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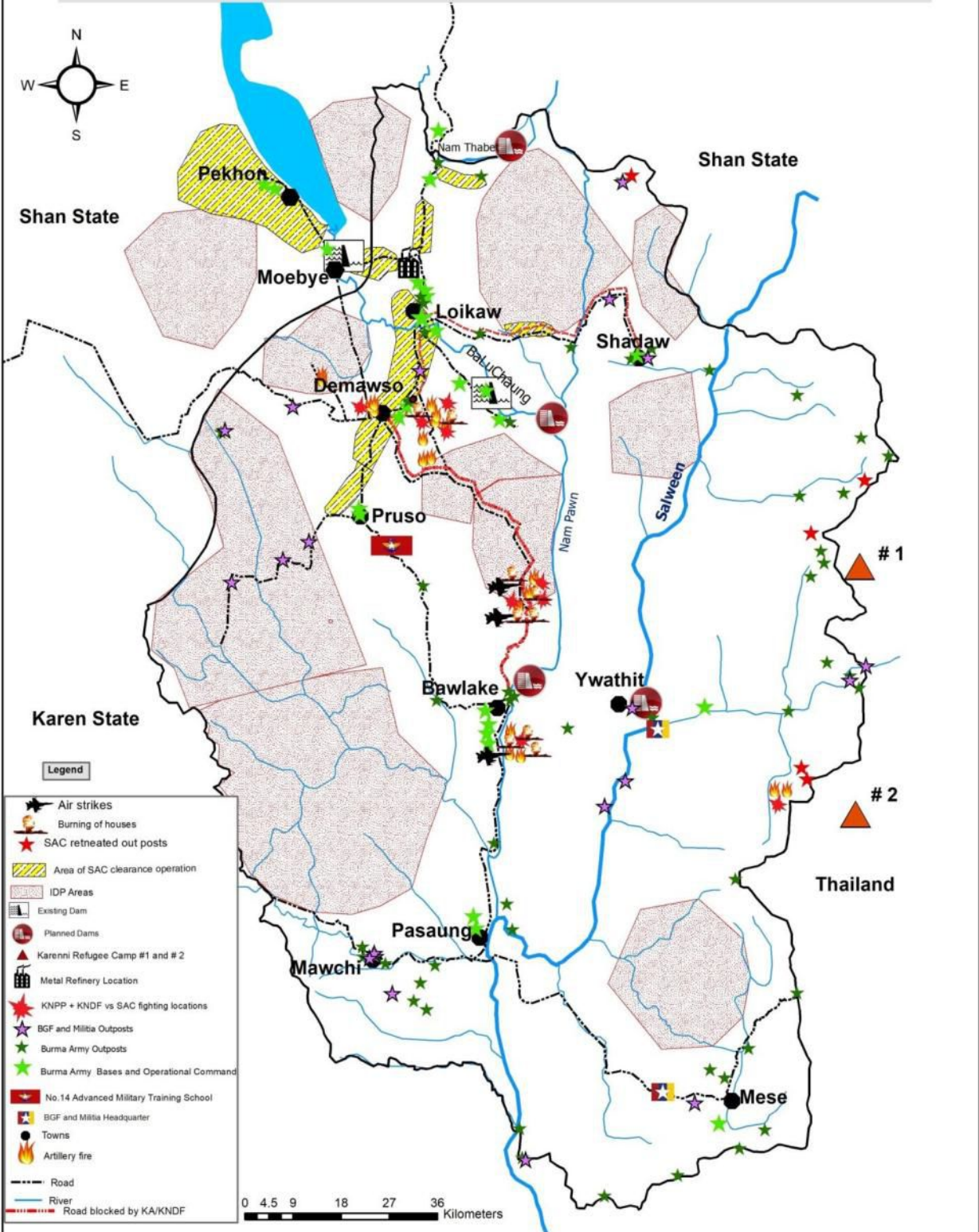
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Mar 13-26, 2023
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		1 Feb 2021 – Mar 12 2023	Mar 13 – 26 2023	Total
1	People killed	339	3	342
2	People arrested	345	7	352
3	People injured	351	12	363
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	157		157
	Demawso township	465	100	565
	Pekhon township	287		287
	Pruso township	65		65
	Bawlake township	2	21	23
	Shadaw township	1		1
5	Dismissal of CDM education staff			
	Pruso township	526		526
	Demawso township	1,123		1,123
	Mese township	78		78
	Pasaung township	152		152
	Shadaw township	54		54
	Pekhon township	648		648
	Bawlake township	42		42
	Total dismissed	2,623		2,623

