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Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, April 25- May 8, 2022

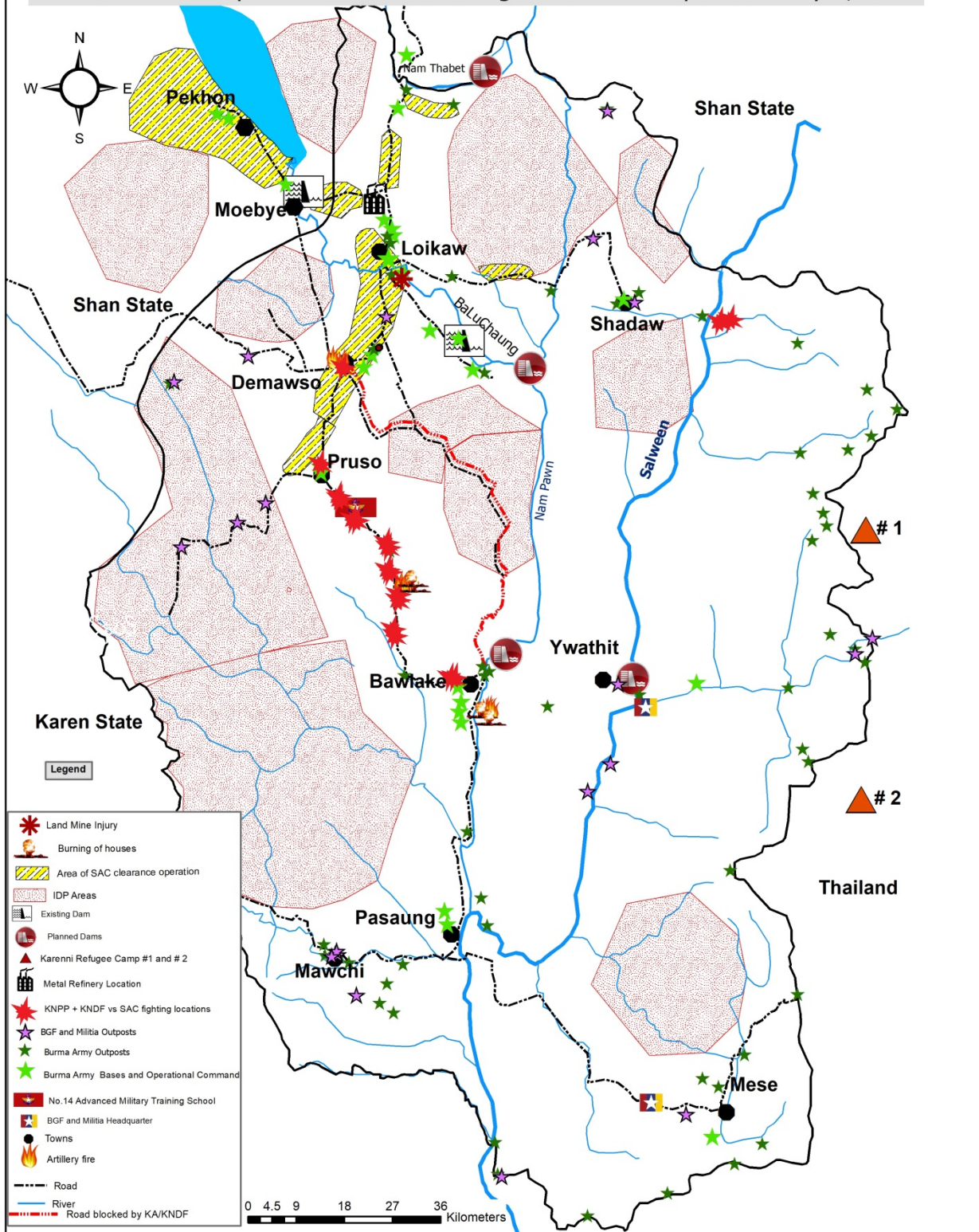
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

| No | | Feb 1- April 24 | April 25– May 8 | Total |
|----|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | People killed | 246 | 3 | 249 |
| 2 | People arrested | 291 | | 300 |
| 3 | People injured | 195 | 1 | 196 |
| 4 | Buildings damaged/destroyed | | | |
| | Loikaw township | 85 | 1 | 86 |
| | Demawso township | 381 | 6 | 387 |
| | Pekhon township | 122 | 3 | 125 |
| | Pruso township | 41 | 2 | 43 |
| | Bawlake 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 April 24 | New IDPs April 25– May 8 | 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 |

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations April 25 - May 8, 2022



- **Ongoing offensives and indiscriminate shelling by SAC troops to clear supply routes from Thai border**

The main clashes during the past two weeks have taken place along the Pruso-Bawlake highway, where SAC troops have been carrying out clearance operations and shelling indiscriminately to pre-empt attacks on convoys transporting rations, mainly from the Thai border near Mese. However, resistance forces were able to ambush several convoys, destroying trucks and seizing supplies. On April 28, retired intelligence chief Khin Nyunt visited Loikaw to meet with leaders of the Karenni National People's Liberation Front (KNPLF) and Karenni National Solidarity Organisation (KNSO) ceasefire groups. It is assumed that the SAC wants to use his former influence with these groups to ensure they stay loyal to the regime, and give safe passage to supplies passing through their territories. The main areas of operation of KNPLF, which transformed into a Border Guard Force in 2009, are in east and southeast Karenni State, bordering Thailand.

