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Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, April May 9-22, 2022

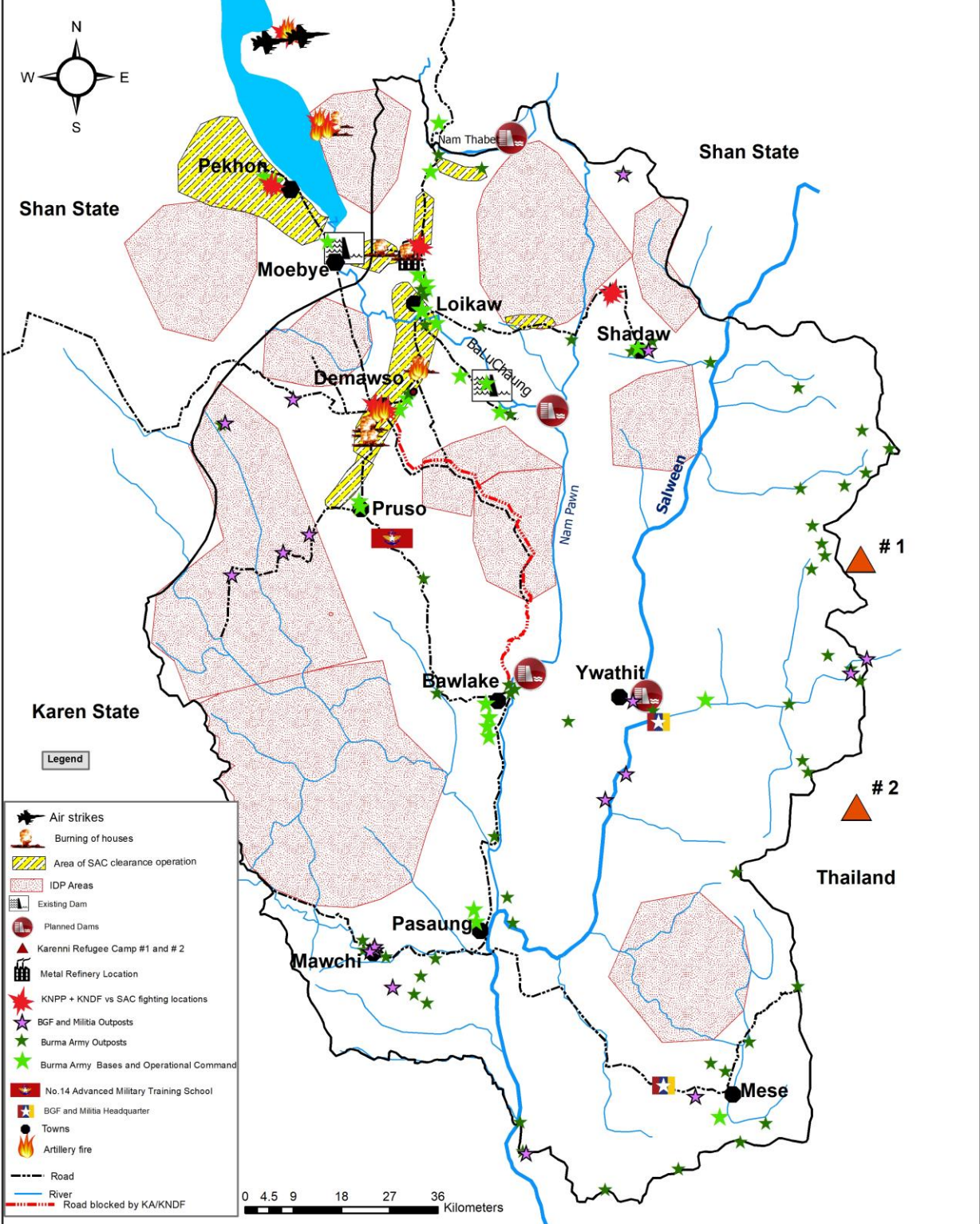
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

| No | | Feb 1- May 8 | May 9 – May 22 | Total |
|----|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | People killed | 249 | | 249 |
| 2 | People arrested | 300 | 20 | 320 |
| 3 | People injured | 196 | 2 | 198 |
| 4 | Buildings damaged/destroyed | | | |
| | Loikaw township | 88 | | 88 |
| | Demawso township | 387 | 6 | 393 |
| | Pekhon township | 125 | 35 | 160 |
| | Pruso township | 43 | | 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 May 8 | New IDPs May 9– May 22 | 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 | 5,000 | 56,000 |
| 6 | Shadaw | 2,395 | | 2,395 |
| 7 | Mae Set | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| 8 | Bawlake | 3,741 | | 3,741 |
| | Total | 197,115 | 5,000 | 202,115 |

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations May 9-22, 2022



- **Ongoing SAC clearance operations, airstrikes, shelling and torching of entire villages**

Since mid-May, SAC troops have expanded their clearance operations in southern Shan State, east of Pekhon Lake, carrying out airstrikes, shelling indiscriminately, looting property, arresting civilians and torching an entire village of 50 houses. This has caused new displacement of about 5,000 villagers. Meanwhile, SAC troops have continued clearance operations in Demawso township to try and secure safe transport of military rations from Bawlake. They have also forced civilian vehicles to transport military supplies between Loikaw and Shadaw.

