

One Killed and Several Wounded During Fighting in Donetsk, Ukrainian Military Says

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Members of the Ukrainian armed forces ride atop an armoured personnel carrier (APC) in the town of Avdiivka in Donetsk region, Ukraine.

KIEV — One Ukrainian serviceman was killed and ten others were wounded in separatist attacks in the troubled east of Ukraine in the 24 hours up to mid-day on Wednesday, the Ukrainian military said.

"The situation in the Donetsk region remains the most difficult and it has not undergone major changes — separatists are using tanks and mortars," Ukrainian military spokesman Andriy Lysenko said in a televised briefing.

Ukrainian forces and rebels accuse the other of regularly violating a ceasefire deal signed in Minsk, Belarus, in February.

Over 6,200 people have been killed since fighting erupted in April last year. Ukraine and NATO

accuse Russia of supporting rebels with troops and weapons, a charge the Kremlin denies.

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