

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



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



RUSSIAN PREPARATIONS FOR COMBAT ACTIONS AGAINST UKRAINE

Russia conducts large-scale demonstrative exercises and snap checks involving all command and control bodies and services of the Armed Forces

Combat trainings of 1st and 2nd 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 some directions are being reinforced and kept in a readiness for the immediate employment

Russian forces fire provocatively at ATO positions, incl. using a 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

ISR activity is growing



MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES OPERATIONAL AND COMBAT EXERCISES IN THE WEST AND SOUTH-WEST STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- ✓ Strategic command and staff training of the Russian Armed Forces Command and Control (March, 22-26 2016) —
- ✓ Snap inspection of the Russian Airborne Forces (March, 22-25 2016)
- ✓ Command and staff training of the Southern military district units (March, 22-23 2016)
- ✓ Flight Tactic exercise “Ladoga-2016” of the 105th mixed air division (Voronezh) of the 6th Army of Air Forces and Air Defence (St.Petersburg) of the Western military district (March, 22-26 2016)
- ✓ Tactical training (started on March, 15 2016) of the missile units of Southern and Western military districts, armed with the SRBM “Iskander-M”
- ✓ Examination of the Black Sea Fleet combat training and inspection of the military infrastructure development in occupied Crimea by the Russian Minister of Defence Sergey SHOYGU (March, 22 2016)



STRATEGIC COMMAND AND STAFF TRAINING OF RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES

March, 22-26 2016



RUSSIA

MoD

GS

MOSCOW

BELARUS



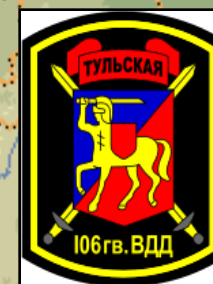
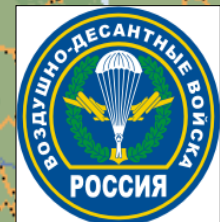
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**Main goal: inspection of operational readiness level of the groups of forces
for missions in the regions of Russian geopolitical interests**



SNAP INSPECTION OF AIRBORNE FORCES COMBAT READINESS WITH THE USE OF TRANSPORT AND ARMY AVIATION AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS

March, 22-25 2016



Units:

- 98th Airborne Division (Ivanovo);
- 106th Airborne Division (Tula);
- 31st Separate Air-Assault Brigade (Ulianovsk);
- 45th Separate Special Operations Brigade (Kubinka)

Training goals:

- transferring to the pointed areas by land and air routes;
- airborne landing;
- live firings;
- support of Land Forces by Su-25 and Su-24M aircraft;
- communication training using "Andromeda-D" operational level C3 system of airborne forces.

SMD resources involved

personnel	vehicles
400	20



COMMAND AND STAFF TRAINING OF SOUTHERN MILITARY DISTRICT OF THE RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES

March, 22-25 2016

The training was conducted on the single operational background with the Strategic command and staff training, including the command facilities of units in the occupied Crimea

UKRAINE

RUSSIA

The Sea of Azov

The Caspian Sea

The Black Sea

Topic: "Preparation and execution of international armed conflict localization operation of the JTF in the South-Western strategic direction"



FLIGHT TACTIC EXERCISE "LADOGA-2016" OF THE TACTICAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT CREWS OF THE 6TH ARMY OF AIR FORCES AND AIR DEFENCE OF THE WESTERN MILITARY DISTRICT

March, 21-26 2016



Up to 50 air-crews of the Su-27, Su-34, MiG-29SMT, MiG-31BM.



Training goals:

- adversary aircraft search, interception and engagement;
- air and ground targets engagement with on-board armament at night and daylight time.



TACTICAL TRAINING OF MISSILE UNITS OF SOUTHERN AND WESTERN MILITARY DISTRICTS

March, 22-25 2016



SMD resources involved	
personnel	vehicles
100	30

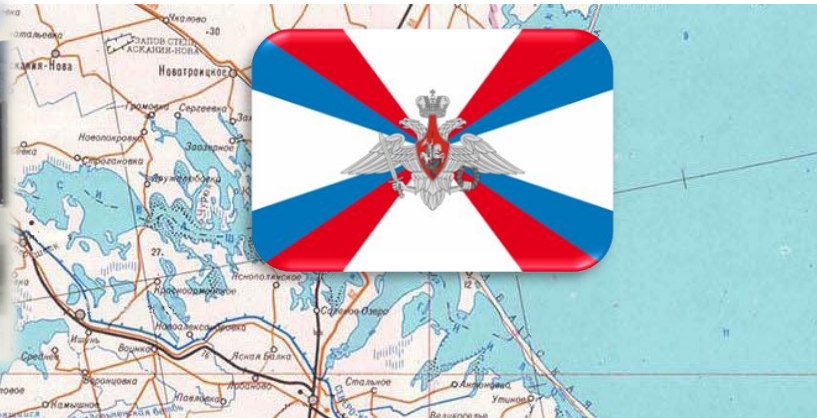
SRBM "Iskander-M"



- Training goals:**
- route march to the positions area;
 - engineer equipment of the positions;
 - defining target coordinates using UAVs;
 - missile strike;
 - change of the positions area.