Summary of displacement

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Mar 12, 2023	New IDPs Mar 13 - 26, 2023	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	52,311		52,311
2	Demawso	83,265		83,265
3	Pruso	4,403		4,403
4	Pasaung	4,000		4,000
5	Pekhon	56,000		56,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mese	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741	1,000	4,741
	Total	207,115		208,115

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations Mar 13-Mar 26, 2023



SAC retaliates for heavy conflict losses in Demawso and Bawlake with airstrikes, shelling and torching of civilian areas

SAC troops have been suffering increasingly heavy losses during their operations against resistance forces in Bawlake and Demawso, and have responded with large-scale torching of houses, shelling and airstrikes into civilian areas. Between March 20 and 23, after SAC forces attempting to seize back control of the Dawtama Gyi area in Demawso suffered 90 dead and 50 wounded, they burned down 100 houses in Dawtama Gyi tract, and launched airstrikes in Dawtama Gyi and Bawlake, killing three civilians and injuring five.

On March 14, at 5 pm, indiscriminate artillery shelling by SAC troops in western Demawso township hit a car and injured a woman in her left leg while riding in a car.

On March 16, in the morning, 120 SAC troops patrolling near Yay Ni Pot village, Bawlake township, clashed with Bawlake PDF for over one hour; 3 SAC soldiers were killed and some injured. In retaliation for the attacks, SAC fired shells indiscriminately into Yay Ni Pot and Mine Htar villages, injuring 4 villagers and damaging 20 homes and a Buddhist temple. After the clash, SAC arrested 7 villagers from Yay Ni Pot village and kept them in Bawlake police station, until their release on March 22, 2023. On the same day, at 1 pm, a SAC helicopter was shot by PDF forces while trying to land at the LIB 102 Demawso base, forcing the helicopter to turn back. After the helicopter was unable to land, SAC LIB 102 troops indiscriminately fired 6 artillery shells into eastern Demawso township. At 5 pm, the SAC outpost at BP 11, on the Thai-Burma border, was attacked and seized by a Karenni commando force at 5 pm; the bodies of three dead SAC soldiers were found, and some managed to escape.

On March 18, SAC LIB 531 troops patrolled near Tar Nee Lar Le village, Demawso township, and clashed with combined Karenni forces; five SAC soldiers were killed and several injured.

On March 20, at 6 am, SAC troops patrolled into Daw Nge Khan village, Demawso township, and clashed with Demawso PDF and KNDF; three SAC soldiers were killed and six of the Karenni combined troops were injured.

From March 20 to 23, several columns of SAC troops including from IB 12, LIB 515 and LIB 516 under Military Operations Command 2 in Central Shan State advancing into Dawtama Gyi village, Demawso township, clashed with KA, KNDF, Naypyidaw PDF and Bawlake PDF forces; 90 SAC soldiers were killed, including a major, and 50 injured. The Karenni combined forces also seized a lot of ammunition. Two KNDF, two KA, and one Naypyidaw PDF soldier were killed. During this time, the SAC troops torched 100 civilian houses in Dawtama Gyi village tract. On March 23, after suffering heavy casualties, SAC aircraft dropped six bombs in eastern Demawso township. On the same day, at 3 pm, SAC carried out an airstrike on timber workers near Wabla village, Bawlake township, killing three civilians and injuring five.



Temple damaged by SAC shelling in Yay Ni Pot village, Bawlake township



Torching houses in Dawtama Gyi village tract, Demawso township

On March 24, at 10 am, SAC indiscriminately shelled into western Demawso township, injuring three civilians and damaging a house. At 1:15 pm, a SAC fighter jet and two helicopters bombed Dawtama Gyi village three times.

On March 25, At midnight, SAC fighter jets dropped 4 bombs on Dawtama Gyi mountain even though there were no clashes.

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