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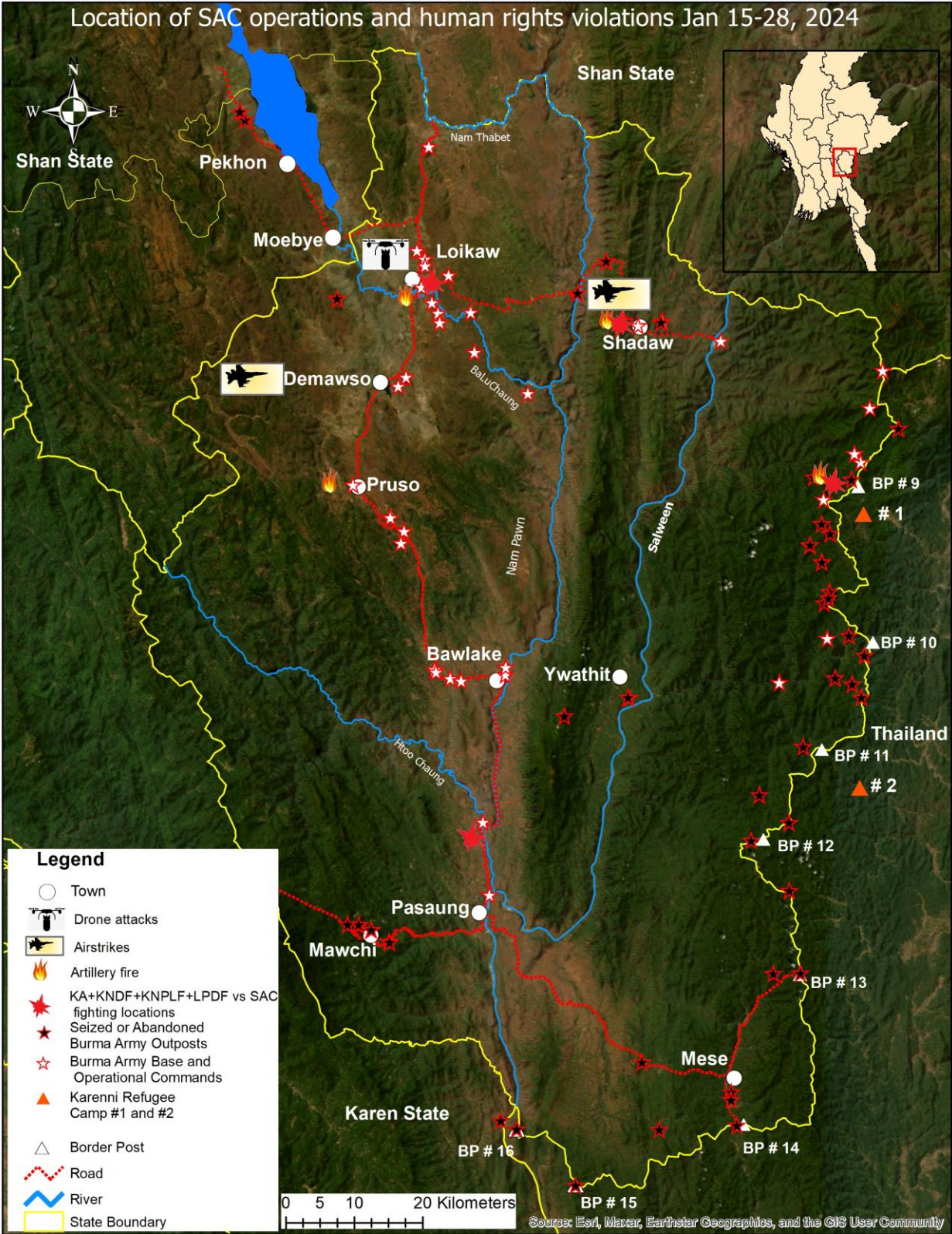
**Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Jan 15-28, 2024**  
**Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhonn Township**

No		Feb 1 2021 – Jan 14, 2024	Jan 15-28, 2024	Total
1	Civilians killed	495	1	496
2	Civilians arrested	373		373
3	Civilians injured	525	1	526
4	<b>Buildings damaged/destroyed</b>			
	Loikaw township	1409	10	1419
	Demawso township	630	3	633
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhonn township	382		382
	Pruso township	151		151
	Bawlake township	33		33
	Shadaw township	16		16
	Pasaung township	32		32

**Summary of displacement**

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Jan 14, 2023	New IDPs Jan 15-28, 2023	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	52,311		52,311
2	Demawso	83,265		83,265
3	Pruso	14,403		14,403
4	Pasaung	24,000		24,000
5	Pekhonn	56,000		56,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mese	5,000		5,000
8	Bawlake	5,241		5,241
	<b>Total</b>	<b>282,615</b>		<b>282,615</b>

# Location of SAC operations and human rights violations Jan 15-28, 2024





## **SAC continues bombing and shelling civilian targets across northern Karenni State as collective punishment for increasing losses**

During the past two weeks, SAC troops lost five outposts in Karenni State. One outpost west of Shadaw town was attacked and seized by combined Karenni forces, while four outposts were abandoned: three on the Thai-Burma border, and one in Mawchi, Pasaung. In retaliation, SAC troops have continued to launch airstrikes and artillery attacks on civilian areas of Loikaw, Shadaw, Demawso and Pruso townships, causing widespread damage to civilian buildings, including the Two-Storey Market in Loikaw town, which was burned down by drone-launched incendiary bombs.

On January 15, combined Karenni forces attacked and seized the SAC outpost on the western entrance road to Shadaw town and then attacked SAC troops based in Shadaw town. During the clashes, SAC aircraft bombed the town and fired shells, damaging civilian houses and causing some to burn down.

In the middle of the night of January 20, at 12:17 am, despite no recent clashes on the ground, SAC aircraft dropped two 500 pound bombs west of Demawso township, damaging an IDP ration warehouse and some civilian houses.

On January 22, a 23-year-old man stepped on a landmine, losing one of his legs and suffering injury to his eyes, while cleaning his house compound in Moebye town. In the morning of the same day, the SAC indiscriminately fired three artillery shells east of Loikaw township, causing postponement of the final 2023-2024 exams for IDP students. Moreover, at 10:08 am, the KA clashed on the Thai-Burma border with SAC troops withdrawing from three outposts near BP 9, who were moving northwards to Shan State. At 6:45 pm, SAC aircraft dropped three 500 pound bombs on Hsihseng town, killing an IDP from Karenni State and injuring two local residents.



Incendiary bombing by SAC drones in Loikaw town      Combined Karenni forces torching SAC outpost, Mawchi

On January 25, incendiary bombs dropped by SAC drones caused the Two-Storey Market in the market quarter of Loikaw town to burn down.

On January 26, at 10 am, SAC LIB 531 deployed a spy drone, then fired three artillery shells into Htee Ka Lu Daw village, Pruso township, where displaced villagers had temporarily returned from IDP camps to clean their home compounds. On the same day, SAC troops based in Mawchi, Pasaung township, withdrew to Pasaung town, enabling combined Karenni forces to seize and burn down the SAC outpost without fighting.

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