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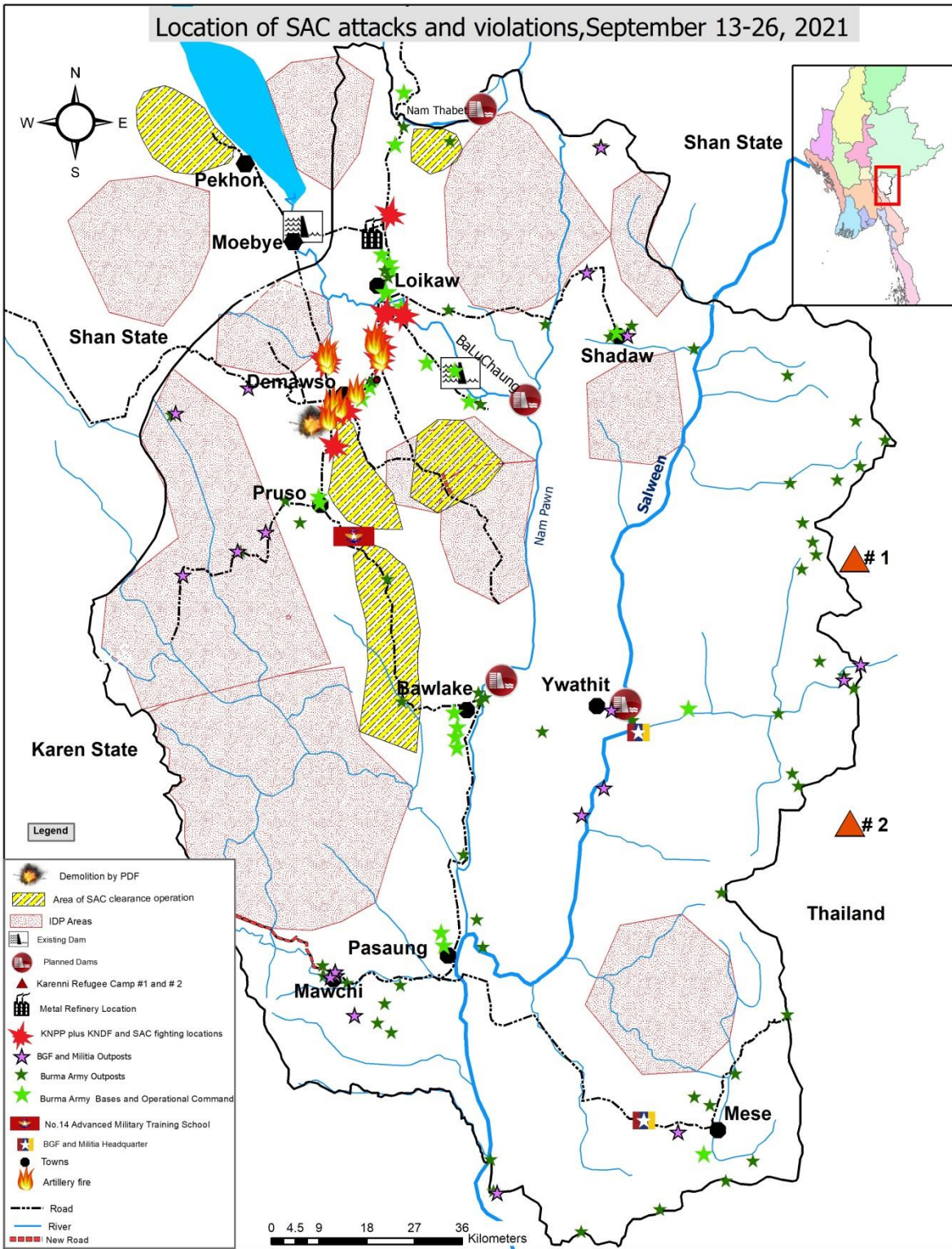
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**Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Sept 13 -26, 2021**  
**Summary of SAC violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township**

No		Feb 1- Sep 12	Aug 13- Sep 26	Total
1	People killed	86	2	88
2	People arrested	179	5	184
3	People injured	111	2	113
4	<b>Buildings damaged/destroyed</b>			
	Loikaw township	18		18
	Demawso township	181	50	231
	Pekhon township	54		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>

<b>Summary of displacement</b>				
No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Sept 12	New IDPs Sep 12 – Sept 26	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	27,311		27,311
2	Demawso	58,265	10,000	68,265
3	Pruso	3,403		3,403
4	Pasaung	4,000		4,000
5	Pekhon	31,000		31,000
6	Shadaw	729		729
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	<b>Total</b>	<b>129,449</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>139,449</b>



- **Ongoing arbitrary arrests and forcing of villagers to be human shields**

The total number of people arrested in Karenni State and Pekkhor township since the coup has increased from 179 to 184 during the past two weeks, including civilians arbitrarily arrested, and villagers forced to be human shields for their troops on patrol.

