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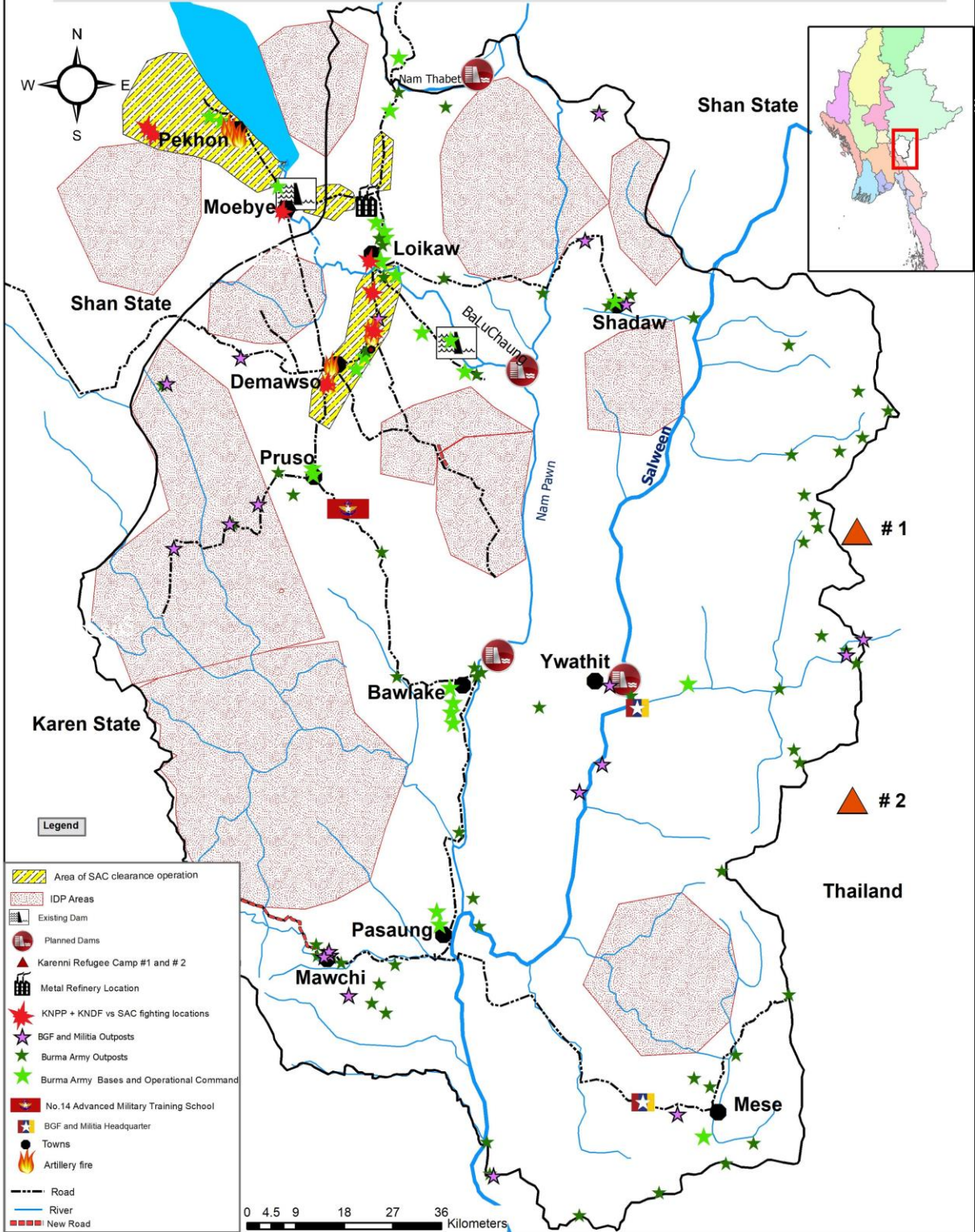
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Nov 8–Nov 21, 2021
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1- Nov 7	Nov 8 – Nov 21	Total
1	People killed	127	5	132
2	People arrested	218	21	239
3	People injured	143	3	146
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	33		33
	Demawso township	246	5	251
	Pekhon township	72	37	109
	Pruso township	2		2
5	Dismissal of CDM education staff			
	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
	Total dismissed	2,623		2,623

Summary of displacement

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Nov 7	New IDPs Nov 8 – Nov 21	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	32,311		32,311
2	Demawso	68,265		68,265
3	Pruso	4,403		4,403
4	Pasaung	4,000		4,000
5	Pekhon	41,000		41,000
6	Shadaw	729		729
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	Total	155,449		155,449

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations, Nov 8 - Nov 21, 2021



- **SAC steps up collective punishment: shelling towns, torching houses, and indiscriminately shooting at civilians**

During the past two weeks, SAC troops have stepped up collective punishment of the local population. They have deliberately fired shells into the towns of Pekhon, Moebye and Demawso, causing damage to shops, houses and a church; and have torched houses in villages in Pekhon and Demawso townships. They have also shot indiscriminately at civilians, killing four and injuring three.

