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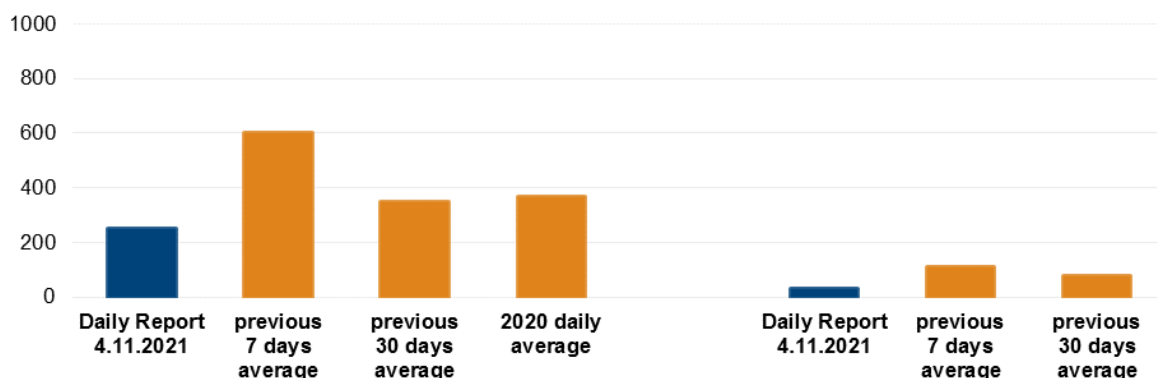
Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 204 ceasefire violations, including 20 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 248 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded 46 ceasefire violations, including ten explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 76 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM followed up on reports of recent damage to a civilian property in government-controlled Hranitne, Donetsk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- An SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle spotted recent craters near non-government-controlled Boikivske (formerly Telmanove), Donetsk region.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation, assessment and repair of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at three entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at checkpoints of the armed formations in and near the disengagement areas near Petrivske and Stanytsia Luhanska, 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, 3 November 2021. All times are in Eastern European Time. During the reporting period, weather conditions limited the observational capabilities of some SMM cameras.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table.

³ Including explosions.

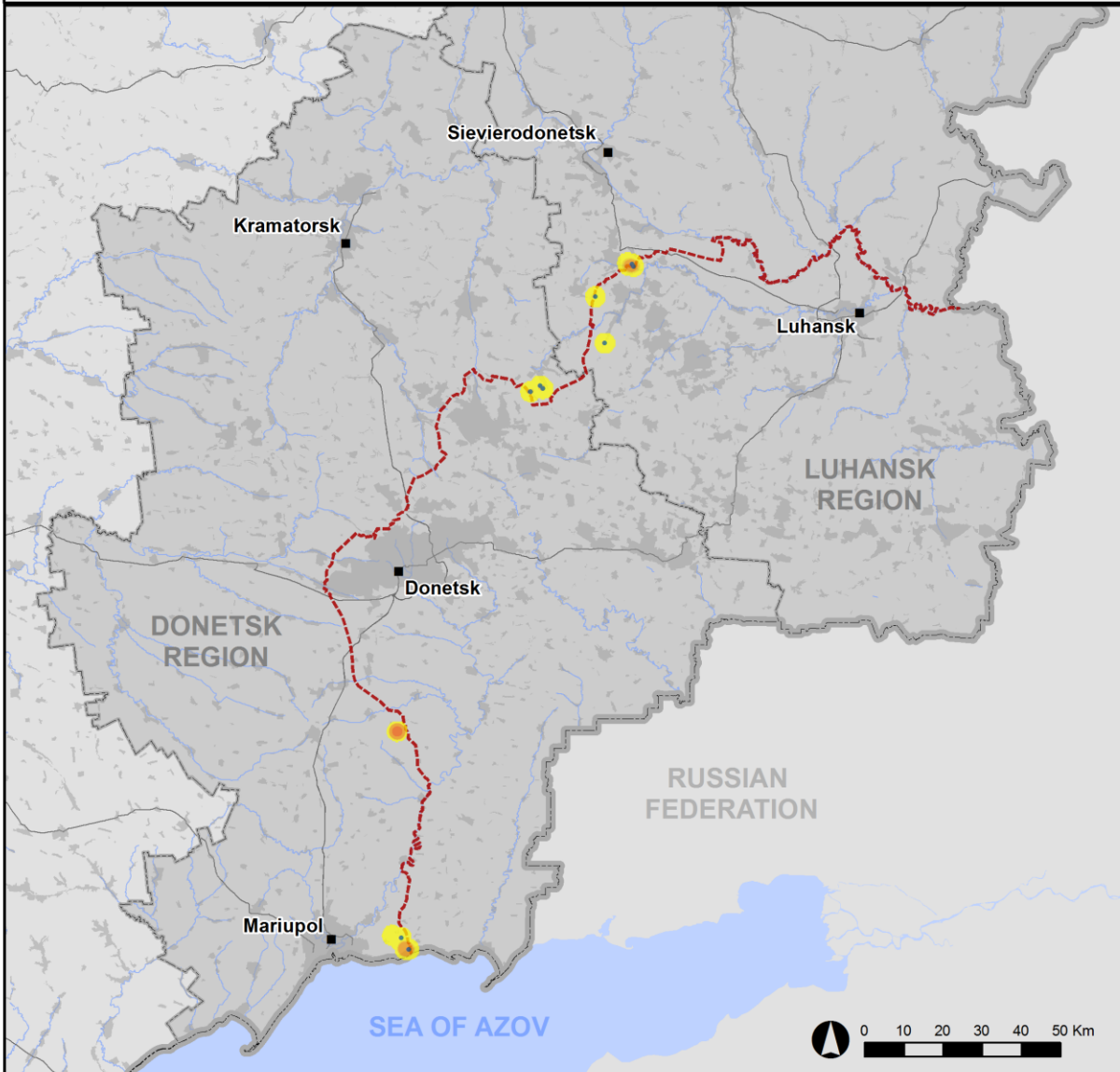
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

