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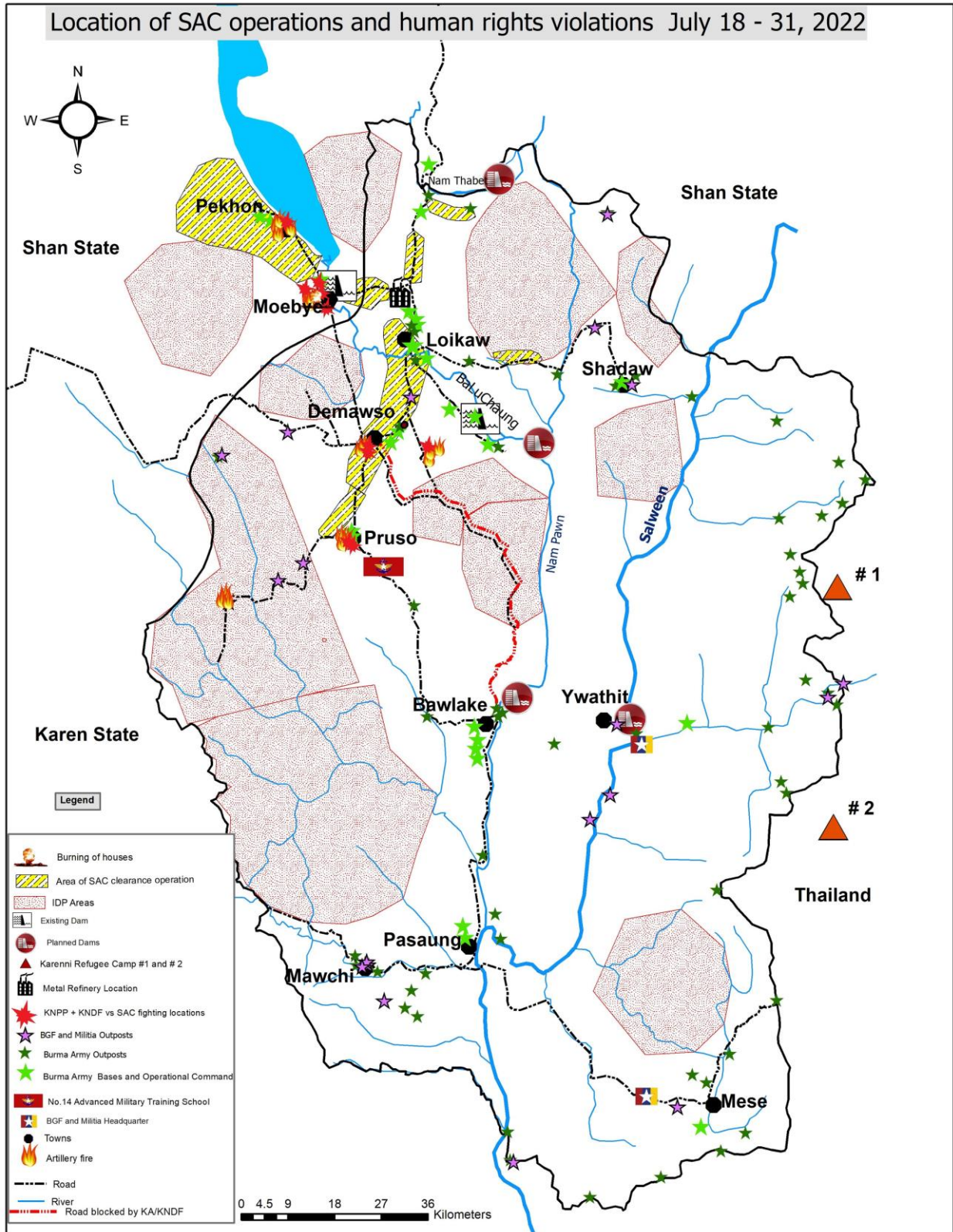
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, July 18-July 31, 2022

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

No		Feb 1-July 17	July 18-July 31	Total
1	People killed	259	2	261
2	People arrested	329		329
3	People injured	219	8	227
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	91		91
	Demawso township	397	3	400
	Pekhon township	166	5	171
	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 17	New IDPs July 18 – July 31	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



Ongoing indiscriminate shelling by SAC kills and injures civilians, damages houses

During the past two weeks, combined Karenni forces have launched attacks on SAC military camps in Pekhon, Pruso and Demawso townships. In an attempt to secure Moebye town, SAC has brought in hundreds more troops, which have also been attacked by resistance forces. In retaliation for these attacks, SAC has fired indiscriminately into civilian areas, killing a teenage girl and 70-year-old woman, and

injuring eight other civilians, including a 2-year-old child. There have also been frequent SAC helicopter flights between Loikaw and Bawlake, sending supplies and conducting surveillance.

