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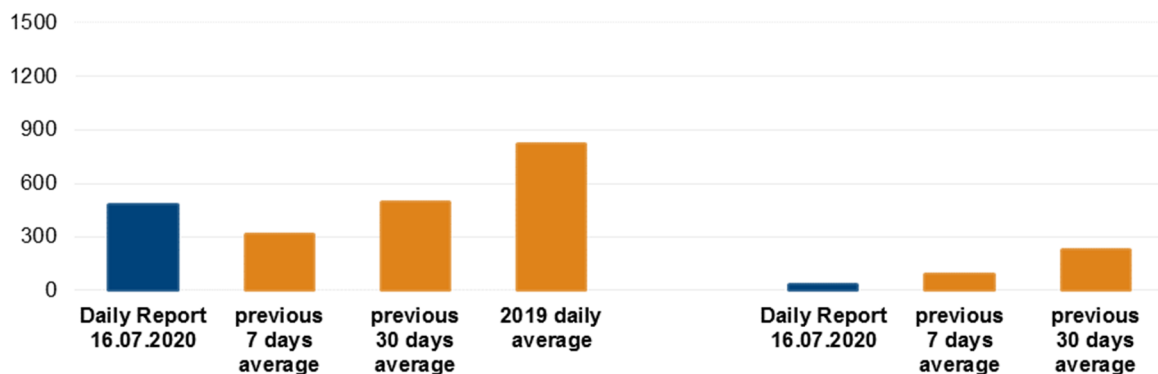
Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded more ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable the repairs and maintenance of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians amid the COVID-19 outbreak, including at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Ceasefire violations²

Number of recorded ceasefire violations³

Number of recorded explosions⁴



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 15 July 2020. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras at the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, in Petrivske, in Krasnohorivka, near Shyrokyne and at the Oktiabr mine were not operational.

³ Including explosions.

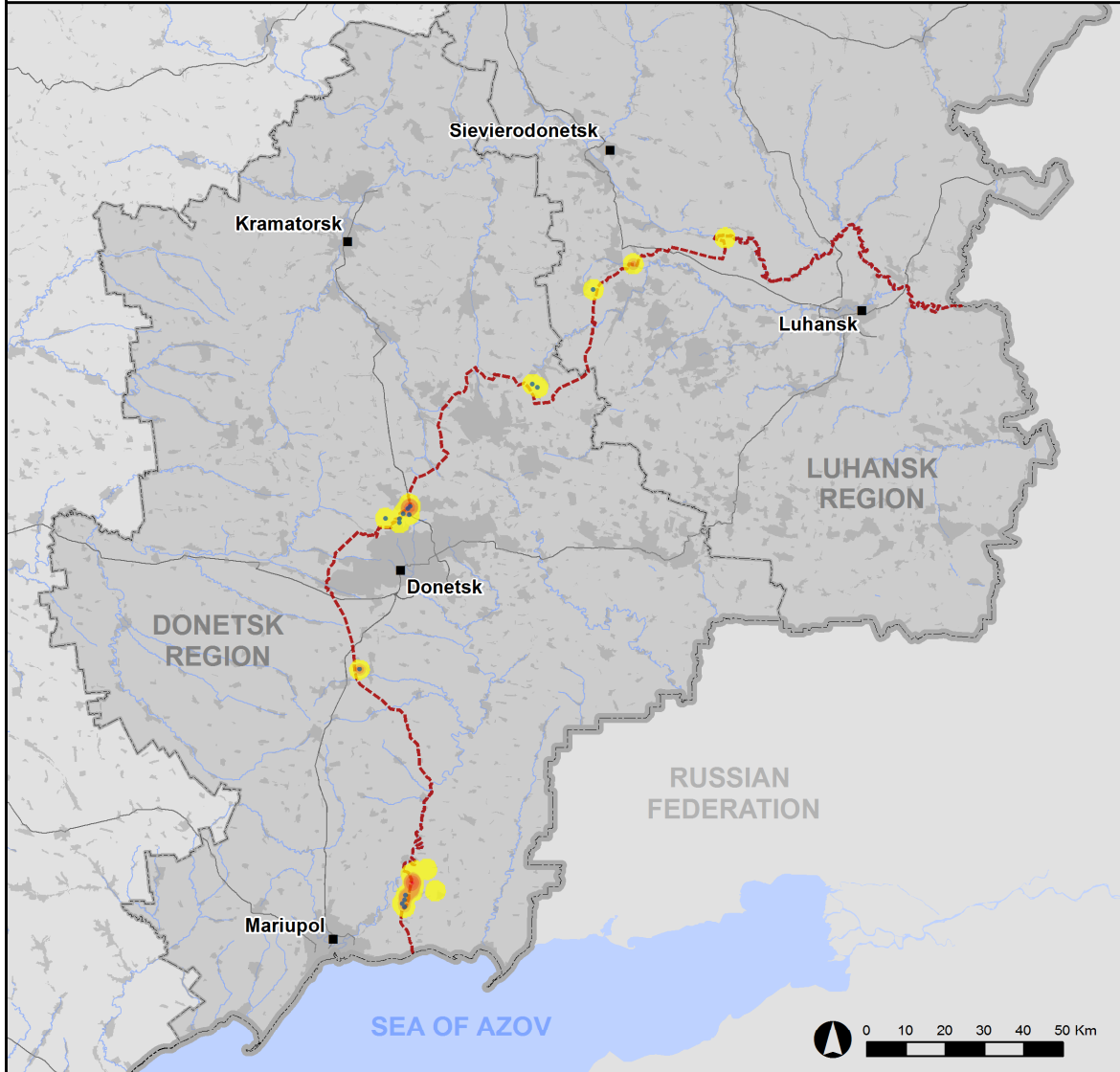
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