On September 13 in the evening, a woman in Loikaw town was arrested without being given any reason.

On September 14, another woman was stopped in the street in Loikaw town and interrogated, then arrested and detained by SAC.

On September 25, three youth from Nyaung Gone village, Demawso township, were arrested and forced to be human shields by SAC troops.

- **Ongoing SAC clearance operations, shelling of civilian areas and burning down of civilian houses**

On September 13, a house in Ngwe Daung village in Demawso township was set on fire by SAC troops. The fire spread and destroyed two nearby houses.

On September 13, the Loikaw PDF clashed with SAC troops near Ye Ni Kan village in Loikaw township. SAC shells destroyed several houses and indiscriminate shooting by SAC troops injured a civilian.

On September 14, the SAC fired artillery shells into civilians' houses in Htu Lwee Belar village in Demawso township, damaging several houses.

On September 14, artillery shells fired by SAC troops based in Ngwe Daung damaged two houses in Daw Nga Khan village, Ngwe Daung village tract, Demawso township.

On September 14, from 5 am to 9 am, KNPP and KNDF troops clashed with SAC troops in Kadahla village in Pruso township. Two KNDF were killed and at least three SAC troops were killed during the clash.



*Injured villager from Ye Ni Kan, Loikaw (Photo:KNDF ) Villager from Gone Thar injured by SAC artillery*

On September 15, KNPP and KNDF troops clashed with SAC troops in Demawso township, near Htu Lwee Belar village.

On September 16, KNPP and KNDF troops clashed with SAC troops near 6-mile village in Demawso Township, killing four SAC soldiers. At 7 pm on the same day, KNPP and KNDF troops clashed with SAC between Daw Poe Si village and Pakan village in Demawso township while SAC reinforcements were being sent in. Two SAC soldiers were killed in the clash, according to a KNDF statement.

On September 17, at 9:30 am, about 200 SAC troops clashed with KNPP and KNDF troops between Daw Poe Si village and Sa Pya 6-mile village in Demawso township. A KNPP sergeant was killed by SAC artillery shells.

On September 20, SAC launched artillery shells into Gone Thar village, Demawso township, injuring one villager. On that day, SAC troops clashed with KNPP and KNDF troops near Daw Poe Si village in Demawso township, once at 11 am and again at 4 pm, during which one KNDF fighter was killed and some injured. SAC troops in civilian clothes broke into civilians' houses and looted villagers' possessions in Daw Poe Si village.

On September 22, a telecommunication tower of the military-owned Mytel company in Demawso township was destroyed.

On September 23, SAC troops clashed with KNPP and KNDF troops near Gone Thar village and Kyauk Hse Kan village in Demawso township at 5:30 pm. On the same day, KNPP and KNDF troops clashed with SAC in Pekhoh township.

On September 25, a large number of SAC troops carried out a clearance operation in Gone Thar village, leading to heavy clashes with KNPP and KNDF troops from 8:45 am to 7 pm. Ten SAC soldiers were killed, as well as one KNDF fighter, according to a KNDF statement. SAC artillery shells damaged a pastor's house and one other house in Thay Hsu Leh village, while four other houses were burnt down by SAC in Gone Thar village.

On September 25, during a clash near Gone Thar in Demawso township between SAC and KNPP/KNDF, a passing vehicle was shot at by the SAC at 4:30 pm, after which the vehicle was set on fire and one civilian who was in the car was found dead. Also on September 25, an old man was killed in Gone Thar village by artillery shells fired by SAC.

On September 26, at 10 am, clashes between SAC and joint forces of KNPP, KNDF and PDF occurred near Gone Thar, Kyauk Hse Kan and Thay Hsu Leh villages, in Demawso. Three civilian houses were set on fire by SAC during the clash in Gone Thar village. According to the KNDF, 35 houses were burnt down in that area by SAC and 15 houses damaged by artillery shells. Because of these attacks, 10,000 people from 10 nearby villages including Gone Thar, Kyauk Hse Kan, Thay Hsu Leh, Daw Nga Khan, have fled into the nearby jungle.



*Houses burnt down by SAC on Sept 25-26 in Thay Hsu Leh and Gone Thar villages, Demawso (Photo: KNDF)*

- **Attack on humanitarian aid vehicle**

As well as shelling of civilian areas, and indiscriminate shooting at civilians, SAC troops have also deliberately targeted aid vehicles bringing vitally needed humanitarian assistance to IDPs.

On September 17, the SAC opened fire on an aid vehicle carrying food and medicine for IDPs on the main road from Loikaw to Demawso town, between 6-Mile and Zayaphyu villages. The bullet penetrated the windscreen, but luckily the driver was unhurt.

- **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
August 30-September 12, 2021	796	27
September 13 – September 26, 2021	780	28

These figures do not include the cases in IDP camps so the actual numbers are higher.

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