NEW RUSSIAN MILITARY UNITS FORMATION IN THE OCCUPIED CRIMEA



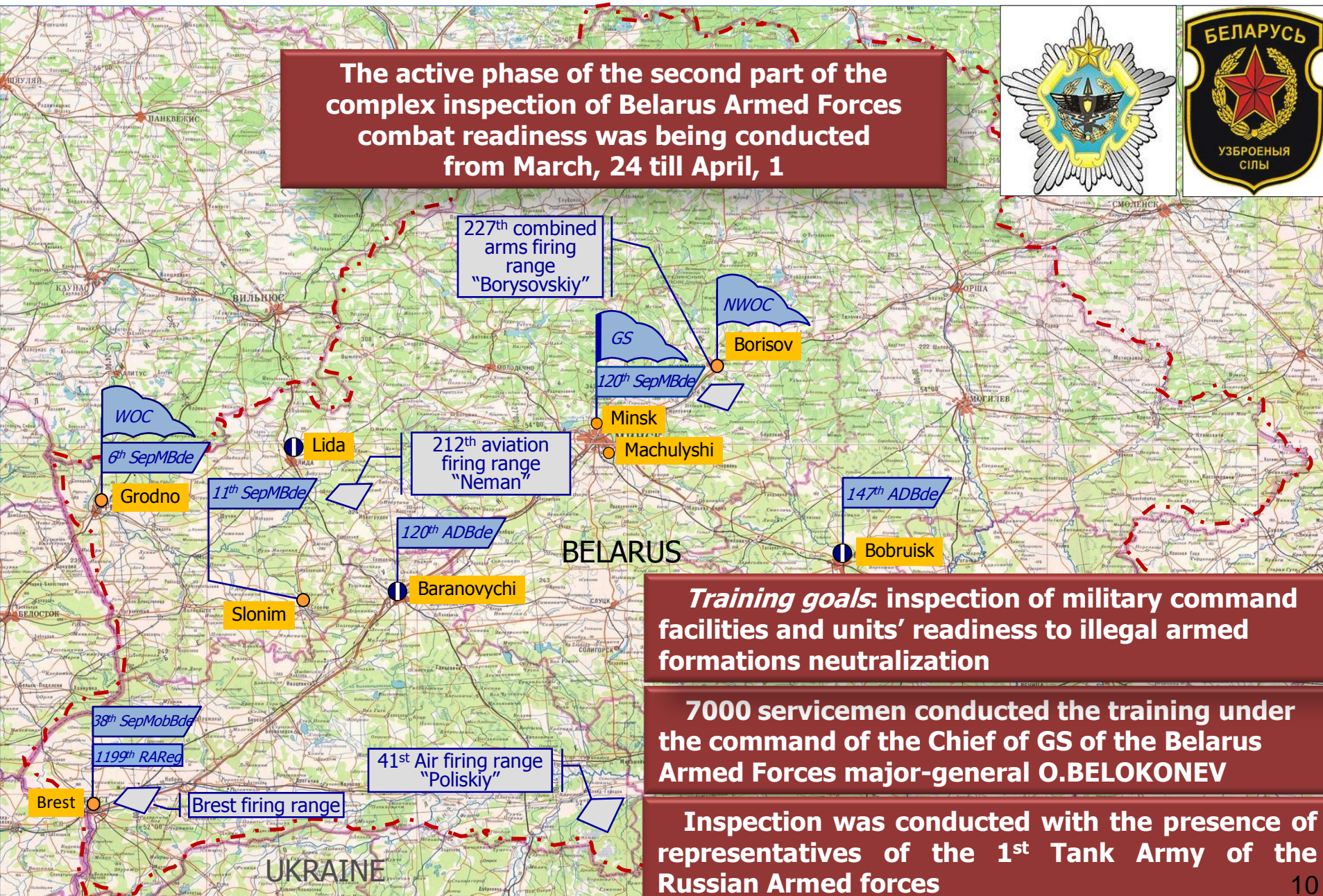
March 22, Defence minister of the Russian Federation S.SHOYGU visited the newly formed 126th Separate Coastal Defence brigade and 8th Artillery regiment of Black Sea Fleet





COMPLEX INSPECTION OF BELARUS ARMED FORCES COMBAT READINESS

The active phase of the second part of the complex inspection of Belarus Armed Forces combat readiness was being conducted from March, 24 till April, 1



Training goals: inspection of military command facilities and units' readiness to illegal armed formations neutralization

7000 servicemen conducted the training under the command of the Chief of GS of the Belarus Armed Forces major-general O.BELOKONEV

Inspection was conducted with the presence of representatives of the 1st Tank Army of the Russian Armed forces



JOINT RUSSIAN-BELARUS TRAINING OF MOBILE FORCES (UNITS OF RUSSIAN AIRBORNE FORCES AND BELARUS SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES)

March, 29 – April, 1 2016



BELARUS

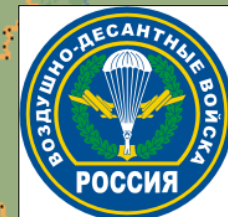
UKRAINE

SMD resources involved	
personnel	vehicles
250	50

Ulianovsk

31st SepAir
AssltBde

RUSSIA



31st Air assault brigade of the Russian Airborne Forces and 38th separate mobile brigade of the Belarus Special Operations Forces were involved

Training goals:

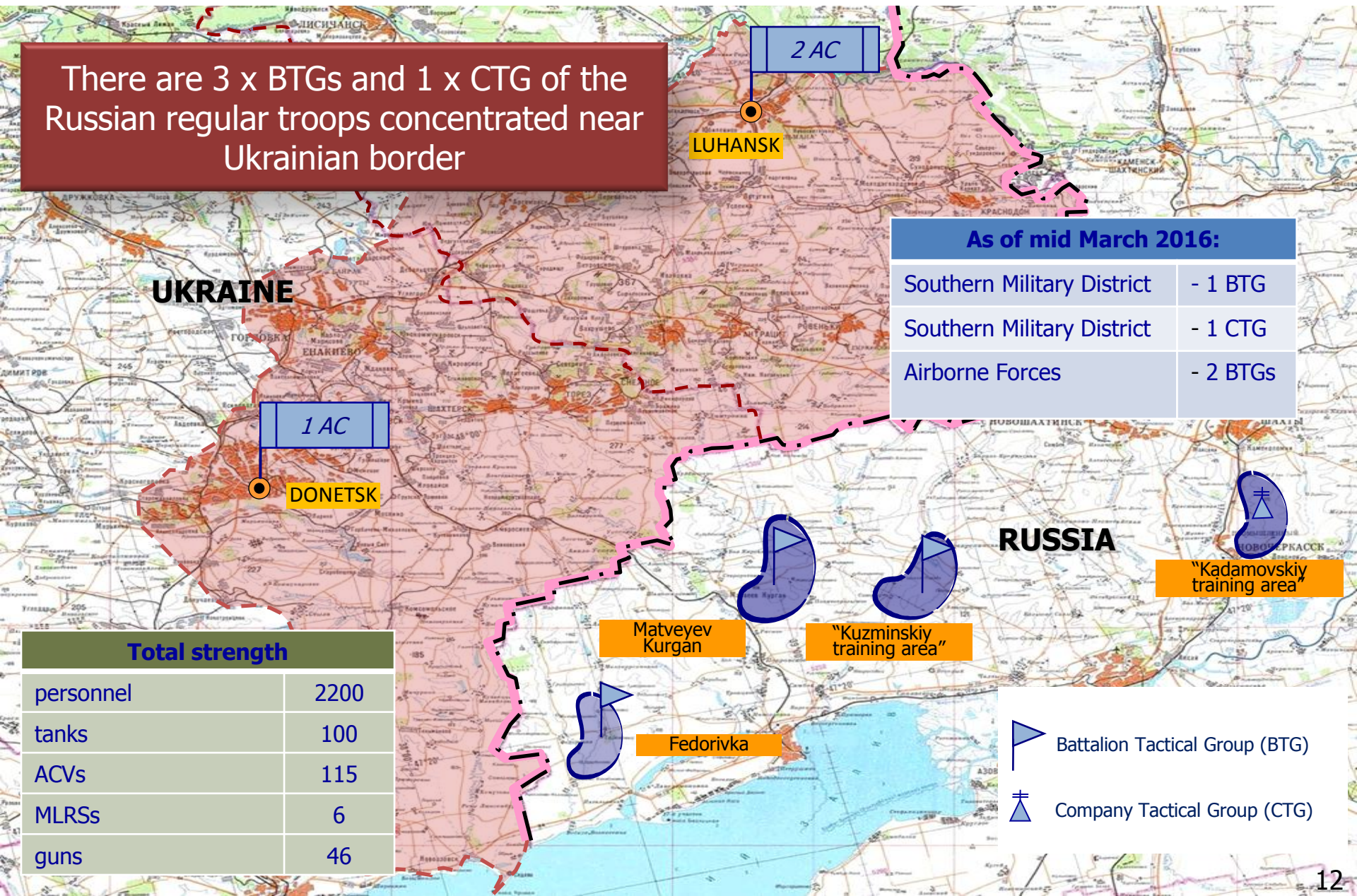
- Russian and Belarusian units integration;
- illegal armed groups neutralization.

