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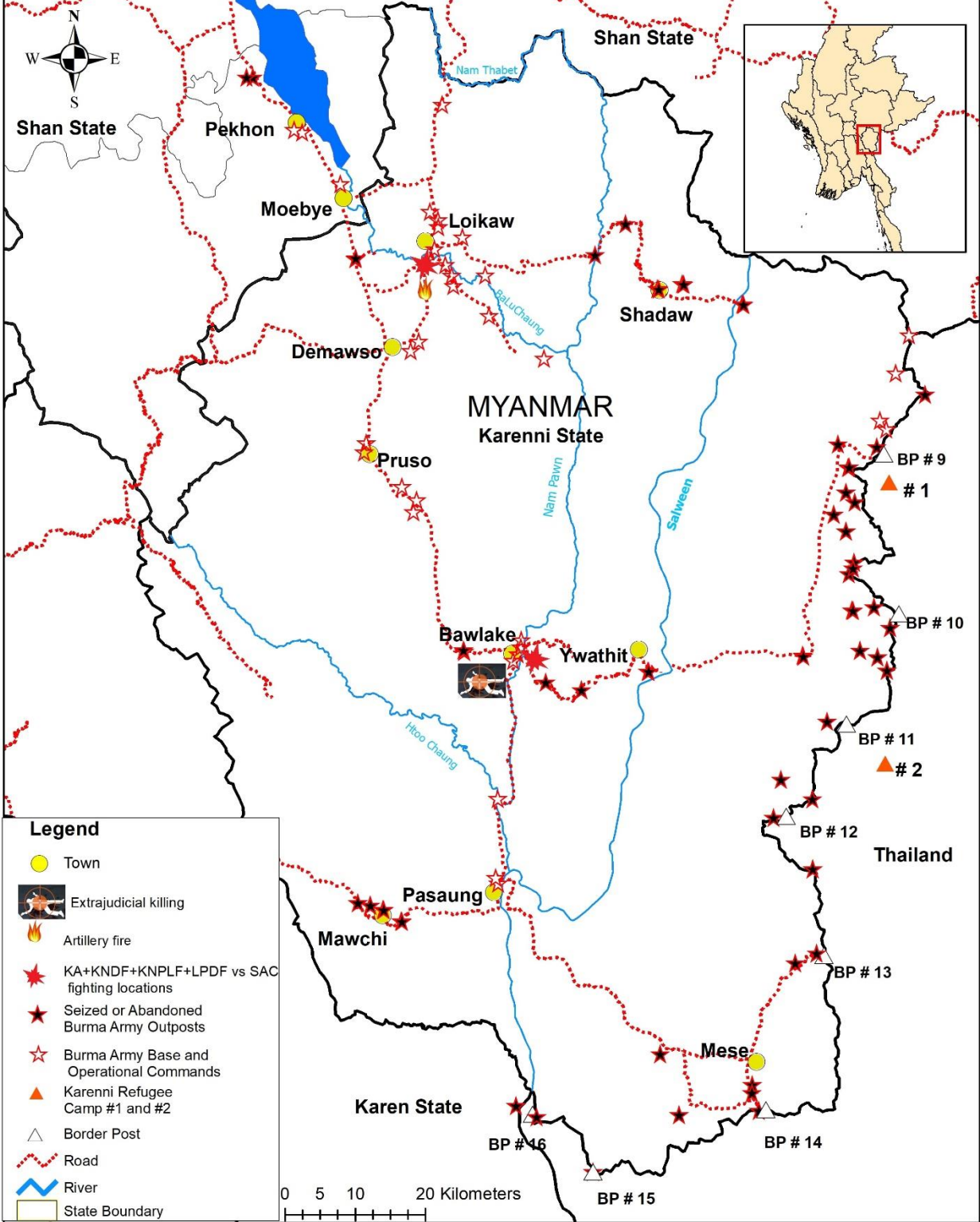
Monthly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Jul 29-Aug 25, 2024
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Jul 28, 2024	Jul 29-Aug 25, 2024	Total
1	Civilians killed	543	2	545
2	Civilians arrested	374		374
3	Civilians injured	633		633
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	1545	21	1566
	Demawso township	645		645
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhon township	505		505
	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 Jul 28, 2024	New IDPs Jul 29-Aug 25, 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 July 28 - Aug 25, 2024



SAC loses strategic outpost in Bawlake, brings in new reinforcements to Loikaw

On August 8, resistance forces seized the last remaining SAC outpost east of the Pawn River in Bawlake, and now controls the entire Bawlake-Ywathit road between the Pawn and Salween rivers. Fighting has continued between resistance and SAC forces in Loikaw, and since the third week of August, SAC has brought in new reinforcements to Loikaw via Hsihseng township, some in civilian vehicles. Pa-O National Organisation (PNO) troops have been helping SAC defend Loikaw, and have recently put tighter controls on goods trucks travelling from Pinlaung to Loikaw, causing difficulty for local traders.

On August 5, the SAC dropped military supplies from aircraft to Moebye-based LIB 422 in Pekhon township.

On August 7, the Karenni Nationalities Defense Force announced that the public should not use the main Loikaw-Demawso road because the SAC had set up guard outposts along this road and related roads due to ongoing clashes between the Karenni combined forces and SAC.

On August 8, at 7:50 am, Karenni combined forces attacked and seized the SAC's Yay Kyaw outpost (manned by LIB 505 troops under MOC 7) east of the Pawn river on the road to Ywathit in Bawlake township. After the clash, five SAC bodies were found and some ammunition seized.

On August 12, indiscriminate artillery shelling by the SAC damaged a temple in Nawyar quarter in Loikaw town.

On August 15, a newborn baby died in an IDP camp in Pruso after a difficult birth. The heavily bleeding mother was unable to access hospital care in time to save the baby.

On August 21, the PNO started limiting trucks coming from Pinlaung Township in Southern Shan State to Karenni State to travel only once every five days, causing difficulty for local traders.

On August 21, the bodies of two young men were found near SAC's former Yay Kyaw outpost in Bawlake township. The bodies were identified as youth from Pruso township who had been working in Mawchi and were shot dead by the SAC while travelling back from Mawchi.

On August 27, the SAC burnt down at least 20 houses in Sapy 5 and 6 miles on the main road between Loikaw-Demawso township.

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