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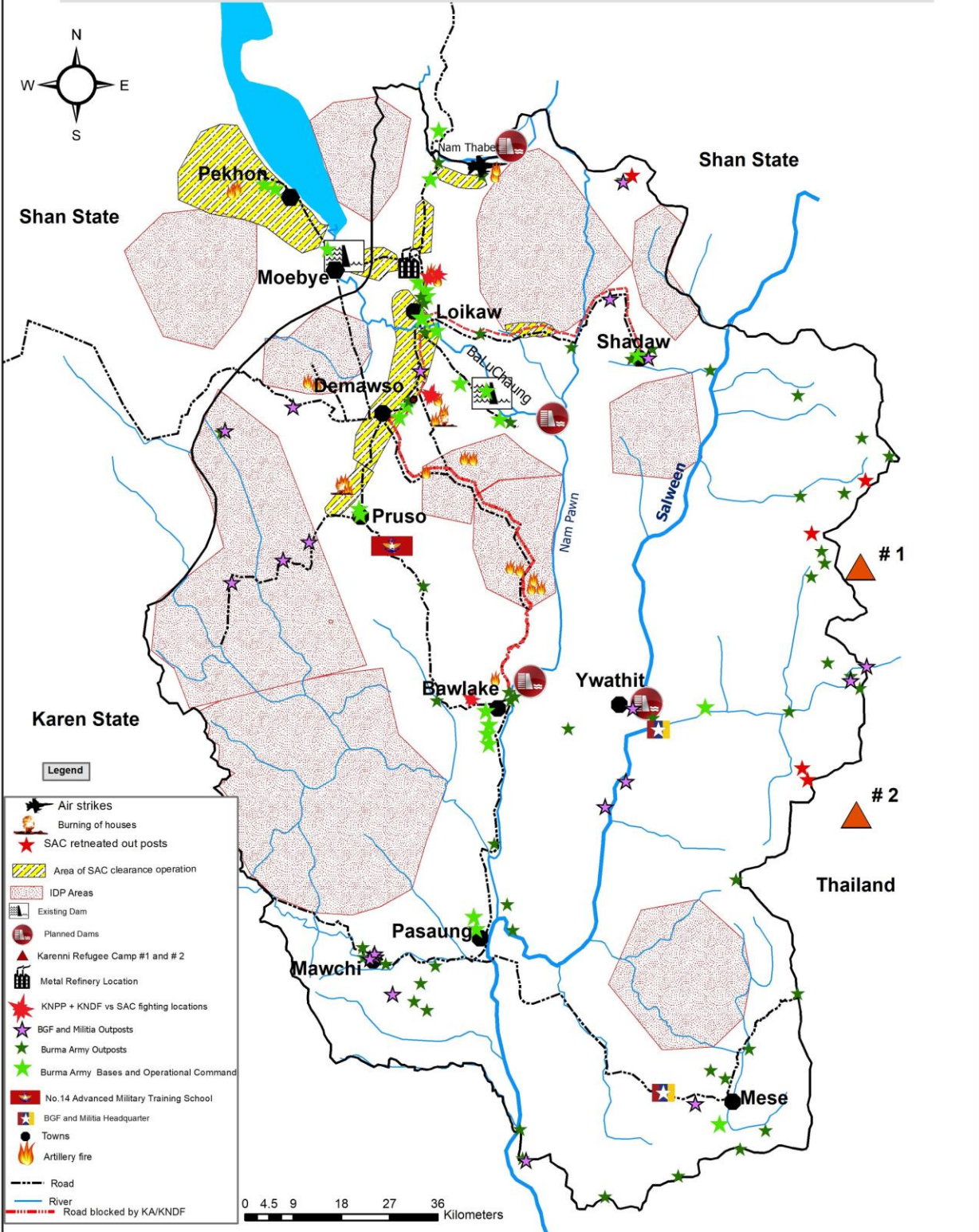
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Jan 16 to 29, 2023
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhonn Township

