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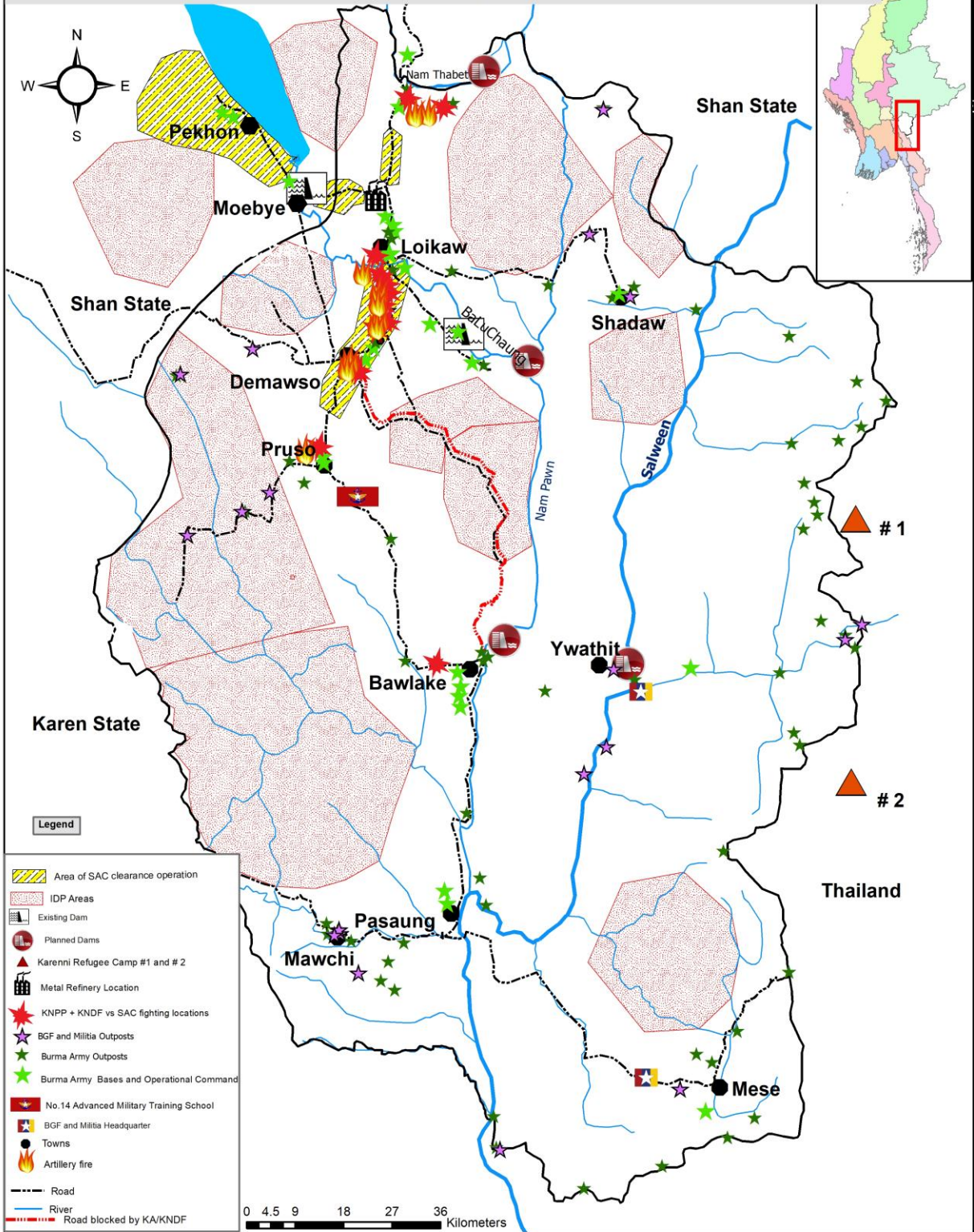
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Dec 6 –Dec 19, 2021
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1- Dec 5	Dec 6 – Dec 19	Total
1	People killed	132	1	133
2	People arrested	257		257
3	People injured	146		146
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	33	11	44
	Demawso township	256	3	259
	Pekhon township	109		109
	Pruso township	2	1	3
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 Dec 5	New IDPs Dec 6 – Dec 19	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	2,215		2,215
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	Total	156,935		156,935

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations, Dec 6-Dec19, 2021



- **Ongoing SAC clearance operations, shelling of civilian areas, torching of houses**

SAC troops have continued to carry out clearance operations along key transport routes around Loikaw, particularly the Loikaw-Demawso highway. When met with resistance, they have shelled villages and deliberately torched villagers' houses.