On April 25, 2 SAC military officers and 26 EPC workers riding a car and motorbike with electrical materials to repair electric pylons destroyed on April 21 during clashes in Pekhon township, southern Shan State, were arrested by KNDF and handed over to the Karenni State Police (formed by ex-CDM policemen).

On April 26, combined troops of KNDF B 04 and Pruso PDF attacked LIB 428 and Pruso town police station killing 4 SAC soldiers, with no casualties on the Karenni side.

On April 27, the KA and SAC troops clashed for about half an hour south of Tah Leh village in Pruso township with no known casualties. While searching through Zee Pyu Gone quarter, 6 mile village tract in Demawso township, the KNDF B 09 found two bodies in a water well which were too decomposed to be identified.

On April 29, combined troops of Demawso PDF and middle region battalion 1102 clashed with SAC troops carrying out an offensive in Myoma quarter, Demawso town, killing two and injuring three SAC soldiers. Moreover, combined KA and KNDF troops raided a security guard unit at the Lawpita dam and captured 8 security guards with 8 automatic guns. On the same day, local PDF and middle region battalion 1102, searching in Demawso town found a dead body believed to have been killed by SAC troops. The dead body was identified as Daw Rawza (aka) Mu Thoo who had disappeared almost a month previously.

On April 30, combined KA, KNDF and PDF troops clashed with SAC troops in Bawlake township.

On May 1, SAC troops based in Bawlake town fired 120 mm mortar shells at Mine Tan village, Bawlake township, damaging two local villagers' houses. On the same day, Daw Nweh Mu, aged 52, from Ye Ni Kan village, Loikaw township stepped on a land mine while picking soap nuts in nearby jungle and lost her left leg. SAC troops have been laying land mines around Loikaw town.



Two dead bodies found by KNDF in Zee Pyu Gone, Demawso township



A woman who stepped on a land mine in Ye Ni Kan, Loikaw

On May 3, combined KA and KNDF troops clashed with SAC troops between Daw Po Shay village and Tah Leh village in Pruso township, killing a SAC soldier and injuring many others. The SAC then shelled into Daw Po Shay village. On the same day, SAC troops clashed with combined KA and KNDF B 16 troops between Marcrawshay village and Tah Leh village in Pruso township killing two SAC soldiers, according to KNDF B 15 statement. After the clash, SAC fired 120 mm and 60 mm mortar shells, damaging two houses in Daw Po Shay village.

On May 4, KNDF B 15 clashed with SAC troops in Pruso township killing 3 SAC soldiers. Local PDF troops also attacked a convoy of military trucks near Law Khu Gyay village which were transporting ammunition and rations from No 14 advanced military training school south to Tah Leh village, killing 3 SAC soldiers, but without casualties on the Karenni side. On the same day, combined KA and KNDF B 16 troops attacked a convoy of military trucks transporting rations in Bawlake township. They damaged two trucks and seized some ammunition.

On May 6, combined KA, KNDF B 04K and NDF B 15 troops clashed with SAC troops between Marcrawshay village and Law Jay Khu new village, where one soldier from KNDF B 15 was killed. In Kayan Thayar village, Loikaw town, 3 drug dealers with 249 WY tablets, some pieces of jade and cash were seized by KNDF B 14 and the 3 criminals were handed over to the Karenni State Police in the evening of May 6.

On May 7, the KA attacked a SAC military outpost on the east bank of Salween river, east of Shadaw town, killing 6 soldiers from LIB 428 including a second battalion commander and injuring several others. Moreover, combined KA, KNDF B 04 and KNDF B 15 troops clashed with SAC troops two times near Lawjaykhu village in Pruso township, killing 27 SAC soldiers including a 3-star rank officer and capturing one soldier. 15 guns with over 1,000 bullets were confiscated and 4 military trucks transporting rations from Bawlake were destroyed.

On May 8, 3 SAC soldiers from ID 66 pretending to be civilians were caught and investigated by KNDF B 03 at Wari Suplai village in Pekhon township of southern Shan State and handed over to the Karenni State Police.

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