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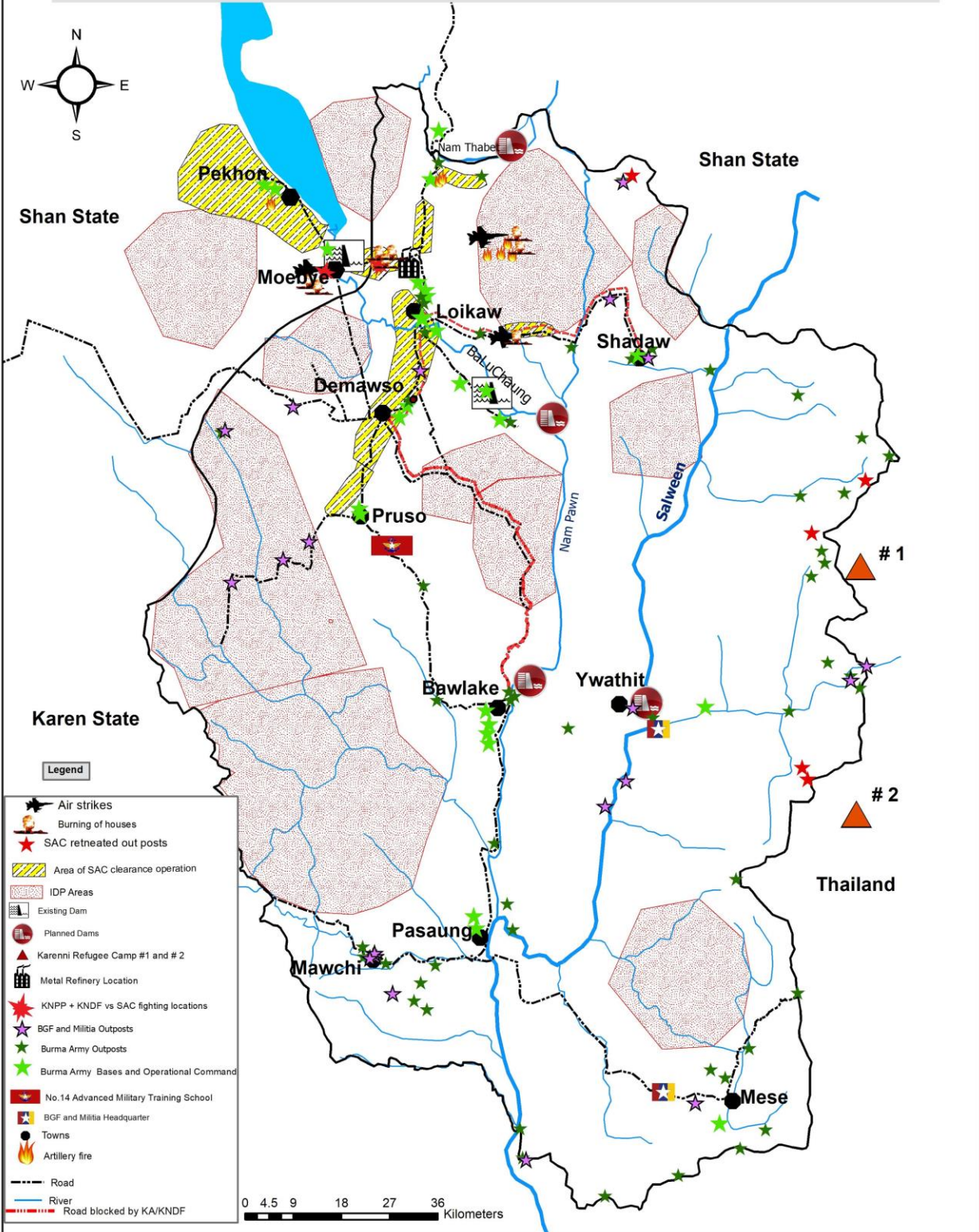
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Jan 30 to Feb 12, 2023
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		1 Feb 2021 – Jan 29 2023	Jan 30 – Feb 12, 2023	Total
1	People killed	292	5	297
2	People arrested	334		334
3	People injured	335	6	341
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	103	27	157
	Demawso township	423		423
	Pekhon township	284	1	285
	Pruso township	61		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
	Pekhon township	648		648
	Bawlake township	42		42
	Total dismissed	2,623		2,623

Summary of displacement

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Jan 29, 2023	New IDPs Jan 30-Feb 12, 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	Pekhon	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 Jan 30 - Feb 12, 2023



SAC imposes martial law in four Karenni townships, amid ongoing air and artillery attacks on IDP areas

The SAC declaration of martial law in 37 townships across Burma on February 2 included four townships in Karenni State. Since then, SAC has continued targeting IDP areas in Loikaw and Pehkon with airstrikes and artillery attacks, inflicting civilian casualties. Tighter travel restrictions are also being imposed on local villagers.

On January 31, SAC announced that villagers in Shadaw township were required to get a travel document from SAC authorities. The residents need to fill in their name, vehicle no. type of vehicle and goods carried in the travel document.

On February 1, at 11 pm, the DMO-Local PDF battalion 2 and KNDF found a male villager's dead body when carrying out an operation in Demawso township. The body had gunshot and knife wounds.

On February 2, the SAC military regime imposed martial law in 37 townships in eight regions and states, putting them under the direct control of regional commanders. Among them are 11 townships in Sagaing, five each in Magwe and Bago, two in Tanintharyi, seven in Chin, four in Karenni, two in Karen and one in Mon, according to the junta statement. The four townships in Karenni are: Pruso, Bawlake, Demawso and Shadaw.

On February 3, at 6:30 pm, the SAC launched an airstrike on an IDP camp in eastern Loikaw, setting on fire an IDP clinic and a teaching shelter, containing documents, medicines and rations, even though there were no clashes in the area.

On February 4, from 10 pm to 4 am the following morning, there was a heavy clash between combined Karenni forces and SAC in Loikaw township, killing 15 SAC soldiers. One of the Karenni forces was also killed and one injured. The same night, SAC artillery shelling damaged a Catholic church and 20 houses in Warikaungku village, Loikaw township. One civilian was injured and some domestic animals were killed by the shelling.



Catholic church shelled in Warikaungku village, Loikaw township

On February 6, at 2 pm, a civilian car hit a land mine on Zayapyu village road, killing four civilians and badly injuring two in Demawso township.

On February 8, at 9 am, a large number of SAC troops, armed with a tank, clashed with combined Karenni forces in Moebye town.

On February 9, at 1 pm, four mortars exploded in Loilelay town in Loikaw township, injuring a young woman and boy. 19-year-old Ma Be Bya Nar lost one of the fingers of her left hand and 13-year-old Mg La Min Mg was injured in his right ear. On the same day, at midnight, the SAC launched an airstrike near Kyatgu 10 miles from Loikaw town, damaged a tent.

On February 10, at 11:00 a, the SAC LIB 250 fired artillery shells at Palaung village, Loikaw township, damaged three houses. On the same day, at 10:30 pm, SAC carried out an airstrike on Warikaungku village, Relokan village tract, Phekon township, damaging a building next to a Catholic shrine with a 500 lb bomb. Fortunately, no one injured.

On February 12, at 11 pm, SAC fired artillery shells at Htee Ri village, Loikaw, injuring a boy under 2 years old in the right leg.

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