On December 7, a military post set up by SAC's LIB 427 in Ngwe Taung village, Demawso township, was attacked by Demawso-PDF at 7:30 pm, killing 7 and injuring 10 SAC soldiers, according to a Demawso-PDF statement on December 9. During the fighting, a Loikaw-based artillery battalion launched 120 mm mortar shells which hit and damaged a house in nearby Nyaung Gone village in Demawso township.

On the same day, SAC troops clashed with combined KA and KNDF troops while carrying out clearance operations near the bottom of Mae Salaung mountain near Nan Peh village in Bawlake township. During the clash, 3 SAC soldiers were killed and 2 were injured.



A house in Pruso township was burnt to ashes

On December 8, SAC troops clashed with combined KA and KNDF troops while carrying out clearance operations around Chay Taw Ya Paya mountain, Theh Taung mountain and Cross mountain near Htulwi Belar village in Demawso township

On December 9, the Demawso-PDF launched a second attack on LIB 427's post in Ngwe Taung village, Demawso township.

On December 11, combined KA and KNDF troops clashed with SAC's LIB 428 in Pruso township. The clash lasted 40 minutes, killing 3 and injuring 5 SAC soldiers. On the same day, SAC troops camped at Nan Peh Taw Ku New Village, Pruso township, burned down one of the houses in the village for no reason.

On December 12, combined KA and KNDF troops clashed with SAC troops carrying out operations near Chay Taw Yar Paya Taung mountain near Htulwi Belar village in Demawso township.

On December 12, a group of armed men in civilian clothes entered the compound of the Nipuna Rama hal in Pa Kan Field 3, near Loikaw town, and shot and killed a 40-year-old man.

On December 13, a clash between SAC and combined KA/KNDF troops occurred east of Kon Nan village in northern Loikaw township. Some IDPs who had returned to Kon Nan and nearby villages again fled to the forest.

On December 16, combined KA and KNDF troops clashed with SAC troops carrying out clearance operations between Nan Kweh village, east of Lwe Le Lay town and Ye Kan village, northern Loikaw township. The clash lasted 3 hours, killing 3 SAC soldiers and injuring 4 SAC soldiers and one KA soldier.

On the same day, combined KA and KNDF troops clashed for 20 minutes with SAC troops guarding the Loikaw-Demawso highway in Wam La Twah village, 6-mile village tract in Demawso township, killing 4 SAC soldiers and injuring 5. SAC retaliated by firing mortar shells, which injured 2 Karenni soldiers.

On December 18, according to local villagers and a KNDF statement, SAC troops indiscriminately shelled and shot into Naung Lon village, east of Lwe Le Lay town in Loikaw township, and intentionally burned down at least 11 houses in the village, while carrying out clearance operations in the area.



Houses in Naung Lon village, Loikaw township, intentionally set on fire by SAC troops (Photo: CJ)

- **No safe return for IDPs**

The recurrence of fighting in northern Loikaw township during the past two weeks, causing IDPs who had returned home to flee again into the forest, shows why most IDPs – particularly the elderly, women and children -- are continuing to shelter in IDP camps. They dare not move back permanently to their homes while SAC troops are continuing to carry out clearance operations and target civilians for collective punishment. The IDPs therefore remain in dire need of humanitarian aid, which should be provided cross-border to ensure no disruption or blockage by the regime authorities.

- **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
Nov 22- Dec 5, 2021	118	11
Dec 6- Dec 19, 2021	43	6

The official statistics show a significant drop in Covid infection, but are likely much lower than the actual figures, as they do not include cases in the IDP camps. According to data collected by the humanitarian aid committee of the Karenni State Consultative Council (KSCC), there have been at least 200 deaths from Covid in IDP camps in Loikaw, Demawso and Pekhoh townships during the past few months.

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