



# Daily Report 6/2021

11 January 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- Between the evenings of 8 and 10 January, the SMM recorded 74 ceasefire violations in Donetsk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 13 ceasefire violations in the region.
- Between the evenings of 8 and 10 January, the Mission recorded two ceasefire violations in Luhansk region. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 23 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske. An SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle spotted people near former positions of the armed formations inside the area near Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to and operation of critical civilian infrastructure. It recorded 24 shots and bursts of small-arms fire near the Donetsk Filtration Station during the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving from the station to Yasynuvata.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at entry-exit checkpoints and the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission monitored the security situation in south-east Kherson region.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted.\*

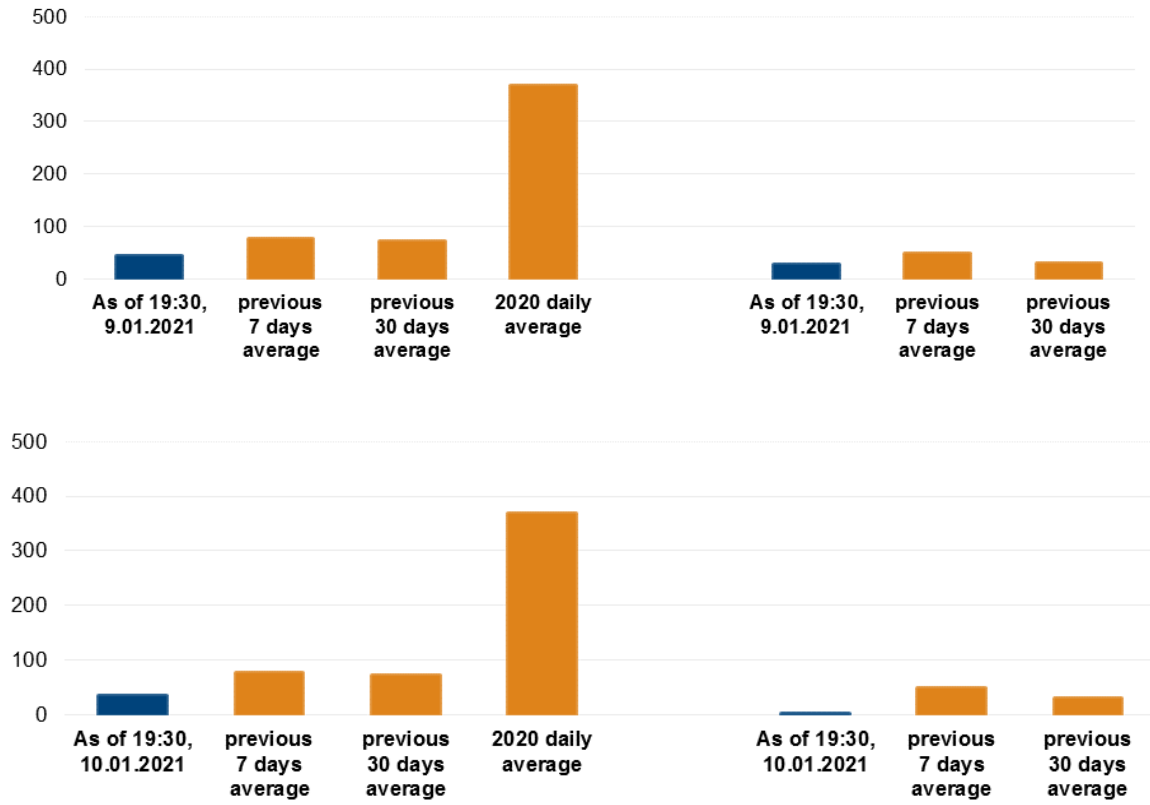
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<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 10 January 2021. All times are in Eastern European Time.

**Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>**

**Number of recorded ceasefire violations<sup>3</sup>**

**Number of recorded explosions<sup>4</sup>**



<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Petrivske was not operational, and weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some of the other SMM cameras.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

