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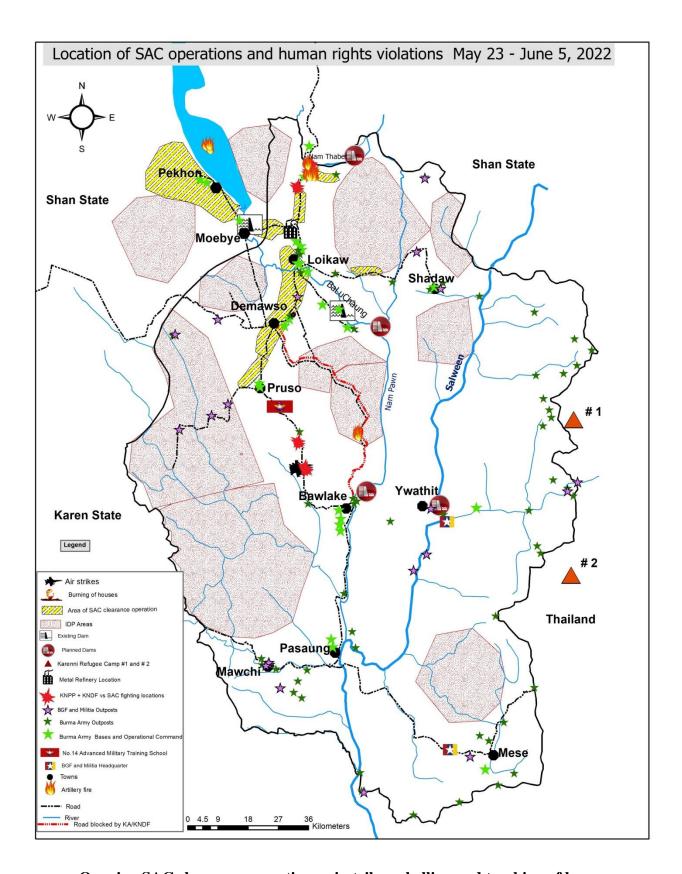
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, May 23-June 5, 2022

Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

Feb 1- May 22 May 23 – Jun 5 Total No People killed 249 252 1 3 320 2 People arrested 6 326 People injured 198 4 3 202 4 **Buildings** damaged/destroyed Loikaw township 5 91 86 Demawso township 393 1 394 160 160 Pekhon township Pruso township 43 3 46 2 Bawlake township 2 5 Dismissal **CDM** education staff Pruso Township 526 526 Demawso Township 1,123 1,123 Mae Set Township 78 78 Pasaung Township 152 152 Shadaw Township 54 54 Pekhon Township 648 648 Bawlake Township 42 42 **Total dismissed** 2,623 2,623

Summary of displacement

No	Township	Estimated no. of	New IDPs	Total
		IDPs by May 22	May 23– June 5	displacement
1	Loikaw	52,311		52,311
2	Demawso	78,265		78,265
3	Pruso	4,403		4,403
4	Pasaung	4,000		4,000
5	Pekhon	56,000		56,000
6	Shadaw	2,395		2,395
7	Mae Set	1,000		1,000
8	Bawlake	3,741		3,741
	Total	202,115		202,115



• Ongoing SAC clearance operations, airstrikes, shelling and torching of houses

Since the end of May, around 100 SAC soldiers have launched new clearance operations in Loi Le Lay tract, northern Loikaw township, to try and secure the main road from Loikaw to Taunggyi. Indiscriminate shelling by SAC into the area, causing death and injury of civilians, has caused inhabitants

of five villages in eastern Loi Le Lay tract to once again flee to IDP camps. During this time, the SAC has continued sending convoys of rations from Loikaw to Bawlake, which have been ambushed by combined local Karenni defense forces.

On May 23, at 4 am, combined local Karenni forces attacked a SAC army outpost near Hse Mee Law village in Pekhon township on the Karenni border. On the same day, the local Karenni defense forces and SAC troops clashed near Nan Peh village, Bawlake township, on the main road between Bawlake and Prusoe, killing 10 SAC soldiers and one soldier from KNDF B O2. During the clash, SAC troops burned down 3 houses.

On May 24, at 10:30 pm, even though there were no clashes, Bawlake-based SAC artillery troops indiscriminately shelled into Daw Tamagyi village in Demawso township, damaging a house and injuring one male villager.

On May 27, at 2 pm, a group of young people were quarrelling near Loikaw town train station, when SAC troops arrived in four military trucks and shot at them, injuring a 16-year-old boy named Maung Soe Aung Myo Lwin and killing a 33-year-old man called Ko Ah Ngae Du, who was tending his cattle nearby. The SAC then arrested 6 people who had been quarrelling, together with their 3 motorbikes.





A house on fire due to SAC shelling in eastern Demawso

SAC shells fired into Loi Pan Sone village

On May 29, at 1 am, SAC troops from Battalion 7 based in Pekhon town shelled 10 times into Loi Pan Sone village, located on a small island in Moebye Lake.

On May 31, around 100 SAC soldiers from Loikaw started a clearance operation in the Loi Le Lay tract area, where KNDF B 12, KNDF B 14 and KA fought back against them, killing 6 SAC soldiers.

On June 2, at 7 am, SAC LIB 530 based in Loi Le Lay tract shelled into Le Pho Gyi village and Gone Me Ko village in Htee Sa Kah village tract, damaging some houses, injuring two villagers and one died. After that, at 12 noon, the SAC troops burned down a house in Gone Me Ko village. Moreover, at 5 pm, SAC troops operating in the area clashed with combined KNDF and KA troops, leaving 3 SAC soldiers dead.

Also on June 2, a convoy of 40 SAC military trucks which had sent rations to Bawlake, were on their way back to Pruso when they clashed with combined Karenni resistance troops at Tah Leh village, Pruso township, and then again between Tah Leh village and Law Je Khu village, leaving 10 SAC soldiers dead and injuring several others. As a result, at 3:15 pm, the SAC launched 6 airstrikes in the area. During these clashes, the combined Karenni troops seized 2 military trucks with some ammunition, according to a KNDF B 15 statement.

On June 3, at 1 am, the SAC indiscriminately fired 4 shells into a village in eastern Demawso township, fatally injuring a male villager. On the same day, combined Karenni troops clashed with SAC troops at Daw Tanaw village, Loikaw township, during which one soldier from KNDF B O2 was killed and at least 20 SAC soldiers were killed, according to a KNDF B 14 statement.

On June 5, SAC troops patrolling with car in Myoma quarter of Demawso town clashed with DMO-Local PDF battalion C,D,E and middle region battalion 1102, 6 SAC soldier were killed according to the DMO-PDC statement.

• Infants dying in IDP camps

Shortages of humanitarian aid, including food, medicine and WASH support, are taking a toll on IDP communities. During the past two weeks, there have been two cases of babies dying during childbirth in IDP camps in Pekhon township. Moreover, in an IDP camp in Lo Bar Kho village tract, western Demawso township, a 4-month-old baby died during the last week of May due to diarrhea.

The Karenni Humanitarian Team (KHT) under the Karenni State Consultative Council (KSCC) is helping to provide humanitarian assistance to IDPs in areas controlled by the Karenni resistance forces, working with other social aid groups in Karenni state. However, there is insufficient aid being provided cross-border to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of these IDPs, who are not being reached by aid delivered officially from inside Burma, as this must be organized in collaboration with the regime and therefore poses a security risk for recipients.

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