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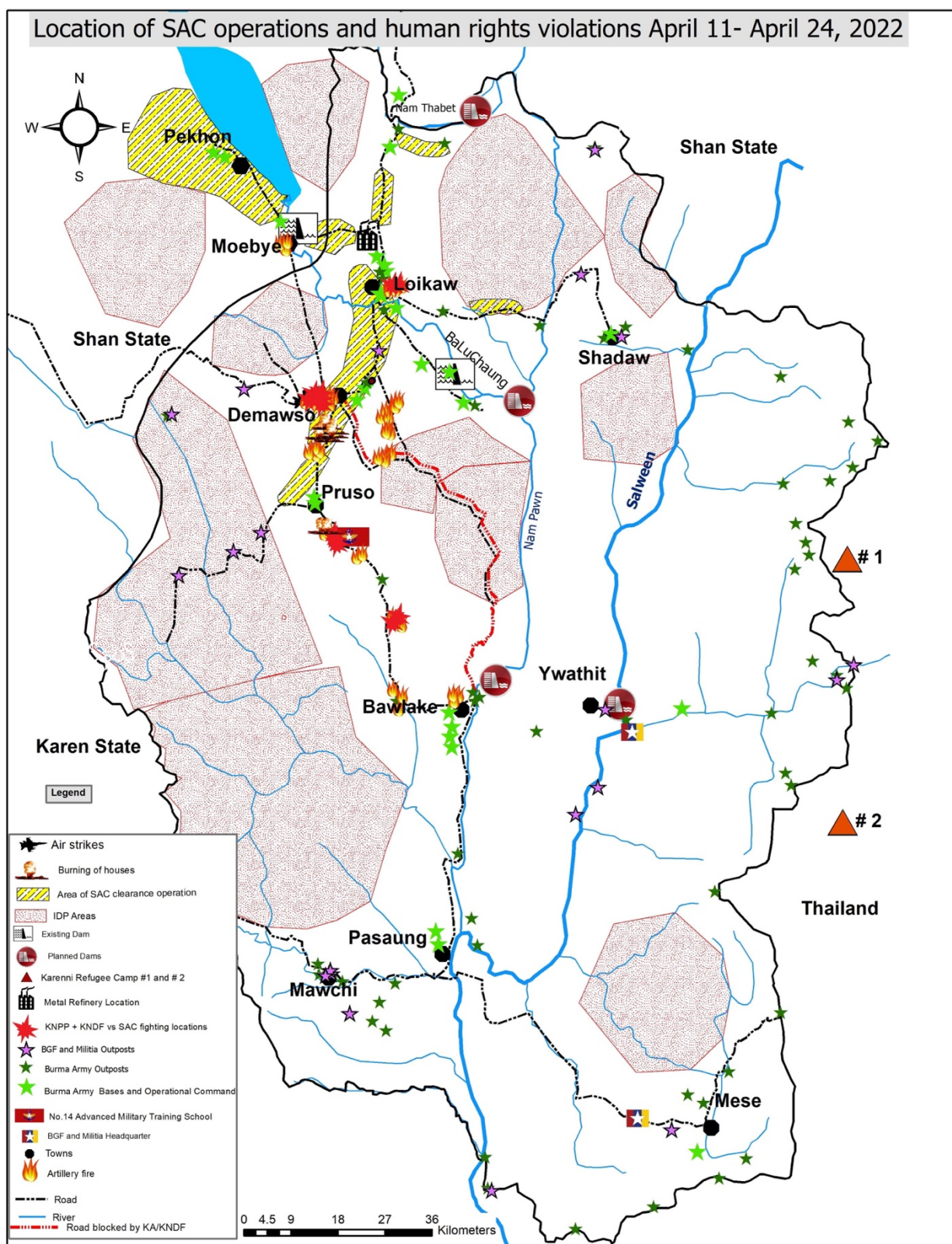
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Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, April 11- April 24, 2022

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

No		Feb 1- April 10	April 11– April 24	Total
1	People killed	246	1	247
2	People arrested	291	9	300
3	People injured	187	8	195
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	85	1	86
	Demawso township	375	6	381
	Pekhon township	119	3	122
	Pruso township	7	34	41
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 April 10	New IDPs April 11– April 24	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	52,311		52,311
2	Demawso	78,265		78,265
3	Pruso	4,403		4,403
4	Pasaung	4,000		4,000
5	Pekhon	51,000		51,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	Total	197,115		197,115



- **Escalated offensives, air strikes, indiscriminate shelling and torching of houses by SAC troops**

From April 11 to 24, 2022, SAC troops escalated their offensives in Loikaw, Demawso, Moebye, Pruso and Bawlake townships, using artillery shelling and air strikes. Indiscriminate shelling damaged religious buildings and houses and injured local villagers. In Ngwe Taung Ywathit village of Pruso township, the

SAC burned down over 30 houses and rice barns. Moreover, SAC troops ransacked the Catholic church in U Ku Re village in Demawso township after they had camped there for a month.

