

Ukrainian command reports 17 truce violations in first day

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In an online statement, the command stressed that in compliance with the truce which went into effect on Tuesday, its forces did not use artillery in response to the separatists' violations.

According to the command, there were no reports of casualties among Ukrainian troops, but seven civilians were wounded by the separatists.

The truce declared Tuesday is the second in the rebel zone since the outbreak of the conflict in April.

An earlier ceasefire agreed in September was largely ineffectual and fighting continued.

A total of 4,300 combatants and civilians have died in the conflict pitting the Ukrainian government against the separatists who are supported by Russia.

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