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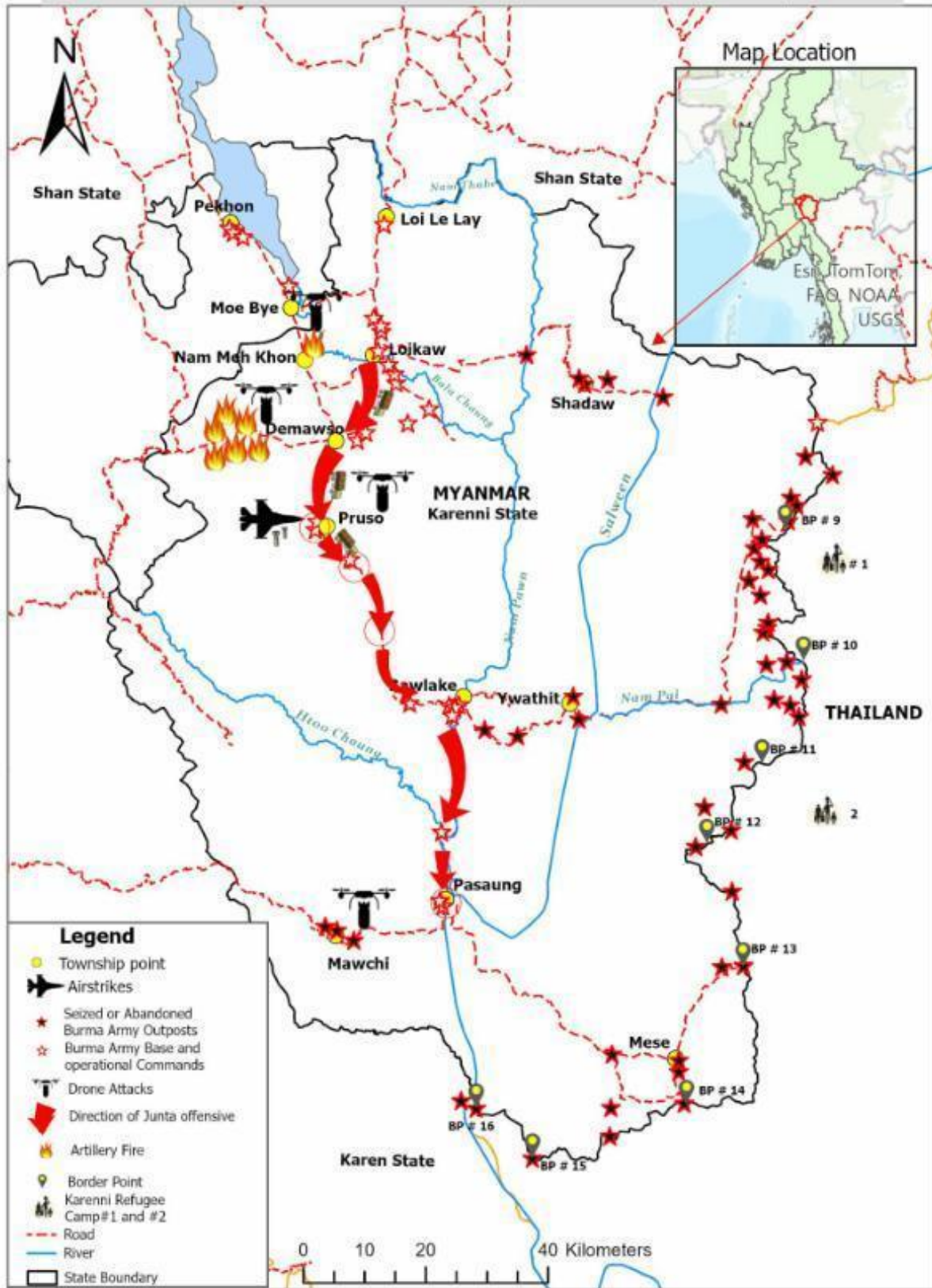
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**Monthly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, April 1- 30,
2026**

**Summary of Junta human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhonn
Township**

No		Feb 1, 2021 –Mar 31, 2026	Apr 1-30, 2026	Total
1	Civilians killed	733	5	738
2	Civilians arrested	592		592
3	Civilians injured	995	10	1005
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	1586		1586
	Demawso township	703	5	708
	Mese township	37		37
	Pekhonn township	847		847
	Pruso township	192	3	195
	Bawlake township	35		35
	Shadaw township	56		56
	Pasaung township	198		198

Location of Junta operations and human rights violations April 1-30, 2026



Five civilians killed, six injured by junta drone and artillery attacks in Pruso, Pasaung and Demawso townships

During April, the military junta's drone and artillery attacks have killed five civilians and injured six in Pruso, Pasaung and Demawso townships. A further four civilians, including a 9-year-old child, were injured by junta mines and unexploded ordnance. Meanwhile, junta authorities have continued using their conscription law to extort funds from local populations. In April, five young men in Loikaw were abducted by junta authorities and only returned to their families after ransoms of 3 to 5 million kyat each were paid.

Timeline of conflict incidents during April

On April 2 in the afternoon, a 60-year-old woman was killed when the junta military council troops used three suicide drones to attack the 8-mile mining site in the Mawchi area, Pasaung township.

On April 6 at approximately 11 am, the junta military council utilized drones to survey an area in the western part of Demawso township and launched at least six artillery shells, damaging a house in the village and leaving behind unexploded ordnance.

On April 9, the junta military council utilized drones to strike a village in Pruso township, causing damage to a school building and two houses and injuring a few people. Furthermore, on April 11, the village faced repeated bombings and shelling from junta drones.

On April 13, just before the traditional Thingyan festival, the junta military council situated in Loikaw fired eight artillery shells at a location in the western part of Demawso town, causing panic among the people.

On April 13, a 40-year-old woman from Naung Ya (A) ward, Loikaw township, was injured when she stepped on a landmine while cleaning her yard and a 9-year-old child from Htee Se Kha village in Loi Le Lay town, was seriously injured when she stepped on a landmine while playing in the yard.

On April 19, while departmental staff and villagers were cleaning up in Aung Tay Za ward, Loi Le Lay town, in an area under junta military control, a piece of unexploded ordnance blew up after being picked up with a hoe, injuring a staff member and a villager.

On April 19, at 8 pm, before the Thingyan festival, five young men living in Loikaw town, which is under junta military council control, were abducted by the military council and ransomed by the authorities for 3 million to 5 million kyats each. Families were threatened that if they didn't pay the money, their sons would be conscripted into the military.

