

**RUSSIAN MILITARY AGGRESSION  
IN THE EAST OF UKRAINE**



**RESUMING OF COMBAT ENGAGEMENTS BY  
RUSSIA IN THE EAST OF UKRAINE,  
CURRENT STATUS AND REALIZATION OF  
MINSK AGREEMENTS**



# **RUSSIAN PREPARATIONS FOR HOSTILITIES AGAINST UKRAINE**

Russia strengthens its Task Force in Western and South-Western directions, incl. the territories bordering Ukraine

Combat trainings of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ACs are conducted within unified operational and combat training framework of the Southern MD of the Russian Armed Forces

Units of Russian occupation forces on particular directions are being reinforced and kept in a readiness for immediate employment

Russian forces fire provocatively at ATO positions, incl. using heavy weaponry

Armaments subject to Minsk agreements are covertly returned to the line of contact

Ammunition, POL and equipment delivered from Russia are being accumulated

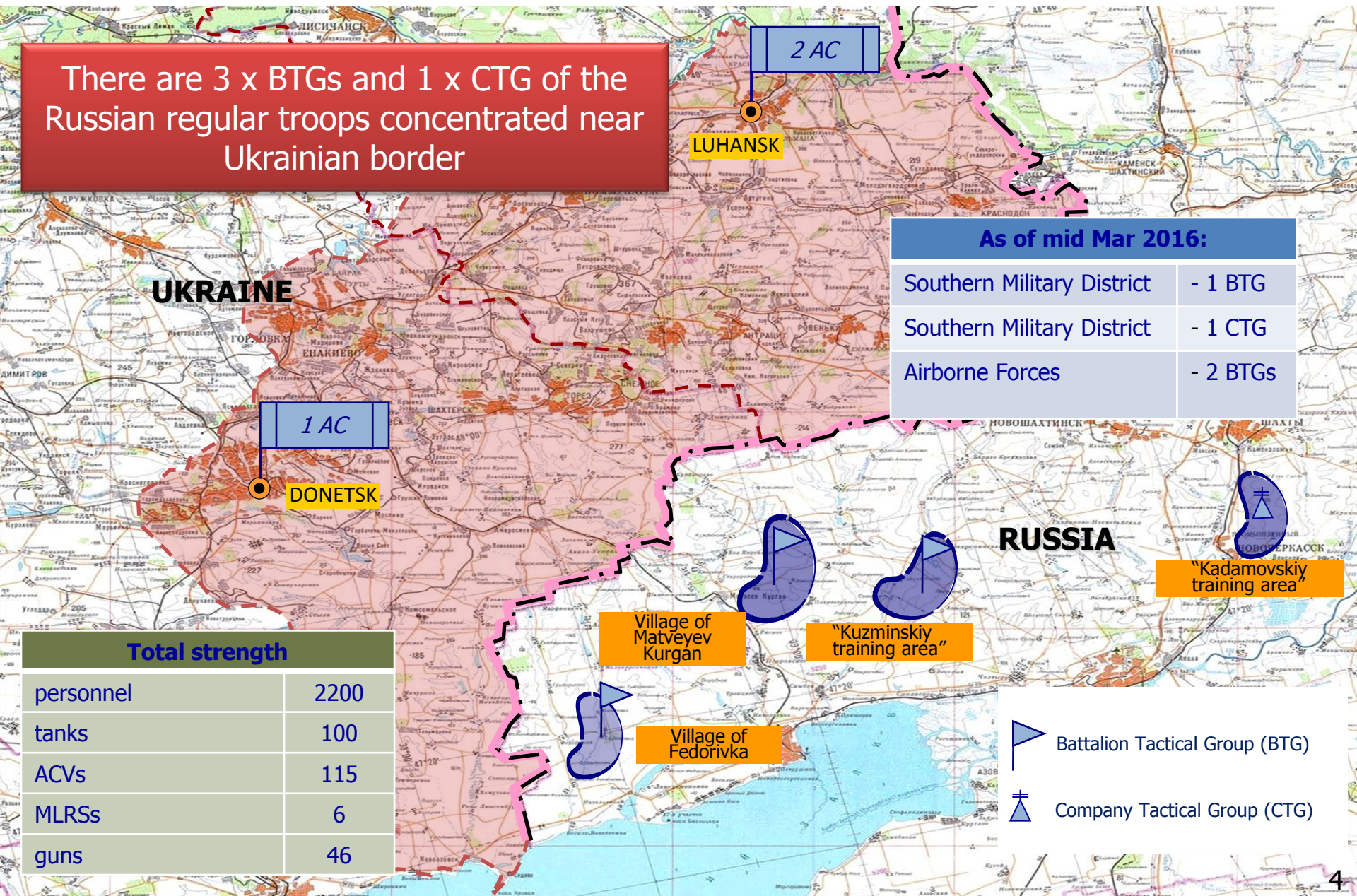
Comprehensive growth of ISR activity





# BATTALION AND COMPANY TACTICAL GROUPS OF THE REGULAR RUSSIAN COMBAT UNITS NEAR UKRAINIAN BORDER

There are 3 x BTGs and 1 x CTG of the Russian regular troops concentrated near Ukrainian border



2 AC  
LUHANSK

1 AC  
DONETSK

**As of mid Mar 2016:**

Southern Military District	- 1 BTG
Southern Military District	- 1 CTG
Airborne Forces	- 2 BTGs

**Total strength**

personnel	2200
tanks	100
ACVs	115
MLRSs	6
guns	46

Village of Matveyev Kurgan

"Kuzminskiy training area"

Village of Fedorivka

"Kadamovskiy training area"

- Battalion Tactical Group (BTG)
- Company Tactical Group (CTG)



