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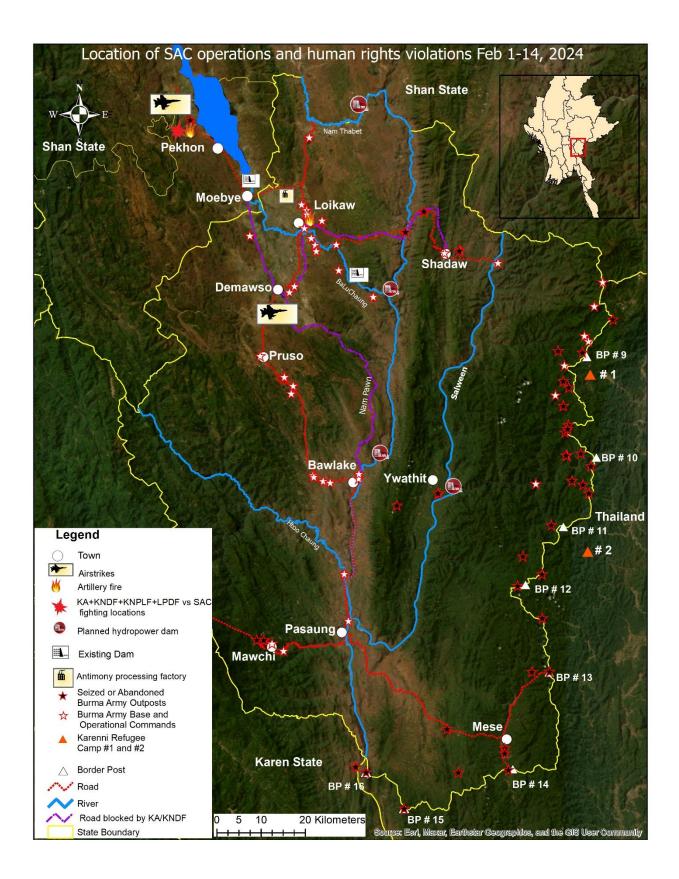
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Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Jan 1-14, 2024 Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1-14, 2024	Total
1	Civilians killed	494	1	495
2	Civilians arrested	373		373
3	Civilians injured	524	1	525
4	Buildings			
	damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	1414	10	1409
	Demawso township	627	3	630
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhon township	377	5	382
	Pruso township	151		151
	Bawlake township	33		33
	Shadaw township	16		16
	Pasaung township	32		32

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs	New IDPs	Total
	_	by Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1-14, 2023	displacement
1	Loikaw	52,311		52,311
2	Demawso	83,265		83,265
3	Pruso	14,403		14,403
4	Pasaung	24,000		24,000
5	Pekhon	56,000		56,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mese	5,000		5,000
8	Bawlake	5,241		5,241
	Total	282,615		282,615



SAC launches 20 airstrikes over Pekhon town in response to further loss of military outposts

Resistance forces have continued closing in on Pekhon town, seizing two more SAC military outposts between January 8 and 10, including one in the Pekhon police station. SAC responded with 20 airstrikes over Pekhon town during this time, and on January 9, SAC troops fired machine guns indiscriminately at civilians trying to flee Pekhon town by boat.

In the early hours of January 1, the SAC indiscriminately fired over 100 artillery shells into Loikaw town, damaging and burning down several buildings.

On January 4, a 44-year-old man stepped on a SAC land mine and was injured while returning from an IDP camp to check on his home in Demawso township.

On January 8, at 7 pm, combined Karenni forces launched an attack on a SAC outpost set up in Khone So temple, Pekhon township, killing ten SAC soldiers and seizing the outpost.



Combined Karenni forces seizing Pekhon police station

SAC airstrike damage in Dawtama Nge quarter, Demawso township

On January 9, there was a fierce clash between combined Karenni forces and SAC troops in Pekhon township. When other villagers tried to rescue people trapped in the town by boat, SAC troops opened fire with machine guns, slightly damaging two boats, but fortunately causing no casualties.

On January 10, the Pekhon PDF released a video showing that combined Karenni combined forces had seized a SAC military outpost in Pekhon police station, Pekhon town.

During January 8-10, SAC aircraft carried out 20 airstrikes over Pekhon town. Details of civilian casualties are not yet known.

On January 12, at 9 am, SAC troops carried out an airstrike on Dawtama Nge quarter in Demawso township, killing a 50-year-old man who was cleaning his home. At the same time, the SAC LIB 427 and IB 102 fired artillery shells into the same area, damaging some buildings. There was no fighting in Demawso at that time.

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