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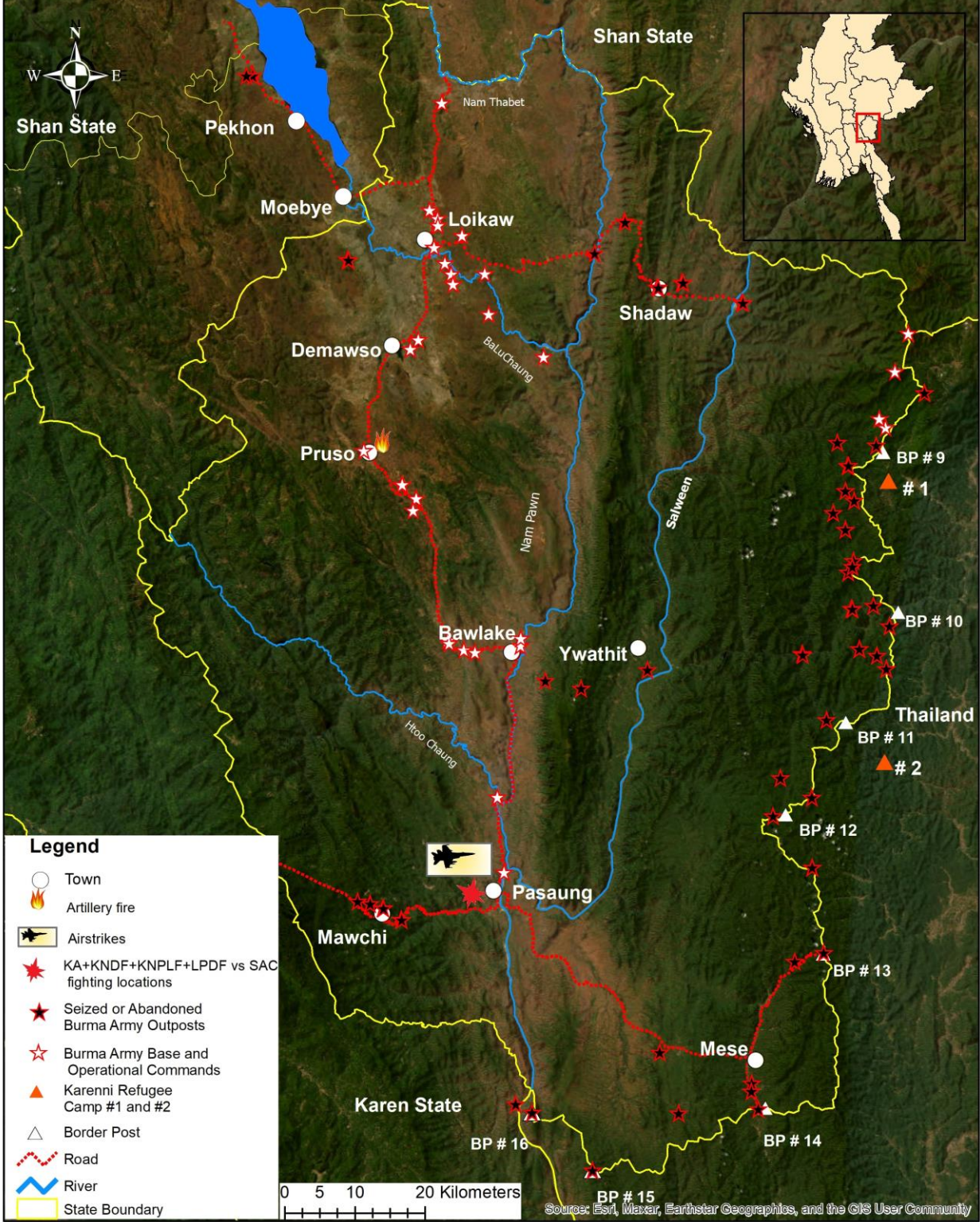
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Feb 26-Mar 10, 2024
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Feb 25, 2024	Feb 26-Mar10, 2024	Total
1	Civilians killed	511	5	516
2	Civilians arrested	373		373
3	Civilians injured	564	21	585
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	1424	29	1453
	Demawso township	645		645
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhon township	382	100	482
	Pruso township	151		151
	Bawlake township	33		33
	Shadaw township	56		56
	Pasaung township	32	100	132

Summary of displacement

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Feb 25, 2024	New IDPs Feb 26-Mar 10, 2024	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	92,311		92,311
2	Demawso	83,265		83,265
3	Pruso	14,403		14,403
4	Pasaung	24,000		24,000
5	Pekhon	56,000		56,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mese	5,000		5,000
8	Bawlake	5,241		5,241
	Total	282,615		282,615

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations feb 25 - Mar 10, 2024



SAC airstrikes level half of Pasaung town, but fail to prevent resistance seizure of Salween bridge

At the beginning of March, there were multiple SAC airstrikes on Pasaung town, causing large-scale destruction and displacement, in retaliation for attacks by combined Karenni forces against SAC outposts in Pasaung starting on February 29. However, the airstrikes failed to prevent resistance forces from pushing most SAC troops back to their main base in the north of Pasaung, and seizing control of the Salween River bridge. Meanwhile, forest fires in Loikaw and Pekhoh town have destroyed over 1,000 homes – a direct result of the fact that residents had been displaced by fighting and were unable to protect their property.

On March 1, the SAC bombed Pasaung town with multiple airstrikes, causing hundreds of civilian houses to burn down, including monasteries. Although many residents had already fled, there were still about 1,000 people trapped in the town, but later in the day most civilians were able to leave with the help of the combined Karenni forces.

On March 3, SAC aircraft bombed a temple in Pasaung town where 30 civilians were sheltering, killing 5 civilians and injuring 20, including a monk. On the same day, due to the spread of a forest fire into a village east of Loikaw township, 29 houses were burned down, including barns.

On March 4, SAC LIB 531 fired artillery shells at villagers returning in three tractors from an IDP camp to check on their homes in Pruso township, but fortunately no one was hurt.



Destruction from SAC airstrikes in Pasaung town



Civilian houses burned down by forest fire, Loikaw township

On March 6, a 48-year-old man stepped on a SAC landmine while he was returning home from his farm in Moebye township, injuring his left hand and leg.

On March 9, combined Karenni forces attacked and seized a SAC outpost set up on the Salween bridge near Pasaung, and on a nearby outpost in a pagoda. The combined Karenni forces seized 17 guns and some ammunition. On the same day, the spread of a forest fire in Moebye town burned down about 100 civilian houses, according to a statement issued by 1001 Moby PDF.

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