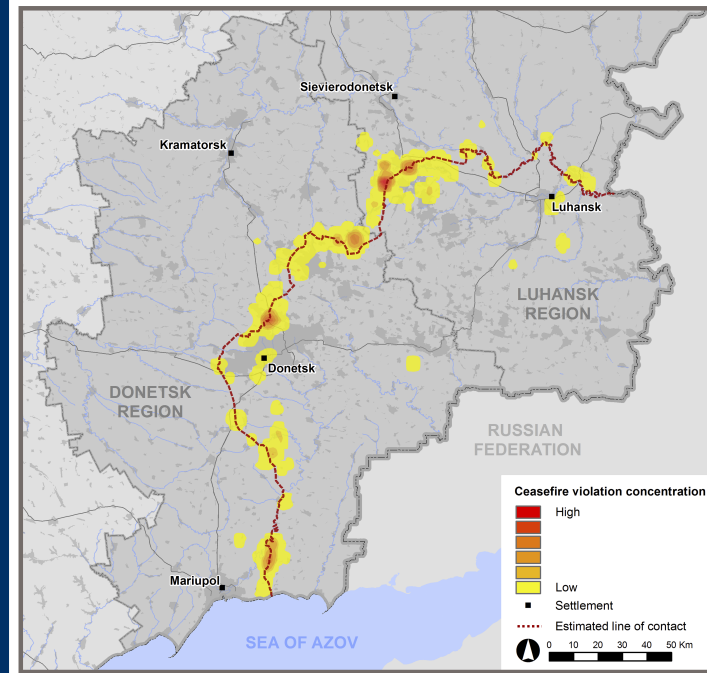


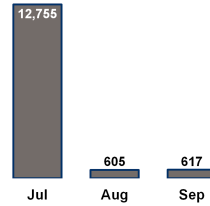
Trends and observations

JUL-SEP 2020

Ceasefire violations (CFVs)



Comparison by month

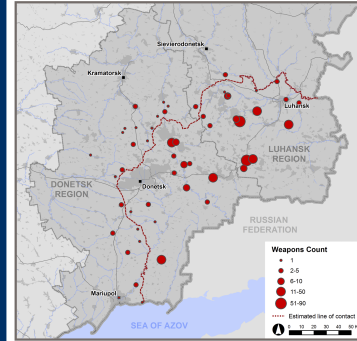


Recommitments to ceasefire

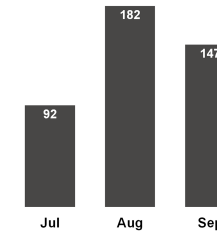
Date of recommitment	Decrease of CFVs observed (%)	Days before number of CFVs reaches half of that prior to recommitment	Days before number of CFVs exceeds that prior to recommitment
27 Jul	49%	25**	N/A

** Excluding the first day of recommitment.

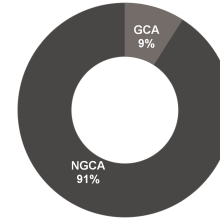
Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines



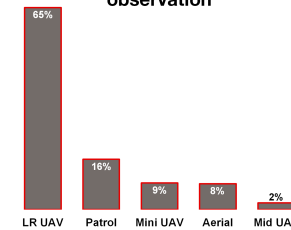
by month



by control



by source of observation

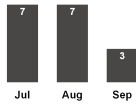


Civilian casualties

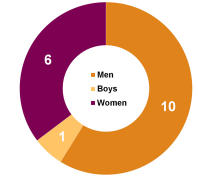
in Jul-Sep 2020:

3 fatalities
14 injured

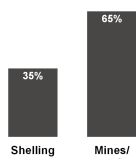
by month



by age and gender



by cause



Main trends:

In the third quarter of 2020, the number of ceasefire violations recorded along the contact line decreased by 75 per cent, compared with the previous quarter. Moreover, the Mission observed an 85 per cent decrease, compared to the previous quarter, in observed explosions attributable to weapons that should have been withdrawn according to the Minsk agreements.

The sources of observations were SMM cameras, monitoring officers stationed in Forward Patrol Bases (FPBs) and patrols present on the ground.

Most of the armed violence recorded in the third quarter of 2020 was concentrated in four hotspots along the contact line, which accounted for about 80 per cent of all recorded ceasefire violations:

- 1) Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area.
- 2) Popasna-Zolote-Pervomaik area.
- 3) Areas east and north-east of Mariupol.
- 4) Areas south-west, south and south-east of Svitlodarsk.