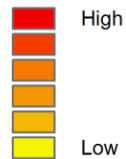


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 3 November 2021



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, the SMM recorded 204 ceasefire violations, including 20 undetermined explosions. The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area south-west of the disengagement area near Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) (see below) and in areas east of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km south of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 248 ceasefire violations in the region.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 46 ceasefire violations, including ten explosions (four outgoing and six undetermined), almost all of which occurred in areas north-east of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 76 ceasefire violations in the region, the majority of which also occurred close to the disengagement area near Zolote.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July 2020 regarding Measures to strengthen the ceasefire, from 00:01 on 27 July 2020 until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has recorded at least 72,529 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 19,457 explosions, 16,131 projectiles in flight, 355 muzzle flashes, 305 illumination flares and at least 36,281 bursts and shots).

The Mission followed up on damage to a civilian property in government-controlled Hranitne, Donetsk region

On 2 November, the SMM continued to follow up on reports of damage to a civilian property in the north-eastern part of Hranitne (government-controlled, 60km south of Donetsk).

At 19 Baidy Street, the Mission observed a crater in a field about 10m north-east of an inhabited single-storey house. It also saw damage to tiles on the north-east facing wall, as well as five holes in the south-west-facing side of a fence located about 4m north-east of the wall and a broken tree branch close to the fence. The SMM assessed the crater and damage as recent and caused by a probable 122mm mortar round and shrapnel from the explosion of the round.

A woman (in her fifties), who introduced herself as the owner of the house, told the SMM that she and her husband had been at home when they heard an explosion and observed how a blast wave damaged one of the house's windows (which had already been repaired).

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).*

During the day on 3 November, while positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Zolote**, the SMM recorded seven explosions (four outgoing mortar rounds and three undetermined) and 36 bursts of small-arms fire, all assessed as outside the disengagement area but within 5km of its periphery.

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

Near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them). The SMM again saw the seven previously observed containers located south of the area’s southern edge and inside the disengagement area. It saw that the [previously reported](#) road barriers across road T-1316, on the area’s southern edge, continued to be closed.

During the day on 3 November, while positioned about 2km east of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk), the Mission heard 115 shots of small-arms fire at an assessed range of 2-3km south, all assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), but within 5km of its periphery (see above).

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.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the Mission observed three howitzers in a training area near Oleksandrivske (formerly Rozy Liuksemburh, non-government-controlled, 90km south-east of Donetsk).

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites, the SMM observed four tanks in the aforementioned training area. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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

The Mission observed six armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk region, including near a residential area. (For further information, see the table below.)

On 31 October, on the north-western outskirts of Staromarivka (62km south of Donetsk), an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted two probable boats connected by a wire to the banks of the river Kalmius (not previously reported and not seen in imagery of 26 October 2021). (For similar observations near the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 30 October 2021](#).)

