

21,062
ceasefire violations

including

303 explosions attributable to fire from artillery, mortars and tanks

403 weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

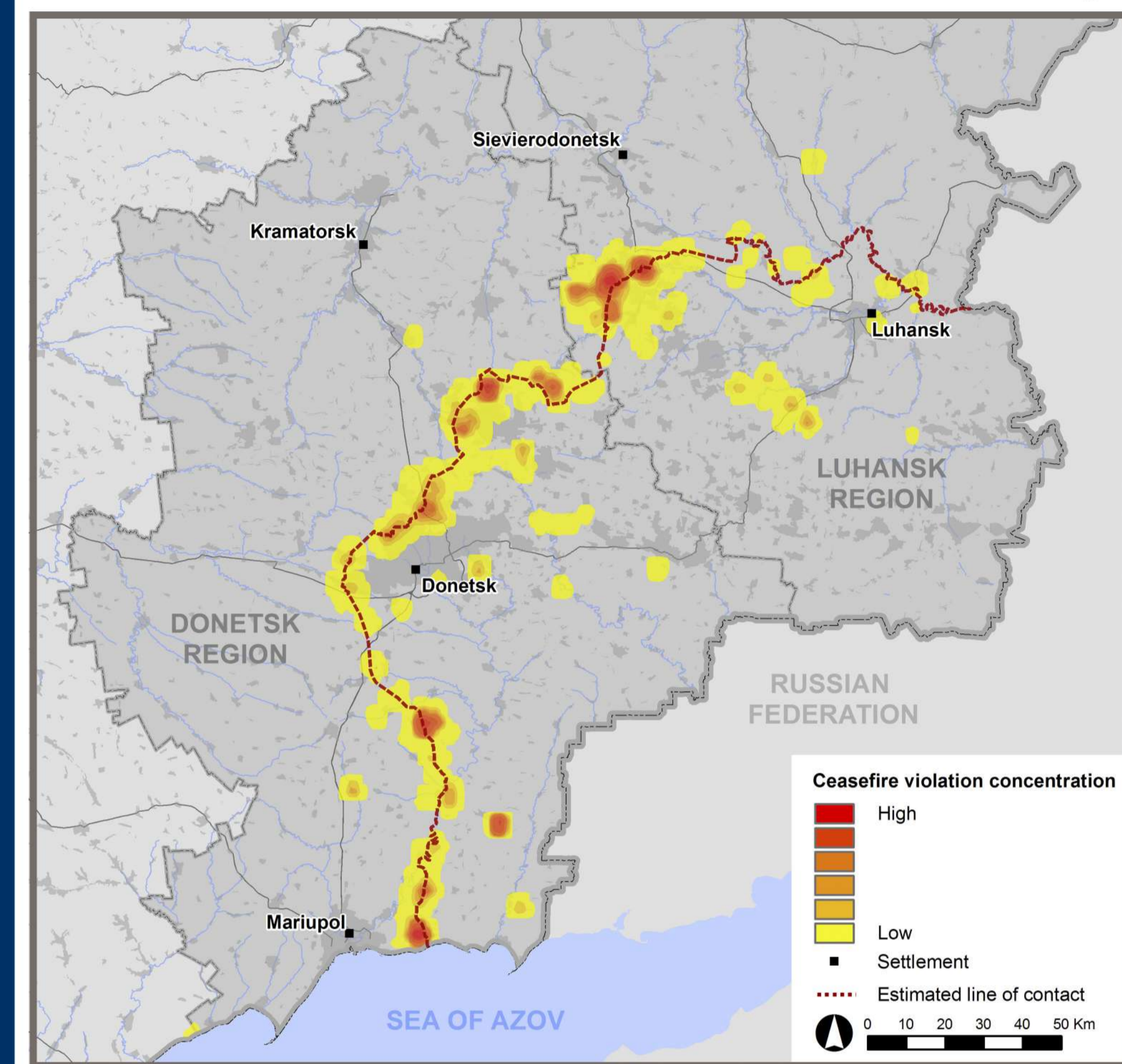
