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Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Jan 17-30, 2022

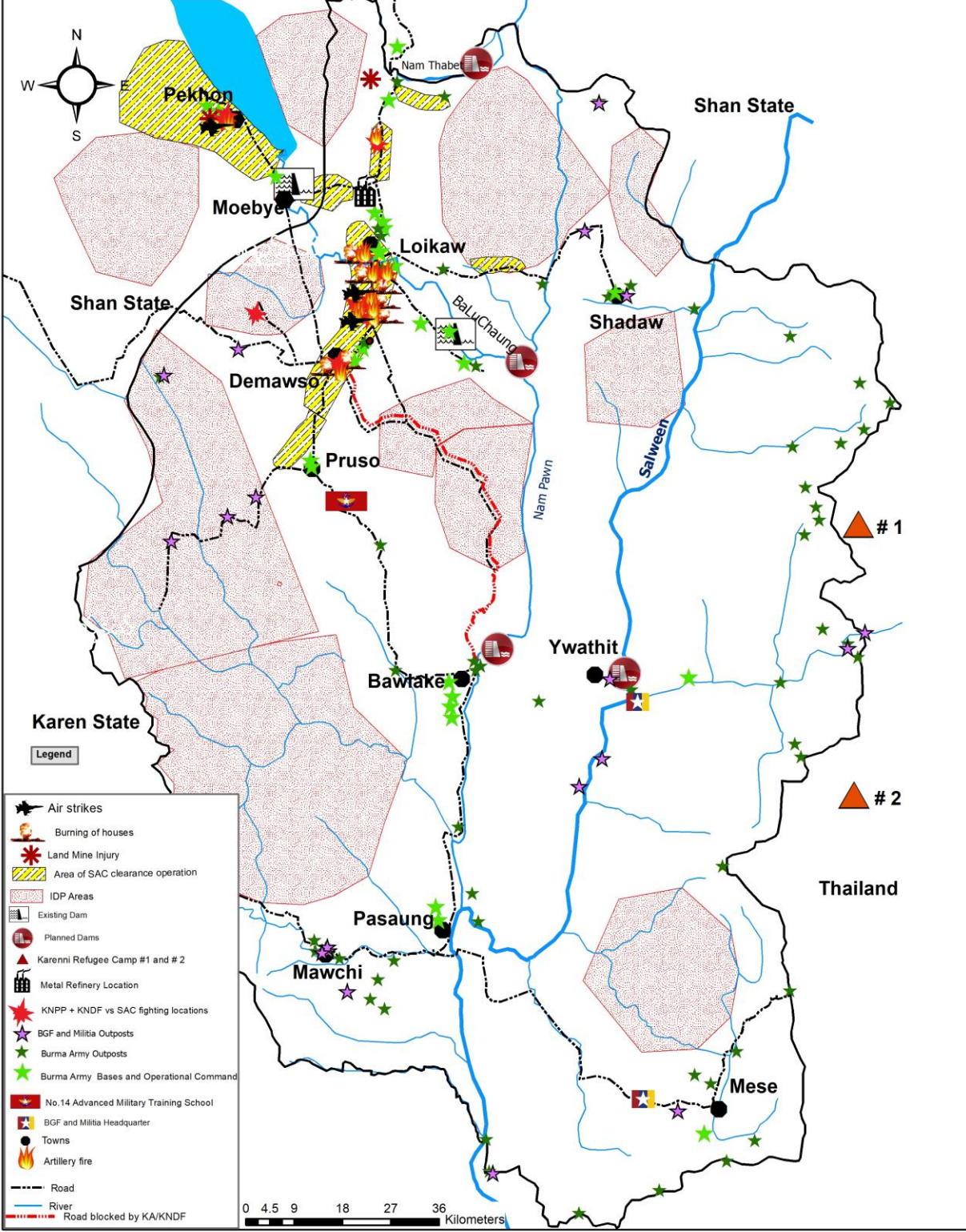
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1- Jan 16	Jan 17- Jan 30	Total
1	People killed	198	14	212
2	People arrested	268		268
3	People injured	157	1	158
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	74	3	77
	Demawso township	288	14	302
	Pekhon township	110		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 16	New IDPs Jan 17 – Jan 30	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	52,311		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	2,395		2,395
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	Total	177,115		177,115

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations Jan 17-30, 2022



- **Ongoing SAC offensives, involving airstrikes, shelling of civilian areas, torching of houses, extrajudicial killing of villagers**

On January 19, Karenni Democratic Front (KDF) and SAC troops clashed at Daw U Khu ward in Loikaw town killing 15 SAC soldiers. During the clash, SAC indiscriminately shelled into Daw U Khu ward, destroying a local villager's house.

