



**KARENNI  
CIVIL  
SOCIETY  
NETWORK**

**ကရင်နီသမ္မတတော်လှန်ရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်း  
Karenni Civil Society Network**

P.O. Box - 100, Mae Hong Son, 58000, Thailand  
Phone: 08 2196 2258, E-mail:kcsn2010@gmail.com

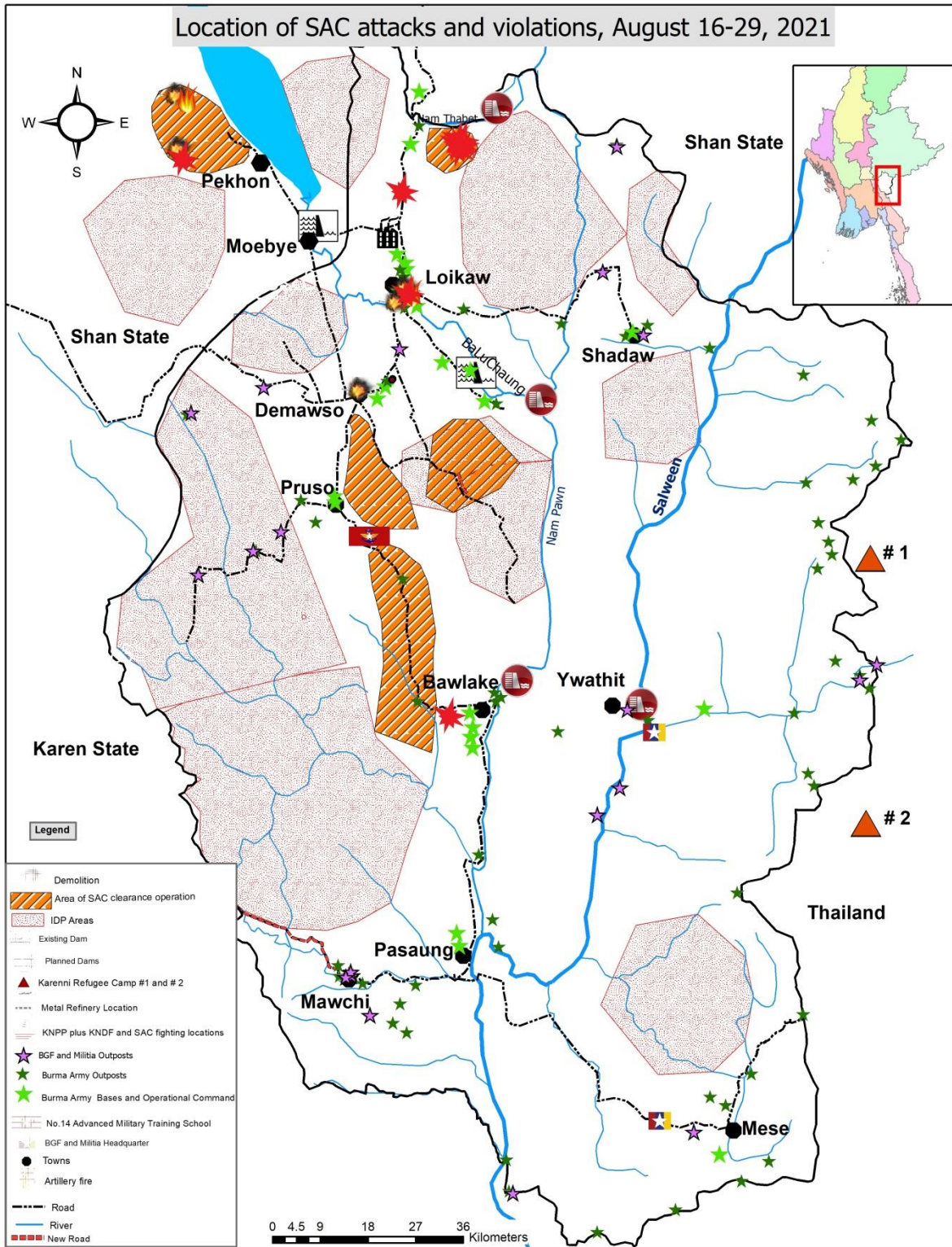
**August 31, 2021**

**Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Aug 16-29, 2021  
Summary of SAC violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township**

No		Feb 1- Aug 15	Aug 16- Aug 29	Total
1	People killed	82		82
2	People arrested	150	20	170
3	People injured	106	1	107
4	<b>Buildings damaged/destroyed</b>			
	Loikaw township	7	11	18
	Demawso township	167		167
	Pekhon township	48	6	54
5	<b>Dismissal of CDM education staff</b>			
	Pruso Township	526		526
	Demawso Township	1,123		1,123
	Mae Set Township	78		78
	Pasaung Township	152		152
	Shadaw Township	54		54
	Pekhon Township	648		648
	Bawlake Township	42		42
	<b>Total dismissed</b>	<b>2,623</b>		<b>2,623</b>

**Summary of displacement**

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Aug 15	New IDPs Aug 16-Aug 29	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	22,311	5,000	27,311
2	Demawso	55,265		55,265
3	Pruso	3,403		3,403
4	Pasaung	4,000		4,000
5	Pekhon	30,000	1,000	31,000
6	Shadaw	729		729
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	<b>Total</b>	<b>120,449</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>126,449</b>



- **Villagers arrested and used as human shields**

In Karenni State the total number of people arrested since the coup has increased from 150 to 170 during the past two weeks.