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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

UKRAINE

1 AC

DONETSK

As of mid March 2016:

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

RUSSIA

"Kadamovskiy training area"

Matveyev Kurgan

"Kuzminskiy training area"

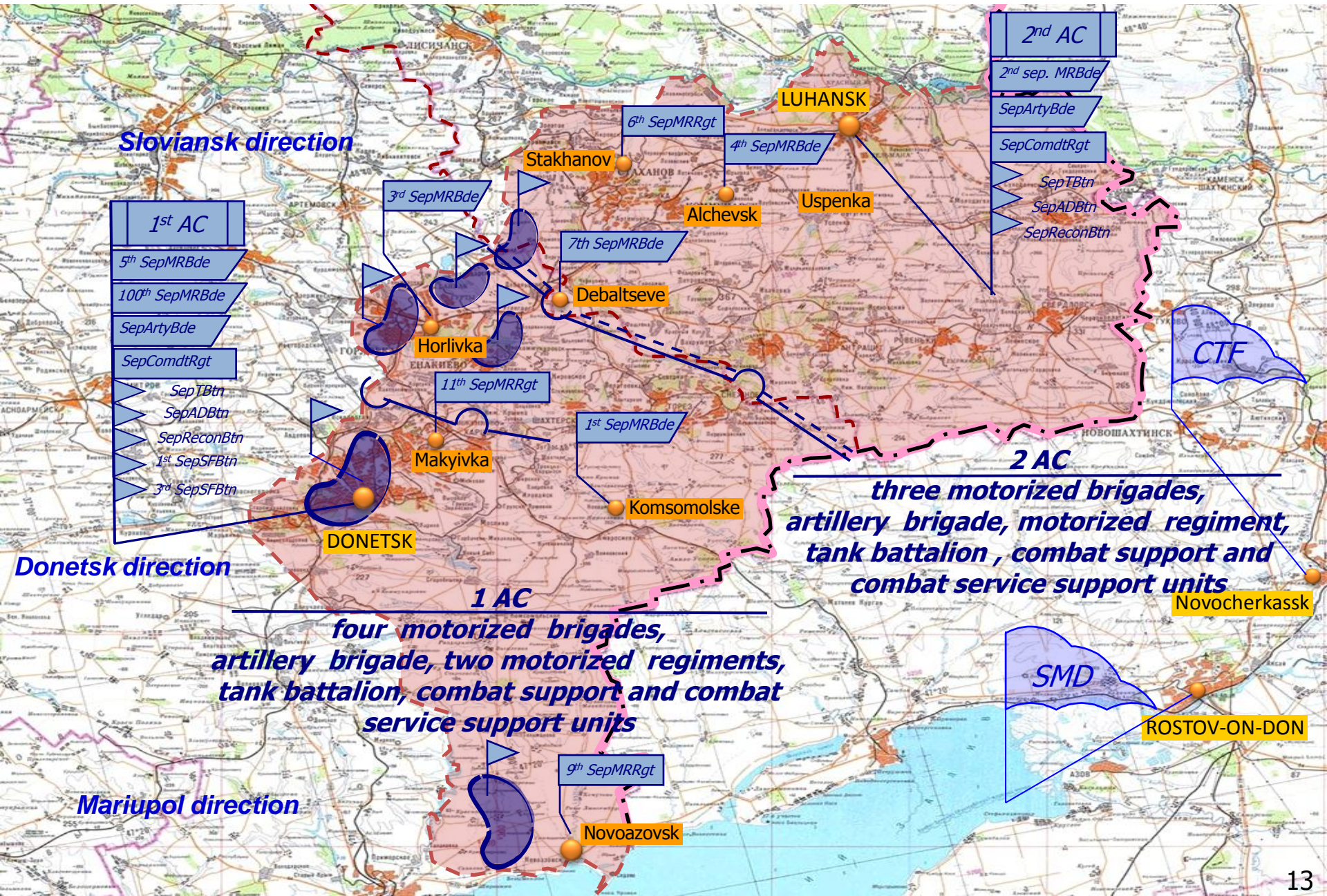
Fedorivka

Total strength	
personnel	2200
tanks	100
ACVs	115
MLRSs	6
guns	46

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



RUSSIAN OCCUPATION FORCES PREPARE TO RESUME HOSTILITIES AND TO EXTEND CONTROLLED TERRITORIES



Sloviansk direction

- 1st AC
- 5th SepMRBde
- 100th SepMRBde
- SepArtyBde
- SepComdtRgt
- SepTBtn
- SepADBtn
- SepReconBtn
- 1st SepSFBtn
- 3rd SepSFBtn

Donetsk direction

1 AC
four motorized brigades, artillery brigade, two motorized regiments, tank battalion, combat support and combat service support units

Mariupol direction

- 9th SepMRRgt
- Novoazovsk

- 6th SepMRRgt
- 4th SepMRBde
- Stakhanov
- Alchevsk
- Uspenka
- 7th SepMRBde
- Debaltseve
- Horlivka
- 11th SepMRRgt
- 1st SepMRBde
- Komsomolske