# COMPLEX COMBAT READINESS SNAP INSPECTION OF RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES IN SOUTH-WESTERN STRATEGIC DIRECTION

## MAIN GOALS:

- Demonstrate the readiness to use the military power
- Study possible reactions of Western countries and ascertain the action plan in case of USA/NATO armed response
- Put pressure on Ukraine to make it accept the Russian conditions of the Donbas situation settlement



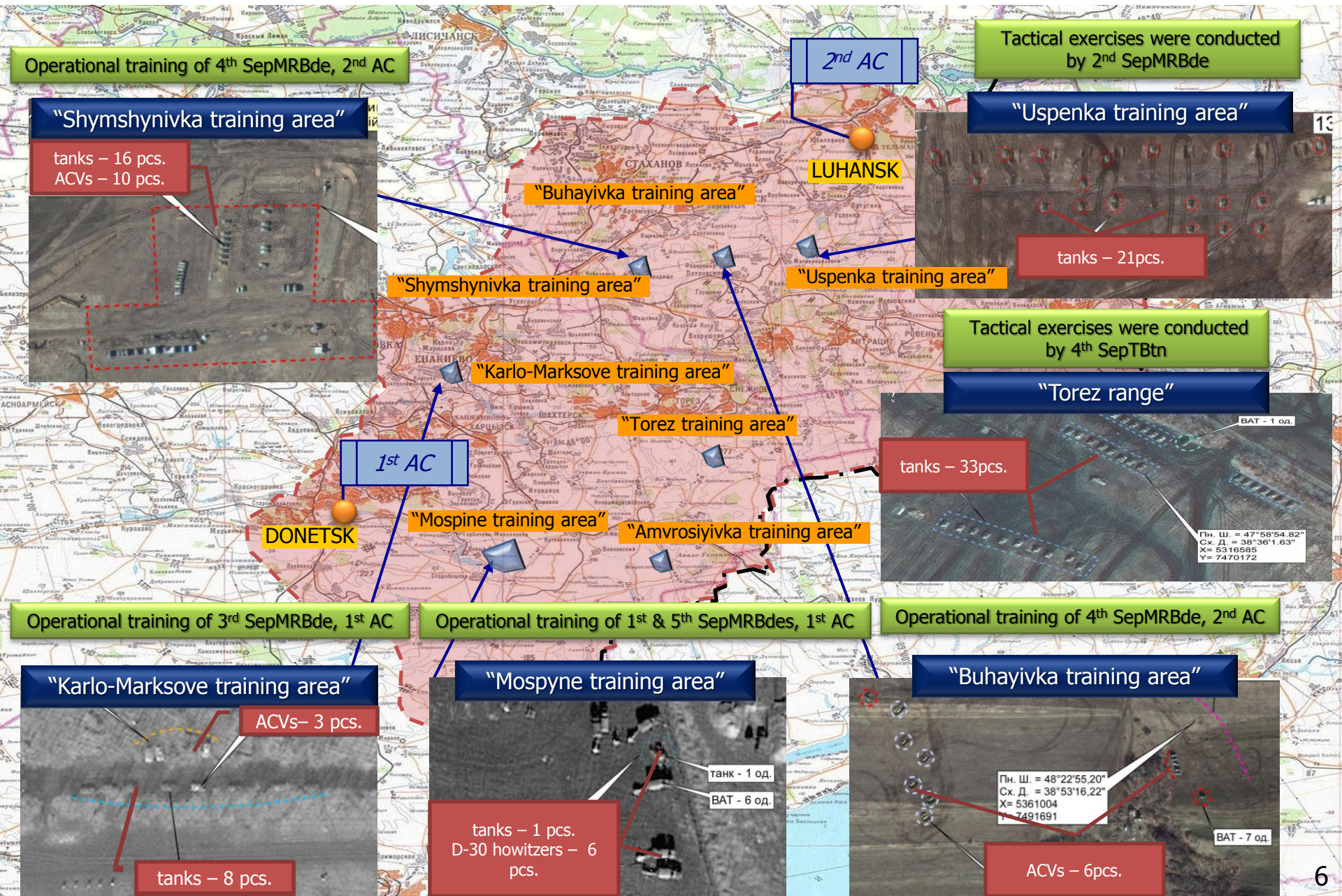
SMD resources involved			
personnel	vehicles	aircraft and helicopters	ships
8500	900	200	50

**Features:**

- Units of Russian occupation forces deployed in the East of Ukraine were involved into the snap inspection
- JTF in Crimea was reinforced



# COMBAT TRAINING OF RUSSIAN OCCUPATION FORCES







# MINSK AGREEMENTS VIOLATIONS BY RUSSIA

(number of firings)

