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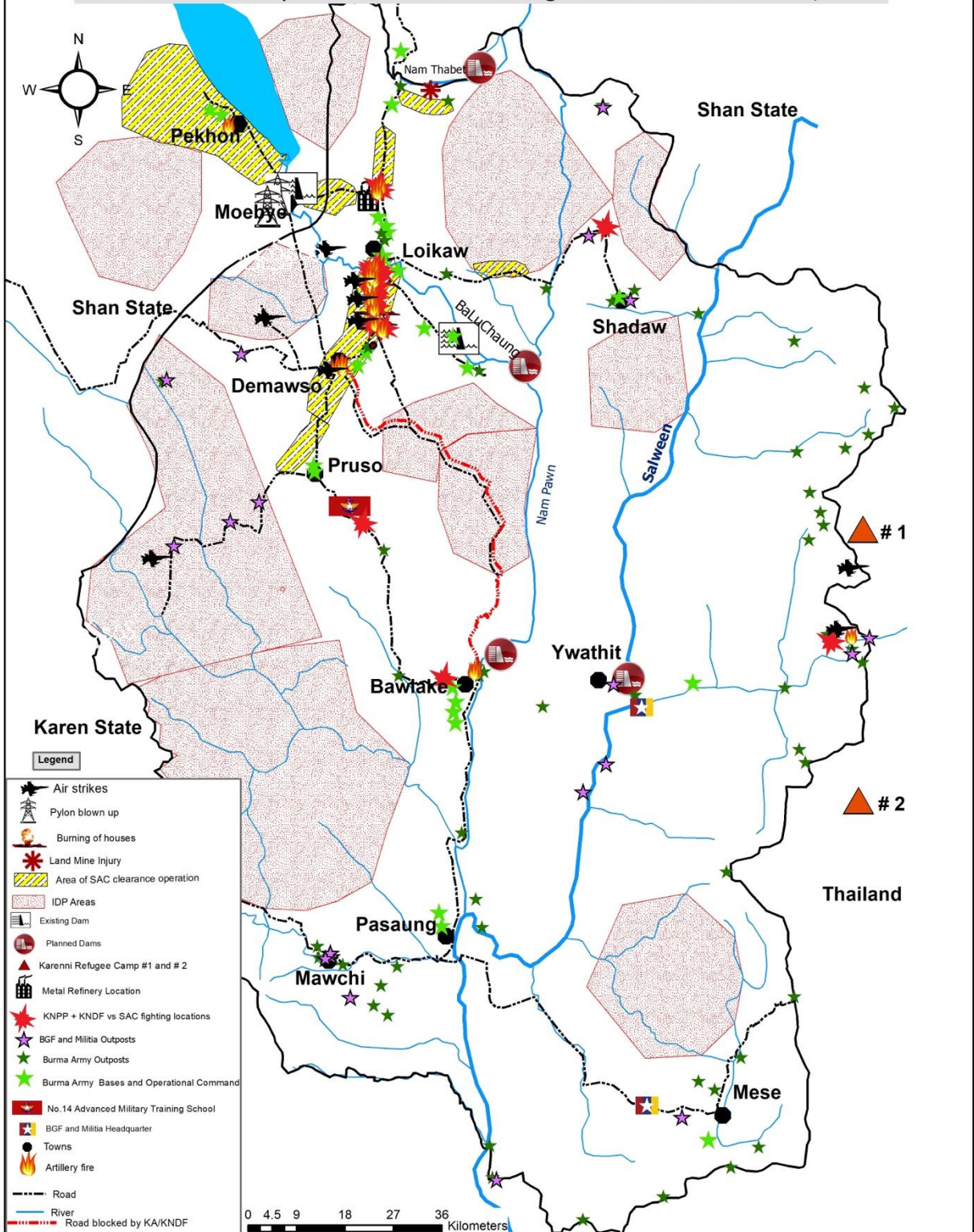
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Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Jan 3- 16, 2022

Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1- Jan 2	Jan 3 – Jan 16	Total
1	People killed	182	16	198
2	People arrested	268		268
3	People injured	147	10	157
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	64	10	74
	Demawso township	260	28	288
	Pekhon township	109	1	110
	Pruso township	3		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 Jan 2	New IDPs Jan 3 – Jan 16	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	32,311	20,000	52,311
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	180	2,395
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	Total	156,935		177,115

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations Jan 3-16, 2022



- **Ongoing SAC clearance operations and violations, including increased air strikes over towns and villages**

On January 3, near the main road leading south from Moebye town, near Heik Kwi village, two electric transmission pylons connecting to Nay Pyi Daw were blown up by KNDF BO 3.

On January 4, at about 11 pm, Pekhon-based SAC troops fired artillery at a house owned by Daw Mary Nyoe, an NLD state MP in Pekhon town, damaging the house.

On January 4, in Shadaw township, at the junction of Thiri Dah village and Daw Klaw Leh village, the KA and KNDF clashed with SAC troops from 4 pm to 5 pm. Villagers in the vicinity fled to the nearby forest.

On January 5, a soldier from LIB 108 (under ID 66) which committed the massacre in Mo Hso, Pruso Township on December 24, 2021, defected with arms to Demawso PDF, joining the CDM.

On January 6, combined troops of KNDF BO 2, BO 3 and PDF raided a SAC camp at Kayan Tharya junction in Demawo township, killing 15 SAC soldiers, including two captains, according to a KNDF BO 3 statement. On the same day, combined troops of KDF, KNDF and GZ 21 Loikaw fought heavily with SAC troops in Mine Lone and Pa Kan quarters of Loikaw town, killing at least 8 soldiers and injuring many. During the clashes, 8 villagers' houses were burned, and some houses in 5 Mile and 6 Mile villages in Demawso township were also set on fire by SAC. Due to indiscriminate shelling by SAC, one civilian was injured in Demawso. Also, during the SAC shelling in Loikaw town, a villager fainted from shock and died.