Ceasefire violations recorded outside the security zone were largely assessed as related to live-fire exercises. In the third quarter of 2020, the SMM recorded almost 400 such ceasefire violations (all recorded after 27 July). They account for about three per cent of all ceasefire violations observed by the SMM and about 28 per cent of ceasefire violations observed after 27 July.

In the third quarter of 2020, an agreement was reached in the TCG on additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire as of 00.01 on 27 July. It has become the longest-holding recommitment to the ceasefire with the lowest level of armed violence since the beginning of the conflict. Moreover, for the first time since the Mission began systematic data collection, it recorded no ceasefire violations on 13 separate days in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

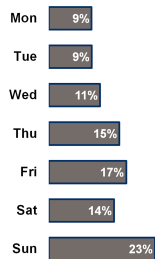
In the third quarter of 2020, the SMM observed over 400 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines. About 90 per cent of these weapons were observed in non-government-controlled areas, and about 10 per cent in government-controlled areas. About 84 per cent of these observations were made by unmanned aerial vehicles or revealed through other aerial imagery made available to the SMM, while 16 per cent were made by patrols.

During the third quarter of 2020, the SMM faced freedom of movement restrictions not related to mines or unexploded ordnance on 130 occasions. About 94 per cent of these restrictions took place in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Such incidents were concentrated mostly at Olenivka and Stanytsia Luhanska CPs as well as in non-government-controlled areas near the unsecured border with the Russian Federation. COVID-19 pandemic continued affecting the SMM's monitoring capacity.

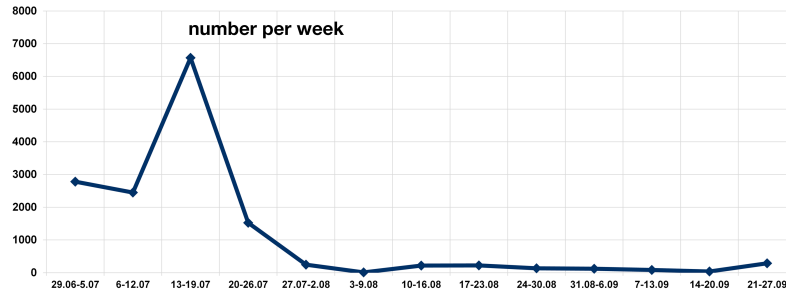
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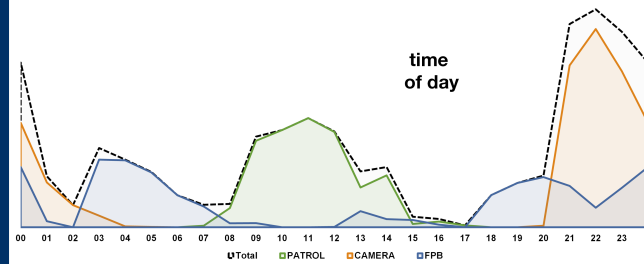
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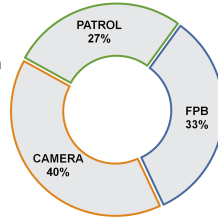
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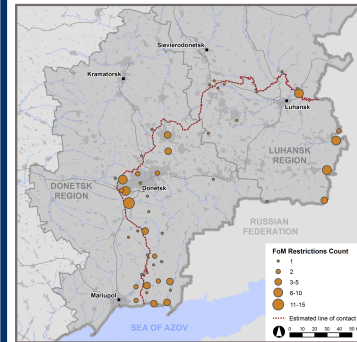
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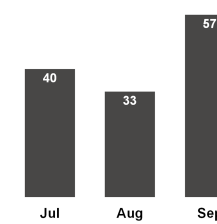
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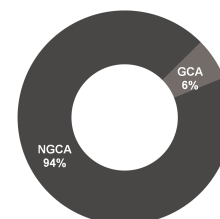
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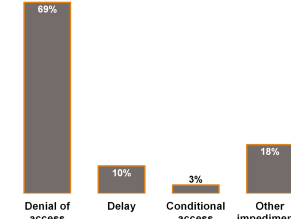
by month



by control



by type



* Excluding regular restrictions faced by the SMM related to mines and UXO.