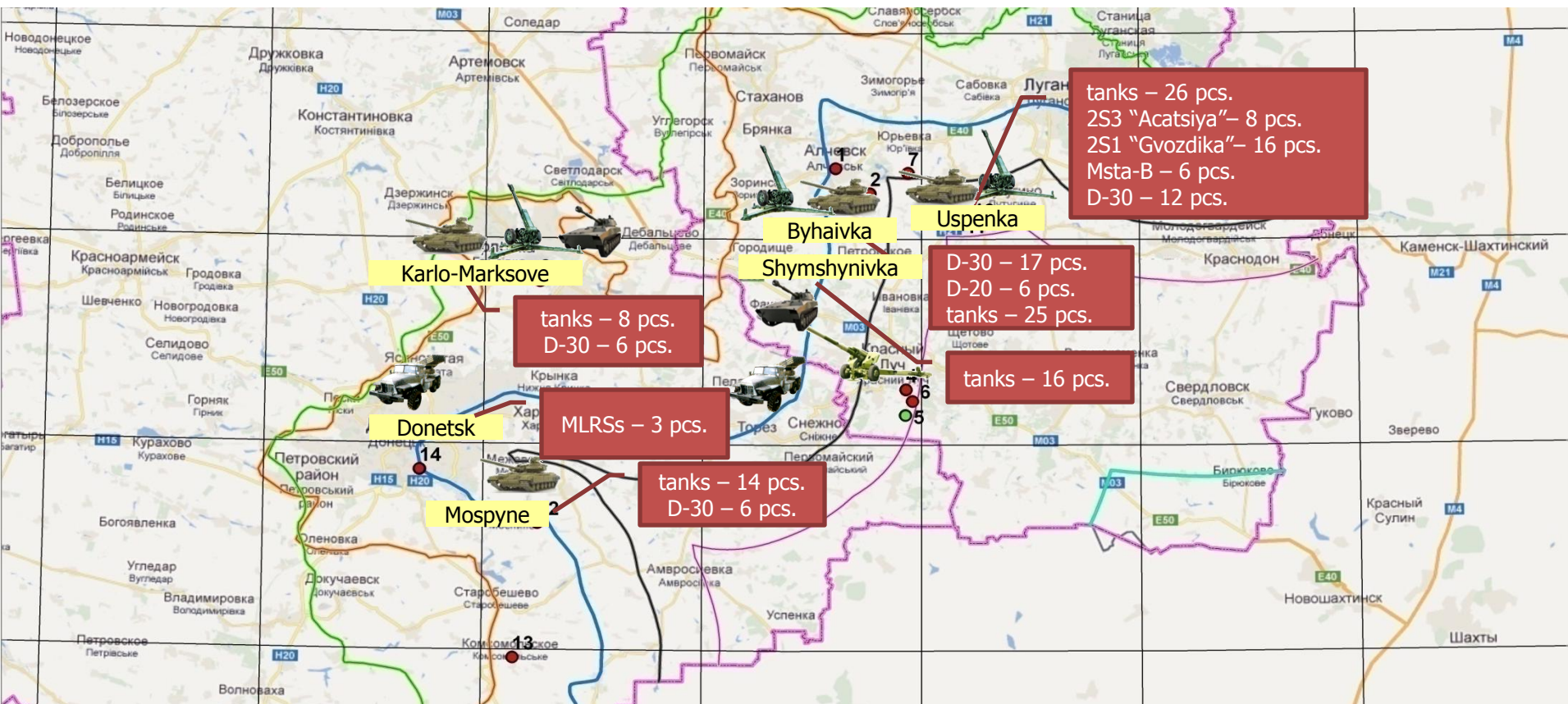


2015/2016	Small arms	82-mm	120-mm	122-mm	152-mm	tanks	BM-21 MLRS	total
January 2016	1161	22	11	1	-	9	-	<b>1204</b>
February 2016	1450	44	16	3	-	-	-	<b>1422</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2611</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2717</b>

As a result of the cease-fire violations by pro-Russian fighters (since late January 2016) at least **19** Ukrainians were killed and **67** were wounded



# VERIFIED CASES OF RUSSIA'S NON-COMPLIANCES WITH MINSK AGREEMENTS



## Implementation of Minsk agreement's armaments withdrawal

Tanks	259 (75%)
Artillery	116 (17%)
MLRSs	22 (17%)

2016	Number of violations	Armaments withdrawal distance			
		15 km for tanks	25 km for Arty 100-mm and more	35 km for MLRS	70 km for MLRS, TBMS
January 2016	121	52	43	26	0
February 2016	126	52	42	31	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>