Trends and observations

JUL-SEP 2021

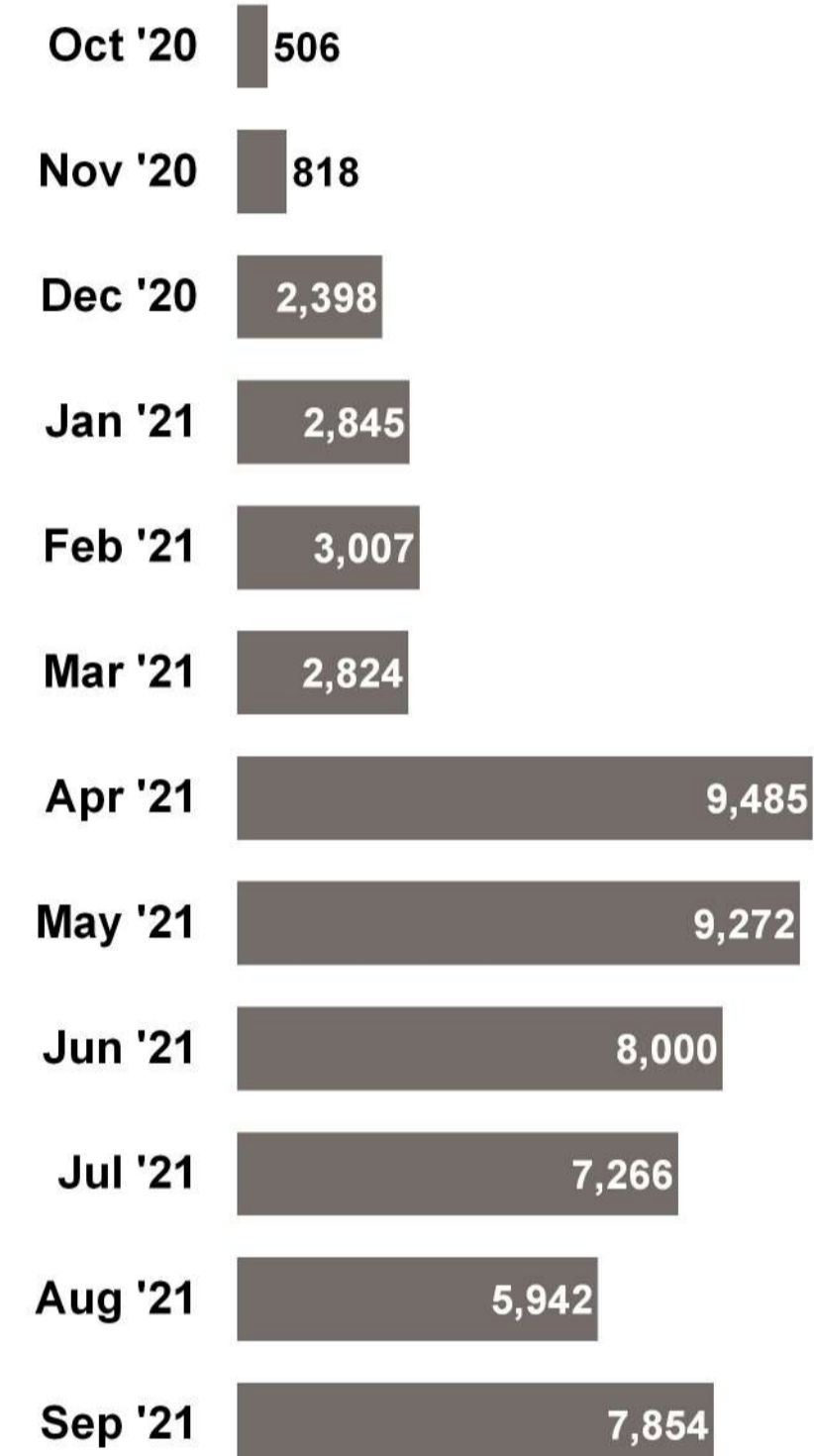
254 freedom of movement restrictions*

31 civilian casualties

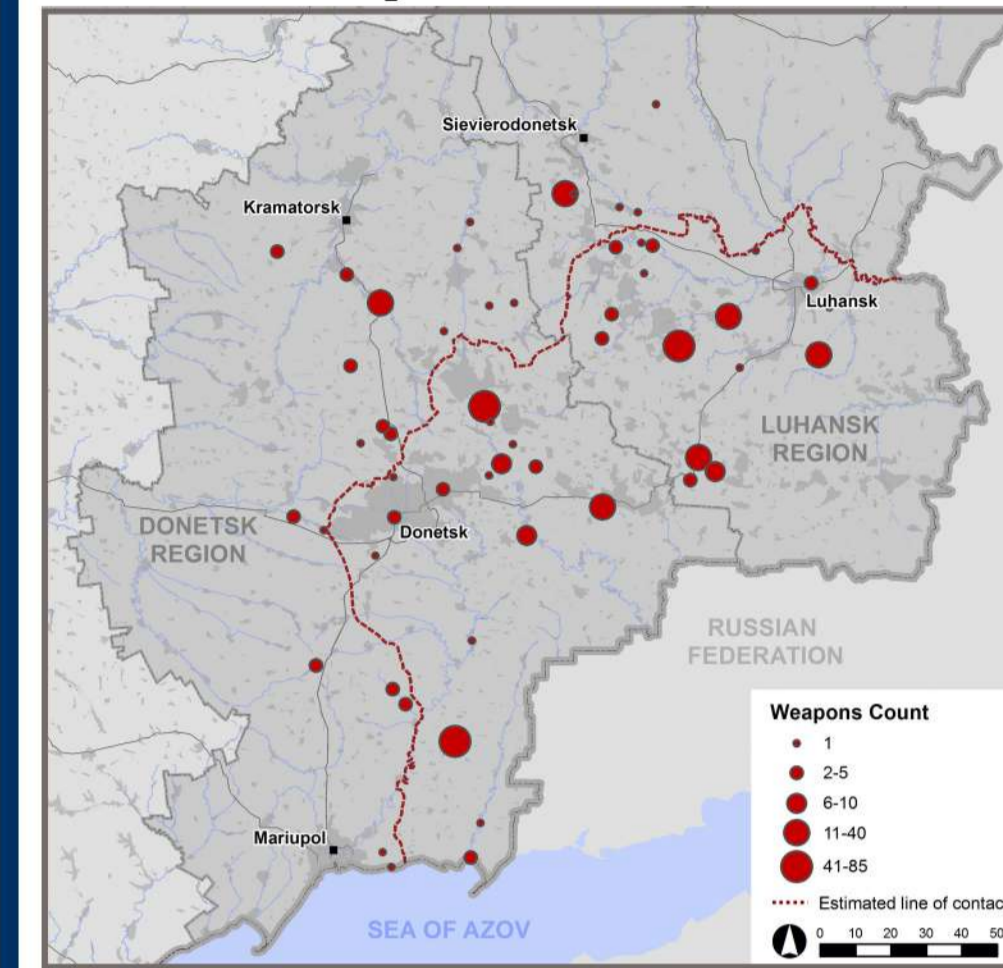
Ceasefire violations (CFVs)



