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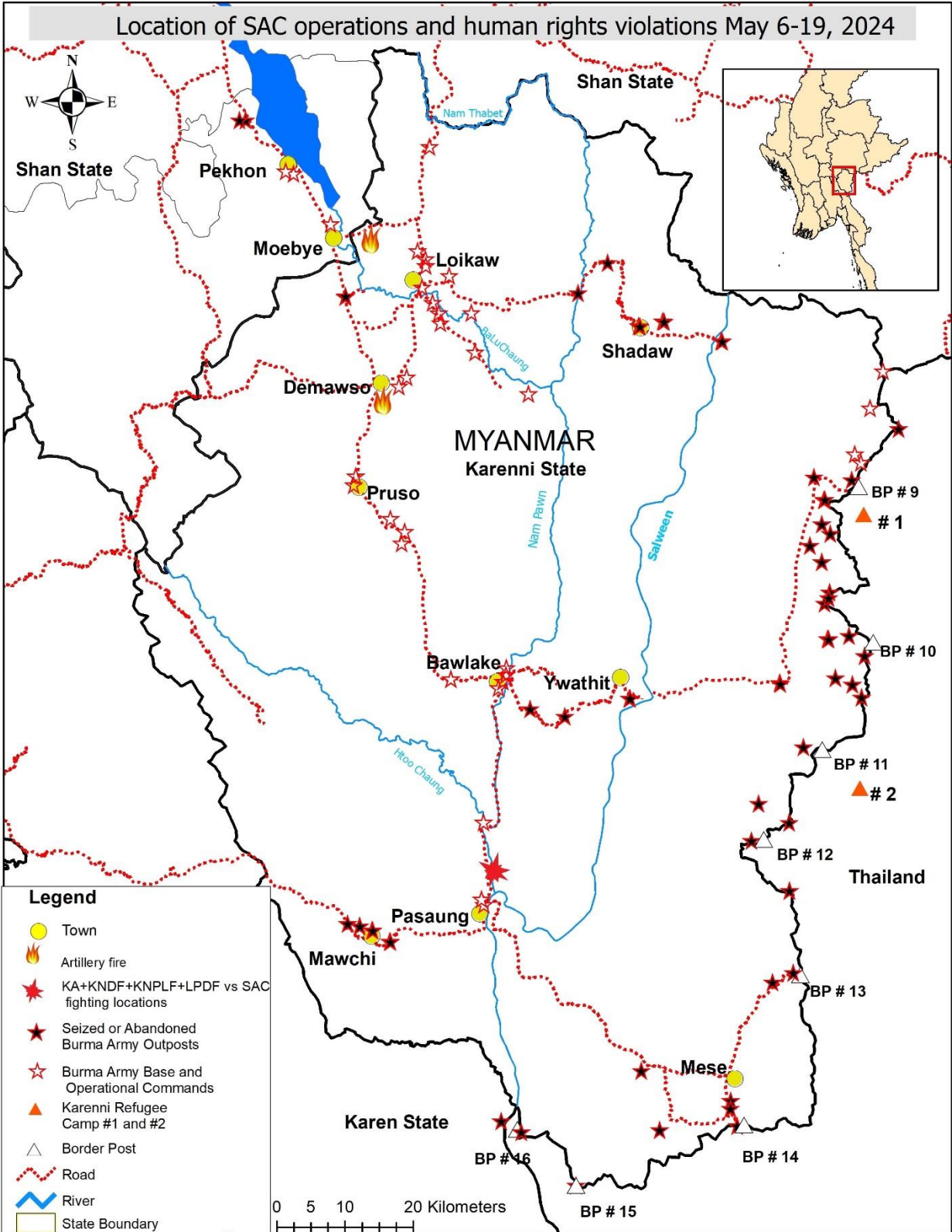
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, May 6-19, 2024
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – May 5, 2024	May 6-19, 2024	Total
1	Civilians killed	536	3	539
2	Civilians arrested	373	1	374
3	Civilians injured	625	2	627
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	1483	2	1485
	Demawso township	645		645
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhon township	503		503
	Pruso township	151		151
	Bawlake township	33		33
	Shadaw township	56		56
	Pasaung township	138		138

Summary of displacement

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by May 5, 2024	New IDPs May 6-19, 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 May 6-19, 2024



Pause in airstrikes after downing of SAC helicopter, but continued SAC shelling of civilian areas in Karenni State

During the past two weeks, there have been no new airstrikes after Karenni resistance forces shot down a SAC helicopter in Bawlake township on May 6. However, SAC has continued shelling civilian areas, killing two civilians in Demawso township and damaging two houses in Loikaw township. Meanwhile, the SAC has been bringing in about 700 troop reinforcements from the direction of Hsihseng in southern Shan State. About half of these reinforcements, from from ID 55, LIB 502, IB 92 and from the SAC-allied PNO, crossed over into Loikaw township on May 10, and are proceeding on foot towards Loikaw town.

On May 6, two SAC helicopters carrying soldiers injured in clashes in Pasaung town were shot at by the Karenni combined forces. One of the SAC helicopters was hit and crashed in Bawlake township, killing two pilots and eight of eleven SAC soldiers in the helicopter.

On May 8, at 12 pm, the SAC indiscriminately fired artillery shells at civilians catching fish near the Ngwe Taung dam in Demawso township, killing two civilians.

On May 11, at 11 am, two women stepped on a SAC landmine while looking for food in Daw Nye Khu village, Demawso township. One woman's legs and fingers were blown off, causing death, and the other woman was injured in her face.

On May 13, at 10 am, the Karenni combined forces launched an attack on a guard outpost set up by the SAC IB 135 in Pasaung town, and seized some ammunition. On the same day, at 11 am, a 30-year-old woman stepped on a SAC landmine while cleaning her home compound in Loikaw town, and lost her right leg.



A SAC helicopter shot down by Karenni combined forces, Bawlake township



House damaged by SAC artillery shells in Lay Pho Gyi village, Loikaw township

On May 14, about 60-100 soldiers from SAC IB 261 based in Nwa La Boe, Loikaw township, were sent into operation between Htay Plow Khu and Lay Pho Lay villages, causing the Karenni combined forces to issue a warning to local civilians.

On May 15, the SAC indiscriminately shelled into Lay Pho Gyi village, Loikaw township, damaging two houses.

On May 19, at 9 pm, the SAC raided a house in Taunggyi town and arrested Oo Maung Lay, a Karenni corn trader displaced from Ngwow Khon quarter, Pekhoh township, who was sheltering in Taunggyi.

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