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**Monthly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network August 1-31, 2025
Summary of junta human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township**

No		Feb 1 2021 – July 31, 2025	Aug 1-31, 2025	Total
1	Civilians killed	657	36	693
2	Civilians arrested	575		575
3	Civilians injured	894	16	910
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	1578		1578
	Demawso township	672		672
	Mese township	34		34
	Pekhon township	757		757
	Pruso township	157	5	162
	Bawlake township	34		34
	Shadaw township	56		56
	Pasaung township	176	7	183
Summary of displacement				
No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by July 31, 2025	New IDPs Aug 1-31, 2025	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

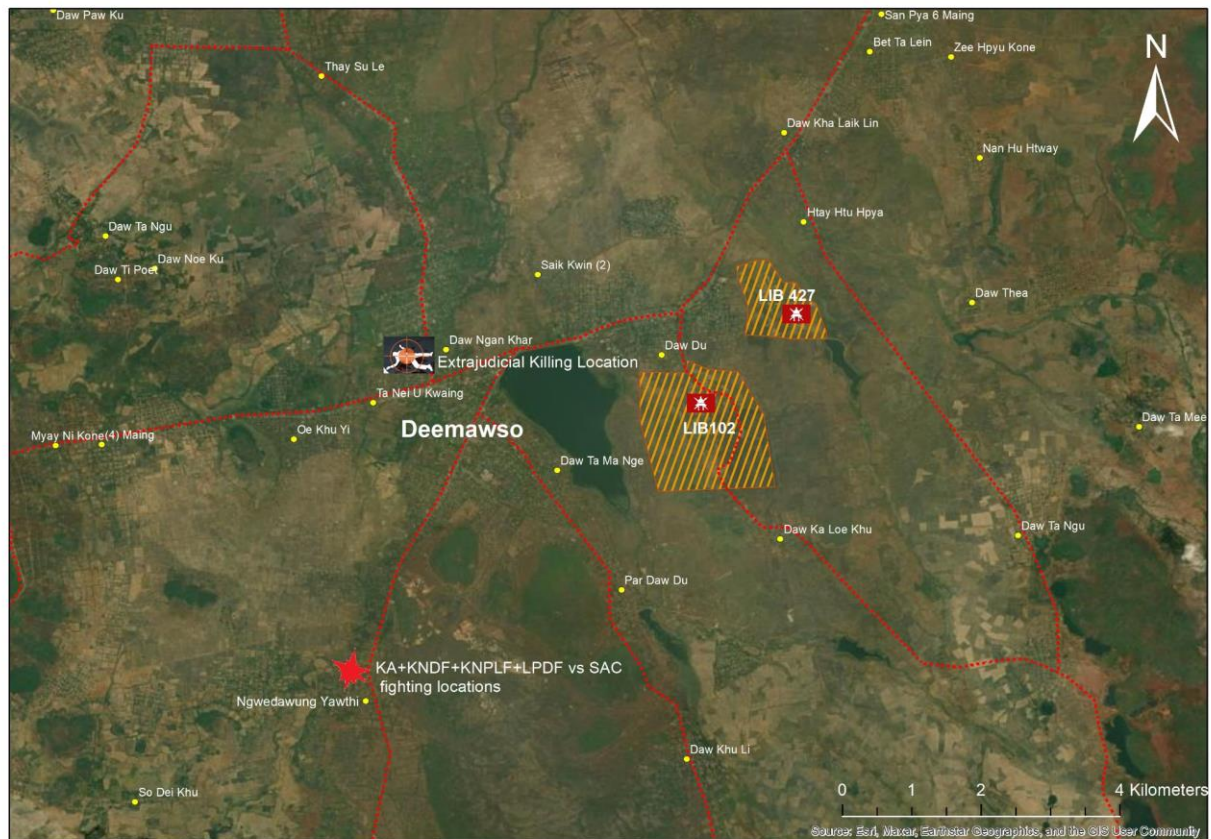
Junta launches airstrikes killing 33 civilians, injuring 10 in Mawchi, while falsely claiming control of Demawso

On July 31, the same day the Burmese military junta announced the formation of the National Security and Peace Commission, it declared a state of emergency in 63 townships, including three townships in Karenni State, namely Shadaw township, Pasaung township and Mese township. It was expected that more targeted airstrikes would be carried out after the announcement.

