

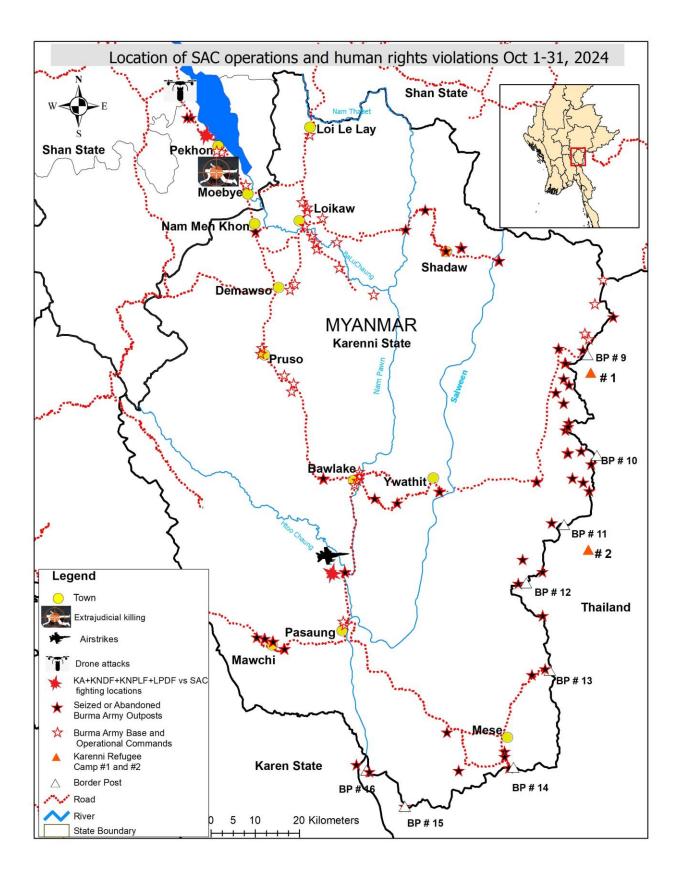
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Monthly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Oct 1-31, 2024 Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Sept 30, 2	2024	Oct 1- 31, 2024		Total
1	Civilians killed	566		3		569
2	Civilians arrested	374				374
3	Civilians injured	678				678
4	Buildings					
	damaged/destroyed					
	Loikaw township	1567				1567
	Demawso township	645				645
	Mese township	31				31
	Pekhon township	528				528
	Pruso township	151				151
	Bawlake township	33				33
	Shadaw township	56				56
	Pasaung township	138				138
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No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs	New IDPs		Total	
		by Aug 25, 2024	Aug	g 26-Sept 30, 2024	displac	
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			5,2	41
	Total	282,615			282,	615



New scorched earth campaign by SAC and PNO troops in Pekhon township displaces 20,000

About 20,000 villagers have fled their homes in Pekhon township, where SAC and its PNO militia allies have carried out large-scale burning of villages in retaliation for escalated resistance attacks since early October. The SAC and PNO targeted fleeing IDPs with drones, killing two women and a girl, and harvested local rice crops in several locations, stealing villagers' future food supplies.

On October 2, the body of a local community leader was found by resistance troops in Mobye town, Pekhon township. The deceased -- chair of the local Roman Catholic parents' association -- was killed two years ago by the SAC, but his body had never been located.

On October 7, at 7 pm, SAC surveillance drones and planes flew over an IDP camp near the Thai-Burma border, causing fear among the IDPs.

On October 12, combined Karenni forces attacked and seized the SAC's Htoo Chaung outpost on the main road between Pasaung and Bawlake, at the confluence of the Htoo Chaung and Pawn River. The SAC carried out an airstrike during the attack but were unable to prevent the loss of this strategic post. After capturing the post, the resistance forces seized some ammunition.

On October 23, at 2 pm, the SAC burnt down houses in four villages in Pekhon township – Pekhon town, Loi Jai, Ho Wo and Saung La – as collective punishment for ongoing clashes between combined Karenni forces and the SAC in Pekhon township since early October.

On October 26, the SAC used two helicopters to transport troop reinforcements to its tactical base in Bawlake town.

On October 31, two women and an 8-year-old girl were killed by drones while they were fleeing by tractor from Ban Maunt village between Pekhon and Pinlaung township. The drone attack was carried out by the SAC and its PNO allies

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