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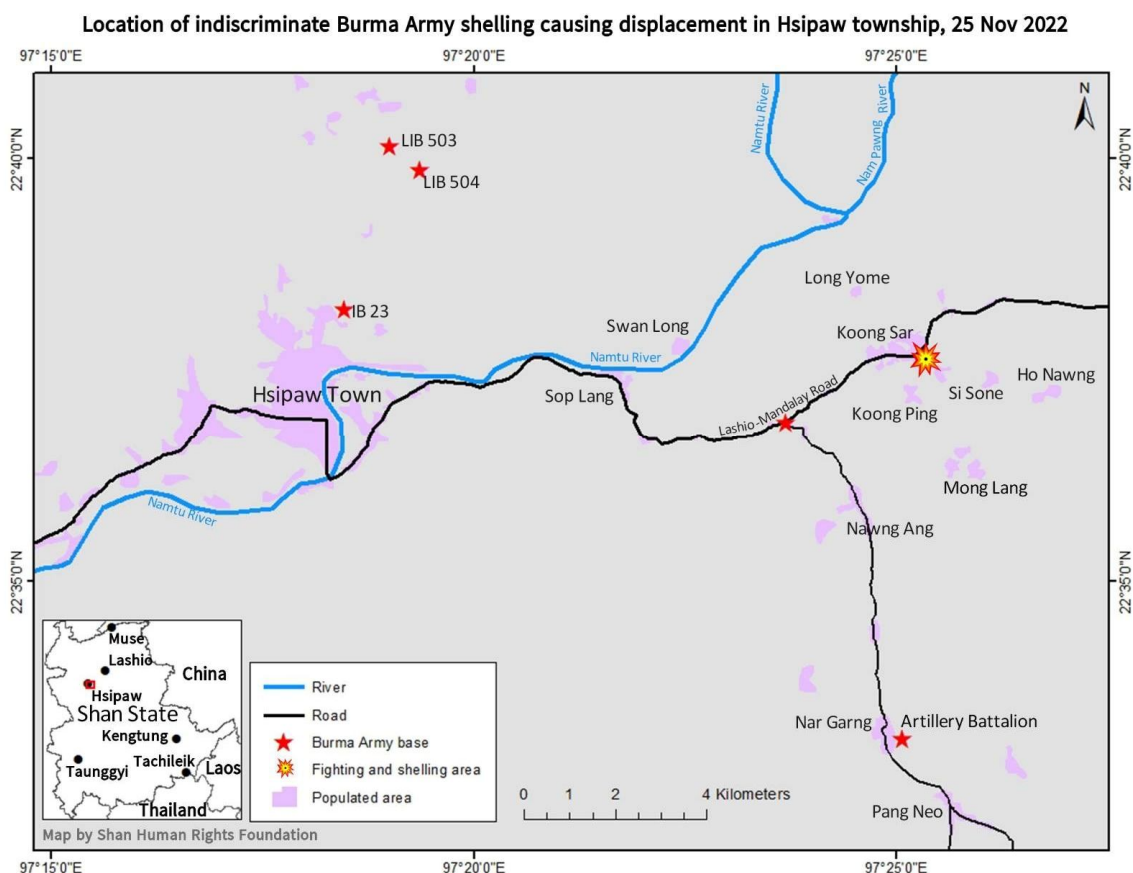
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Over 700 villagers flee indiscriminate Burma Army shelling during attack against SSPP/SSA in Hsipaw township

Over 700 villagers fled indiscriminate shelling by the Burma Army during an attack against the ceasefire group, the Shan State Progress Party/Shan State Army (SSPP/SSA), in Hsipaw township, northern Shan State, on November 25, 2022.

About 80 Burma Army troops launched the attack at 6 am at Koong Sar village, which lies on the Mandalay-Muse highway about 10 kilometers east of Hsipaw town. The troops arrived in eleven trucks from the direction of Hsipaw town. Some troops were from Lashio-based Infantry Battalion 68, stationed at the Kho Long bridge, about three kilometers west of Koong Sar, and some were from Hsipaw-based Infantry Battalion 23.