On July 18, at 5 am, Karenni People defense forces attacked the SAC LIB 422 camp in Moebye and at 1 pm, SAC troops clashed with the Moebye People Defense Force and killed seven SAC soldiers. SAC fired artillery from their bases in Pekhoh, Moebye, and Loikaw, injuring one civilian from Sekar 1 quarter, Moebye, and damaging one house. Five shells also exploded in Kaung Ei village, Pekhoh, damaging two houses. On the same day, SAC troops based in Thaysuleh village, Demawso township, were attacked by KNDF B-05 and B-06, killing two SAC soldiers. SAC then fired shells at an IDP area in western Demawso, causing the closure of five schools, which had only been open for one month.

On July 21, SAC troops based at Lwehmaku mountain near Lahel village, Pekhoh township, clashed with combined troops of KNDF B-03 and Pekhoh PDF Battalion 2. Nine SAC soldiers were killed, and the revolutionary forces retreated unharmed.

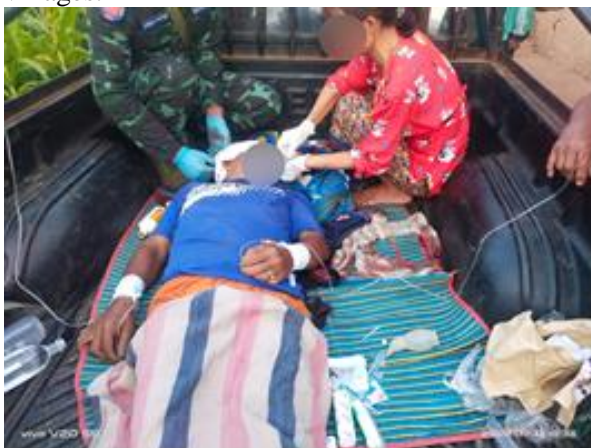
On July 22, SAC troops patrolling around Pruso clashed with combined troops of KA, KNDF B-04, Loikaw PDF, Middle Special Force, and Middle battalion 1101. Four SAC soldiers were killed.

On July 25, the Moebye People Defense Force released a statement that a convoy of 21 SAC vehicles, with around 300 soldiers, which had entered Moebye town, clashed with MBPDF Battalion 1 and 2, Loikaw PDF, and URF. The fighting lasted about 3 hours, leaving ten SAC soldiers dead and one soldier from the defense forces slightly injured. SAC fired a large number of shells indiscriminately, destroying civilians' houses. One shell exploded in a monastery where IDPs were sheltering, injuring two civilians, and another killed a 70-year-old woman in Sekar 3 quarter in Moebye. On July 29, the Bawlake People Defense Force released a statement that a navy captain serving in the shipyard headquarters in Thanlyin town, Yangon division, joined the CDM with the BPDF on July 29.

On July 28, SAC troops based in Demawso police station went on patrol around the camp, and fought with DMO-local PDF, Strategy 3 and Middle Division Battalion 1106 at 12 pm. Two SAC soldiers were killed and one injured. On the same day, KNDF B 16 launched a guerrilla attack against SAC troops based on Maeslaung mountain near Nanpeh village, killing one SAC soldier.

On July 29, Karenni local forces clashed with SAC troops in Dawkame village, Demawso, and one soldier from KNDF B-01 was killed by artillery fire.

On July 30, two SAC columns marching near Hopate and Dawpoesi village, Demawso, clashed with KNDF B-09 three times in three different places, namely Hopate, Dawpoesi and Daw Bu Nga 5-mile villages.



Villager injured by SAC shelling in Demawso



Catholic church damaged by SAC shelling in Moebye

On July 31, at 11 am, while KNDF B-05 was patrolling near U Khu Ree village, Demawso, they clashed with SAC troops, inflicting losses. On the same day, SAC troops of Ngwe Daung-based Battalion 102, in Demawso, and Pruso-based Battalion 128 fired shells about 10 times, killing a 13-year-old IDP girl, and injuring five people, including a 2-year-old infant, and damaging one house.

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