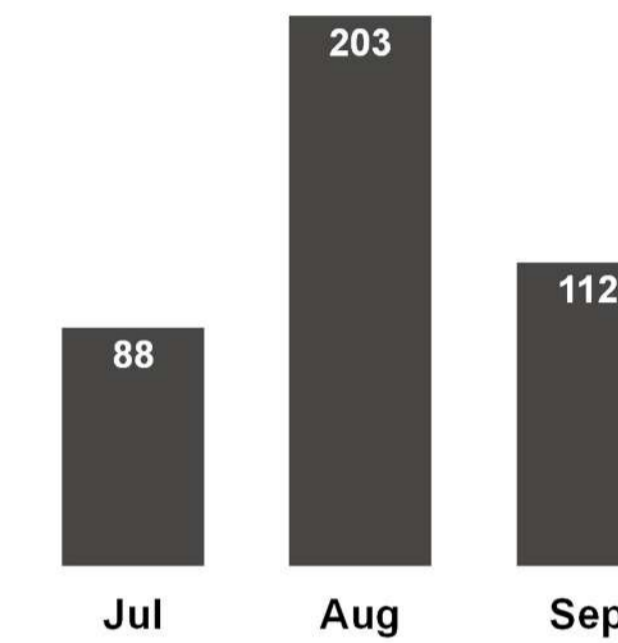
Ceasefire violations distributed by:
number per month (CFVs during last 12 months)



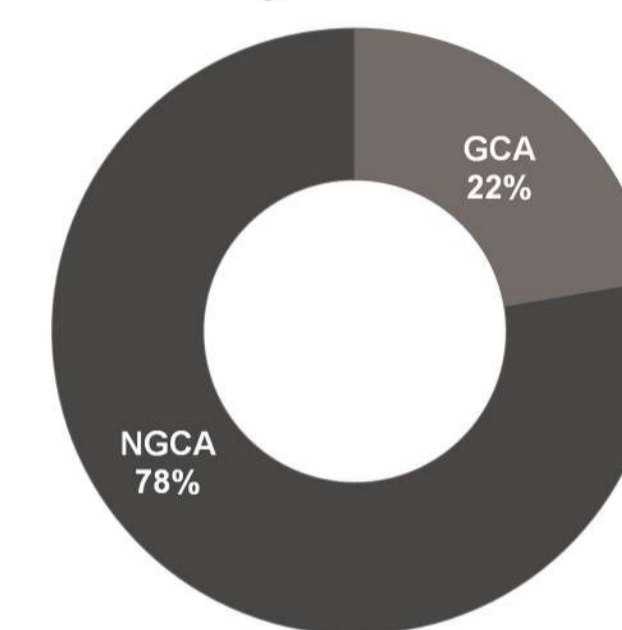
Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines



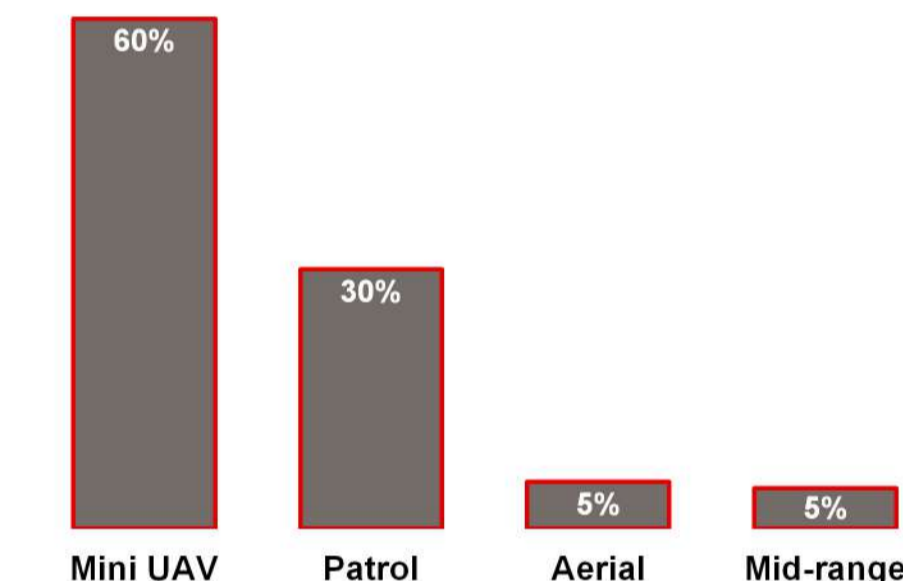
by month



by control



by source of observation

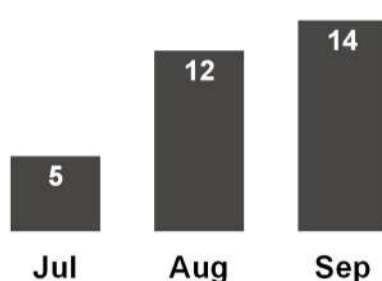


Civilian casualties

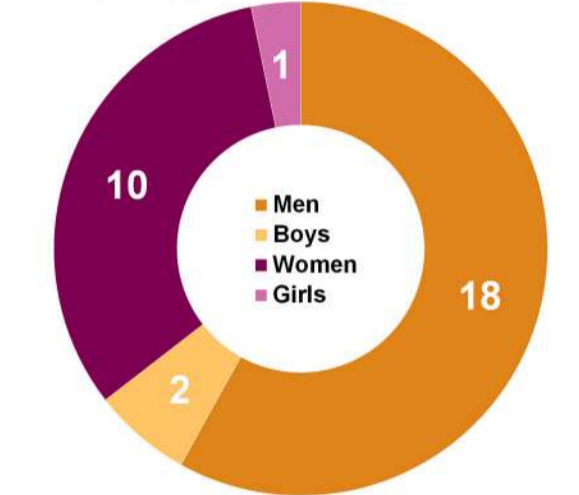
in Jul-Sep 2021:

3 fatalities
28 injured

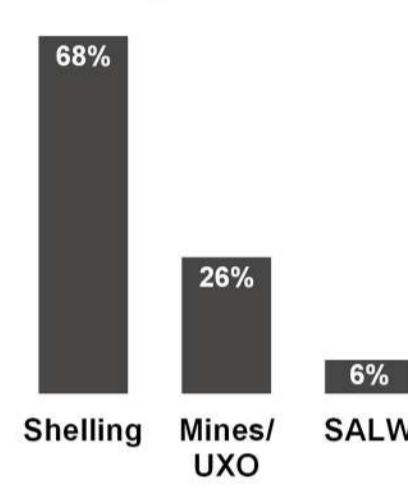
by month



by age and gender



by cause



Main trends:

In the third quarter of 2021, the number of ceasefire violations recorded along the contact line decreased by 21 per cent, compared with the previous quarter. However, the Mission observed an increase by 43 per cent in the number of explosions attributable to weapons that should have been withdrawn according to the Minsk agreements.

