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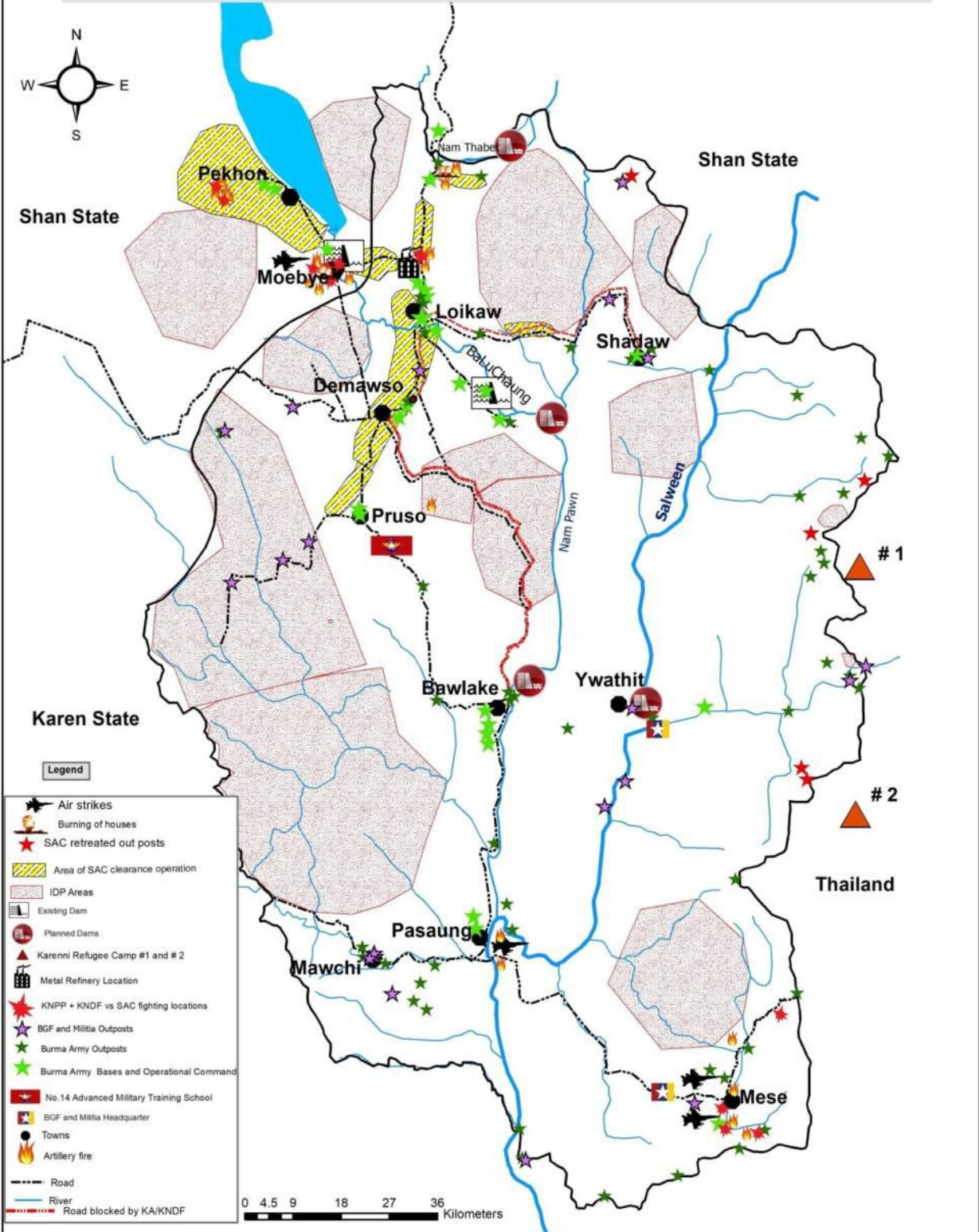
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Jun 5 –Jun 18, 2023
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Jun 4 2023	Jun 5–18 2023	Total
1	People killed	355	28	386
2	People arrested	355		355
3	People injured	423	5	428
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	165	1	166
	Demawso township	600	1	601
	Pekhon township	344	5	349
	Pruso township	67		67
	Bawlake township	32	1	33
	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 Jun 4, 2023	New IDPs Jun 5-18, 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 Jun 5- Jun 18, 2023