On May 9, SAC troops carrying out operations in Myoma quarter of Demawso town clashed with Demawso PDF two times in the same day, during which 4 SAC soldiers were killed and 3 were injured, while 4 soldiers from KNDF B 10 were injured by landmines and one was killed at the front line in eastern Demawso town. After the clashes, SAC troops shelled indiscriminately, damaging some houses in Demawso town. On the same day, SAC troops camped at the entrance of Moebye town of southern Shan State were attacked by KNDF B 03, and 3 SAC soldiers were killed. Moreover, Loikaw PDF reported that a SAC sergeant from No 10 military defense materials production factory in Min Hla town, Bago region, had defected to the resistance.

On May 12, the KNDF BO3 and Pekhoh PDF raided a military checkpoint located in Hti Ree village, Nyaung Shwe township, Shan State, killing 20 soldiers and capturing 5, including a SAC major and 3 PNO soldiers, and seizing some weapons. Two days after the raid, the SAC and PNO took control of the village, interrogating villagers, breaking into houses, looting villagers' properties and arresting more than 20 villagers. On the same day, in the vicinity of Kayan Tharyar crossroads in Loikaw township, Loikaw PDF company No 5, KA and KNDF BO2 launched a sniper attack, killing one SAC soldier.

On May 13, Demawso PDF, Pruso PDF and Middle Region Battalion 1102 attacked Myoma police station in Demawso town, killing 2 SAC soldiers. 3 of the PDF were injured.

On May 14, a clash occurred between SAC troops taking cover near LIB 422 base in Pekhoh township of southern Shan State and Moebye PDF, killing 3 SAC soldiers and injuring 2 soldiers from Moebye PDF, according to a Moebye PDF statement. Moreover, at 6 am the Pekhoh PDF launched a sniper attack at Htaing Daw Mu Payan Taung, killing 2 SAC soldiers, according to Pekhoh PDF.

On May 15, combined Karenni troops clashed with 80 soldiers from the SAC and PNO militia, east of the Pekhoh lake of southern Shan State, and during the clash, SAC launched airstrikes over the area. Both sides suffered casualties, but exact numbers are not known. The SAC troops forced civilians driving vehicles along the Shadaw-Loikaw car road to carry rations for them, so the KNDF issued an order on May 15 for civilians to stop driving vehicles along the Shadaw and Loikaw car road starting from May 16.

On May 16, SAC troops carrying out an offensive in Hsaung Nan Keh village in Pekhoh township burned down the whole village of Hsaung Nan Keh, consisting of 50 houses. Combined KA and KNDF BO9 troops patrolling in the KNPP-controlled area of eastern Demawso township captured a SAC sergeant from LIB 4 under ID 33.

On May 17, from 5 am to 9 am, SAC troops clashed with Karenni PDF in Hsee Mee Law village, Pekhoh town of southern Shan state, causing villagers from Hsee Mee Law and nearby villages to flee from the fighting. Moreover, a clash occurred in Myoma Market, Demawso town, between SAC troops and KNDF B19, killing 3 SAC soldiers. On the same day, KA and KNDF attacked SAC troops at the "Danger Curve" outpost in Shadaw township and 3 KNDF soldiers were killed during the clash. Also on the same day, 3 clashes occurred in Demawso township: one clash occurred when the Karenni armed forces ambushed SAC troops at Myoma police station, killing 3 of them. Elsewhere, the Demawso PDF, middle region battalion 1102, Loikaw PDF and the Karenni Revolution Union (KRU) attacked the SAC troops

camped in civilians' houses in Daw Ngan Kan village, killing 5 SAC soldiers. Also, while SAC troops were patrolling near Gone Thar village, they were attacked by Karenni resistance forces, and 3 SAC soldiers were killed. After the clashes, the SAC indiscriminately shelled into 6 Mile village tract in Demawso town, damaging some houses there. Moreover, the SAC troops indiscriminately shelled into Loi Pan Hsone village in Pekhon town, hitting a monastery and injuring two male villagers.

On May 18, SAC troops from LIB 422 carrying out an offensive near Hsee Mee Law village in eastern Pekhon town clashed with combined troops of Pekhon PDF and KNDF BO3.

On May 19, clashes continued for the fifth day between Karenni defense forces and SAC troops carrying out an offensive in Hsee Mee Law village in the eastern Pekhon area since May 15.

On May 20, Karenni local PDF and SAC troops clashed from 8 am to 6 pm in Nan Porn Lon village in Pekhon township, where one local PDF soldier was killed. During the clash, the SAC troops burned down 3 houses in Nan Porn Lon village.



SAC torching the entire Hsaung Nan Keh village



A Loi Pan So villager injured by SAC shelling

On May 21, from 1 pm to 4 pm, combined KNDF BO3, B11 and KA troops clashed with SAC troops in Hsee Mee Law village, eastern Pekhon township, killing 4 SAC soldiers. On that day, the SAC indiscriminately shelled into Nyaung Mone village, Kayin village tract, in eastern Pekhon township damaging a rice barn and some houses, even though there was no fighting in that village. On the same day, at 8 am, at Demawso Myoma bridge in Demawso township, the local PDF attacked a security outpost. Moreover, at 9 am the local PDF attacked SAC reinforcements on their way to Demawso Myoma bridge, killing 4 SAC soldiers.

New displacement and humanitarian needs

Due to the joint operations of SAC and PNO troops east of the Pekhon lake on the Shan-Karenni border since May 15, about 5,000 villagers from 15 villages have fled from fighting and are in need of emergency assistance for shelter and rations.

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