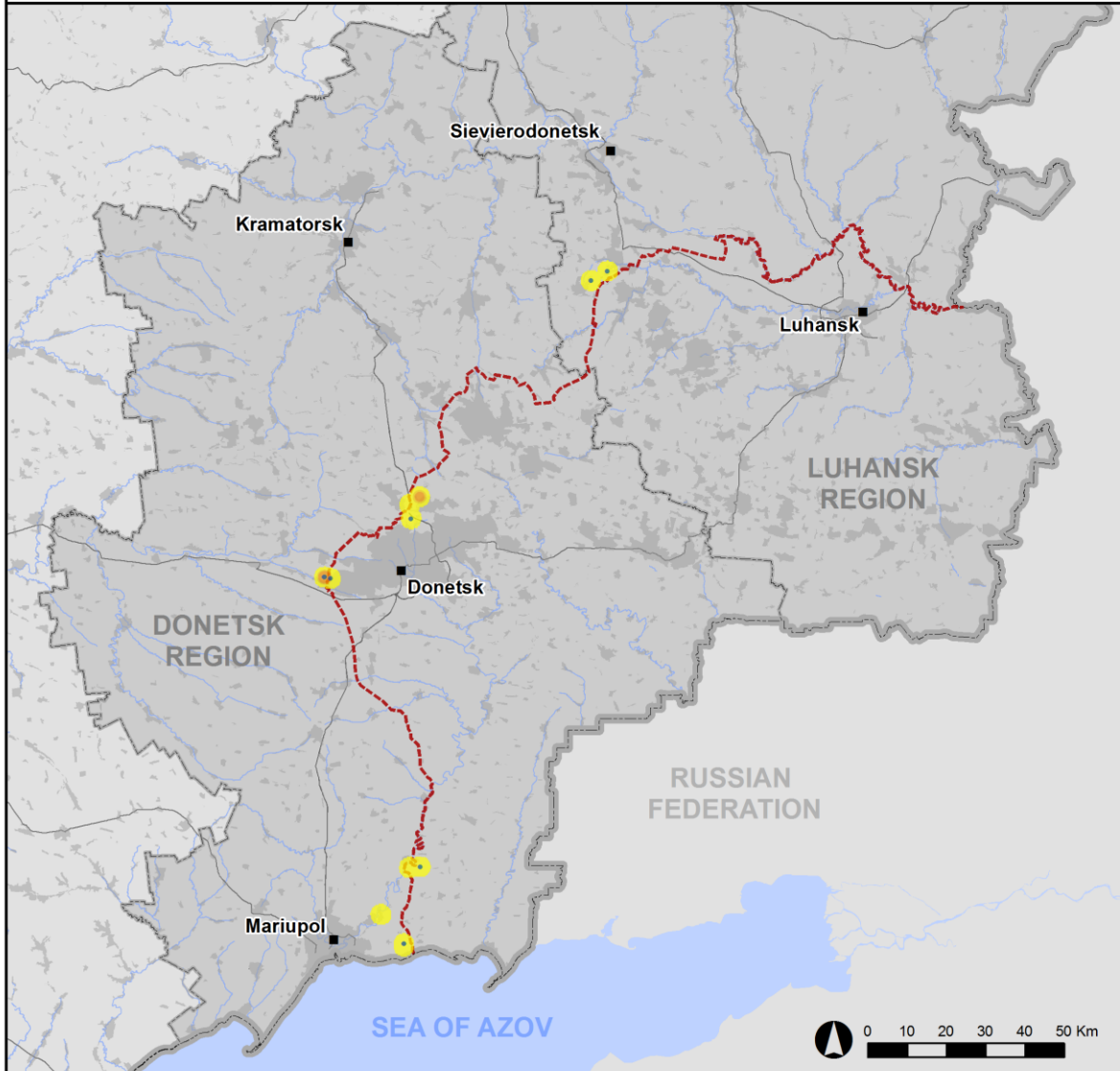
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

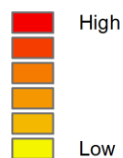


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 9-10 January 2021



#### 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, between the evenings of 8 and 10 January, the Mission recorded 74 ceasefire violations, including 29 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred on the evening and night of 8-9 January in areas north of Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) and on the morning of 10 January in areas north of Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the SMM recorded 13 ceasefire violations in the region.<sup>5</sup>

In Luhansk region, between the evenings of 8 and 10 January, the SMM recorded two undetermined explosions in areas west of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), it recorded 23 ceasefire violations.<sup>6</sup>

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire, from 00:01 on 27 July until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has so far recorded at least 5,780 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 2,503 explosions, 678 projectiles in flight, 78 muzzle flashes, 54 illumination flares and at least 2,467 bursts and shots).

### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>7</sup>**

On 9 and 10 January, the SMM observed members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them) inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

Also on both days, near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the Mission saw members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them), some of whom walked inside the area to about 350m north of its southern edge and then returned. On 10 January, the Mission saw them being accompanied by two people in medical protective gear.

