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Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, August 1-14, 2022

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

No		1 Feb 2021 – 31 July 2022	1-14 Aug, 2022	Total
1	People killed	261	4	265
2	People arrested	329	4	333
3	People injured	227	5	232
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	91	2	93
	Demawso township	400	2	402
	Pekhon township	171	1	172
	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 31	New IDPs Aug 1 – Aug 14	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 SAC shelling and aerial bombing kill and injure civilians**

Suffering losses from spreading Karenni resistance attacks in Pekhon, Pruso, Demawso, Loikaw, Shadaw and Bawlake townships, SAC troops have retaliated with indiscriminate shelling and aerial bombing of civilian areas, killing two elderly men (including a 70-year-old villager holding his wife's funeral), and injuring five other civilians. SAC troops also forced four elderly villagers to be human shields in Pruso township.

In the morning of August 1, KA and KNDF clashed with SAC troops which had set up a post in Tay So Le village, Demawso township. Also, troops of KNDF B-03, B-11, SSRY and KA ambushed SAC troops which had set up a post on a mountain between Pin Po and Le Wel villages, Kaung E village tract, Phekon township, killing two SAC soldiers.

On August 2, in the early morning, SAC troops of LIB 427 based in Ngwe Daung, Demawso, carried out operations in Sapy 6 Mile, Demawso, and clashed with KNDF B-09 troops for nearly a day. On the same day, KA and KNDF B-16 guerrillas clashed with SAC troops based at Maesalaung mountain, Bawlake township, killing one SAC soldier. Also, four SAC soldiers who had entered into Loi Ta Mu village, Sapy 3 Mile, Loikaw, clashed with KNDF B012 troops, and suffered casualties, but the exact number is unknown.

On August 3, Demawso PDF guerrillas attacked SAC troops based in the town hall of Demawso. And at 8:30 pm, the Moebye PDF launched an attack on the SAC post in Pharlai village, Moebye township, which lasted 30 minutes.

On August 4, an IDP called U Na Thar Le, aged 49, passed away from injuries caused by indiscriminate SAC shelling into an IDP area on July 31.

On August 5, two columns of SAC troops carrying out an offensive in Sapy 6 Mile and Betalin villages in Demawso clashed with KNDF B-09; one SAC soldier was killed and four injured. After this, the SAC troops burnt down a civilian house in Betalin village. On the same day, at 9 pm, SAC troops under Military Operations Command 7 fired shells indiscriminately into eastern Pekhon, killing a 70-year-old man who was holding a funeral for his wife.

On August 6, KNDF B-06 troops launched an attack on the SAC police station in Myo Ma, Demawso, killing one SAC soldier.

On August 7, at 10 am, SAC troops carrying out an offensive from their camp between Loikaw and Demawso were ambushed in Betalin village, Demawso township. During the clash, SAC LIB 427 troops based in Demawso indiscriminately fired 3 artillery shells into eastern Demawso, damaging two houses and killing 2 chickens. On the same day, SAC troops patrolling from Ta Ngu So outpost, Shadaw township, clashed with KA and KNDF troops three times; at least two SAC soldiers were killed.



Building damaged by airstrikes in Loikaw



Civilian injured by SAC shelling in Demawso

On August 9, a SAC fighter jet bombed a clinic and a house in Daw Par Pan village, eastern Loikaw township, killing a 70-year-old man and injuring two medics, even though there was no fighting on the ground at the time. The bombing caused children studying at the village school to flee in terror to the nearby jungle. On the same day, SAC LIB 102 troops based in Demawso fired over 8 artillery shells into eastern Demawso, injuring three civilians: a 22-year-old woman was injured in her waist; a 17-year-old youth was injured below his knees, and a 22-year-old man was injured in his shoulder. On the same day, Karenni resistance forces clashed with SAC troops Shadaw township, killing at least 5 SAC soldiers, according to a KNDF B-17 statement.

On August 11, in the morning, the chairman of the Kayan Literature and Culture Central Committee was assassinated by two unidentified armed men. On the same day, 30 SAC troops carrying out an offensive from Military Training Camp no.14 in eastern Pruso clashed with KA and KNDF B-15 troops; one SAC soldier was killed.

On August 12, combined Karenni forces from KA, Loikaw PDF, KNDF, Demawso PDF, Moebye PDF, KRU, KGZ, and Middle Region Battalion 1102, clashed with 3 columns of SAC troops carrying out an offensive in So Lyar Ku village, Pruso township, from August 9 to August 12; at least 2 SAC soldiers and one Loikaw PDF soldier were killed, according to a Loikaw PDF statement. On the same day, KA troops launched an attack on a SAC outpost on Mar Kraw Shay mountain, Pruso township, killing one SAC soldier.

On August 13, early in the morning, SAC troops carrying out an offensive in Koe Sar Maw village, Pruso township, arrested four elderly civilians and used them as human shields at the front line, then released them on August 14. SAC troops from Pruso-based LIB 531 carrying out an offensive in eastern Pruso clashed with combined KA and KNDF B-15 troops, who killed 3 SAC soldiers and seized some ammunition.

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