Recent craters near non-government-controlled Boikivske (formerly Telmanove), Donetsk region

On 31 October, in a field on the south-eastern edge of Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, non-government-controlled, 67km south-east of Donetsk), about 50m south of residential houses, an SMM mini-UAV spotted an impact crater assessed as caused by a probable 122mm artillery round fired from a south-easterly direction. Also, in a field about 1km further south-east, the same UAV spotted another impact crater assessed as caused by a probable mortar round but was unable to assess the direction of fire. The SMM assessed both craters as recent (both not previously reported and not seen in imagery from 15 October 2021). (For previous observations of craters in the same area, see SMM Daily Reports of [30 October 2021](#) and [2 November 2021](#).)

Presence of a mine hazard sign near non-government-controlled Horlivka, Donetsk region

On the north-western edge of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), about 800m south-east of forward positions of the armed formations, the SMM observed an improvised mine hazard sign (not previously reported) in the form of a large white inscription on an asphalted local road (with the word “Mines” written in Russian).

SMM facilitation of the operation, assessment and repair of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk). It also monitored adherence to a localized ceasefire to enable assessment and repair of a water pipeline near Hladosove (government-controlled, 51km north-east of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission noted that the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed.

In Luhansk region, the SMM observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open. It saw no people queueing to travel towards government-controlled areas and two people queueing to travel towards non-government-controlled areas.

The Mission noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open, 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 were closed.

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 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 of 3 November](#)). 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.

Denials:

- At a checkpoint in the north-western outskirts of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations denied the SMM passage west towards the Haharina settlement, citing “orders from his superiors” and the “SMM’s safety”.
- At a checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the Mission passage north towards government-controlled areas, citing a “need for permission” from those in control in non-government-controlled areas of Luhansk region.

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.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint about 2.5km north of Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations [again](#) allowed the SMM passage south towards the disengagement area near Petrivske only after 18 minutes of waiting.

Other impediments:⁶

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during a flight over areas near Vozdvyzhenka (formerly Krasnyi Pakhar, government-controlled, 66km north-east of Donetsk).

⁶ For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of tens of kilometres from the UAV’s position.

Table of weapons

Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
1/11/2021	3	Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)	In a training area near Oleksandrivske (formerly Rozy Liuksemburh, 90km south-east of Donetsk) where imagery also revealed the presence of 22 armoured combat vehicles ⁷	Mini-UAV

Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

Date	No. of weapons	Type of weapon	Location	Source of observation
Non-government-controlled areas				
1/11/2021	4	Tank (three T-62 and one T-64)	In a training area near Oleksandrivske	Mini-UAV

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁸

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
2/11/2021	2	Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near a residential area of Chernenko (86km south of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
	1	Probable armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)	Near Orlivske (82km south of Donetsk)	
3/11/2021	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	Near Buhas (44km south-west of Donetsk)	Patrol

⁷ The armoured combat vehicles mentioned here are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