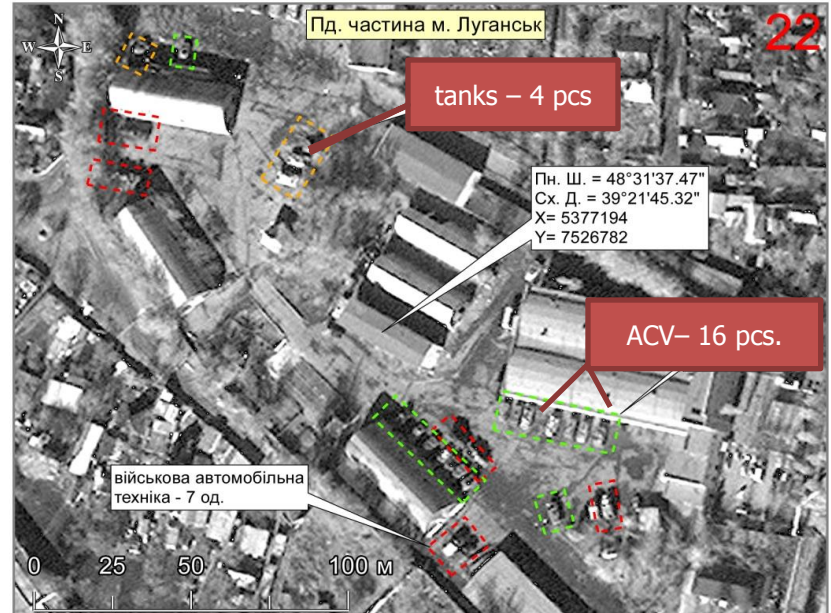
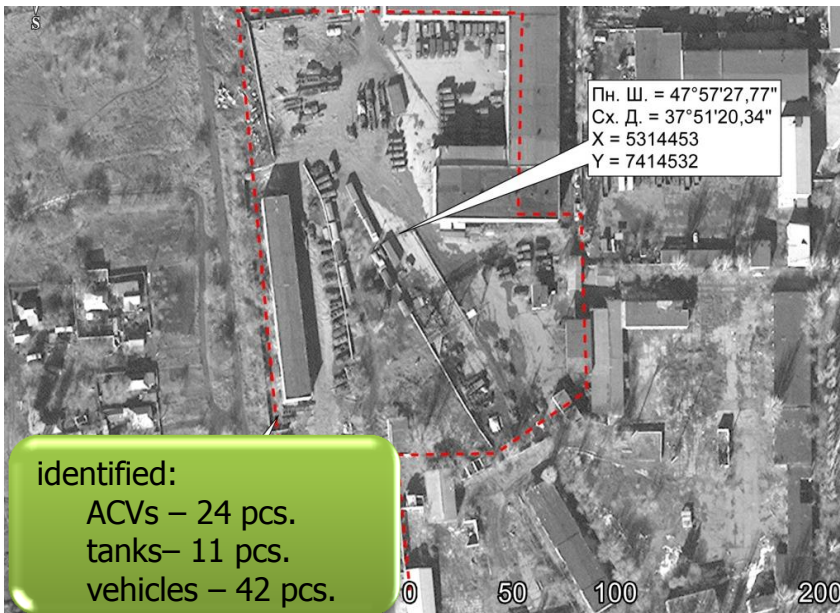
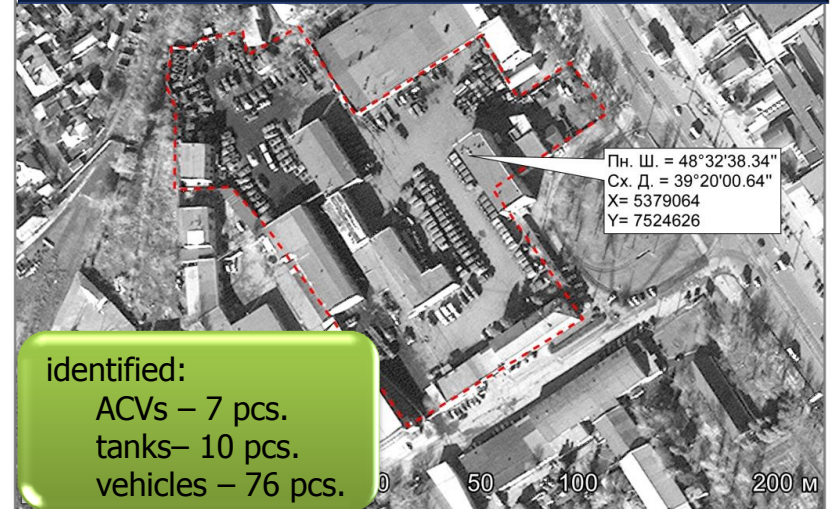


# MINSK AGREEMENTS VIOLATIONS BY RUSSIA

14 km to the line of contact,  
In the DONETSK city (02/08/2016)

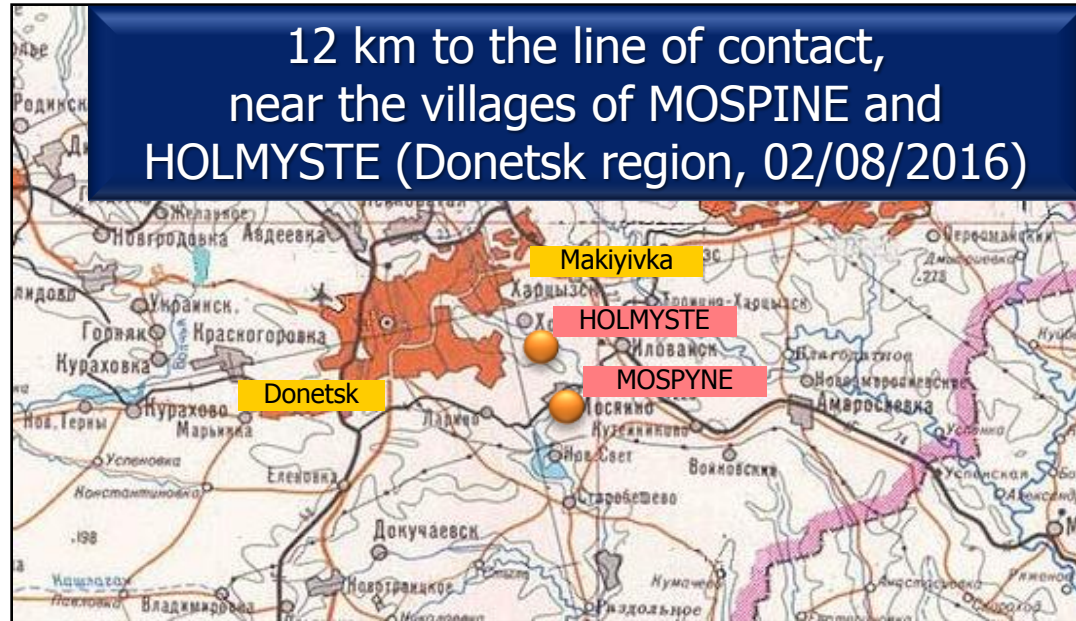


14 km to the line of contact,  
in the LUGANSK city (02/09/2016)



