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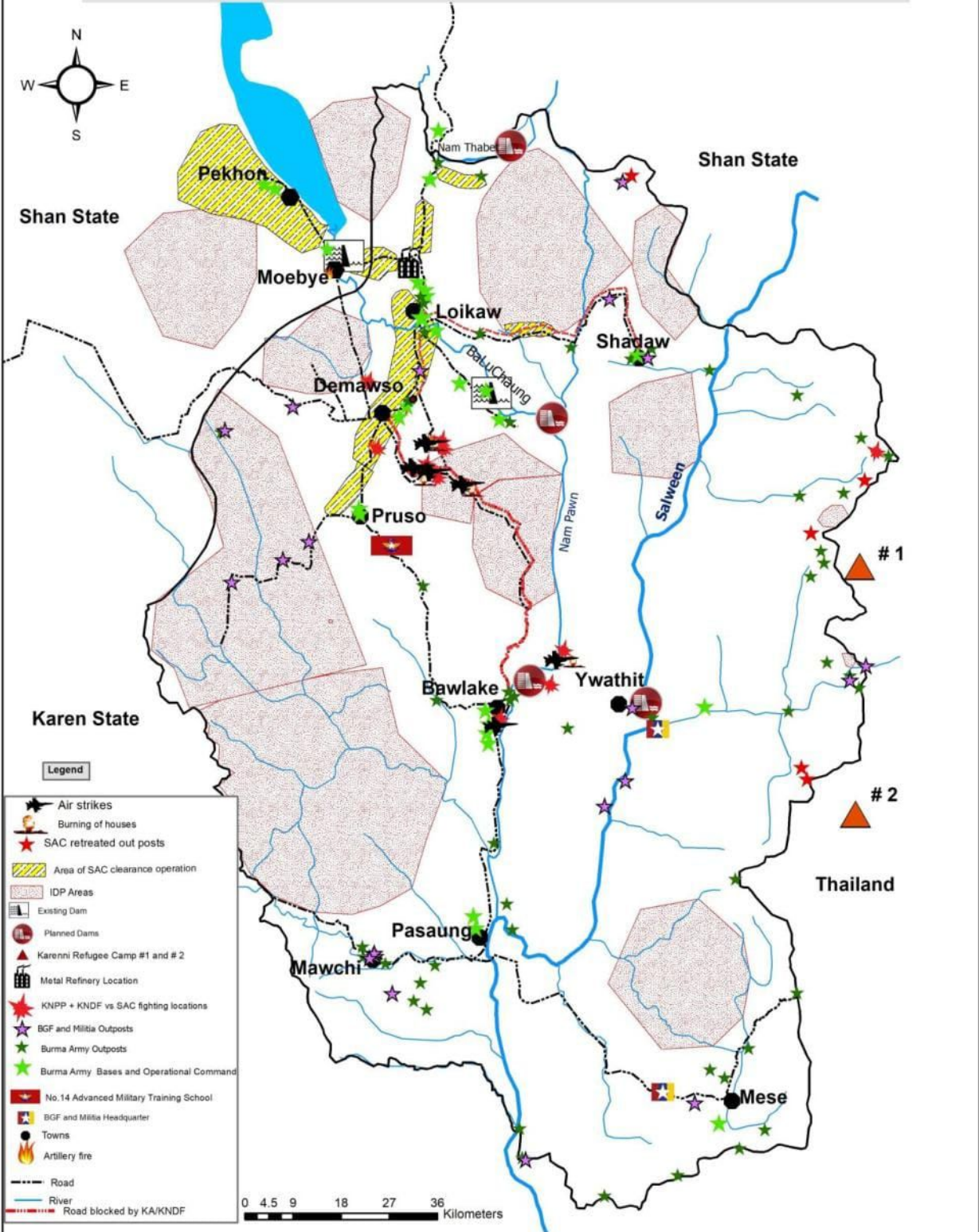
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, May 8–21, 2023
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – May 7 2023	May 8–21 2023	Total
1	People killed	347	1	348
2	People arrested	355		355
3	People injured	398	10	408
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	165		165
	Demawso township	581		581
	Pekhon township	328		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 May 7, 2023	New IDPs May 8–21, 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 May 8-21, 2023



One girl killed, ten civilians injured by SAC airstrikes, shelling and shooting in Demawso, Bawlake, Pruso and Pekhon townships

Despite the commander of ID 66, Win Tu Lay, arriving personally to oversee operations from the IB 102 base in Demawso, SAC troops remain unable to secure control of the main supply routes across Karenni State, and in retaliation have launched widespread airstrikes and artillery attacks on civilian areas in Demawso, Bawlake, Pruso and Pekhon townships during the past two weeks. These attacks have killed one girl, injured ten civilians and damaged dozens of buildings, including schools, medical facilities and a temple.

On May 9, in the evening, SAC troops patrolling along the road from Bawlake to Ywarthit were ambushed by KA, KNDF B-01 and Bawlake PDF forces, who killed five SAC soldiers and seized some ammunition. During the clash, the SAC used a fighter jet to support their ground troops.

On May 10, the SAC indiscriminately fired mortar shells into western Demawso township, damaging two houses.

On May 12, at 3 pm, a man returning from an IDP camp to Nwaydaung Ywarthit village in Pruso township was shot and injured by a SAC artillery shell.

On May 14, SAC troops patrolling in Taneelarle village, Demawso township, clashed with KA troops. During the clash, the SAC used two fighter jets to bomb Taneelarle village eleven times.

On May 16, a SAC outpost set up in Nwedaung Ywarthit Thet Taung was ambushed by the Demawso PDF and on the same day, another SAC outpost in nearby Taysule village, Demawso township, was attacked by KNDF B-05.

On May 17, at 4 am, the SAC launched an airstrike on Sawlo village, Bawlake township, despite there being no clashes at the time. The bombs killed a 17-year-old girl, injured four men and damaged two medical buildings, six houses and a temple. On the same day, the SAC bombed three villages in Htee Phoe Kaloe village tract, Demawso township, including with 500 pound bombs, which damaged nine houses, a school and three barns.



Damage from SAC jet bombing, eastern Demawso



Woman injured by SAC shelling in Moebye

On May 18, at 3 am, the SAC bombed with 500 pound bombs in Dawlawkhu village and Pehlyar village, Demawso township, damaging five houses in Dawlyarkhu and a school in Pehlyar village. On the same day, at 11 am, SAC troops in 10 vehicles indiscriminately shot civilians on sight while passing through Moebye township, injuring three people. Moreover, at 12 noon, indiscriminate artillery shelling by SAC in Moebye town, injured a 41-year-old man in his left arm, hands, waist and thighs.

On May 19, at 7 pm, a mortar shell fired indiscriminately by SAC troops exploded in Sekan quarter 3, Moebye town, injuring a 21-year-old woman in her right thigh.

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