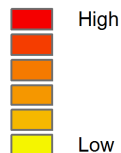


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 15 July 2020



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 more ceasefire violations, including explosions (about 30), compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (19 explosions). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded at easterly directions of the Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded more ceasefire violations, including two explosions, compared with the [previous reporting period](#) (no explosions and one ceasefire violation). The majority of ceasefire violations were recorded in areas east of Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

On 15 July, inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw two members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) between the new span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk) and their checkpoint south of it.

On the evening and night of 14-15 July, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded 15 projectiles and an illumination flare, all at an assessed range of about 4-6km east and outside the **disengagement area near Zolote**.

On 15 July, on southern edge of the disengagement area near Zolote, the Mission saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), four of whom walked along road T-1316 inside the disengagement area up to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned.

Also on 15 July, positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM observed a calm situation near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk).

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.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside of designated storage sites, the SMM observed a transporter carrying a tank in a government-controlled area of Donetsk region (for further details, see table below).

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

The SMM observed an armoured personnel carrier in the security zone in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region (for further details, see the table below).

SMM facilitation of operations of critical civilian infrastructure

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

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

The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs of power and gas lines in Novozvanivka (government-controlled, 70km west of Luhansk) and Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk); repairs of power lines in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 61km north-west of Luhansk) and near Stukalova Balka (non-government-controlled, 9km north of Luhansk), Metalist (non-government-controlled, 7km north-west of Luhansk), Pryvitne (non-government-controlled, 11km north of Luhansk) and Obozne (non-government-controlled, 18km north of Luhansk); as well as vegetation clearance, inspection and maintenance of railway tracks near Vilkhove (government-controlled, 22km north-east of Luhansk).

The SMM also facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to water infrastructure near Yashchukove (non-government-controlled, 46km west of Luhansk) and Pankivka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Luhansk) and demining to support repairs to infrastructure in Heivka (government-controlled, 27km north-west of Luhansk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station. While positioned at two locations near the station, the Mission heard 11 explosions – nine undetermined, one assessed as outgoing and one assessed as an impact, as well as shots and bursts of small-arms and heavy-machine-gun fire, all assessed as within a 5km radius of the station (see the table below).

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

In Donetsk region, the SMM saw that the entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and Hnutove were both operational but that there was no traffic in either direction at either location. While at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission saw that it was closed. Near a checkpoint near Oleksandrivka (non-government-controlled, 20km south-west of Donetsk), the SMM saw a coffin being moved from a van with Ukrainian licence plates and placed into a van with “DPR” plates, which then travelled toward non-government-controlled areas.

In Luhansk region, on 14 July, on two separate occasions, the SMM noted a group of about 70 people (mixed gender and ages) waiting near the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska. Two people (male and female, 75-80 years old) told the SMM that they had not been able to enter government-controlled areas because the smartphone application required was not working on their phones. A representative of the State Border Guard Service told the SMM that the smartphone application was down due to technical difficulties.