On November 8, near La Tu village, Kaung Ee village tract in Pekhon township, SAC troops clashed with combined Karenni troops from KA, KNDF, Pekhon PDF and Moe Bye PDF. After the clash, the SAC burned down and destroyed 30 houses in La Tu new village. The SAC also burned down 3 houses in Loi Hweh village in Pekhon township.



Houses torched by SAC in La Tu village, Pekhon township



Houses burning due to SAC shelling in Demawso township

On November 9, the SAC indiscriminately fired artillery shells into Pekhon town. The shells hit Pekhon's main market, damaging some shops. They also hit and damaged Shwe Nalonedaw Catholic church, and a priest's car in the church compound. Two unexploded motor shells were later found in the compound. The shelling also damaged some houses outside the church.

On November 9, SAC troops also fired shells into Moebye town, and damaged a house.

On November 11, at Htu Lwi Belar village and Padhon Ngan village in Demawso township, SAC troops clashed with combined Karenni troops from KA and KNDF. The clash lasted from 2 pm to 6 pm. During the clash, one KNDF soldier was killed while 20 soldiers from SAC were killed, according to a KNDF statement.

On November 16, at 10:40 am in Daw U Khu quarter of Loikaw town, an unknown group detonated a bomb near a Water and Irrigation Department staff building.

On November 16, the SAC again fired artillery shells into Pekhon town, destroying some houses. On the same day, the SAC fired shells into Demawso town, damaging a house in Daw Ngakhan quarter 2.

On November 16, plainclothed police and SAC soldiers raided the Mee Mee restaurant in Mine Lone quarter in Loikaw town. The SAC troops then shot at a passing car containing 4 civilians, killing one and injuring three of them.

On November 16, the SAC GAD in Loikaw township issued an order to shoot on sight all men riding pillion on motorbikes. The order stated that for the sake of public security, law and order, two men must not ride on the same motorbike. It was only permitted for a woman to ride on the back of a motorbike behind a male driver, or for two women to ride on the same motorbike.

On November 17, a large number of SAC troops attacked and seized a Moebye PDF camp. The attack lasted 2 hours, leaving one Moe Bye PDF member seriously injured and two others slightly injured.

On November 18, near San Pya 6 Mile village in Demawso township, a clash broke out between PDF and SAC troops, and some houses were damaged by SAC shelling. A house in 6 Mile village and three houses from Daw Khlent Lin village were set on fire by SAC, according to local villagers. During the clash, the SAC shot at a couple, killing both of them, and also shot and killed a 49-year-old male villager.

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- **Arbitrary arrest of farmers and death from torture**

On November 7, six young villagers in Pekhoh township were arrested and detained by SAC troops from LIB 530 while going from Leh Htun village to Loi Le Lay village to harvest corn.

On November 14, eight men heading to harvest their farms were stopped near the Moe Bye dam site by SAC soldiers. The SAC checked their phones, then arrested them without giving them any reason, and took them to the LIB 422 base near Moe Bye town. In the evening around 4 pm, six of them were released, but two of them were kept in detention.

On November 15, Ko Nyi Khin, a resident of Nyaung Gon quarter in Pekhoh town, was arrested by SAC at his house, together with seven other people connected to him. It was later learned that Ko Nyi Khin died from torture during interrogation on November 17.

- **IDPs dare not return home**

Due to ongoing SAC operations, shelling of populated areas and arrests, villagers dare not return to their villages, and remain hiding in IDP camps in nearby forests.

In Pekhoh township, despite ongoing interrogation and arrests by SAC along the routes taken by villagers to their farms, local farmers from Moebye town have taken the risk to go to their farms to harvest their rice crops. They have been working late into the night to try and finish the harvest before they are blocked from doing so.



Moebye farmers harvesting their paddy at night

- **Covid situation in Karenni State**

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

Date	Covid positive cases	No. of deaths from Covid
Jun 15-Jul 18, 2021	157	3
Jul 19-Aug 1, 2021	463	20
Aug 2-Aug 15, 2021	425	27
Aug 16-Aug 29, 2021	492	16
Aug 30-Sep 12, 2021	796	27
Sep 13– Sep 26, 2021	780	28
Sep 27- Oct 10, 2021	776	25
Oct 11- Oct 24, 2021	378	15
Oct 25- Nov 7, 2021	752	82
Nov 8 – Nov 21, 2021	386	13

While the official caseload has dropped, this does not include numbers from the IDP camps, where IDPs are reporting ongoing suspected infection (flu symptoms with loss of smell), and deaths from suspected Covid.

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