On January 20, SAC indiscriminately shelled into Daw U Khu ward and Nam Baw Wa ward in Loikaw town, killing two civilians. On the same day, SAC troops camped near Daw Tayoke in Loikaw township shot and killed a 68-year-old man. His body was found by KNDF B-14.

On January 21, SAC burned down a house near the technical university in Mine Lone ward, Loikaw town. On the same day, a 17-year-old boy stepped on a land mine planted by SAC and lost his right leg while hunting birds near Peih Chit village in the Loikaw town area. Moreover, SAC troops who were carrying out an offensive near Daw Poe Si, 5-Mile, 6-Mile and Lo Bar Kho villages in Demawso township clashed with combined KA, KNDF and PDF troops. During the clash, SAC suffered many casualties while one KNDF soldier was killed. Two SAC jet fighters then carried out air strikes at 5:30 pm and 8 pm over Demawso.



An injured child who stepped on a land mine planted by SAC in Loikaw town

On January 22, SAC troops carrying out an offensive in Loikaw town and Demawso town clashed with combined troops of Demawso PDF, Loikaw PDF, KNDF and KA. The SAC troops then burned down one house in Loikaw township and five houses in Demawso township, according to a statement by Demawso PDF.

On January 23, a heavy clash occurred between KNDF and SAC troops near Ho Peit village and Thebyay Taw village in San Pya 6-Mile village tract in Demawso town, during which SAC burned down 9 houses in Ho Peit village, Thebyay Taw village and Sek Kwin 2 village. Moreover, the SAC killed two villagers in these villages.



Houses torched by SAC in Htu Du Nga Ta village Loikaw



Houses torched by SAC in Daw U Khu ward,

On January 24, while carrying out an offensive, SAC troops clashed heavily with combined KA, KNDF and PDF troops in San Pya 6-Mile village tract the whole day, during which SAC used helicopters to carry out 3 air strikes.

Between January 25 and 27, SAC troops under ID 55 and ID 99 carried out military campaigns in Na Nah Taw ward and Ye Yo village in Loikaw town. During this time, they killed 6 people and threw them into a disused latrine pit in Ye Yo village. On January 27, the 6 bodies were found, including four youths under 18 from Na Nah Taw ward: Maung Yu Jin (age 17), Maung Pe Day Lae, (age 17) Maung David Kyaw Soe (aka) Kyaw Kyaw (age 17) and Maung John Paul (age 16).

On January 28, the dead bodies of a mother and a son were found in Htu Du Nga Ta village in Loikaw town: Daw Mu Tah, 63 years old and her son Saw Dah Htoo, 23 years old. Moreover, the dead body of an unidentified man, his hands tied behind him with rope, was found in a Catholic sisters' school at Bar Doe village in Loikaw town, and was then buried by a local social welfare team.

On January 29, early in the morning, combined troops of the Pekhonn PDF and KNDF, attacked a SAC outpost in Hteng Daw Mu Paya near Gone Hsone village, killing 10 soldiers including one captain, according to a KNDF statement. Moreover, KNDF ambushed a SAC convoy of military trucks, tanks and bren gun carriers, destroying 3 military trucks and killing 2 SAC soldiers.

On January 30, while carrying out an offensive near Gone Soat village in Loi Le Lay village tract, Loikaw township, the SAC clashed with combined KA and KNDF forces, killing 6 SAC soldiers and one KNDF soldier, according to a KNDF statement. On the same day, the KNDF clashed with SAC near their IB 251 base in Loikaw at noon while SAC troops under ID 55 carried out an offensive in Na Nah Taw ward and Bar Doe village in Loikaw township. IDPs who had tried to return home, fled again to avoid the clashes.

- **IDPs facing food shortages - eating millet instead of rice**

Due to the ongoing heavy fighting between Karenni and SAC troops, involving ground attacks and air strikes, civilians who have fled to IDP camps in nearby forests as well as to areas outside Karenni State, still do not dare return home. They are also fearful of the increased targeted killing of civilians by SAC.

The SAC's blockage of transportation routes into Karenni State is making it difficult to provide food rations to the IDPs. Due to food shortages in some IDP camps in Pruso township, IDPs are now having to

cook and eat millet instead of rice. Millet is grown locally to produce home-made wine, not for consumption as a staple food.

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