On 15 July, the SMM noted that the EECP in Stanytsia Luhanska was operational. While at the EECP around 11:00, 13:20 and 16:30, the Mission saw about 90 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel towards government-controlled areas and about 70 pedestrians (mixed genders and ages) queuing to travel in the opposite direction. The Mission also continued to see two golf carts operating between the EECP and the new section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

From 06:30 to 18:00 on 15 July, the SMM camera south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge recorded about 715 people traveling to government-controlled from non-government-controlled areas and about 645 people traveling in the opposite direction.

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 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 14 July 2020](#)). 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.

Table of weapons

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/07/2020	1	Tank (type undetermined)	Near Hryhorivka (formerly Leninske, 46km north-west of Donetsk)	Patrol

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

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/07/2020	2	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-60)	Near Klynove (68km north-east 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 15 July 2020⁸

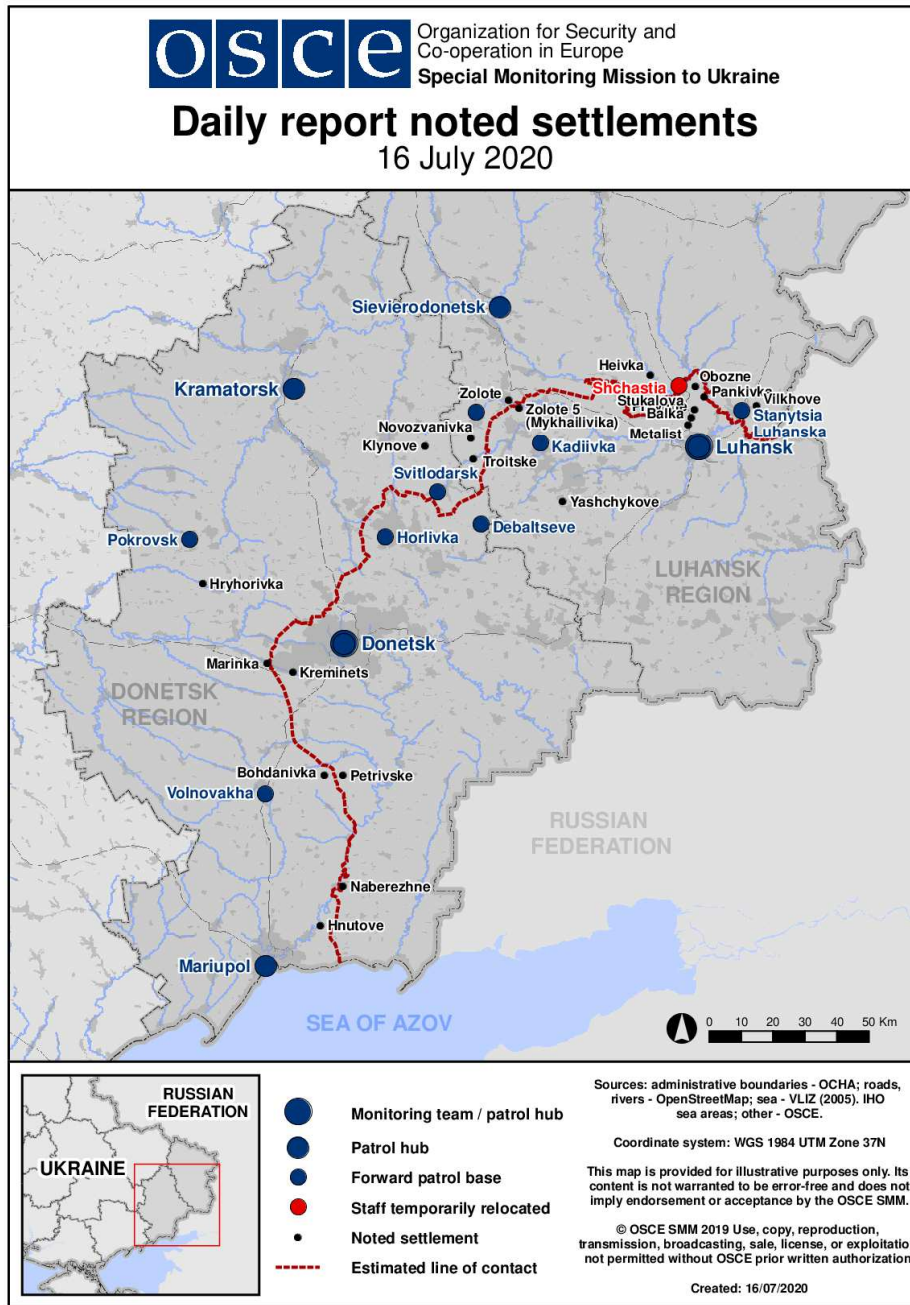
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:14
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jul, 22:45
	4-6km SE	Recorded	7	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jul, 22:46
	4-6km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	14-Jul, 22:57
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jul, 23:01
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jul, 23:03
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jul, 23:08
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Impact (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	14-Jul, 23:08
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	14-Jul, 23:12
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jul, 23:13
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jul, 22:02
	3-5km SSE	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE		14-Jul, 22:02
	3-5km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jul, 22:03
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	14-Jul, 22:04
	5-7km SSE	Recorded	19	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jul, 23:30
	5-7km SSE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	15-Jul, 00:41
	5-7km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:42
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	0.8-1km S	Recorded	8	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jul, 22:14
	0.8-1km S	Recorded	14	Muzzle flash		N/K	14-Jul, 23:09
	0.8-1km S	Recorded	6	Muzzle flash		N/K	15-Jul, 00:03
	0.8-1km S	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	15-Jul, 00:03
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:05
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:14
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	7	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:48
	1-2km SSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:57
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	15	Projectile	WSW to ENE	N/K	14-Jul, 21:22
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 21:25
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	14-Jul, 21:25
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	N to S	N/K	14-Jul, 21:28
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	14-Jul, 21:33
	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N	N/K	14-Jul, 22:01
	2-4km E	Recorded	9	Projectile	S to N (also recorded by SMM cameras in Hnutove and Chermalyk)	N/K	14-Jul, 22:02
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 22:10
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	14-Jul, 23:00
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:06
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:15
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (also recorded by SMM)	N/K	15-Jul, 00:31

