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### **SAC attacks along Chinese pipelines in northern Shan State kill dozens of civilians, raise fears of pipeline explosion**

Since the start of Operation 1027 launched by the Three Brotherhood Alliance (3BHA) on October 27, 2023, 27 civilians have been killed, 33 injured and over 160 buildings damaged by indiscriminate SAC air and ground attacks in townships along China's oil and gas pipelines in northern Shan State.

The main target area of Operation 1027 has been townships bordering China, including Namkham, where the pipelines cross into Burma, but fighting has also occurred in townships further south along the pipelines, including Nawngkhio, Kyaukme and Hsipaw, where the 3BHA has been disrupting SAC supply lines along the Muse-Mandalay highway. Clashes in these townships have triggered indiscriminate SAC air and artillery attacks close to the pipelines, raising fears of a deadly pipeline explosion.

Airstrikes along the pipelines began on October 29, when SAC aircraft bombed Kyaukkyan village, six kilometers west of Nawngkhio town on the Muse-Mandalay highway, where Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) and Mandalay PDF troops were active. The airstrike damaged a Hindu temple in the village, killing a man and injuring two other civilians. The southern edge of Kyaukkyan village lies less than 100 meters from the pipelines.



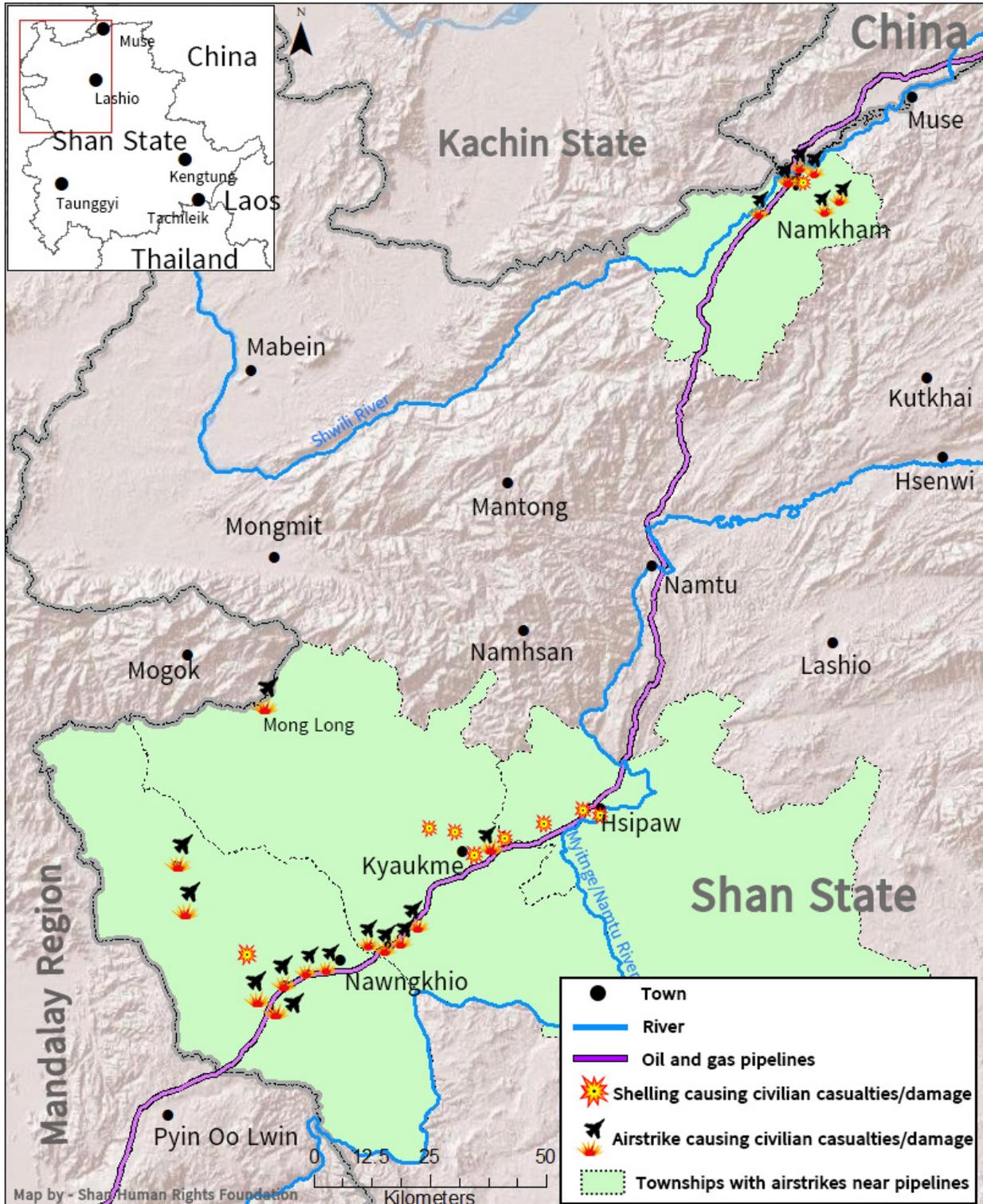
*SAC airstrike damage in Paukner quarter, Namkham town*

