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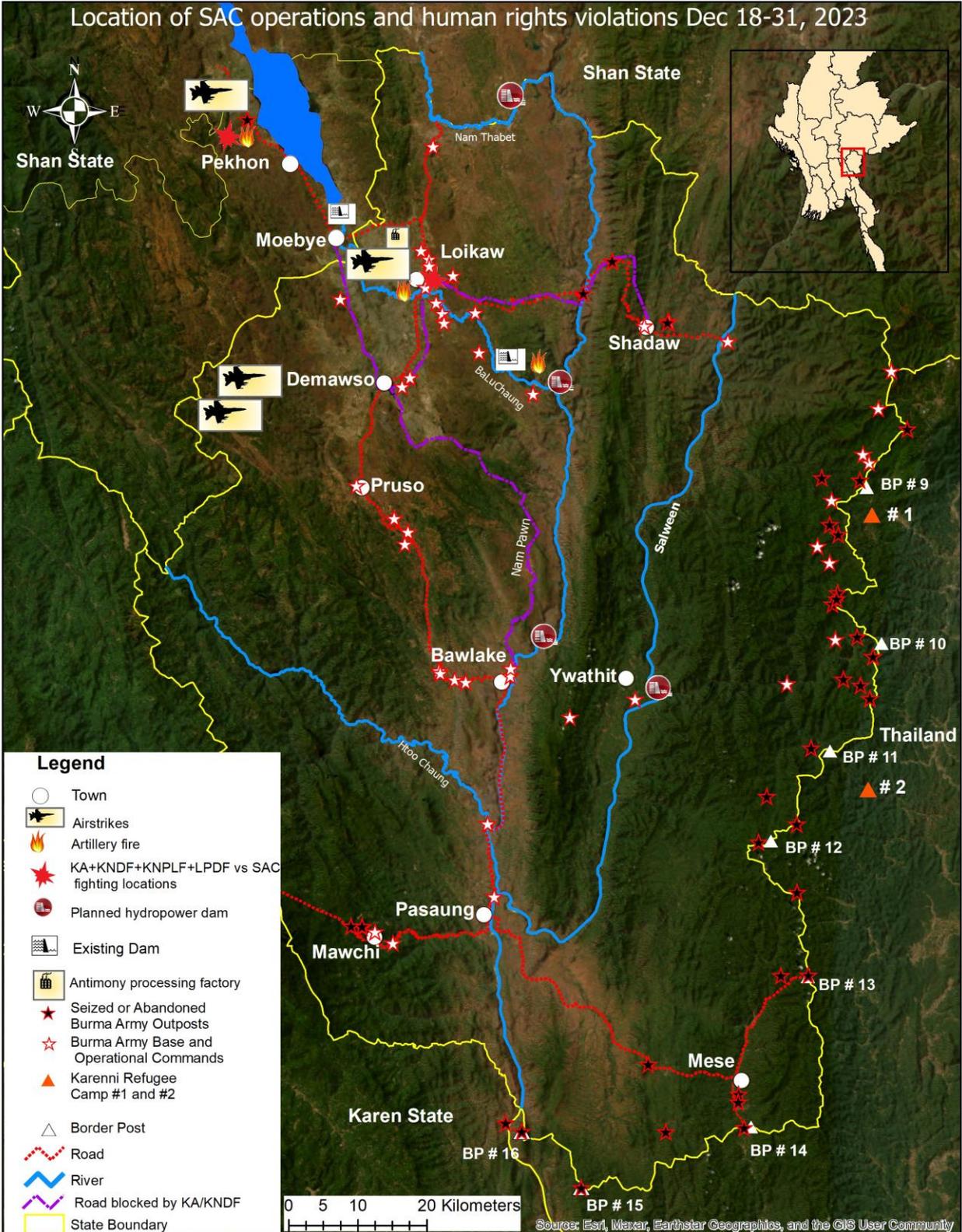
Bi-weekly situation update by the Karenni Civil Society Network, Dec 18-31, 2023
Summary of SAC human rights violations in Karenni State and Pekhon Township

No		Feb 1 2021 – Dec 17, 2023	Dec 18-31, 2023	Total
1	Civilians killed	488	6	494
2	Civilians arrested	373		373
3	Civilians injured	512	12	524
4	Buildings damaged/destroyed			
	Loikaw township	1399	15	1414
	Demawso township	627		627
	Mese township	31		31
	Pekhon township	376	1	377
	Pruso township	151		151
	Bawlake township	33		33
	Shadaw township	16		16
	Pasaung township	32		32

Summary of displacement

No	Township	Estimated no. of IDPs by Dec 17, 2023	New IDPs Dec 18-31, 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	5,000		5,000
8	Bawlake	5,241		5,241
	Total	282,615		282,615

Location of SAC operations and human rights violations Dec 18-31, 2023



Resistance forces seize three key SAC outposts on Christmas Day, despite relentless airstrikes and shelling

During the second half of December, the State Administration Council (SAC) has been carrying out relentless airstrikes and artillery attacks in Demawso, Pekhon and Loikaw townships, but failed to prevent the seizure of two outposts near Pekhon town on Christmas Day by combined Karenni forces, who now control all entrances to the town. On the same day, Karenni Army (KA) troops seized a SAC outpost on the Thai-Burma border, which had been abandoned due to persistent KA attacks east of the Salween river.

On December 20, SAC troops carried out an aerial bomb attack using two fighter jets around 10 am, targeting the western part of Demawso township. As a result, three civilians were injured, and several locals were forcibly displaced. On the same day, at 2 pm, two villagers from Banmauk village, Pekhon township, were killed by heavy artillery fire from Pekhon-based LIB 336 while traveling to the corn sale center near their village.

On December 22, despite the absence of active fighting, the SAC carried out aerial bombing in the vicinity of Saung Phway Hospital in Pekhon township, where some displaced people are currently residing. Fortunately, there were no reported impacts on local people due to the bombing.

On December 23, two IDPs who had been sheltering at Ban Mot village, Pinlaung township, Shan State, were killed by SAC artillery shelling when returning to collect rations from their village in Loikaw township.

On December 24, SAC troops set fire to the tire shop located in Konson village, Pekhon township.

On December 25, Christmas Day alone, the SAC fired heavy artillery and carried out over 30 airstrikes, including 500lb bombs, on Loikaw city. Additionally, in the evening, SAC troops carried out aerial bombing four times with two fighter jets at Khaung Mine village, Pekhon township. On the same day, a frontline SAC outpost near the Thai-Burma border, BP-12, Hway Ka Mauk military camp, was seized by the KA, resulting in the capture of some ammunition.



SAC artillery shells, Loikaw township



SAC outpost seized by combined Karenni forces, Pekhon township

Also on Christmas Day, after two days of attacks, combined Karenni forces were able to seize two SAC outposts known as Shwe Pyi Aye and Lwe Patar near Pekhonn town. After the seizure of these outposts, the resistance forces announced they had taken control of all the Pekhonn town entrances.

On December 26, SAC troops fired an 81 mm mortar at a tractor (tolaji) from Law Pi Ta village, Loikaw township, killing two civilians and injuring nine others. Additionally, on the same day, SAC troops carried out aerial bombing over Loikaw city.

On December 29, a total of 15 houses were burned down in Min Su quarter of Loikaw city. The cause of the fire is currently unknown.

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