Indeed, during August, the junta launched a series of deadly airstrikes targeting civilians in the Mawchi mining area of Pasaung township, where there is no active fighting. The worst airstrikes took place on August 17: at around 7:45 am, the junta carried out airstrikes on the Lokhalo quarter of Mawchi which injured two civilians and destroyed an old hospital and several houses; then, at around 12 noon, a Y-12 aircraft dropped two 500-pound bombs, which destroyed about 10 civilian homes, killing 32 civilians, including children, and injuring 5 others.

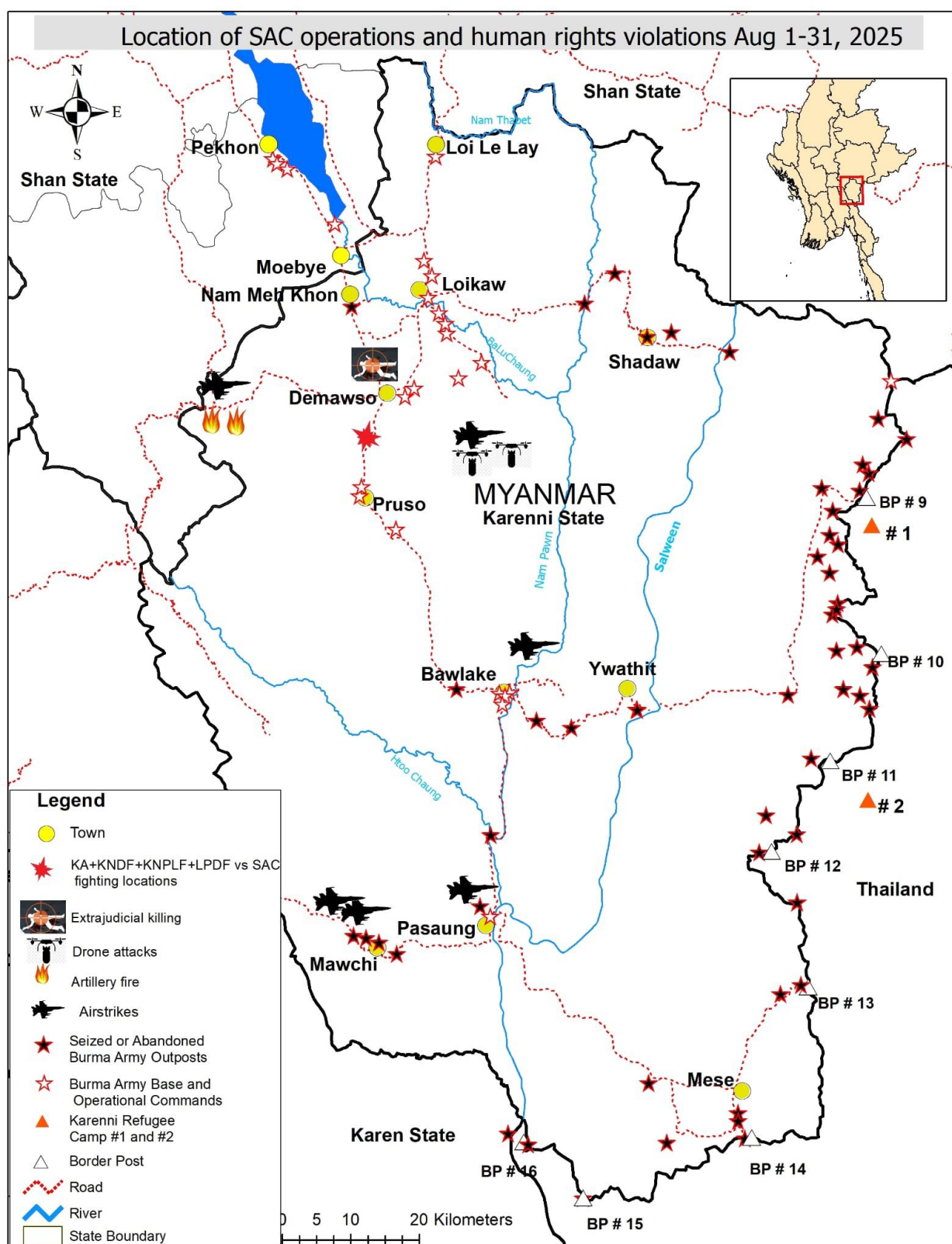


The junta has mobilized large numbers of troops and weapons to regain control of the main towns in Karenni State before the election. Due to the junta's offensive, the Karenni National Defense Force issued a statement on August 10 asking people not to use the Loikaw-Demawso-Pruso main road.



The junta announced on August 19 that it had regained full control of Demawso town from the Karenni resistance forces, but fighting with resistance forces on the ground continues. The junta further announced that it had secured key places in Demawso town, including the Demawso town entrance signboard, Ngwe Daung lake, the township hall, hospital and high school, showing photos of their troops at these locations. However, the junta only in fact controls about 40% of the town.

The junta troops stationed in the town of Demawso are arresting, shooting and killing civilians as they pass by, and also using them as human shields. In addition, the junta has targeted civilians with artillery shells, drone attacks and airstrikes, which have damaged civilian buildings and inflicted civilian casualties.



Timeline of conflict incidents during August

Since the first week of August, heavy artillery fire and drone bombing have been carried out daily in the towns of Demawso and Pruso, where the junta's forces and allied PNO troops have advanced.

On August 7, at around 6 pm, a 25-year-old man was injured in an airstrike and artillery shelling by the junta's LIB 102 on a village west of Demawso.

On August 8, at around 10 am, the junta bombed three locations in Pasaung township, injuring two 13-year-old boys and a young girl.