No		1 Feb 2021 – Jan 15 2023	Jan 16 - 29, 2023	Total
1	People killed	290	2	292
2	People arrested	334		334
3	People injured	322	13	335
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	103		103
	Demawso township	419	4	423
	Pekhonn township	282	2	284
	Pruso township	59	2	61
	Bawlake township	2		2
	Shadaw township	1		1
5	Dismissal of CDM education staff			
	Pruso township	526		526
	Demawso township	1,123		1,123
	Mese township	78		78
	Pasaung township	152		152
	Shadaw township	54		54
	Pekhonn township	648		648
	Bawlake township	42		42
	Total dismissed	2,623		2,623

Summary of displacement

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Jan 15, 2023	New IDPs Jan 16-29, 2023	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	Pekhonn	56,000		56,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mese	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	Total	202,115		202,115

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations January 16-29, 2023



SAC steps up air and artillery attacks on IDP areas, killing two and injuring thirteen civilians

During the past two weeks, SAC carried out three airstrikes on IDP camps in eastern Loikaw township, and shelled IDP areas in Phekon, Demawso and Pruso townships, killing two civilians and injuring thirteen, including two children under five. Shelling and drone surveillance preceded a new SAC offensive in eastern Demawso, where residents of three IDP camps have relocated elsewhere in fear of their lives.

On January 16, at 8 pm, indiscriminate shelling from a Pekhon-based SAC artillery battalion into an IDP camp in Phekon township killed one woman and wounded two men. After the mortars exploded in the IDP camp, some IDPs relocated elsewhere.

On January 17, the Karenni State Government's Ministry of Interior issued a statement announcing that travel and transport of goods was allowed on the road between Loikaw-Sanpya 6 Miles-Dawtamagyi-Bawlake.

On January 19, there was a heavy clash between combined Karenni forces and SAC near Pha Mow and Pha Ti Mar villages, Loikaw township. A KNDF B-12 soldier and a Loikaw PDF soldier were killed. The number of SAC casualties is unknown.

On January 20, combined Karenni forces, comprising Karenni Commando, KA, KNDF B-09, 15, 16, Loikaw PDF and DMO-PDF, launched an attack on the SAC's strategically important Maesalaung mountain outpost in Bawlake township. Five SAC soldiers were killed and the other SAC troops fled from the outpost. One KA soldier was also killed. The combined Karenni force seized a large amount of SAC ammunition then burnt down the outpost. On the same day, SAC indiscriminately fired shells into western Demawso township, wounding a 50-year-old IDP woman and wounding a 45-year-old local male resident. Moreover, two cows and a pig belonging to villagers were killed by the shelling.

On January 22, at 8 pm, Demawso-based LIB 102 fired artillery into an IDP camp in eastern Demawso township. Mortars hit the roof of one house and injured two children under 5 years old and a mother. The mother was wounded in both legs and a two-year-old child was injured in one leg and arm. On the same day, at midnight, the SAC carried out airstrikes, dropping two 500-pound bombs around an IDP camp in eastern Loikaw.



IDP shelter damaged by SAC shelling, Demawso township



Villager's cow killed by SAC shelling, Demawso township

On January 23, at midnight, the SAC carried out an airstrike on an IDP camp in eastern Loikaw township dropping three bombs, which fortunately exploded outside the camp without injuring anyone.

On January 24, indiscriminate shelling from LIB 102 into eastern Demawso township injured 5 IDPs and one local resident. At 5 pm, the SAC launched an airstrike on an IDP camp in Tee Lo village tract, eastern Loikaw township, dropping five bombs and firing three rounds of gunfire.

On January 25, SAC troops launched an offensive into eastern Demawso and clashed with combined Karenni forces. Residents of three IDP camps in the area relocated elsewhere in fear of being attacked or shelled.

On January 26, at 10 am, Pruso-based LIB 531 fired artillery shells into Hso Lyar Ku village, Pruso township, damaging some houses.

On January 29, at 9 am, Lawpita-based LIB 530 fired artillery shells into eastern Demawso township. Mortars exploded in a village, killing a 27-year-old local man.

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