On April 11, in the lower section of Daw Po Shay village in Pruso township, SAC troops clashed with combined KA and KNDF B-15 troops, killing 3 SAC soldiers and injuring one. Also, the SAC clashed with combined KA and KNDF troops at U Ku Re village in Demawso township. 3 KNDF soldiers were killed and 2 injured due to heavy artillery shelling by SAC. Moreover, the SAC shot at 2 villagers who were trying to gather rations in Pruso town and one was injured. The SAC also arrested 4 villagers in Pruso town and beat them.

On April 12, local Karenni resistance forces attacked SAC troops trying to repair a bridge during an offensive between Marcrawshay village and Lawja New Village, killing 8 SAC soldiers, destroying a pick-up car, truck and bulldozer, and seizing some ammunition. The SAC burned down two houses in Law Je Khu New Village, in Pruso township. At least 30 SAC soldiers were injured during clashes with combined KA and KNDF troops at U Ku Re village and Naung Paleh village in Demawso township according to a KNDF B-02 statement. The SAC launched 10 airstrikes during the clashes in Demawso township.



SAC artillery shells fired into eastern Demawso



Civilian houses torched by SAC in Ngwe Taung Ywathit village, Pruso township

On April 13, combined KA and KNDF troops clashed with SAC troops in Demawso town, during which the SAC used 3 jet fighters to launch airstrikes and fired heavy artillery, killing 3 KNDF soldiers. Some SAC soldiers were also injured. Moreover, the SAC indiscriminately launched 10 shells at the KNPP District 1 office, injuring a 12-year-old child in Daw Tamyay village, eastern Demawso township,

On April 14, KA and KNDF clashed with SAC troops at Chit Keh Quarter in Loikaw town. During the clash, SAC indiscriminately fired shells that injured one local villager and damaged some houses. Moreover, the Karenni resistance forces carried out a mine attack between Tah Leh village in Pruso township and Nan Peh village in Bawlake township, killing 4 SAC soldiers and injuring 3, including the battalion commander of LIB 108 under ID 66. The SAC also intentionally launched shells into Tee Po Klo village tract in Demawso township, killing some livestock, even though there was no fighting in that location.

On April 15, due to non-stop shelling by LIB 422, a local male villager from Moby town was injured.

On April 16, despite there being no clashes, the SAC indiscriminately fired four artillery shells into Daw Mu Kla village, Loikaw township, damaging a house and killing a 7-year-old boy.

On April 17, despite there being no clashes, the SAC indiscriminately shelled at Law Taw Ta Naw village in Pruso township, damaging some houses and a monastery, and injuring a woman.

On April 18, despite there being no clashes, the SAC indiscriminately shelled into Nan Peh village in Bawlake township, damaging a civilian house.

On April 19, Ngwe Taung-based LIB 104 in Demawso township launched long-range artillery shells into 4 Mile Yah Khu village in Naung Paleh village tract of Demawso township, damaging a monastery. On the same day, some houses in eastern Demawso town were damaged by SAC shells and a villager who was on the road was injured.

On April 20, SAC troops camped at Moby town clashed with local Karenni PDF forces and during the clash, some civilians were injured and houses were damaged by indiscriminate SAC shelling. Moreover, some houses in Htee Thaw Ku village in Pruso township were damaged by indiscriminate SAC shelling

On April 20, the SAC started checking civilians traveling in Loikaw town, and from April 20 to April 21, 5 civilians were arrested. On April 20, in Moby town, at Si Kan 3 quarter, a child was injured by a bomb explosion.

On April 22, at 7 am, as KNDF B-09 troops were searching through with combined Karenni forces, a soldier from KNDF B-09 stepped on a land mine and lost both his legs, according to a KNDF B-09 statement.

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