⁸ 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.

					camera in Chermalyk)		
	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 00:38
	2-4km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	15-Jul, 01:39
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	4	Projectile	S to N (also recorded by SMM camera in Hnutove)	N/K	14-Jul, 22:39
	2-4km E	Recorded	11	Projectile	N to S (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	14-Jul, 22:43
	2-4km E	Recorded	11	Projectile	N to S (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	14-Jul, 22:47
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	In vertical flight (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	14-Jul, 23:13
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	52	Projectile	NNW to SSE (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	14-Jul, 23:28
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	34	Projectile	NNW to SSE (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	14-Jul, 23:29
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	47	Projectile	NNW to SSE (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	14-Jul, 23:30
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	28	Projectile	NNW to SSE (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	14-Jul, 23:31
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:32
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	7	Projectile	WSW to ENE (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	15-Jul, 00:35
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	12	Projectile	WSW to ENE (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	15-Jul, 00:36
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	5	Projectile	NW to SE (also recorded by SMM camera in Chermalyk)	N/K	15-Jul, 00:36
		2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km WSW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	15-Jul, 10:37
	2-4km WSW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 10:38
	2-4km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	15-Jul, 10:39
	2-4km WSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Impact	N/K	15-Jul, 10:39
	2-3km WSW	Heard	8	Shot		HMG	15-Jul, 10:40-10:42
	2-3km WSW	Heard	40	Burst		HMG	15-Jul, 10:40-10:42
	2-3km WSW	Heard	25	Burst		HMG	15-Jul, 10:49-10:52
	2-3km W	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	15-Jul, 13:59-14:00
SE part of Avdiivka	2-3km SSE	Heard	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 10:38
	3-4km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 10:57

(government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	5km SW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 14:01
About 3.5km SE of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km N of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 10:16
	3-4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 10:27
About 2km NE of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Outgoing	N/K	15-Jul, 10:32-10:34
	3-5km SE	Heard	4	Explosion	Impact	N/K	15-Jul, 10:32-10:34
	3-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 10:36
	3-5km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 10:39
	3-5km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	15-Jul, 10:39
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	15-Jul, 13:00
	3-4km SSE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 19:46
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	3-5km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	WNW to ESE	N/K	15-Jul, 00:36
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	14-Jul, 23:04
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	4-6km E	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	14-Jul, 21:58
	4-6km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jul, 01:39
	4-6km E	Recorded	4	Projectile	S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jul, 01:40
	4-6km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	NW to SE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jul, 01:41
	4-6km E	Recorded	6	Projectile	NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	15-Jul, 01:42

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).