The attack targeted SSPP/SSA troops camping in Koong Sar during the Shan New Year celebrations. The two sides clashed for half an hour, during which the Burma Army fired shells indiscriminately into the village, damaging 14 houses, but fortunately causing no civilian injury.



Unexploded Burma Army shells in Koong Sar village

Terrified by the fighting and shelling, about 700 villagers fled from their homes in Koong Sar and nearby villages. Some took shelter in village temples and churches, and some in temples in Hsipaw town.

The following numbers were displaced:

No.	Place of shelter	Households	Total Population	Over 18	Under 18
1	Phoe Daw temple, Hsipaw town	117	350	170	180
2	Koong Sar village temple	73	224	148	76
3	Sop Lang village temple	91	166	133	33
4	Koong Sar village church	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
5	Mahasi temple, Hsipaw town	3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Total	289	740 +	451 +	289 +

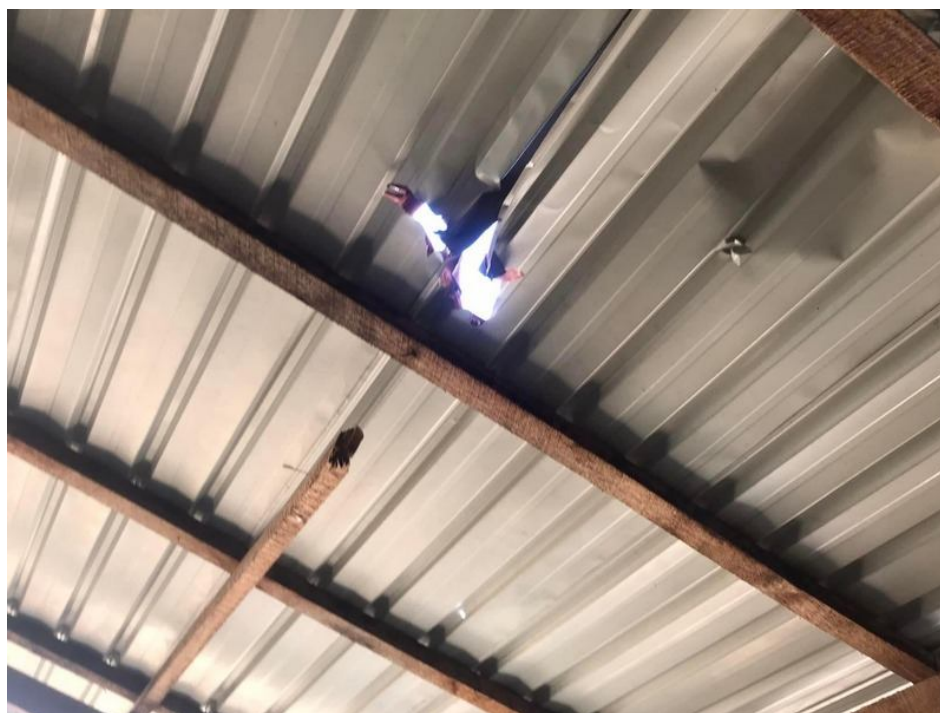


IDPs sheltering at local temples

After the fighting, the SSPP/SSA retreated from Koong Sar, but the Burma Army troops remained stationed in the village high school. By November 30, most of the displaced villagers had returned home. Some found their property had been ransacked by the Burma Army troops.

The following Koong Sar residents suffered damage to their houses from the shelling on November 25:

No.	Name	Damage from shelling
1	Nai San Hlu	House damaged
2	Ba Mwe Sar	Shell landed in front of house and damaged electric wire
3	U Saw Maung	House, refrigerator and water pipe damaged
4	Ba San Mai	Roof damaged
5	Nai Moin Kyar	Roof damaged with multiple holes
6	Bu San Mat	Roof damaged with multiple holes
7	Loong Seing	Electric wire damaged
8	Ba Kyar	Roofs of two buildings damaged
9	U Kyaw Thet	Roof damaged
10	Loong Yee	Roof damaged
11	Aye Yoi Seng	Roof damaged
12	Ba Shew Seing	Roof damaged
13	Loong Tun Sar	House damaged
14	Ma Kywe	House damaged



Roof damaged by Burma Army shelling in Koong Sar

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