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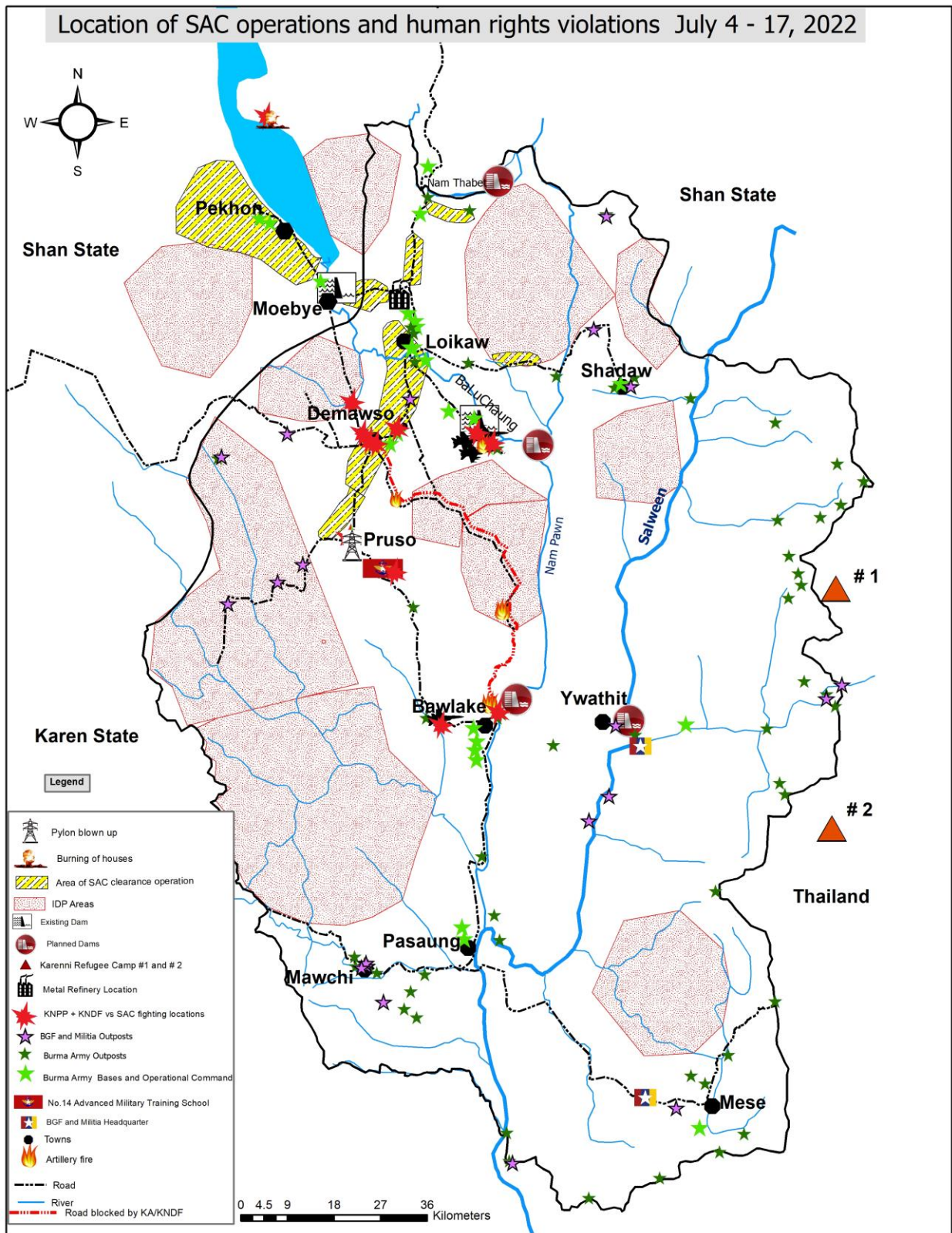
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, July 4-July 17, 2022

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

No		Feb 1-July 3	July 4-July 17	Total
1	People killed	257	2	259
2	People arrested	328	1	329
3	People injured	217	2	219
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	91		91
	Demawso township	397		397
	Pekhon township	163	3	166
	Pruso township	56		56
	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 July 3	New IDPs July 4- July 17	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	56,000		56,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	Total	202,115		202,115



Airstrikes, indiscriminate shelling, shooting of civilians, arbitrary arrest, looting by SAC troops

During the past two weeks, combined Karenni forces have launched attacks on SAC military camps in Pekhon, Loikaw, Bawlake and Demawso townships, inflicting heavy casualties. One of the attacks was close to the Lawpita hydropower plant, triggering multiple SAC airstrikes in defense of this key infrastructure project. Attacks on the SAC’s Maesaloung camp on a main supply route in Bawlake

similarly triggered airstrikes. SAC troops have also continued collective punishment of local villagers, firing shells indiscriminately into civilian areas, looting and destroying property, carrying out arbitrary arrests, and shooting randomly at motorcyclists, causing injury and death.