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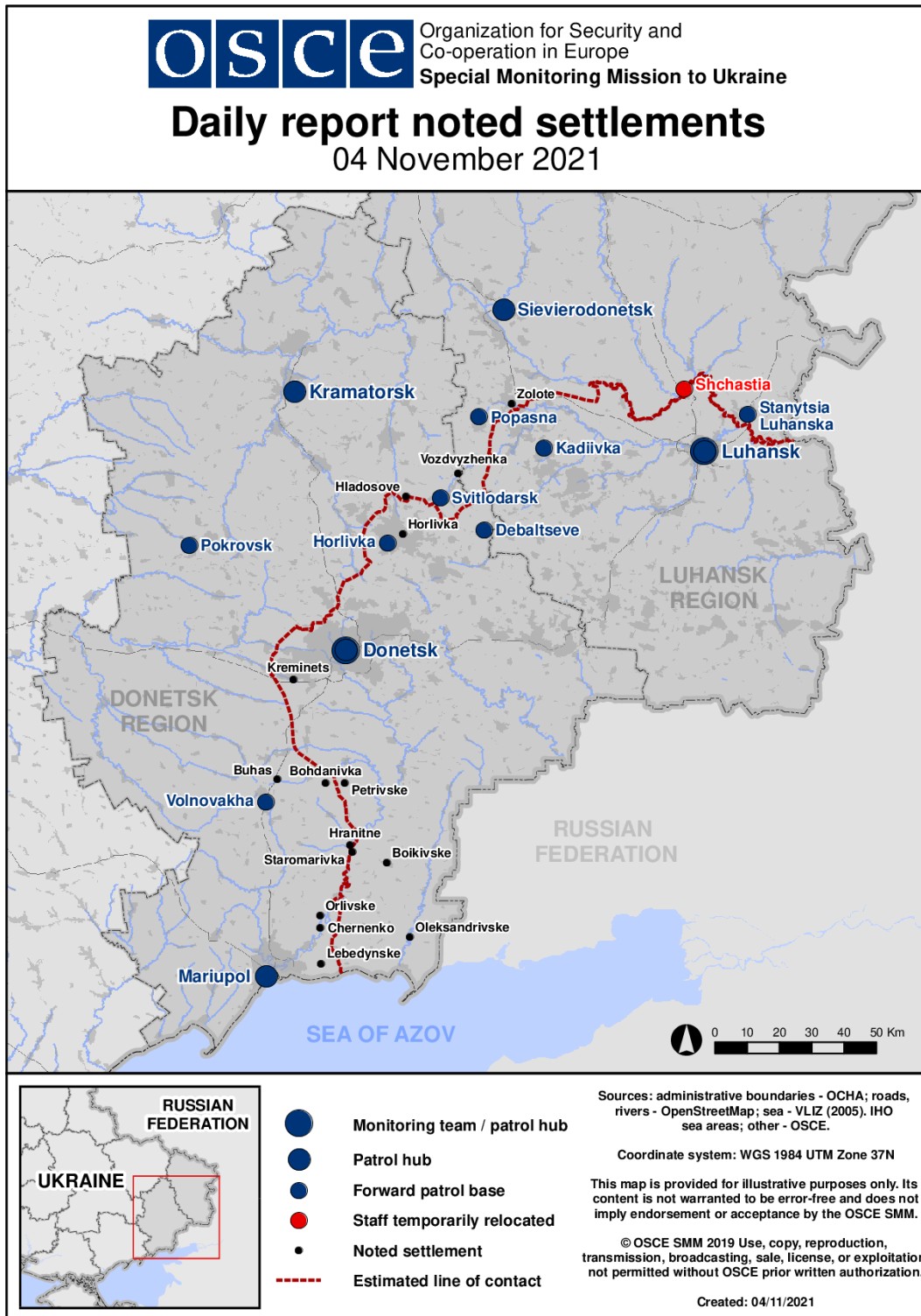
Table of ceasefire violations as of 3 November 2021⁹

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	5-7km NNW	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	2-Nov, 19:59
	5-7km NNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	2-Nov, 20:46
	5-7km NNW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	2-Nov, 20:47
	4-6km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	2-Nov, 20:50
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	3-Nov, 17:10
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	3-Nov, 17:13
About 2.5km SE of Lebedynske (government-controlled, 99km S of Donetsk)	3-4km E	Heard	4	Burst		Small arms	3-Nov, 10:09
	3-4km E	Heard	23	Burst		Small arms	3-Nov, 10:11
	3-4km E	Heard	20	Burst		Small arms	3-Nov, 10:23-10:29
	4-5km E	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 10:23-10:29
	4-5km E	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 10:35-10:39
	4-5km E	Heard	12	Burst		Small arms	3-Nov, 10:35-10:39
About 2km E of Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km SW of Donetsk)	2-3km S	Heard	28	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	3-Nov, 11:42-11:58
	2-3km S	Heard	27	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	3-Nov, 12:02-12:22
	2-3km S	Heard	60	Shot	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Petrivske	Small arms	3-Nov, 12:28-12:58
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 15:32
	3-4km SE	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	3-Nov, 16:18
	4-5km SE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 16:25
	4-5km SE	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 16:46
	4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 16:53
	4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 16:55
	4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 16:56
	4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 16:58
	4km S	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 16:59
S edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivika (non-government-controlled, 61 km NW of Luhansk)	2-3km NNE	Heard	4	Explosion	Outgoing (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	Mortar (type N/K)	3-Nov, 10:55-11:10
	2-3km NNE	Heard	15	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	3-Nov, 10:55-11:10

⁹ 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.

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SW edge of Zolote-5/Mykhailivika (non-government-controlled, 61 km NW of Luhansk)	2-4km N	Heard	4	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	3-Nov, 10:24-10:30
Zolote-4/Rodina (government-controlled, 62km W of Luhansk)	1-3km ENE	Heard	17	Burst	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	Small arms	3-Nov, 11:01-11:09
	2-4km ENE	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	3-Nov, 11:01-11:09
Kalynove (non-government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	6-8km SSW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 11:58
W outskirts of Almazna (non-government-controlled, 55 km W of Luhansk)	10-12km NW	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	3-Nov, 11:00

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions¹⁰



¹⁰ 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).