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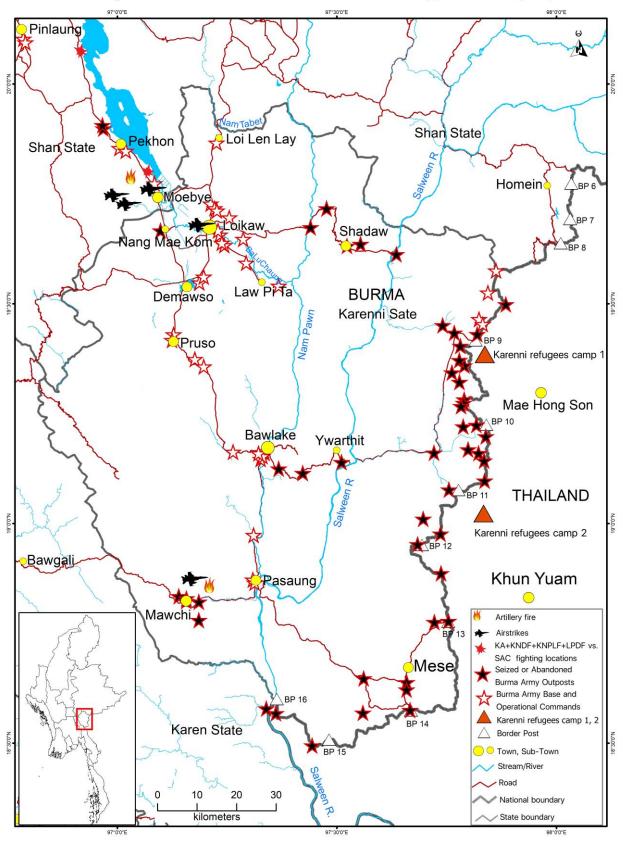
## Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Mar 11-Apr 7, 2024 Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Mar 10, 2024	Mar 11-Apr 7, 2024	Total
1	Civilians killed	516	4	520
2	Civilians arrested	373		373
3	Civilians injured	585	16	601
4	Buildings			
	damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	1453		1453
	Demawso township	645		645
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhon township	482	18	500
	Pruso township	151		151
	Bawlake township	33		33
	Shadaw township	56		56
	Pasaung township	132	6	138

### **Summary of displacement**

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs	New IDPs	Total
		by Mar 10, 2024	Mar 11-Apr 7, 2024	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
i	Total	282,615		282,615

SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township, March 11 - April 7, 2024



#### SAC increasingly targeting civilian areas with 500-pound bombs as collective punishment

Hemmed into their remaining bases in Karenni State and Pekhon township by the Karenni resistance, SAC forces are increasingly using lethal 500-pound bombs against civilian targets as collective punishment. In two recent incidents, SAC aircraft dropped multiple 500-pound bombs on villages in Pekhon township where there was no fighting, inflicting fifteen civilian casualties.

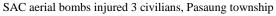
On March 11, a 29-year-old man stepped on a SAC landmine east of Demawso township and lost his right leg.

On March 18, combined Karenni forces attacked and seized the SAC's Sapyaung police station between Phekon and Pinlaung township. Due to the clash, local residents fled into nearby jungle.

On March 19, SAC aircraft dropped bombs two times on Naung Yar quarter, Loikaw town.

On March 20, despite there being no clashes in Pekhon township, SAC aircraft dropped four 500-pound bombs on La Ei village hospital, killing a 17-year-old boy and a 47-year-old man, and injuring four other civilians. The hospital was also damaged by the airstrikes. On the same day, SAC troops from the Htoo Chaung outpost in Bawlake patrolled into Pasaung township and were ambushed by the Karenni combined forces near Pan Pu village, leading to 14 SAC troops being killed and 18 injured.







Damage from SAC bombing of Sai Kon village, Phekon township

On April 1, despite there being no clashes in Moebye township, the SAC dropped two 500-pound bombs on Moebye town, damaging five houses. On the same day, two dead bodies were found in Daw Paw Kleh village, Loikaw township. The bodies, whose hands were tied with rope, have not yet been unidentified.

On April 2, at 8 pm, the SAC dropped six 500-pound bombs on Sai Kon village, Phekon township, which injured eight civilians, including children, and damaged twelve houses. On the same day, the SAC indiscriminate fired artillery shells into a village in Pasaung township, damaging six civilian houses.

On April 3, SAC aircraft bombed a village in Pasaung township, injuring three civilians. On the same day, combined Karenni forces launched attacks on temporary outposts of SAC LIB 421 and LIB 422 in Moebye town, and seized five SAC outposts. During the clashes, SAC fired artillery shells from their Pekhon bases and also dropped bombs.

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