Although the level of violence remained significantly lower than the level before the measures to strengthen the ceasefire that took effect on 27 July 2020, the security situation remained volatile.

Most of the armed violence was recorded in four hotspots along the contact line which accounted for about 70 per cent of all recorded ceasefire violations:
1) Popasna-Zolote-Pervomaisk area.
2) Areas east and north-east of Mariupol.
3) Starohnativka-Petrivske area.
4) The western and northern outskirts of Horlivka.

Some ceasefire violations recorded outside the security zone were assessed as live-fire exercises. The SMM recorded about 2,500 such ceasefire violations (overall, almost 12 per cent of all ceasefire violations observed). This is a two-fold increase in comparison to the previous quarter. Eighty-seven per cent were recorded in non-government-controlled areas.

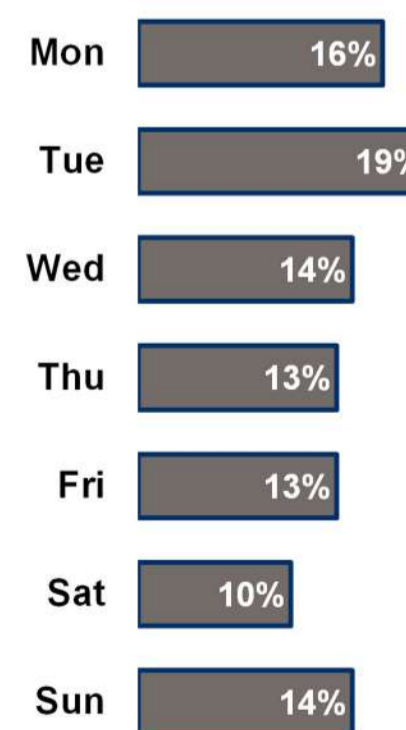
In the third quarter of 2021, the SMM corroborated 31 civilian casualties. The majority of the casualties (21) were due to shelling. So far in 2021, the Mission has confirmed 78 civilian casualties (15 killed and 63 injured).

The Mission observed more than 400 weapons in violation of withdrawal lines – 43 per cent less when compared with the previous quarter. Seventy-seven per cent were observed in non-government-controlled areas, and 23 per cent in government-controlled areas.

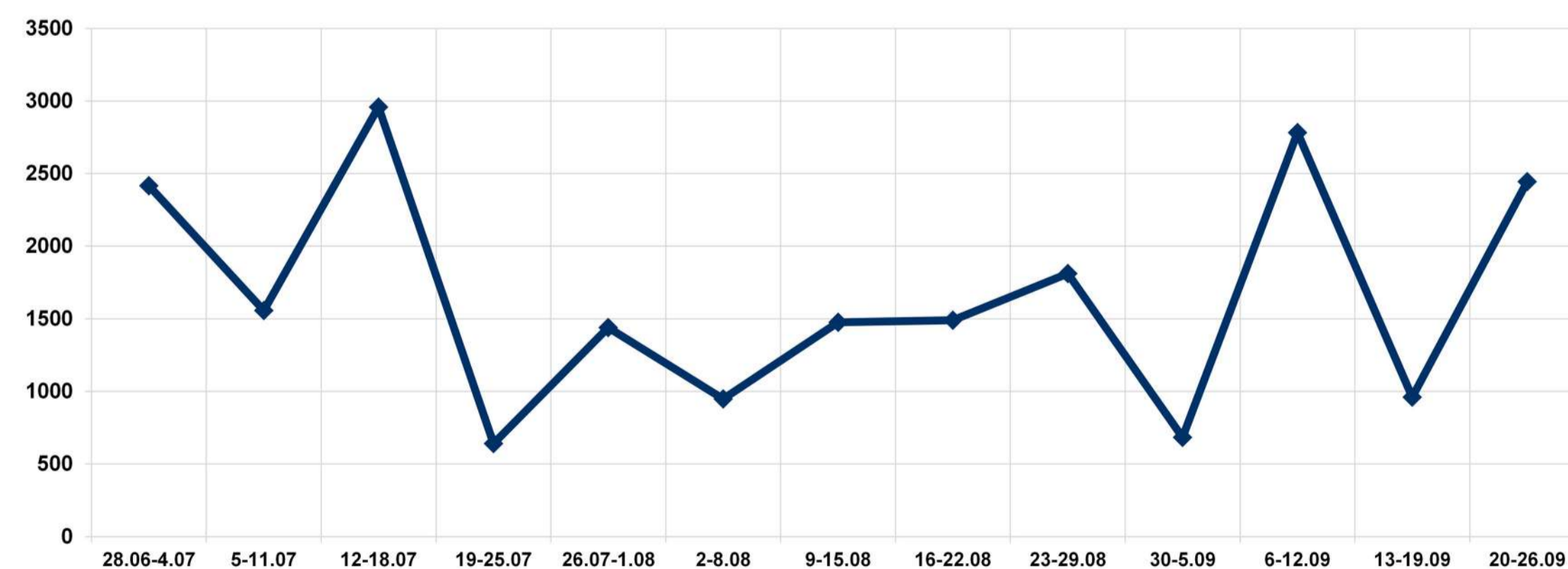
The SMM faced freedom of movement restrictions not related to mines or unexploded ordnance on more than 250 occasions, an approximate 30 per cent increase compared with the previous quarter. Ninety per cent took place in non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, especially in southern Donetsk region, western outskirts of Donetsk city, as well as in areas near the unsecured border with the Russian Federation. Moreover, the Mission recorded 629 instances of signal interference that heavily affected UAVs monitoring capabilities.