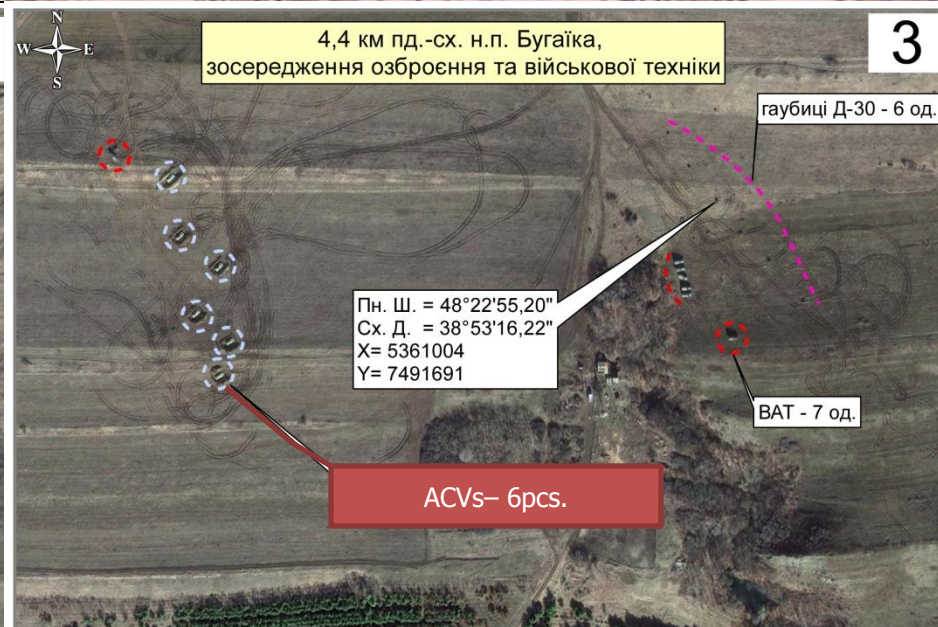
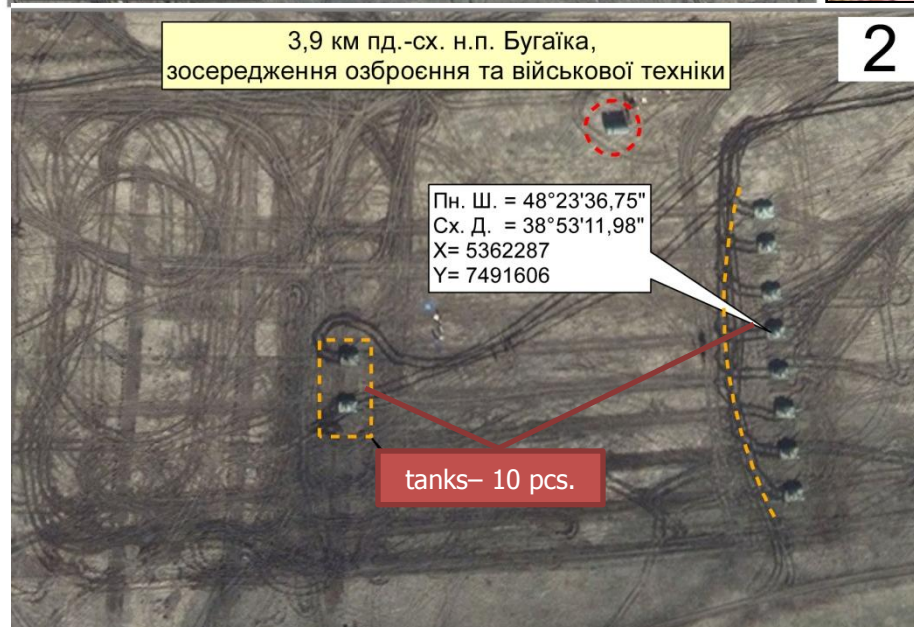
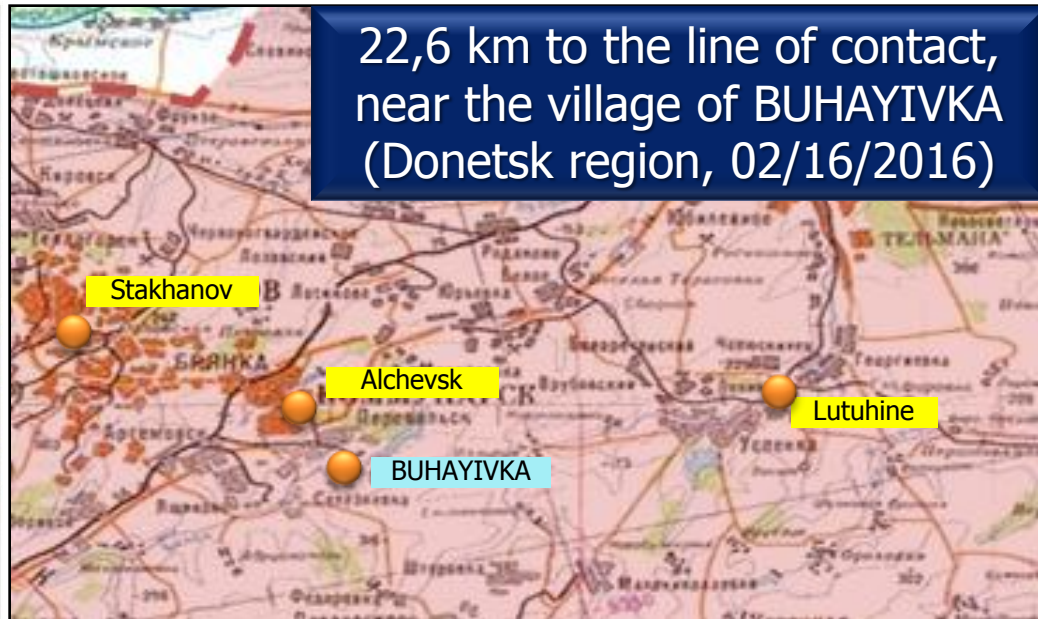