On July 4, at 5 am, SAC's Lweh Patar camp and Shwe Pyin Aye camp near Konesone village and Lweh Patar village, Pekhon township, were attacked by combined troops of KA, KNDF, PDF (Pekhon), MBPDF and SSRY. During the fighting, over 40 SAC soldiers were killed and 20 SAC guns seized. 11 troops of the combined forces were also killed. SAC troops arrested one civilian in Konesone village and burnt down his house, two cars and one motorbike. Additionally, the SAC shelled indiscriminately into Lweh Patar village, damaging a civilian house.



Scarecrow used by SAC to stand guard in Lweh Pao village, Pekhon



Shops destroyed by SAC troops in Lweh Pao village, Pekhon

On July 6, at 6 am, SAC's Thinbawbin camp near Lawpita village, Loikaw township, was attacked by KA and KNDF, and one SAC captain was killed. During the clash, a SAC fighter jet attacked 9 times and a helicopter 11 times. The SAC then sent reinforcement troops from No.1 camp, 4 Mile, Loikaw, which were ambushed by KNDF between Solaseh village and Lawkahtoo village, killing 5 SAC soldiers and injuring 4. During the fighting near Solaseh village, the SAC troops killed a Solaseh villager. In the afternoon, SAC troops were ambushed by KNDF near the SAC LIB 427 base at Ngwedaung village, Demawso, leaving 3 SAC soldiers dead and several injured. On the same day, the checkpoint at the bridge on the Pawn River in Bawlake was attacked by KNDF. The SAC troops shelled indiscriminately into Dawtamagyi village and Pehlyar village, Demawso township, even though there were no clashes there.

On July 8, SAC troops shot at two civilians riding a motorbike in Narnataw quarter, Loikaw, killing one, a 29-year-old man, and injuring the other. On the same day, the SAC camp in Maesaloung, near Nan Peh village, Bawlake township was attacked by combined KA and KNDF troops. During the fighting, the SAC launched an airstrike and fired artillery.

On July 10, the KNDF B-10 released a statement that vehicle drivers would only be allowed to pass along the Loikaw-Mawchi main road in eastern Demawso township on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and that drivers should adhere to 5 rules: travel is only allowed 3 days a week; no outside passengers are allowed; a recommendation from district 2 shall be needed if carrying cement; not to carry more than 10 sacks of rice; and not to carry restricted goods.

On July 11, KA and KNDF attacked a SAC camp in Maesaloung, on a main supply route in Bawlake township. During the attack, the SAC launched 2 airstrikes and killed one KNDF B-16 soldier. Moreover, SAC troops clashed with KNDF while KNDF was providing security in Thaysuleh village, Demawso township. At 10 am on the same day, while two SAC vehicles were carrying rations to Demawso Police station, they were intercepted and attacked by a combined force of DMO-local PDF, Battalion C, D E

from strategy 3, middle region battalion 1102. Fighting lasted about 30 minutes, and 3 SAC soldiers were killed.

On July 12, in Mine Lone quarter, Loikaw, 3 youth riding a motorbike were shot at by SAC soldiers, after being ordered to stop. One of the youth, a 16-year-old boy, was hit and injured in his legs. In the morning of the same day, two SAC support vehicles from Daw Ngan Kan, Demawso, which were heading to Pupar village were ambushed by local defense forces.

On July 13, SAC troops based in Saung Nan Keh village, Pekhonn town, were attacked by people's defense forces. 5 SAC troops were killed and several injured.

On July 14, while KA and KNDF were patrolling in Pruso, they fought with SAC troops and killed one SAC soldier. Also, while SAC troops were carrying out clearance operations in U Khu Ree village, Demawso township, they fought with local Karenni defense forces, according to a statement by KNDF.

On July 16, at 11 am, SAC soldiers looted civilian houses in Daw Law Khu village, Pruso, and fought with KA and KNDF, who killed one SAC soldier and seized one MA-1 rifle and some ammunition, according to a KNDF statement. Around 6:30 pm, the SAC camp in U Khu Ree, Demawso township, was attacked by combined forces of KNDF Battalion 5, Division 2, KNDF battalion 1 and KA. 2 SAC soldiers were killed. On the same day, a telecommunication tower of the military-owned Mytel company in Pruso township was blown up by Nay Pyi Taw People's Defense Force, KRU and KNDF.

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