On August 18, ten local villagers from Nan Peh village tract in Bawlake township were arrested by SAC troops. They were forced to wear military uniforms and walk between the

SAC troops as human shields from Nan Peh to Pruso. They are now being held at Loikaw police station. Six have been accused of having connections with Karenni armed groups.

Also on August 18, ten villagers from Loi Lon and Set Daw village in Pekhon township were arrested, their hands tied behind them with rope, and made to walk as human shields with the soldiers as they patrolled. They were detained for one night before being released on August 19.

- **Ongoing military aggression**

The No 3 hydropower station in Lawpita, also known as Lawpita 3, is connected to the military capital Naypyitaw through transmission lines and pylons. Two of the pylons near Loi Hweh village, between Pinlaung township and Pekhon township, were blown up by PDF Pekhon, one of the KNDF members, on August 12, 2021, according to a PDF-Pekhon statement. After that, on August 18, about 300 SAC and PNO troops from Pinlaung township entered Pekhon township and based themselves at Pin Pong village monastery, from where they fired multiple artillery shells to the northeast, which destroyed some houses in Loi Hweh village.



*An electric pylon demolished by PDF-Pekhon (Photo:KT)*



*Villagers flee from clashes near Dawtahay village (Photo:PKPF)*

On August 22, at 7:30 am, SAC troops clashed for about ten minutes with combined KNPP and KNDF troops between Bawlake town and Mae Salong mountain. Three SAC soldiers were killed and two were injured. During the operation in this area the SAC has been using drones to conduct surveillance.

On August 23, SAC troops entered Kayan Thayar village in Loikaw township, broke down doors of some houses and beat villagers who were hiding in their paddy fields.

On August 23, in Loikaw township, under GAD criminal procedure Act 144, an order was issued forbidding people from going out at night between 8 pm and 4 am, and forbidding gatherings of over five people.

On August 23, a telecommunication tower of the military-owned Mytel company in Daw Nga Rauk village in Demawso township was blown up.

On August 24, SAC troops clashed for about 30 minutes with combined KNPP and KNDF troops at Gone Soat and Kyauk Gyi village in Loikaw township. Seven SAC soldiers were killed and ten were injured.

On August 25, the main Mytel company office and its adjoining shop in Mingalar quarter in the center of Loikaw town were damaged by explosives.

On August 26, a Mytel company building owned by SAC in Chit Kae quarter in Loikaw town was burnt down.

On August 27, 300 SAC troops carried out a clearance operation east of Loi Le Lay town, Loikaw township, and arrested some villagers including women but the exact number has not yet been confirmed. A villager was shot and injured by the SAC while they were attempting to arrest villagers.

On August 28, while the SAC troops continued their clearance operation east of Loi Le Lay town, they clashed with KNPP and KNDF troops four times near Kon Nan and Daw Tahay villages.

On August 29, there was a clash between SAC troops and combined KNPP-KNDF troops near Daw Tahay village at 5 pm, in the same place as the previous day. One of the KNPP soldiers was injured, while seven SAC soldiers were killed and many were injured.

- **Situation of IDPs**

The ongoing fighting between SAC and combined KNPP and KNDF troops has caused fresh displacement. Artillery shelling by SAC and PNO troops in Pekhoh township on August 18 caused about 1,000 villagers to flee from four villages and set up new IDP camps in the jungle.

Clashes on August 28 between SAC troops and KNPP-KNDF forces east of Loi Le Lay town in Loikaw township, caused 5,000 villagers from seven villages in Tee Lon village tract to flee into nearby jungle.

On August 17-18, during clearance operations east of Demawso town and Pruso town, SAC troops entered one of the IDP camps in Kay Lyah village tract and stole all the rations and materials stored by the IDPs.

On August 29, a young man in upper Howan village IDP camp in Demawso township committed suicide for unknown reasons.

- **Covid situation in Karenni State**

Covid cases in Karenni State (from the SAC health ministry):

<b>Date</b>	<b>Covid positive cases</b>	<b>No. of deaths from Covid</b>
June 15-July 18, 2021	157	3
July 19-August 1, 2021	463	20
August 2- August 15, 2021	425	27
August 16- August 29, 2021	492	16

Location of Covid cases in Karenni State (June 15-August 29, 2021)

<b>Township</b>	<b>No. of cases</b>
-----------------	---------------------

Loikaw	1079
Pasaung	370
Bawlake	82
Pruso	6

According to SAC health statistics, 966 patients have recovered after treatment, and have been discharged, while 505 patients are still undergoing treatment. However, it is believed that the actual caseload is much higher than the official figures.

**Contact persons:**

Khu Ko Reh           Tel: +668 2196 2258

Ruby                    Tel: +666 3184 2980

Email: [kcsn2010@gmail.com](mailto:kcsn2010@gmail.com)