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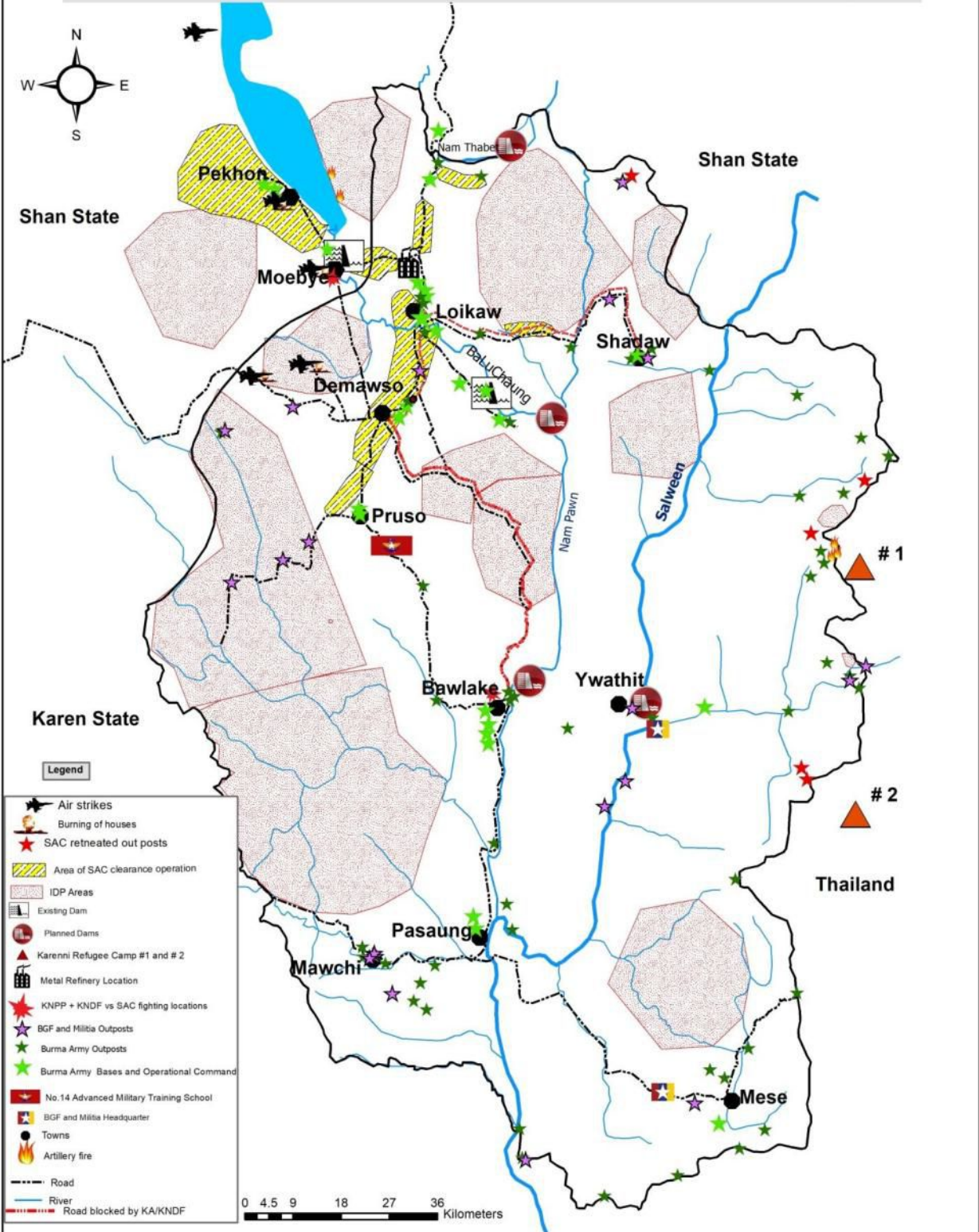
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Apr 24 – May 7, 2023
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Apr 23 2023	Apr 24 – May 7 2023	Total
1	People killed	345	2	347
2	People arrested	352	3	355
3	People injured	379	19	398
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	165		165
	Demawso township	574	7	581
	Pekhon township	290	38	328
	Pruso township	67		67
	Bawlake township	23		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 Apr 23, 2023	New IDPs Apr 24 – May 7, 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	4,741		4,741
	Total	208,115		208,115

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations Apr 24-May 7, 2023



19 civilians injured, 1 killed by SAC airstrikes and shelling in Pekhon and Demawso townships

There has been a sharp increase in the number of SAC airstrikes on civilian areas in Pekhon and western Demawso townships, where 19 civilians have been injured and one killed by aerial bombs and shelling in the past two weeks. This appears intended as collective punishment for mounting conflict losses inflicted by Karenni resistance forces, and to support SAC ground troops in securing the main supply routes into Karenni State.

On April 25, at 12:45 pm, SAC fighter jets dropped bombs five times on Saung Pway village clinic, western Pekhon, injuring four civilians, including a mother who had just given birth and her 50-year-old companion, who suffered serious injuries. The bombs damaged two clinic buildings, medicine stores, a motorbike and several cars. On the same day, the SAC arrested three Le Char villagers from Le Char village, Pekhon township, whose hands were tied behind their backs and who were then used as human shields.

On April 26, in the early morning, a clash broke out between KNDF and SAC troops in Nyow Wine quarter, Moebye town. 15 SAC soldiers were killed and two captured, together with ammunition. During the clash, the SAC used airstrikes, damaging two houses. On the same day, KNDF B-11 operating in Le Char village, between Taung Met Tein and Myot Sa Lone villages in Pekhon township, found a man's dead body, with his hands tied behind his back, and signs of severe torture. At 11:45 am, passenger buses travelling from Loikaw to Rangoon were shot at in Khonetar and Warikaungku villages at the border between Loikaw and Moebye.

On April 27, at 11 am, SAC mortar shells exploded in a garden in Taungmoegyí village, Pekhon township, injuring five workers and damaging a house. The injured included Ko Myo Zin (31 yrs), Ko Myo Min (31 yrs), Ko Moe Tu (36 yrs) and Teh Reh (39 yrs), who were injured in the head, face, legs, arms and back. On the same day, at 11 pm, SAC fighter jets bombed western Demawso, killing one civilian and injuring two others.

On April 29, two SAC fighter jets dropped bombs six times on 11-Mile Kone, western Demawso, injuring three civilians and damaging over 40 cars, two car workshops, two houses and three shops.

On May 1, at 4:50 am, Pasaung PDF and Bawlake PDF launched an attack on a SAC outpost in Bawlake town, killing 7 SAC soldiers and injuring at least 13 others. Two Bawlake PDF soldiers were killed in the clash.



Villagers injured by SAC shelling, Pekhon township



IDP shelters damaged by SAC fighter jets in western Demawso

On May 2, at 8:30 am, three villagers were shot at by SAC troops while going back home to collect their possessions in Daw Nye Khu village, Demawso township, but fortunately no one was injured.

On May 4, KA launched sniper attacks the SAC outpost near Thai-Burma border point 3222 on May 1, May 3 and May 4, killing three SAC soldiers. In retaliation of attacked, the SAC shelling artilleries several times.

On May 5, from 4–6 am, SAC fighter jets dropped bombs on Taung Sa Lone, Myot Sa Lone and Kaung E villages, Pekhon township, injuring two Taung Sa Lone villagers, and damaging 31 houses in the three villages.

On May 6, at 4 pm, a SAC fighter jet bombed Lan Kaung village in Pekhon township despite there being no clashes at the time. Three civilians were injured including a child under ten years old, and a Catholic church and some houses were damaged.

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