On January 7, due to SAC shelling in Loikaw town, a 30-year-old civilian was hit and died.

On January 7, KA troops attacked and seized the SAC outpost at Nat Taung, about 5 kilometers from the Thai border. During that attack, 32 SAC soldiers were killed and ten captured. About half an hour after the attack, the SAC used airstrikes to take back its outpost, dropping bombs which killed 2 KA troops and the captured SAC soldiers. Nearby SAC outposts also fired shells towards Nat Taung. The SAC also used aircraft to bomb the KA headquarters at Talay Du Hso (Nyamo), north of Nat Taung. Due to two days of continuous airstrikes in KNPP-controlled areas, 800 IDPs sheltering in these areas fled to seek refuge in Karenni No 1 refugee camp in Thailand.

On the same day, combined KA and KNDF troops clashed heavily with SAC troops in Pa Kan and Mine Lone quarters in Loikaw town, killing 4 SAC soldiers and injuring many of them, while one KNDF soldier was killed, according to a KNDF statement. The SAC also burned down 18 houses in 5 Mile, 6 Mile and Daw Poe Si villages in Demawso township.

During the heavy fighting from January 6 to 7 in Loikaw town, involving indiscriminate shelling by SAC into civilian areas, a total of 6 civilians were killed and 8 injured. Some houses were also damaged.

On January 8, combined KA and KNDF troops fought heavily with SAC troops in 5 Mile, 6 Mile and Daw Poe Si villages in Demawso township and in Mine Lone and Pa Kan quarters in Loikaw township. 30 SAC soldiers were killed, including one captain, and many injured. The SAC then used helicopters and tanks to attack back against the combined Karenni troops. During the ensuing fighting, 11 guns were seized and one helicopter was shot down by the Karenni troops. The SAC then burned down 10 houses in 5 Mile, 6 Mile and Daw Poe Si villages in Demawso township, according to KNDF.

On January 9, at 6 Mile village in Demawso town, the SAC clashed with combined troops of KA, KNDF and KPDF. At least 10 SAC soldiers were killed and several others injured in the clash, enabling the seizure of some weapons, according to a KPDF statement. The same day in the morning, at the exit of Loikaw town, near Nwa La Bo village, SAC troops shot and injured a villager trying to flee from Loikaw to Shan State.

On January 10, the KNDF searched through Daw Hso Shay village in Demawso township and seized some arms and ammunition left by SAC troops, and buried the dead body of a SAC soldier, according to KNDF. Due to indiscriminate shelling by SAC that day in Nan Mae Kon village, Demawso township, a woman suffering from heart disease collapsed and died.

On January 11, serious clashes occurred in Mine Lone and Ywa Dan She quarters in Loikaw town, killing 20 SAC soldiers and one KNDF soldier. In the evening SAC troops burned down some houses in Mine Lone. Two jet fighters bombed Loikaw town that day.



Villagers' houses torched by SAC in Mine Lone quarter, Loikaw town

On January 12, due to bombing by SAC jet fighters, a Catholic church in Daw U Khu, Loikaw town, was damaged,

On January 13, in the morning, SAC troops camping near the technical university at Mine Lone in Loikaw town clashed with combined troops of KA, KNDF and PDF. On the same day, KA and KNDF troops attacked the SAC's Mae Salaung Taung outpost, between Bawlake town and Nan Peh village.

On January 14, SAC indiscriminately shelled near a school in Kayah Paing quarter, Bawlake town, killing a local villager.

On January 16, at 6 pm, a 40-year-old male villager from Loi Le Lay village tract stepped on a landmine near Nan Kweh village, in northern Loikaw township and lost his left leg.

On January 16, 100 SAC troops carried out an offensive near the Baptist church in Mine Lone quarter, Loikaw township, and clashed with combined troops of KA, KNDF, Demawso PDF and KDF. After suffering casualties, the SAC used two jet fighters to drop bombs on Loikaw town at about 5 pm. These airstrikes and indiscriminate SAC shelling led to burning and damaging of a Kayah Pu Baptist Church mission office, the Mitta Mon orphanage boarding house, several houses and some CBO offices. At 5:40 pm, SAC jet fighters then bombed Nan Mae Kon village in Demawso township, killing 3 young social workers. On the same day, KNDF attacked SAC troops going to fetch water in Marcrawshay village from their nearby hilltop base in Pruso township, causing some SAC casualties, according to a KNDF BO 15 statement.

- **SAC air and ground attacks cause mass evacuation of Loikaw and Demawso towns**

Since early January 2022, heavy fighting in the towns of Loikaw and Demawso, involving not only SAC ground attacks but also air strikes, have caused the town residents to flee to jungle IDP camps, as well as to other areas, including Shan State. IDPs fleeing from different townships including Loikaw have been obstructed by the SAC in various ways from entering Taunggyi, including by demanding exorbitant amounts of money along the main Loikaw-Taunggyi highway. In Loikaw town, after residents fled, SAC troops and other criminals have broken into empty houses and shops, stealing and ransacking property, inflicting further suffering on the displaced residents. Fear of airstrikes has caused about 20,000 residents of Loikaw town (about two-thirds of the town population) to flee, while residents of Demawso town who were formerly displaced, but tried to return to their homes, have now fled again, leaving the town almost deserted.



SAC helicopter shelling over Loikaw and Demawso



Civilians fleeing from Loikaw & Demawso blocked on the way to Taunggyi

- **IDPs killed by SAC night-time air raid**

On January 17, at 1 am, SAC aircraft dropped bombs over IDP camps in Pruso township, killing two girls (aged 12 and 15) and a 50-year-old man.

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