2 AC
three motorized brigades, artillery brigade, motorized regiment, tank battalion, combat support and combat service support units

- 2nd AC
- 2nd sep. MRBde
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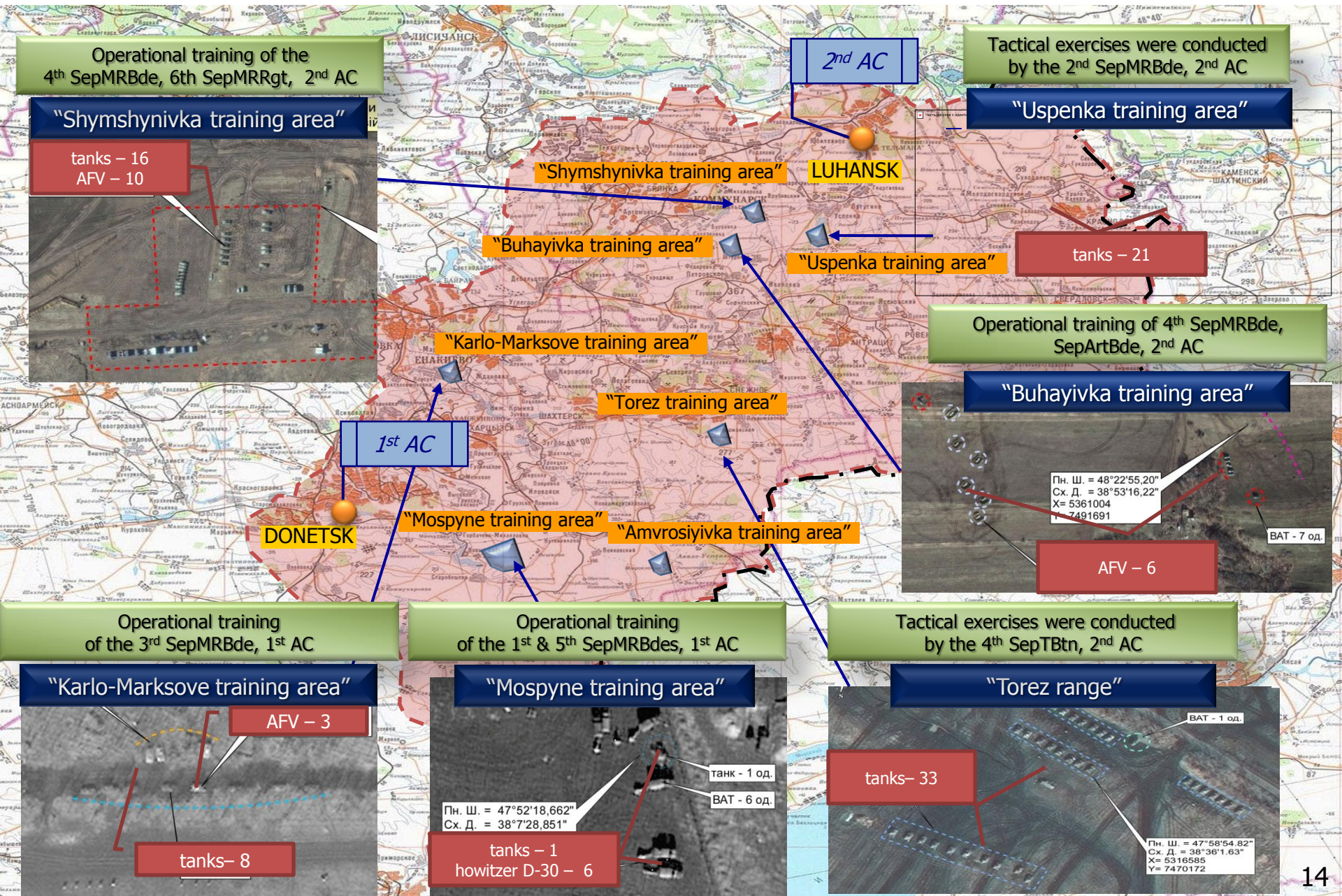
Novocherkassk

SMD

ROSTOV-ON-DON



COMBAT TRAINING OF RUSSIAN OCCUPATION FORCES IN THE EAST OF UKRAINE



Operational training of the 4th SepMRBde, 6th SepMRRgt, 2nd AC

"Shymshynivka training area"

tanks – 16
AFV – 10



2nd AC

Tactical exercises were conducted by the 2nd SepMRBde, 2nd AC

"Uspenka training area"

"Shymshynivka training area"

LUHANSK

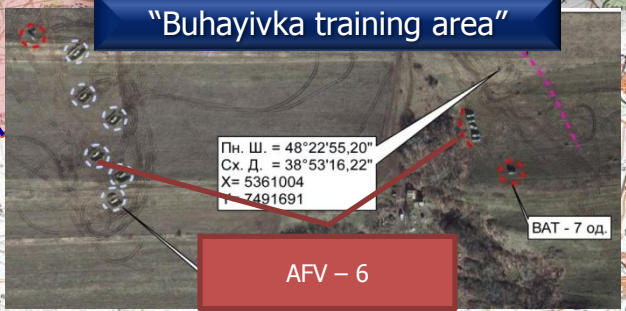
"Buhayivka training area"

"Uspenka training area"

tanks – 21

Operational training of 4th SepMRBde, SepArtBde, 2nd AC

"Buhayivka training area"



1st AC

DONETSK

"Mospyne training area"

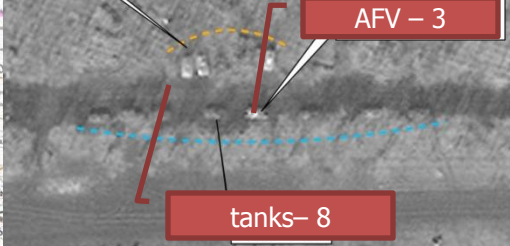
"Amvrosiyivka training area"

"Torez training area"

Operational training of the 3rd SepMRBde, 1st AC

"Karlo-Marksove training area"

AFV – 3



Operational training of the 1st & 5th SepMRBdes, 1st AC

"Mospyne training area"

