OSCE Reports 1,500 Ceasefire Violations in East Ukraine

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Observers from the OSCE European security body on Saturday reported more than 1,500 ceasefire violations in east Ukraine in a single day, the highest number this year.

In a report covering attacks on Friday, its monitors recorded 591 breaches in Donetsk and 975 violations in neighboring Luhansk, two regions partly held by Russian-backed separatists.

A map breaking down the breaches showed the heaviest fighting now in the northwestern section of the Luhansk region, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) southeast of the government-held city of Severodonetsk.

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Ukraine's Interior Minister Denys Monastyrskiy experienced the clashes first–hand Saturday, ducking for cover as mortar shells fell within a few hundred meters of him while he toured the frontline with reporters.