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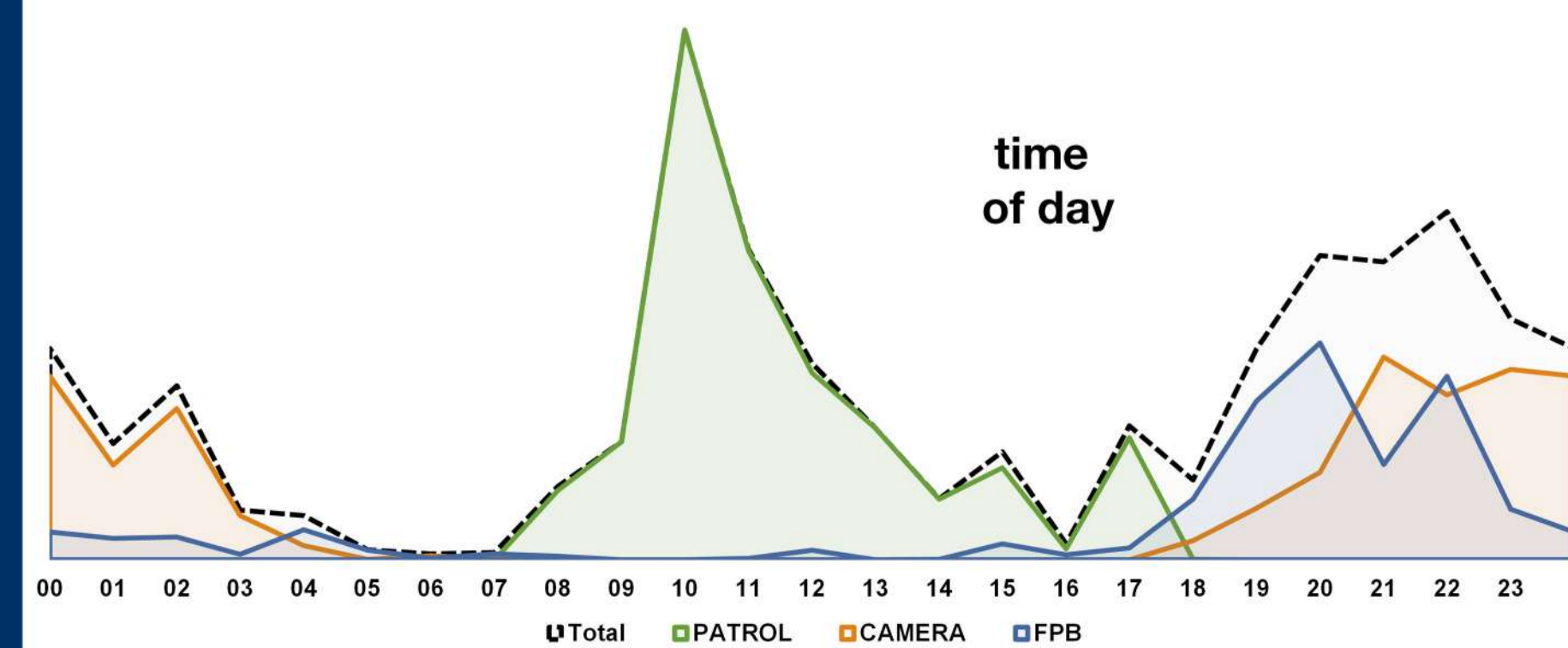
day of week