Пн. Ш. = 47°52'18.662"
Сх. Д. = 38°7'28.851"

tanks – 1
howitzer D-30 – 6



Tactical exercises were conducted by the 4th SepTBtn, 2nd AC

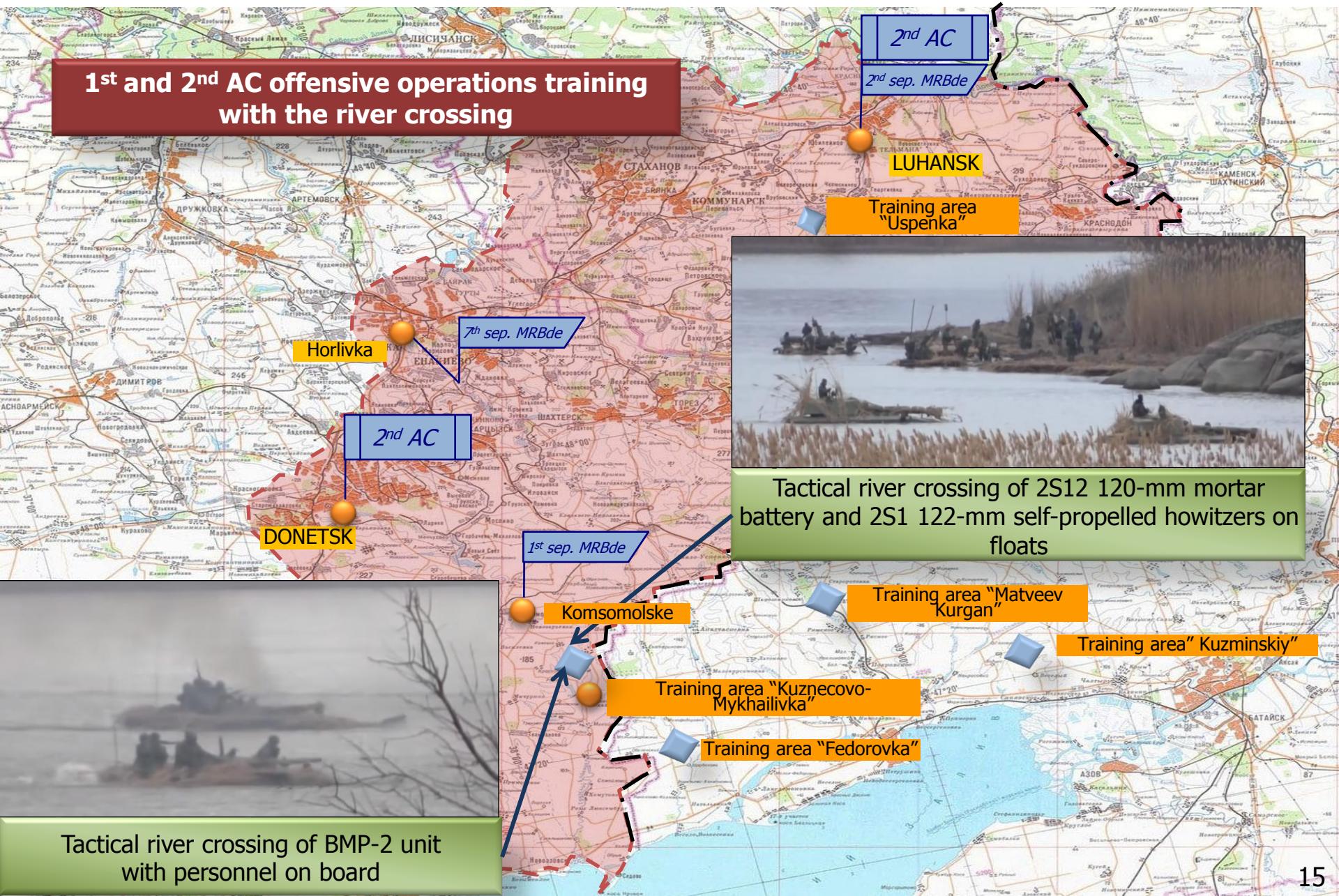
"Torez range"





RUSSIAN SOUTHERN MILITARY DISTRICT UNITS TRAINING FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE UKRAINIAN DIRECTION

1st and 2nd AC offensive operations training with the river crossing



2nd AC

2nd sep. MRBde

LUHANSK

Training area "Uspenka"

Horlivka

7th sep. MRBde

2nd AC

DONETSK

1st sep. MRBde

Komsomolske

Training area "Matveev Kurgan"

Training area "Kuzminskiy"

Training area "Kuznecovo-Mykhailivka"

Training area "Fedorovka"



Tactical river crossing of 2S12 120-mm mortar battery and 2S1 122-mm self-propelled howitzers on floats



Tactical river crossing of BMP-2 unit with personnel on board



MINSK AGREEMENTS VIOLATIONS BY RUSSIA

(number of firings)