On the morning of August 8, the junta shot at two civilians when they were riding a motorcycle on the main road of Padawdu village, Demawso township, resulting in their deaths. In addition, the junta force arrested 15 civilians but later release them.

On August 10, at 8 am, the junta's Advanced Military Training School No. 14 in Pruso Township fired at least 8 artillery shells into nearby IDP camps and villages in Pruso township.

On August 17, at around 7:45 am and 12 pm, the junta carried out two airstrikes on the Mawchi area of Pasaung township, where there was no fighting, killing a total of 32 civilians, including 5-year-old child, and injuring 5 others as well as destroying an old hospital and several houses.

On August 19, at 6:10 am, a man was injured when the junta dropped five bombs on Lokha-Lo village, Mawchi area, Pasaung township.

On August 20, at 6:20 am, an airstrike by the junta on the Mawchi area of Pasaung township killed a 25-year-old man, injured a 35-year-old man and an 18-year-old girl, and destroyed a house.

On August 25, instant artillery shells into west Demawso by the SAC, damaged a car of social aid workers.

On August 26, at 1 am, the junta bombed an IDP camp in Pruso township once with an aircraft and then again with a drone, injuring three IDPs and destroying three houses and a religious building.

On August 26, at around 1 am, a junta airstrike targeted a refugee camp near the town of Bawlake, injuring a 40-year-old man and two children under the age of 16.

On August 29, around noon, a drone operated by the junta struck an IDP camp in Pruso township, resulting in the death of a 50-year-old man from Hte Thaw Ku village and causing damage to a hut.

On August 29, the Karenni combined force launch an attacked the SAC set up outpost in Ngwedaung Ywarthit village, killed 15, injured 30 SAC soldiers and seized some ammunitions.

On August 31, beginning at 7 pm, the SAC deployed Y-12 aircraft to strike villages in the western part of Demawso town, leading to one civilian sustaining injuries.

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