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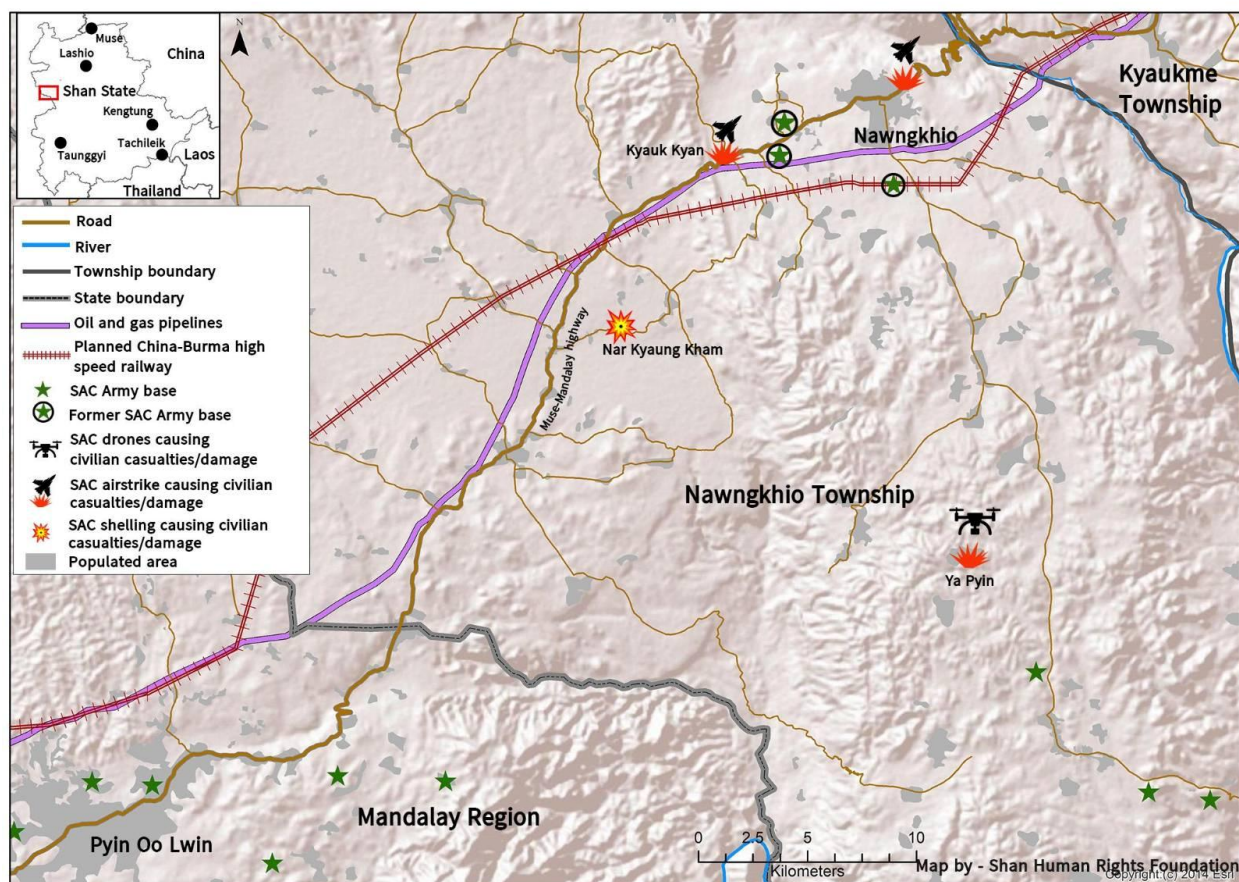
Update by the Shan Human Rights Foundation

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5 Buddhist novices killed, 14 injured among 36 civilian casualties of SAC air and artillery attacks in Nawngkhio township

Between March 8 and 17, 2025, SAC airstrikes, artillery and drone attacks killed fourteen civilians and injured twenty-two in areas of Nawngkhio township controlled by the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA). Most of the casualties were young Buddhist novices targeted in an airstrike on a monastery in Nawngkhio town.

