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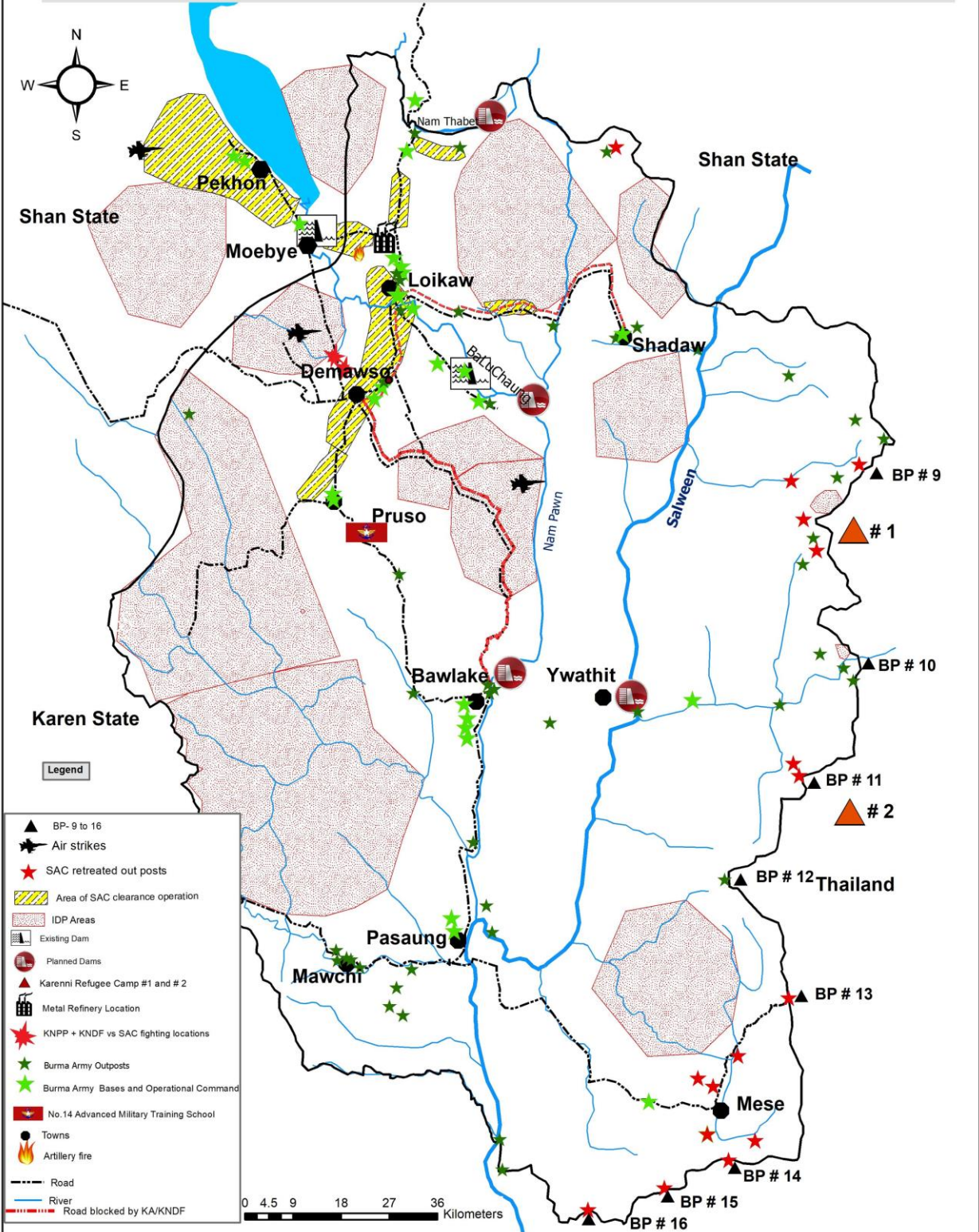
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Aug 28- Sept 10, 2023
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Aug 27 2023	Aug 28 – Sept 10, 2023	Total
1	Civilian killed	408	3	411
2	Civilian arrested	355		355
3	Civilian injured	456	4	460
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	167		167
	Demawso township	614	6	620
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhon township	356	20	376
	Pruso township	129		129
	Bawlake township	33		33
	Shadaw township	16		16
	Pasaung township	32		32
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 Aug 27, 2023	New IDPs Aug 28-Sept 10, 2023	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	52,311		52,311
2	Demawso	83,265		83,265
3	Pruso	4,403		4,403
4	Pasaung	24,000		24,000
5	Pekhon	56,000		56,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mese	5000		5,000
8	Bawlake	5,241		5,241
	Total	232,615		232,615

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations Aug 28 - Sep 10, 2023



SAC airstrikes and shelling kill three, injure four civilians, but fail to deter resistance attacks

During the past two weeks, the SAC has continued carrying out air and artillery attacks on civilian areas of Demawso, Loikaw and Pekhon, killing three villagers, including a disabled woman, and injuring four others. This deliberate targeting of civilians has failed to deter resistance attacks on SAC troops, who lost two outposts in Demawso to combined Karenni forces on September 2, suffering many casualties. These two outposts lie on the main transport route between Demawso and Pruso, and represent a significant tactical defeat for the SAC.

On August 31, at 4 am, despite there being no clashes between combined Karenni forces and SAC at the time, SAC aircraft bombed four times in the west of Demawso township, damaging some buildings. At 6 am, SAC aircraft also bombed an IDP area in the east of Demawso township, killing a male villager, and injuring two others, and damaging three houses and a school. On the same day, at 10 am, the SAC indiscriminately fired artillery from a base in Moebye into Saw Kee Daw village, Loikaw township, killing two civilians – a 40-year-old man and a 38-year-old disabled woman -- and injuring another male civilian. Moreover, that day, the Southern Shan Drone Force (SSDF) patrolling in Kaung Ei village, Phekong township, found that 20 houses had been ransacked by SAC troops who had been camping there.

On September 2, at 5 am, combined Karenni forces, including KA, KNPLF, DMO Local PDF and KNDF, attacked and seized two SAC outposts in Tay Su Le village and Pu Phan village in Demawso township, killing 30 SAC soldiers and injuring several others, while some escaped. During the clashes, there were some casualties on the side of the combined Karenni forces, who managed to seize some SAC ammunition. The two seized outposts lie along the main road from Moebye to Demawso. On the same day, combined Karenni forces from KRU, DMO PDF battalion 4 and KNDF B-4 launched an attack on a SAC outpost in Khone Tar village, Demawso township, but did not manage to seize the outpost.



Civilian killed by SAC artillery shell, Loikaw township SAC aerial bomb dropped on civilian area, Demawso township

On September 8, at 1 pm, SAC aircraft dropped three bombs, including a 500 pound bomb near Saung Pway IDP camp in Pekhon township, damaging some houses and injuring a woman in her hand. Due to the ongoing reinforcement of SAC troops along the main road from Pruso to Bawlake, the central committee of KNDF announced on September 8 that the public should not use this road

From the beginning of September until September 10, 600 refugees sheltering in Saohin village returned to Mese township, Karenni State. They had fled from clashes in June between combined Karenni forces and the SAC.

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