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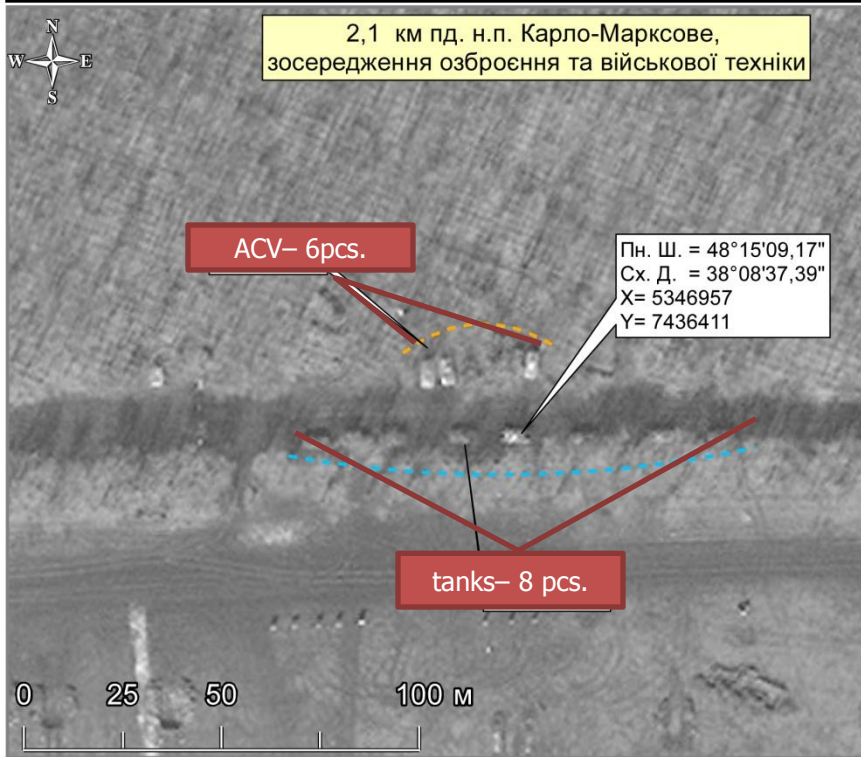
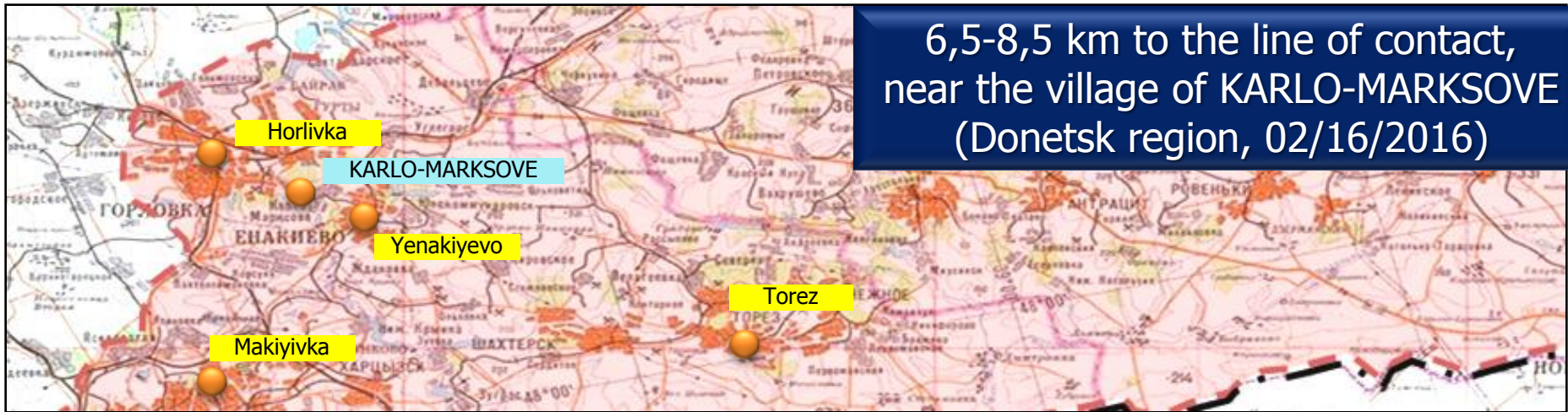
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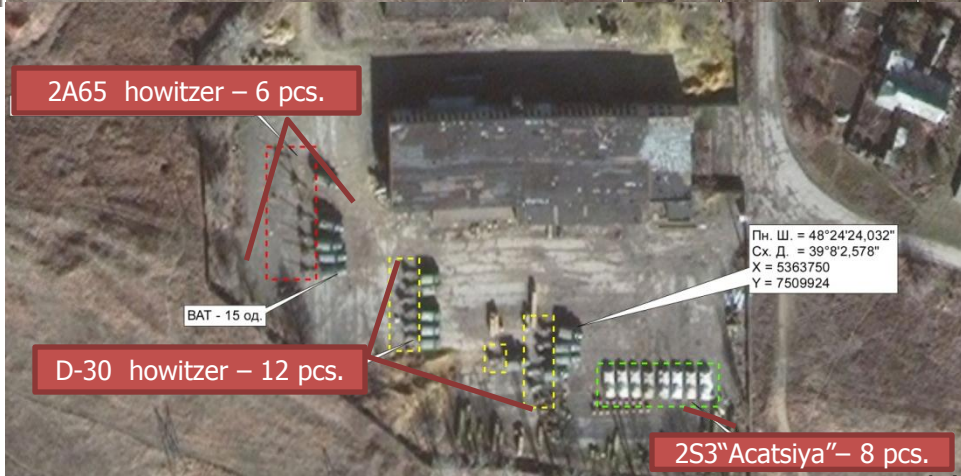
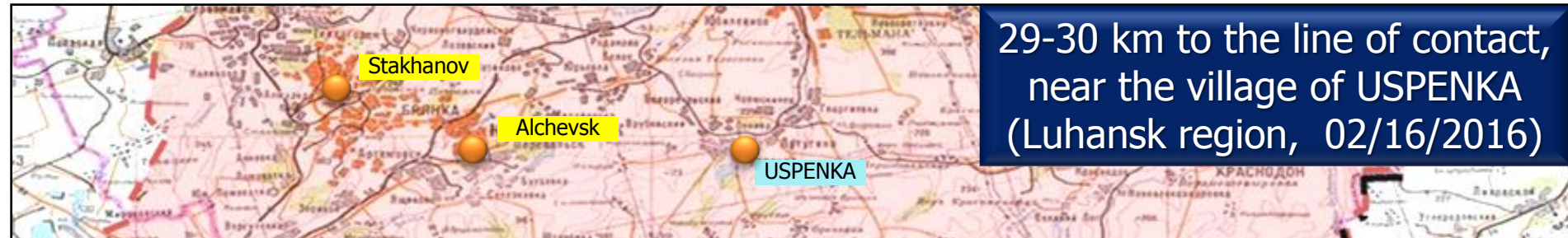
6,5-8,5 km to the line of contact,  
near the village of KARLO-MARKSOVE  
(Donetsk region, 02/16/2016)