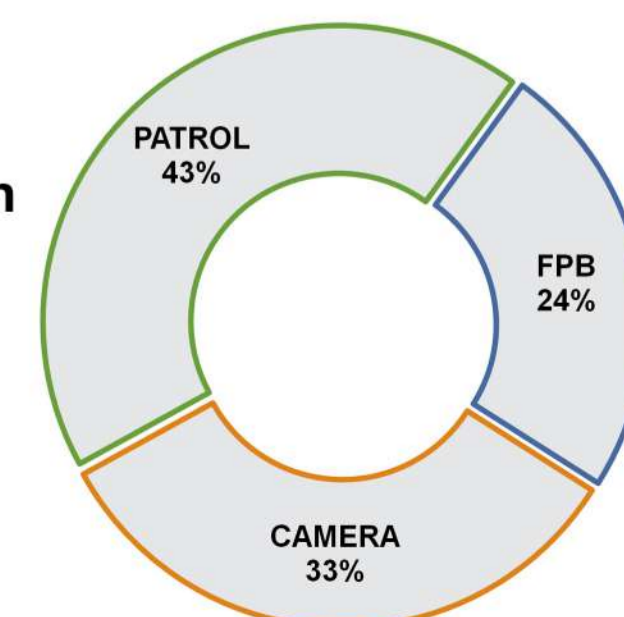
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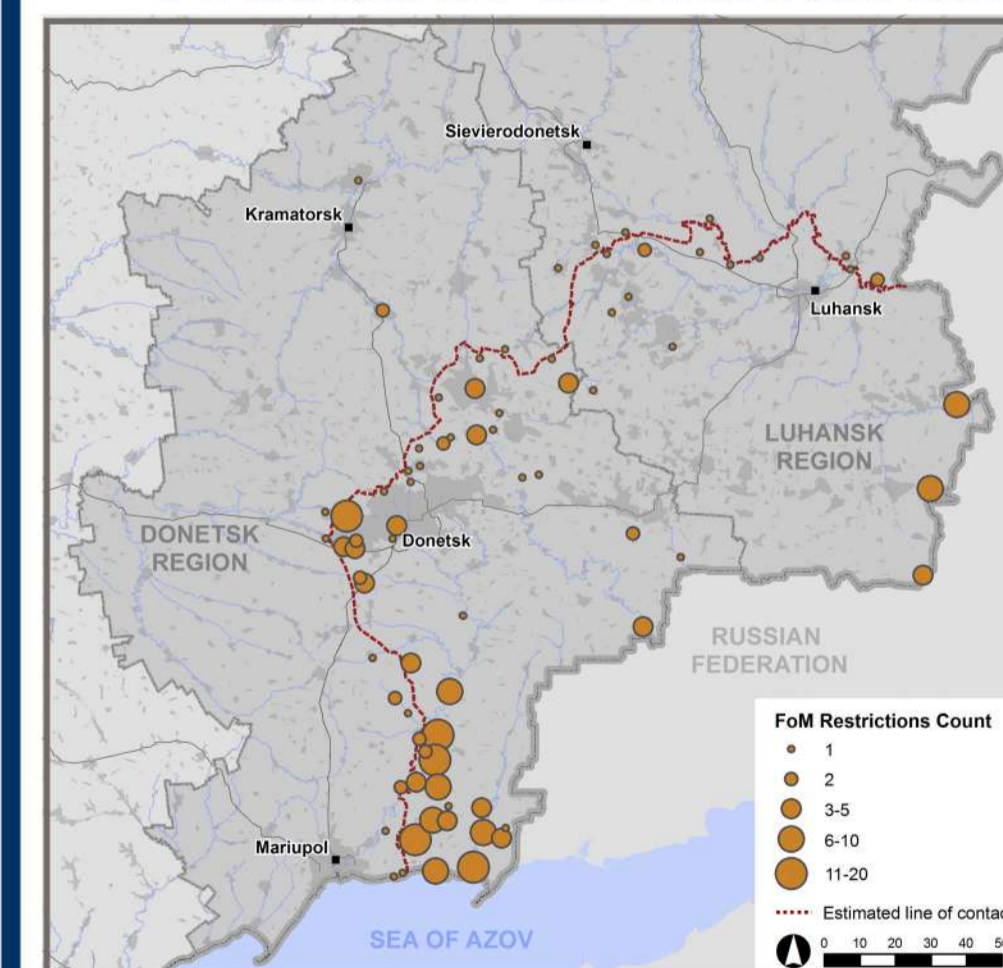
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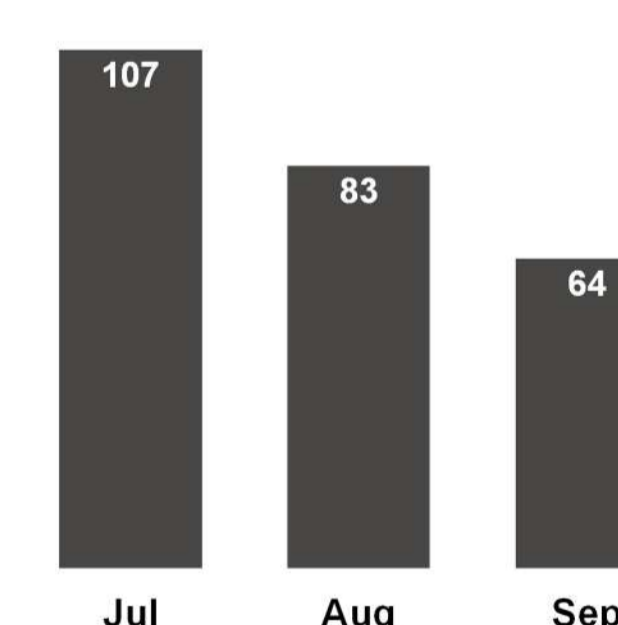
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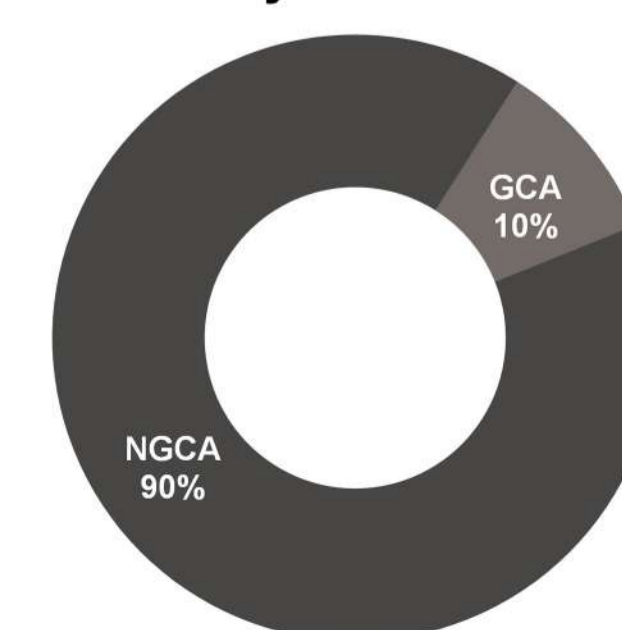
Freedom of movement (FoM) restrictions*