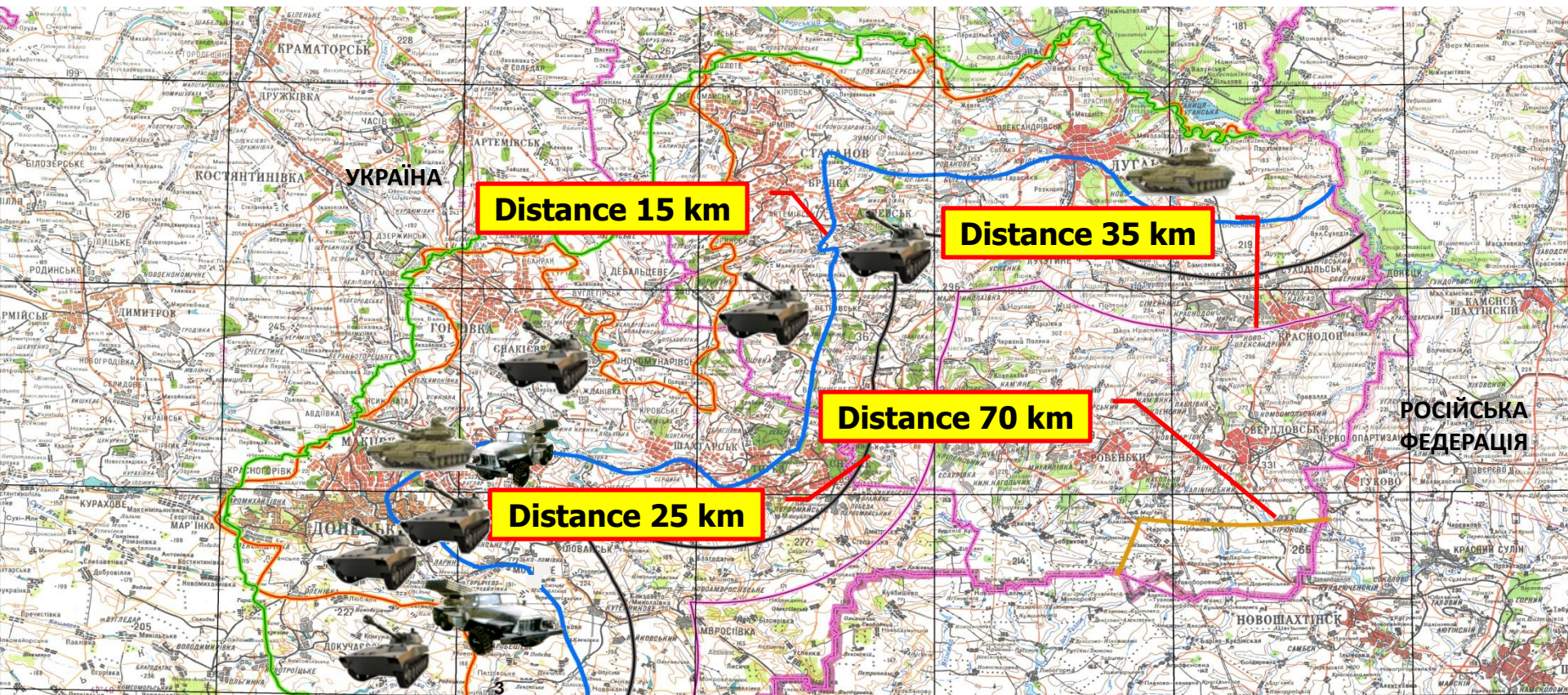


2016	Small arms	82-mm	120-mm	122-mm	152-mm	tanks	BM-21 MLRS	total
January	1161	22	11	1	-	9	-	1204
February	1597	46	24	3	-	-	1	1671
March	1156	68	34	7	10	14	-	1289
Total:	3914	136	69	11	10	23	1	4164

As a result of the cease-fire violations by pro-Russian fighters (since late January 2016) at least **23** Ukrainians were killed and **72** were wounded



MINSK AGREEMENTS VIOLATIONS BY RUSSIA



Implementation of Minsk agreement's armaments withdrawal

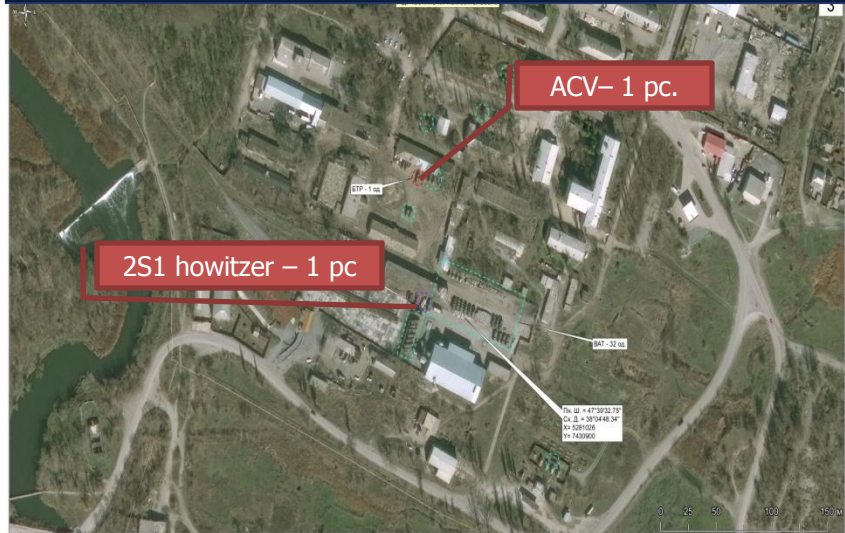
Tanks	259 (75%)
Artillery	116 (17%)
MLRSS	22 (17%)

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
March 2016	124	44	51	29	0
Total	371	148	136	86	1

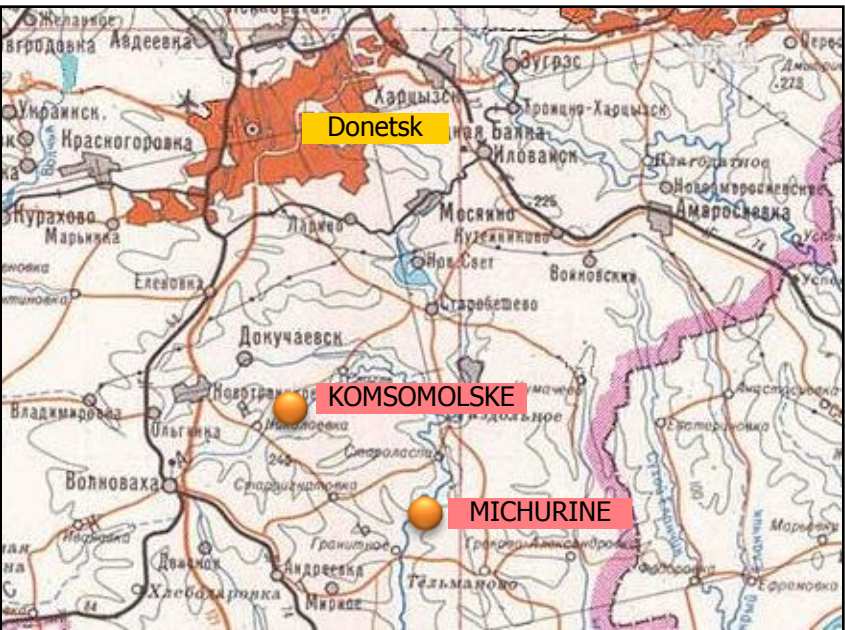
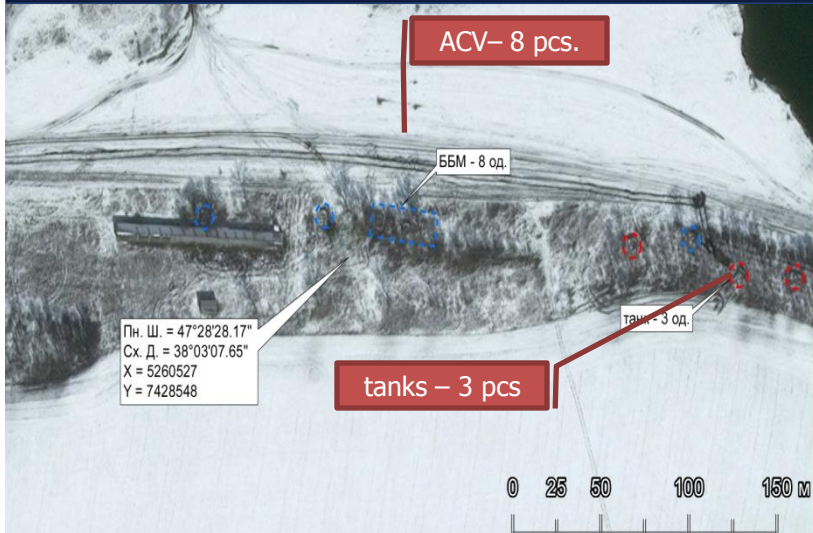