# MINSK AGREEMENTS VIOLATIONS BY RUSSIA

29-30 km to the line of contact,  
near the village of USPENKA  
(Luhansk region, 02/16/2016)





# VERIFIED CASES OF RUSSIAN HEAVY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION SUPPLY TO THE EAST OF UKRAINE

58 cases of crossing was confirmed in Jan-Feb 2016:  
30 x trainloads and 28 x automobile and armored  
convoys with armaments, materiel, equipment and POL

## UKRAINE

## RUSSIA

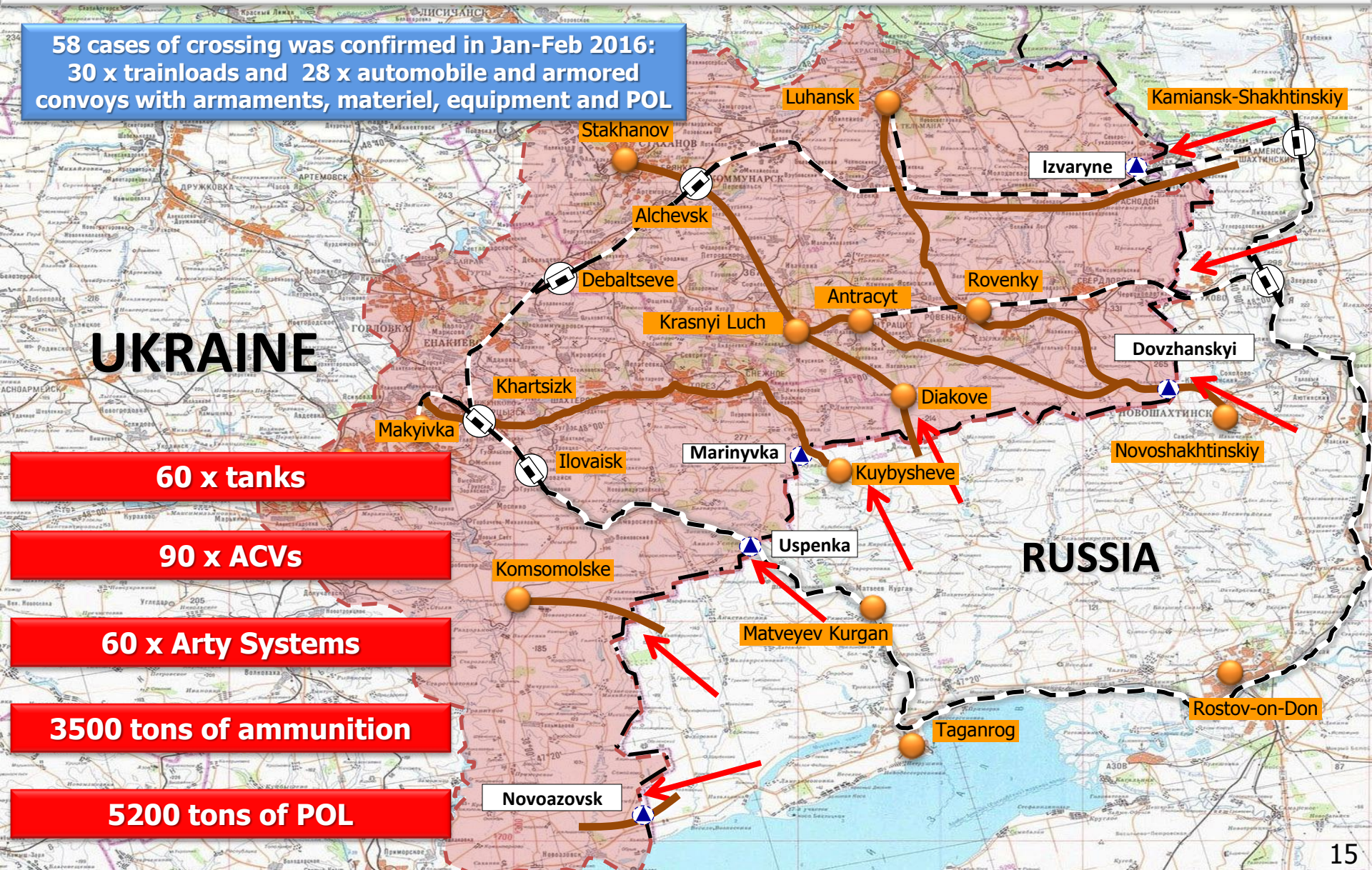
60 x tanks

90 x ACVs

60 x Arty Systems

3500 tons of ammunition

5200 tons of POL



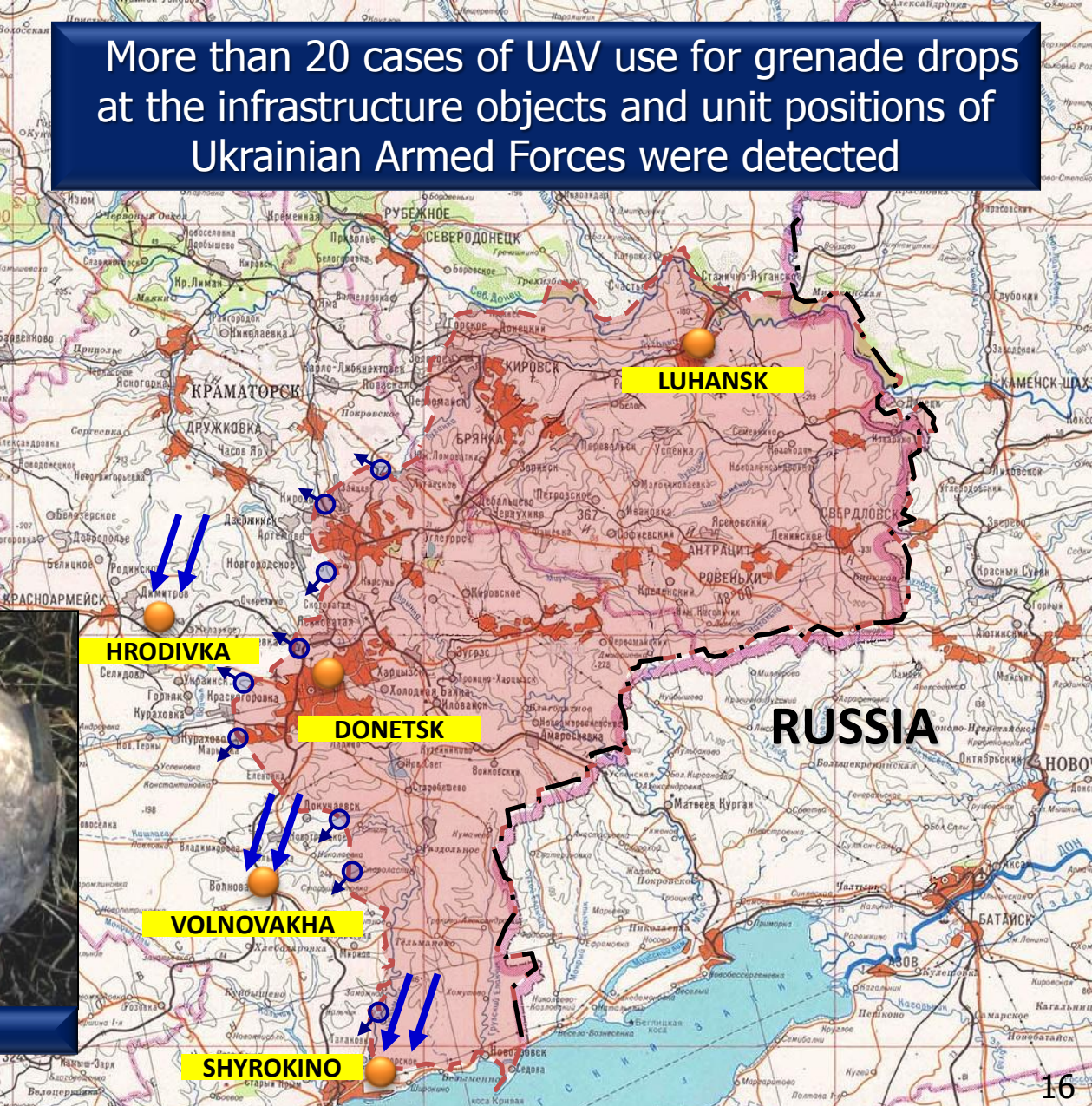


# GROWTH OF RUSSIAN OCCUPATION FORCES ISR ACTIVITY

More than 20 cases of UAV use for grenade drops at the infrastructure objects and unit positions of Ukrainian Armed Forces were detected



Grenades used by UAVs



**LUHANSK**

**HRODIVKA**

**DONETSK**

**VOLNOVAKHA**

**SHYROKINO**



# IDENTIFIED RUSSIAN SERVICEMEN PARTICIPATING IN SUBVERSIVE AND TERRORISTIC OPERATIONS ON UKRAINIAN TERRITORY



Sgt L. NIKITIN

Ukrainian forces spotted and neutralized **5** x enemy subversion and reconnaissance teams during the latest period. **11** x Russian servicemen killed and **14** x wounded during the operations.

Some of them were identified:

Sgt Leonid NIKITIN

Priv Igor SYDOROV

Priv Alexander PETRACHENKOV



Sgt L. NIKITIN





# **RUSSIAN CONTROL OVER THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN THE EAST OF UKRAINE**

**Russia still controls the functioning of the self-proclaimed authority  
on the occupied territories of Ukraine**



V. SURKOV



A. LYENTSOV

**Main Russian efforts are aimed at:**

- extending the control over the territories up to the administrative borders of Donetsk and Luhansk regions;
- forcing the leadership of Ukraine to recognize “DNR” and “LNR”;



D. DENISOV

- integration of the self-proclaimed quasi-republics to the political and economic system of Russia;
- involvement of international organizations, first of all OSCE, into the implementation of Russian plans in Ukraine;
- prolongation of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict and preparations for long-term confrontation with the Western world.

# **SUMMARY**

**Russia still keeps aggressive plans against Ukraine**

**Russian occupation troops continue firing at Ukrainian territories and localities, keep a large amount of heavy armaments close to the line of contact**

**Russian Armed Forces prepare to resume hostilities to reach the administrative borders of Donetsk and Luhansk regions as well as to take the land corridor to Crimea**