:43
	3-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the	N/K	12-Jun, 00:38

					disengagement area)		
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 01:01
	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 02:01
	4-6km E	Recorded	8	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 02:02
	4-6km E	Recorded	11	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 02:03
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	5-8km ESE	Heard	55	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	Artillery (type N/K)	11-Jun, 19:30-20:25
	5-8km ESE	Heard	5	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	Artillery (type N/K)	11-Jun, 23:30-23:40
E edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	5-7km SE	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 07:29-07:51
250m S of the Stanytsia Luhanska Bridge (15km NE of Luhansk)	2-3km NE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	12-Jun, 10:46

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>11</sup>



<sup>11</sup>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).