MINSK AGREEMENTS VIOLATIONS BY RUSSIA

4,1 km to the line of contact,
Komsomolske village (24/03/2016)



7,9 km to the line of contact,
Michurine village (24/03/2016)



13,8 km to the line of contact,
in DONETSK city (15/03/2016)



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

100 cases of crossing were confirmed in Jan-Mar 2016:
58 x trainloads and 42 x automobile and armored
convoys with armaments, materiel, equipment and POL

UKRAINE

RUSSIA

91 x tanks

127 x ACVs

78 x Arty Systems

3500 x tons of ammunition

6800 x tons of POL





IN MARCH 2016 RUSSIANS ALSO REGULARLY USED BORDER CROSSING POST OF KUIBYSHEVO TO BRING IN RUSSIAN HEAVY WEAPONRY FROM THE TOWN OF KUIBYSHEVO (RUSSIA) TO MAKIIVKA AND DONETSK IN UKRAINE

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On 1 Mar 2016 5x military trucks with 8x 2A65 "Msta-B" 152-mm howitzers were spotted in the city of Donetsk and the town of Makiivka

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On 6 Mar 2016 3x T-72 main battle tanks were registered in the town of Makiivka

Makiivka

Donetsk

Kuibyshevo

Kuibyshevo

2016-03-11 23

On 11 Mar 2016 5x military trucks with 5x D-30 122-mm howitzers were filmed near the town of Makiivka

2016-03-09

On 9 Mar 2016 4x 2S1 "Gvozdika" 122-mm self-propelled howitzers were spotted in the town of Makiivka



IN MARCH 2016 RUSSIANS ALSO REGULARLY USED BORDER CROSSING POST OF USPENKA TO BRING IN RUSSIAN HEAVY WEAPONRY FROM THE TOWN OF MATVEEV KURGAN (RUSSIA) TO MAKIIVKA AND DONETSK IN UKRAINE



On 9 Mar 2016 6x military trucks with 6x D-30 122-mm howitzers were spotted on approach to Donetsk and Makiivka



On 12 Mar 2016 18x T-72 main battle tanks were noticed in the town of Makiivka



On 12 Mar 2016 6x military trucks with 5x D-30 122-mm howitzers were filmed in the city of Donetsk



On 12 Mar 2016 a column of 4x 2S1 "Gvozdika" 122-mm self-propelled howitzers was registered on its way from Matveev Kurgan (Russia) through Uspenka border post and the town of Mospyne to the town of Makiivka