SAC retaliates for conflict losses by killing dozens of civilians in Moebye town and launching airstrikes near Thai border

After failed operations to drive Karenni resistance forces from Moebye town, SAC troops continued to take revenge on local inhabitants, indiscriminately shelling residential areas and shooting civilians on sight, killing at least 27 men, women and children in Moebye town between June 5 and 8. SAC troops also suffered losses when combined Karenni forces attacked and seized regime outposts in Mese township, close to the Thai border, and retaliated by launching airstrikes in Mese and Pasaung, east of the Salween River, causing over 3,600 new refugees to flee to Thailand.

On June 5, at 10 am, a large number of SAC troops patrolling into Moebye town clashed with combined Karenni forces, leaving at least ten SAC soldiers dead and two Karenni soldiers injured. During the clashes, the SAC fired at least 100 artillery shells into Moebye town, killing an under 10-year-old boy.

On June 6, in the morning, SAC troops shot dead three civilians outside Moebye town on the way to their farms. At 3 pm, an artillery shell fired indiscriminately by SAC exploded in Kwet Thit quarter, Moebye town, killing a 50-year-old man and causing an elderly woman to die of shock.

From June 7-8, resistance forces found dead bodies of 21 civilians killed by SAC troops in Moebye town; some had been shot on the road and some in their homes; some had been killed by artillery fire. Many of the bodies have not yet been identified, but included a father and his two daughters, in their twenties, who showed signs of having been sexually assaulted.

On June 8, at 4 pm, a SAC tactical battalion based in Bawlake town fired artillery shells at Le Won village, Sawlo village tract, killing a 29-year-old man and damaging a house. On the same day, at 7 pm, SAC LIB 530 fired five artillery shells into Htee Se Khan village, Loi Len Lay sub-township of Loikaw township, injuring a man, damaging a construction store and igniting its contents including thirteen million kyat in cash.



Civilians killed by SAC troops, Moebye town



A religious building damaged by SAC shelling, Moebye

On June 10, there were heavy clashes between combined Karenni forces and SAC troops in Kaung Ei village, Phekon township, leaving two Karenni troops dead. At 7 pm, indiscriminate shelling by the SAC into an IDP area in western Demawso township damaged a house.

On June 11, combined Karenni forces launched an attack on two SAC checkpoints around Loikaw town, one at Dawtachar, east of the town, and one at Nwa La Won, north of the town. During the clashes, two KNDF soldiers were injured.

On June 13, early in the morning, combined Karenni forces launched attacks on SAC positions in Mese township, east of the Salween river near the Thai border, managing to seize three SAC outposts (at Taung Hla, Me Ta Nwe and BP 14) and the SAC police station in Mese town. The combined Karenni forces seized 40 SAC guns, two 120 mm shells and other ammunition. After the clashes, the SAC sent four fighter jets to bomb the area and fired artillery shells from SAC's outpost at Mese town. The heavy shelling and aerial bombing caused 3,669 villagers to flee into Mae Hong Son province, Thailand.

On June 14, at 9:30 am, despite there being no clashes at the time, the SAC indiscriminately fired at least 15 artillery shells into an IDP camp near Moebye town, injuring two men. On the same day, at 7 pm, the SAC indiscriminately fired artillery shells and dropped bombs three times east of the Salween River in Pasaung township.

On June 15, at 2 am, a SAC fighter jet dropped six bombs on an IDP camp in Moebye, damaging some IDP shelters.

On June 16, continuing clashes in Moebye between the combined Karenni forces and SAC troops left ten SAC soldiers dead. During the clashes, the SAC fired artillery shells from Moebye LIB 422 and Loikaw artillery battalion, damaging a religious building and several houses.

On June 17, at 12 pm, SAC's no. 14 Military Training Camp indiscriminately fired artillery shells five times into villages east of Pruso township.

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