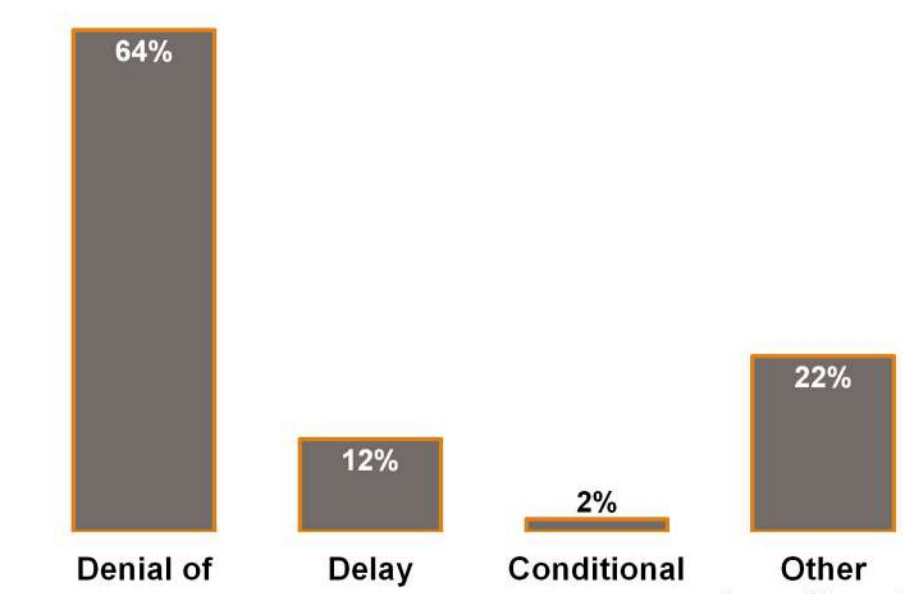
by month



by control



by type



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