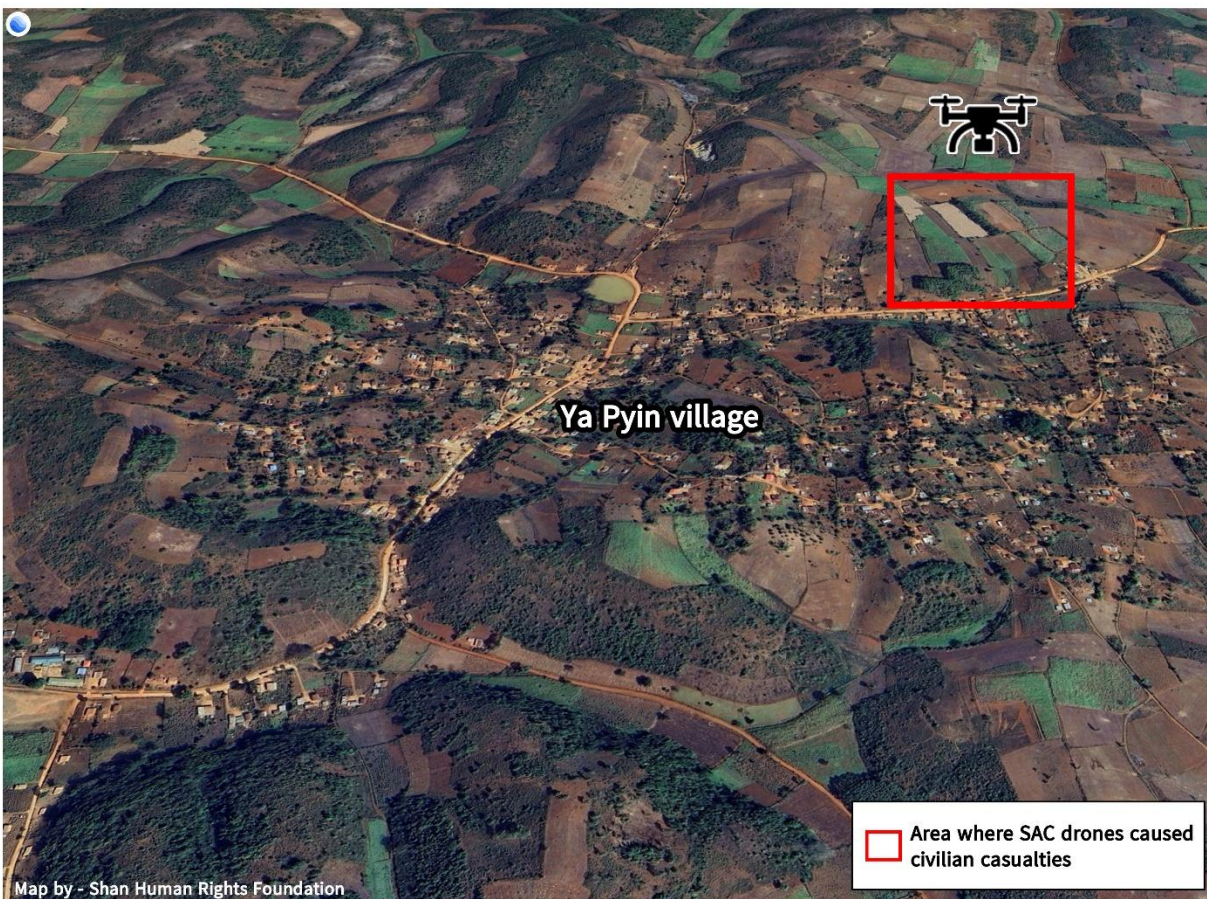
SAC air and artillery attacks causing civilian casualties/damage in Nawngkhio township (March 8-17, 2025)



On March 8, at 7 pm, SAC troops fired four artillery shells into Nar Kyaung Kham village, injuring one child and damaging a house. The shelling caused the villagers to flee their homes and take refuge in other villages.

On March 14, at 10 am, SAC drones dropped bombs on a sugar cane farm near Ya Pyin village in Nawng Daw village tract, killing three young women and injuring five other civilians (2 men and 3 women) harvesting sugar cane. Ya Pyin is a Danu village, whose residents are mostly sugar cane farmers.

SAC drone attack on sugar cane farm near Ya Pyin village on March 14, 2025



On March 16, at 5:30 pm, a SAC fighter jet dropped four 250-pound bombs and then fired machine guns on the Sein Ratana Pariyatti monastery at the eastern edge of Nawngkhio town. The attack killed eleven civilians (two monks, five novices, two women and two men) and injured eighteen others (fourteen novices, three women and one man). Some died instantly from the bombing, but four novices were killed by machine gunfire while trying to run away. As it was still daylight, and the novices were wearing red robes, their status as civilians must have been clearly visible to the SAC pilots, who deliberately gunned them down. One seriously injured novice died in hospital on March 17.

SAC airstrike on Sein Rattana Pariyatti Monastery on March 16, 2025



The bombing damaged four monastery buildings, including the main temple, a monk hostel and two novice hostels. Three cars and two nearby houses were also damaged. There were five monks and 60 novices (aged 5 to 16) living at the temple, and over 200 IDPs from Nawngkhio town, who slept there at night for safety. There were no armed personnel staying at the monastery.



Young novices shot dead by SAC aircraft machine guns



Sein Yadana Parayatti monastery building destroyed by SAC 250 lb bombs

On March 17, at 11:45 am, two SAC fighter jets dropped two bombs and fired machine guns into Kyauk Kyan village, five kilometers west of Nawngkhio town. The bombs fell about 700 meters from the Chinese oil and gas pipelines. Several houses were damaged by the bombing.

SAC airstrike on Kyauk Kyan village on March 17, 2025



Civilian casualties/damage from SAC airstrikes, shelling and drone bombs in Nawngkhio township (8-17 March, 2025)

No.	Date	Village/ Quarter	Details	Civilians Killed		Civilians injured		Known damage to civilian property
				Known details	No.	Known details	No	
1	8/3/2025	Nar Kyawng Kham village,	SAC fired four artillery shells			1 child	1	1 house damaged
2	14/3/2025	Sugarcane farm near Ya Pyin village	SAC drones dropped bombs		3		5	
3	16/3/2025	Sein Ratana Pariyatti	1 SAC jet fighter dropped four 250 lb bombs	2 monks, 5 novices,	11	14 novices, 3 women and 1 man	18	2 houses, 4 temple buildings

		monastery, Nawngkhio town	and fired machine guns at 5:27-5:33 pm	2 women, 2 men				& 3 cars damaged
4	17/3/2025	Kyauk Kyan village, Long Yon tract	2 SAC jet fighters dropped two 500 lb bombs at 11:45 am					Several houses damaged
				Total	14		24	4 temple buildings, at least 3 houses & 3 cars damaged

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