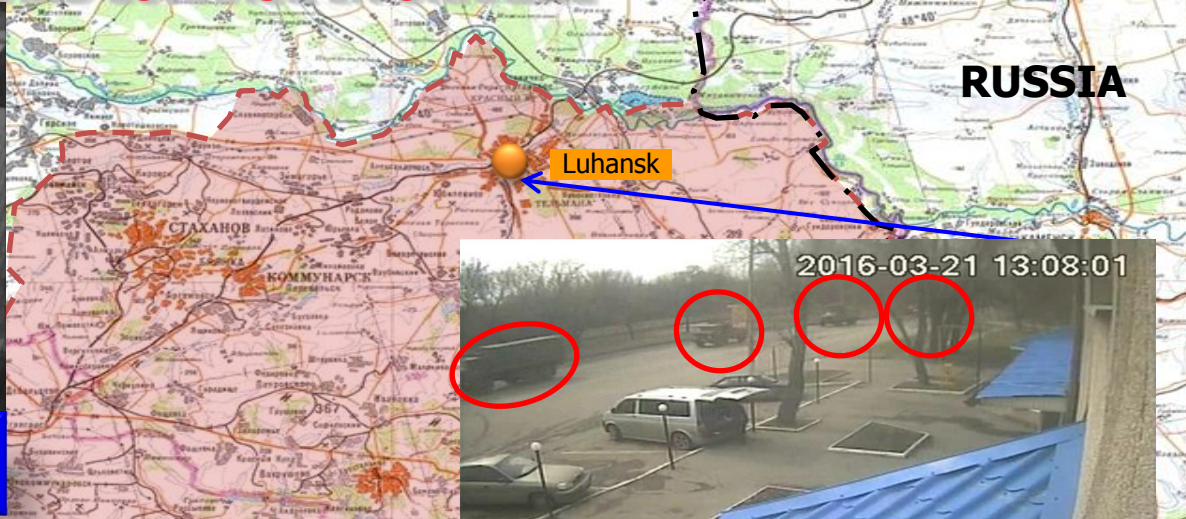




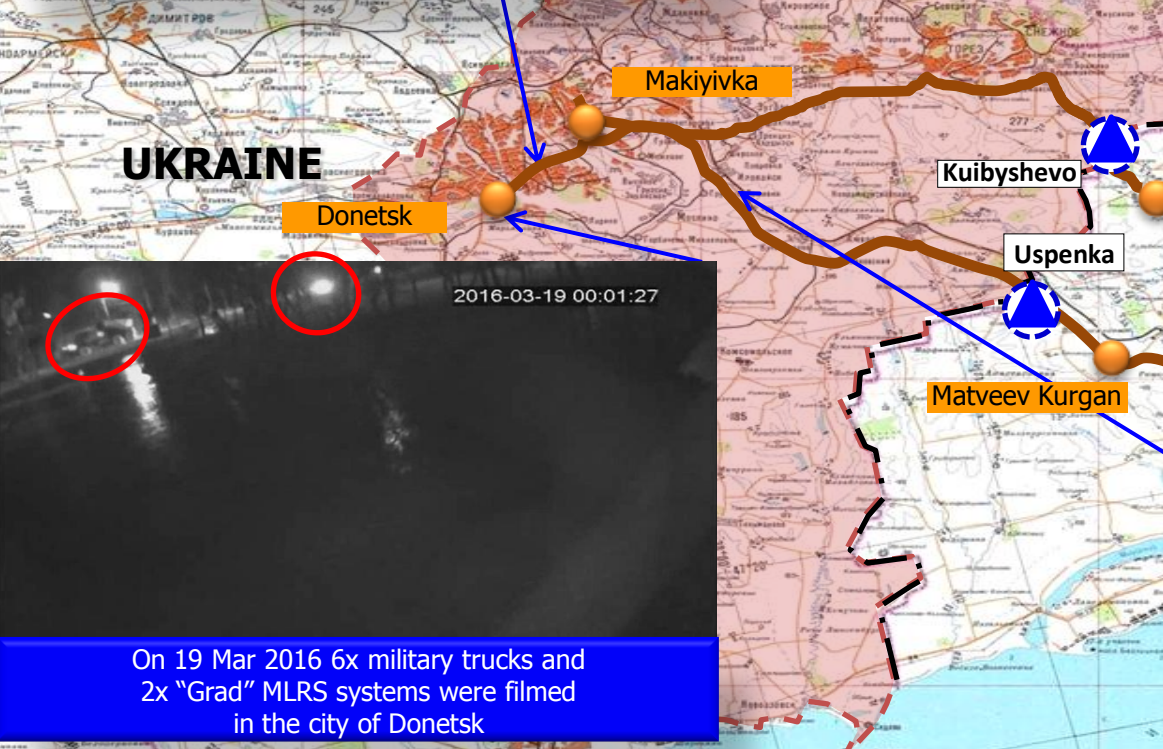
IN MARCH 2016 RUSSIANS ALSO REGULARLY USED BORDER CROSSING POST OF USPENKA TO BRING IN RUSSIAN HEAVY WEAPONRY TO MAKIIVKA, DONETSK AND LUHANSK IN UKRAINE



On 14 Mar 2016 13x military trucks with 8x D-30 122-mm howitzers were spotted on approach to Donetsk



On 21 Mar 2016 a column of 2x APC's and 12x military trucks were registered in the city of Luhansk



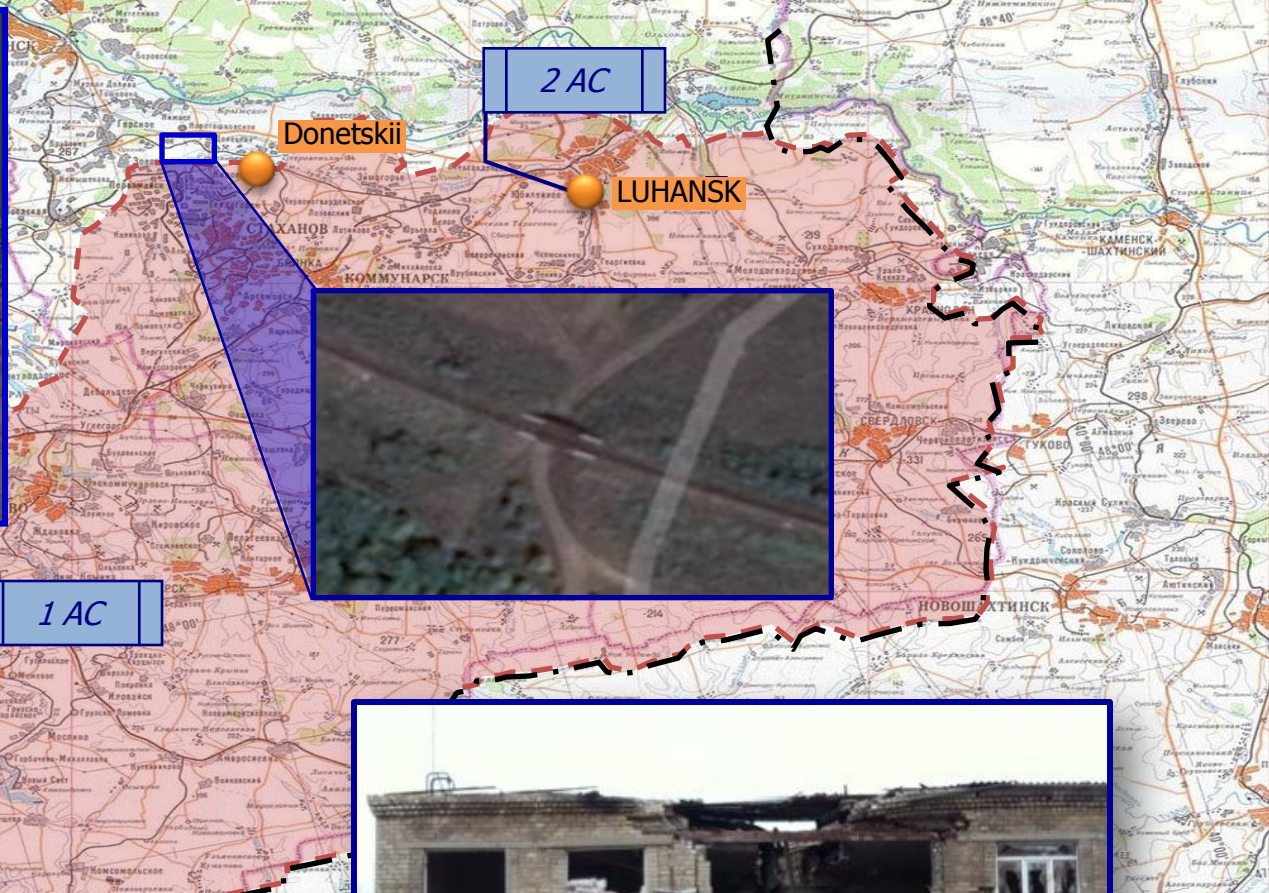
On 19 Mar 2016 6x military trucks and 2x "Grad" MLRS systems were filmed in the city of Donetsk



On 15 Mar 2016 11x unidentified (masked) combat vehicles were noticed in the town of Makiivka



RUSSIA DESTROYS INDUSTRY AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF DONBAS



Mining of Donetsk water filtering plant, railroad bridge and adjacent territory near Donetskiy (SLOVYANOSERBSK district, LUHANSK region)



IMPEDING OSCE MISSION ACTIVITY



2 AC

Bryanka

LUHANSK

18 March access denied to BRYANKA

1 AC

DONETSK

March access denied to BEZIMENNE

Bezimenne



SUMMARY

Russia still keeps aggressive plans against Ukraine

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

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