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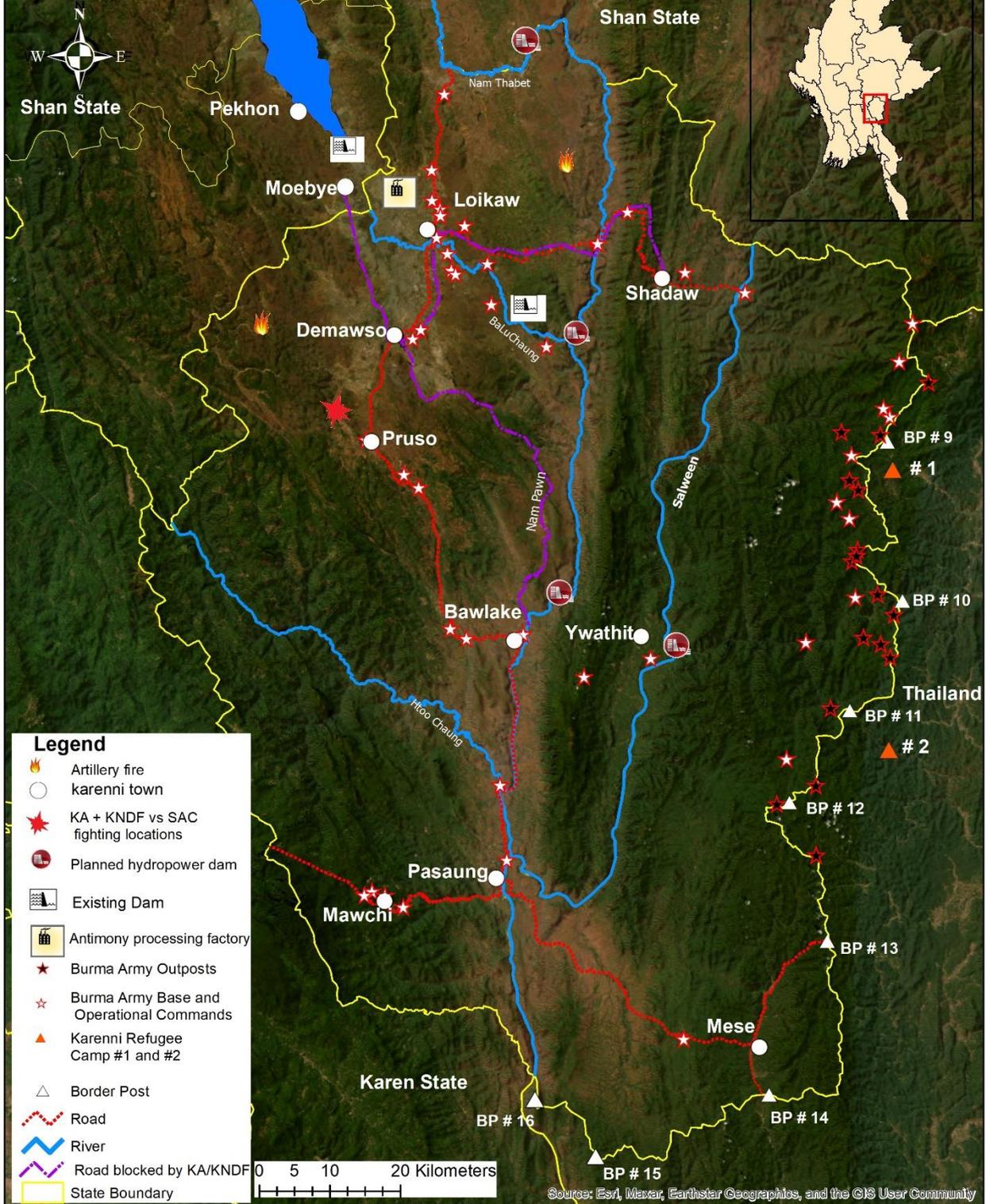
**Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Oct 23 – Nov 5, 2023**  
**Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township**

No		Feb 1 2021 – Oct 22, 2023	Oct 23 – Nov 5, 2023	Total
1	Civilians killed	416		416
2	Civilians arrested	355		355
3	Civilians injured	465	7	472
4	<b>Buildings damaged/destroyed</b>			
	Loikaw township	167	5	172
	Demawso township	620	1	621
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhon township	376		376
	Pruso township	151		151
	Bawlake township	33		33
	Shadaw township	16		16
	Pasaung township	32		32
5	<b>Dismissal of CDM education staff</b>			
	Pruso township	526		526
	Demawso township	1,123		1,123
	Mese township	78		78
	Pasaung township	152		152
	Shadaw township	54		54
	Pekhon township	648		648
	Bawlake township	42		42
	<b>Total dismissed</b>	<b>2,623</b>		<b>2,623</b>

**Summary of displacement**

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Oct 22, 2023	New IDPs Oct 23 – Nov 5, 2023	Total displacement
1	Loikaw	52,311		52,311
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	5000		5,000
8	Bawlake	5,241		5,241
	<b>Total</b>	<b>242,615</b>		<b>242,615</b>

# Location of SAC operations and human rights violations Oct 23 - Nov 5, 2023



## **Seven villagers, including four children, injured by indiscriminate SAC shelling in Demawso, Loikaw and Pruso townships**

Despite the fact there has been little active fighting during the past two weeks in Karenni State, SAC troops have continued indiscriminately firing artillery shells into civilian areas of Demawso, Loikaw and Pruso townships, injuring seven villagers, including four children.

On October 25, despite there being no clashes at the time, SAC troops indiscriminately fired artillery shells into Loi Na Pha village, Demawso township. Three mortars exploded in the village, damaging a girls' boarding shelter and a paddy field. On the same day, combined Karenni forces – KNDF, KA and Moebye PDF – dug up 30 landmines planted by SAC near their outposts in Moebye town, according to a Moebye PDF statement.

On October 29, at 10 am, the SAC LIB 530 troops based at Loile Lay indiscriminately fired artillery shells into eastern Loikaw township, injuring three children under 15 years old: two boys and a girl. At 8 pm, LIB 530 indiscriminately fired artillery shells into Komiko village, eastern Loikaw township, injuring a 16-year-old girl and an elderly man and damaging four houses. On that day, SAC LIB 530 shelled altogether 30 times into two villages.



Child injured by SAC shelling, Loikaw township



House damaged by SAC shelling, Loikaw township

On October 31, two women returning home from an IDP camp in Pruso township to collect some property, were injured in the stomach, legs and hands by indiscriminate SAC shelling. That morning, there had been clashes between the combined Karenni forces and SAC troops near the area.

On November 3, KNDF issued a statement announcing that KNDF battalion 606 had joined Operation 1027 being carried out by the Brotherhood Alliance, comprising the Arakan Army (AA), Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA).

On November 4, the combined Karenni forces -- KA, KNDF, DMO-PDF, KNPLF and Middle Division PDF -- issued a statement advising displaced villagers not to return home in Demawso township, due to SAC landmines and artillery shelling.

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