Also on 10 January, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations on the southern edge of the area, the Mission heard an undetermined explosion at an assessed range of 3-5km west-north-west, assessed as outside the area but within 5km of its periphery.

During the day on 8 January, inside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted three people near a former position of the armed formations near the area’s south-eastern corner.

On 9 and 10 January, while positioned at three locations near the disengagement area, the Mission observed a calm situation.

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<sup>5</sup> The previous reporting period covered the time between the evenings of 7 January and 8 January 2021.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> 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 Mission 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 zone<sup>8</sup>**

The Mission observed armoured combat vehicles on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk region, including in a residential area (for more information, see the table below).

## **Presence of anti-tank mines near Dokuchaievsk, Donetsk region**

On 8 January, on road T-0509 between Dokuchaievsk (non-government-controlled, 30km south-west of Donetsk) and Berezove (government-controlled, 31km south-west of Donetsk), about 3.5km west of Dokuchaievsk, an SMM long-range UAV spotted for the first time ten anti-tank mines attached to a board, assessed as belonging to the armed formations.

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

On 9 and 10 January, the Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk). On both days, while positioned in Yasynuvata, the Mission recorded ceasefire violations assessed as within a 5km radius of the station. On 9 January, it recorded two undetermined explosions and on 10 January it recorded 24 shots and bursts of small-arms fire, which occurred during the time when a bus with DFS workers was driving on road M-04 towards Yasynuvata

On 10 January, the SMM also monitored the security situation near the pumping station close to Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

On 9 and 10 January the SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localised ceasefires to enable repairs to water infrastructure near Pivdenne (government-controlled, formerly Leninske, 40km north-east of Donetsk). While facilitating these works, ten people (mixed genders and ages) approached the Mission to ask about the status of the repairs, adding they had been facing water shortages for the last five days. Nearby, it saw a water tanker from which water was being distributed to the local population.

## **Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints**

In Donetsk region, on 9 January the Mission noted that the checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was closed to civilian traffic. On 10 January, the SMM saw that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) was operational but it did not observe any traffic.

In Luhansk region, on 9 January the SMM noted that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were operational, with pedestrians queuing to travel in both directions. On 10 January, the Mission observed that the EECP was operational, with pedestrians queuing to travel to

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<sup>8</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

government-controlled areas. The SMM also observed that a golf cart was not operating due to black ice on the road between the repaired span of the bridge and the EECP.

The Mission also noted that on both days that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were operational, but that the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote and 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia remained closed.

### **Security situation in south-east Kherson region**

On 8 and 9 January, the SMM observed a calm situation in south-east Kherson region at a Security Border Guard Service of Ukraine post in Valok (188km south-east of Kherson) as well as in Henichesk (176 km east of Kherson) and Strilkove (195 km south-east of Kherson).

The SMM continued monitoring in 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 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 9 January 2021](#)). 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 military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>9</sup>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Source of observation</b>
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
8/1/2021	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Krasnohorivka (21km west of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)		
	2	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Taramchuk (29km south-west of Donetsk)	
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR variant)	Near Novoselivka Druha (69km south of Donetsk)	
	2	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-1 and BMP variant)	Near Novhorodske (35km north of Donetsk)	
<b>Non-government-controlled areas</b>				
8/1/2021	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-80)	In a residential area of Nova Marivka (64km south of Donetsk)	Long-range UAV
	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP variant)		

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**Table of ceasefire violations as of 10 January 2021<sup>10</sup>**

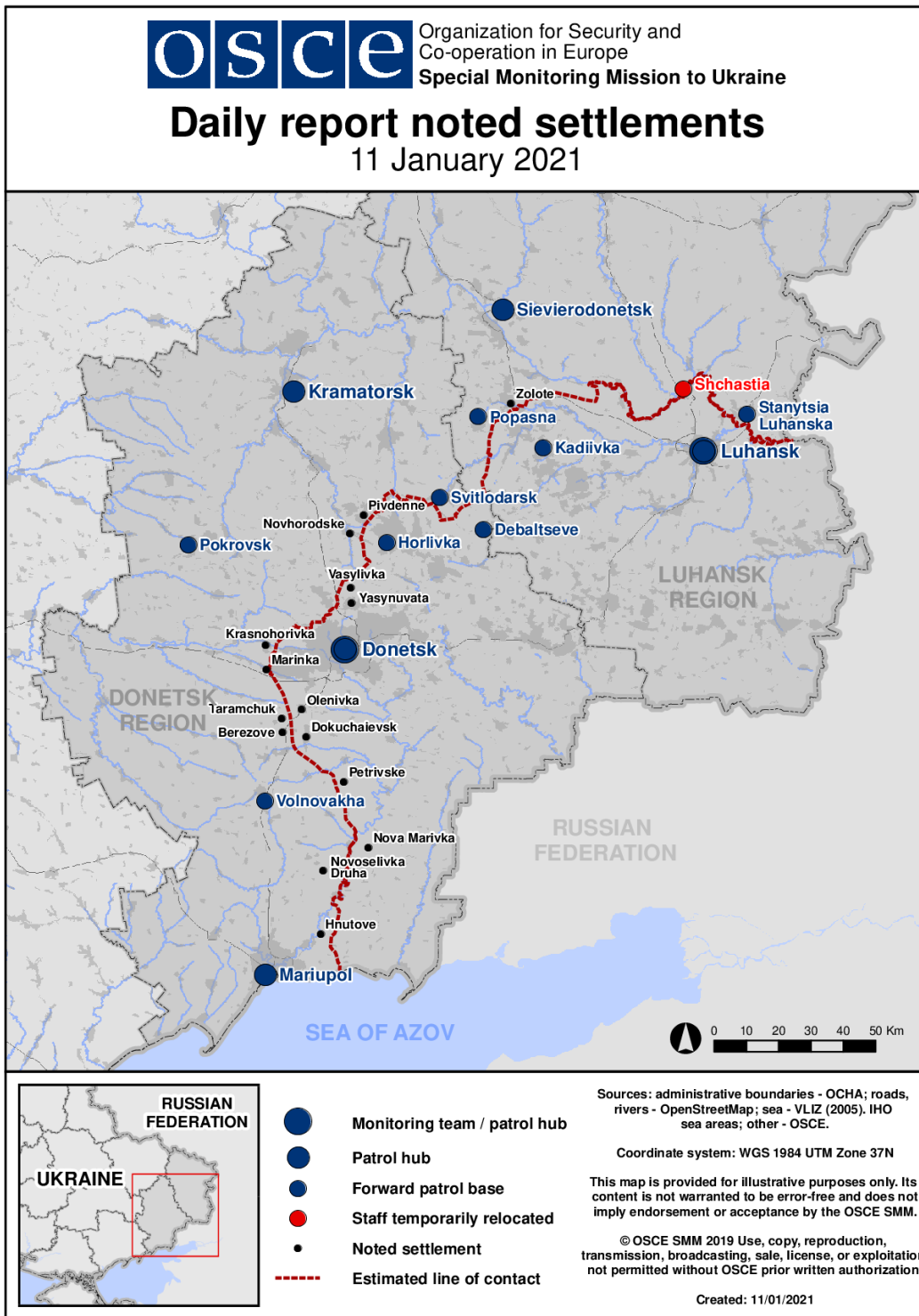
SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Marinka (government-controlled, 23km SW of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jan, 23:54
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 23:54
	3-5km N	Recorded	4	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 23:55
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	8-Jan, 23:59
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	8-Jan, 23:59
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 00:00
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 00:02
	3-5km NNE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 00:41
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 03:40
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 03:42
	3-5km N	Recorded	11	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 03:44
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-4km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	9-Jan, 17:00
	3-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	9-Jan, 17:00
	3-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	9-Jan, 17:00
	3-4km N	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	9-Jan, 17:02
	3-4km N	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	9-Jan, 17:02
	3-4km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (subsequent to previous event)	N/K	9-Jan, 17:02
Railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km SW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	9-Jan, 10:45
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	2-4km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare		N/K	9-Jan, 23:59
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 16:45
SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	300-800m SW	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	10-Jan, 17:06

<sup>10</sup> 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.



About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km N	Heard	9	Shot		Small arms	10-Jan, 09:35
	1-3km N	Heard	15	Burst		Small arms	10-Jan, 09:35
Chermalyk (government-controlled, 31km NE of Mariupol)	2-3km SE	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	10-Jan, 09:10
About 600m NE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	6-8km NNW	Heard	3	Shot		Small arms	10-Jan, 11:48-11:54
	6-8km NNW	Heard	1	Burst		Small arms	10-Jan, 11:48-11:54
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	10-Jan, 18:41
3km north of Pervomaisk (non-government-controlled, 58km W of Luhansk)	3-5km WNW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	10-Jan, 14:20

### 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 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).