Over the next few days, SAC continued launching airstrikes to drive out TNLA and PDF troops from villages along the highway west of Nawngkhio town, damaging about 30 houses, killing one man and injuring three other civilians. Two of the villages where bombs landed, Shwe Nyaung Pin and Oom Markha, lie close to the pipelines.

On November 6, TNLA and PDF troops attacked a SAC camp guarding the Gokteik bridge, where the Muse-Mandalay highway crosses into Kyaukme township. This triggered SAC airstrikes over the next few weeks along the highway east of the Gokteik Bridge in Nawng Ping village tract, Kyaukme township, which injured a man and damaged over 20 houses in four villages near the pipelines. On November 15, a bomb fell only about 200 meters from the Zee Pin pipeline station. At 5 pm that evening, about 50 SAC troops came and ransacked the pipeline station, and looted about 20 houses in nearby Pang Din village, stealing rice, oil

and other household items. SAC media then broadcast pictures of the ransacked pipeline station, blaming TNLA for the damage.

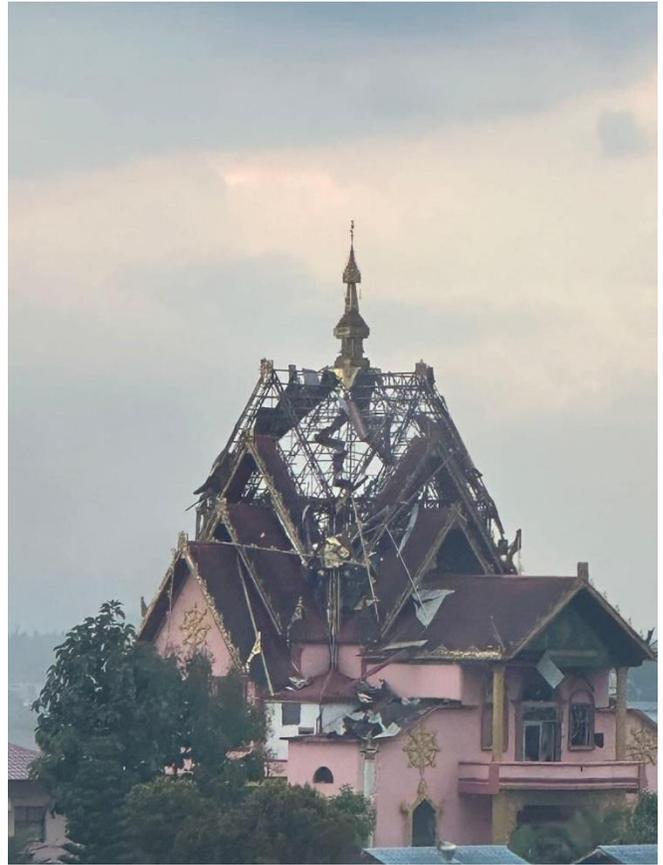
### SAC airstrikes and shelling along China's oil and gas pipelines, Oct 29-Dec 16, 2023



In the second half of November, fighting spread along the highway east of Kyaukme town into Hsipaw township, resulting in indiscriminate shelling and shooting by SAC troops in and around Hsipaw town, killing one man and injuring eight other civilians. On November 27, SAC launched airstrikes on Pu Khar village on the Muse-Mandalay highway east of Kyaukme town, injuring one civilian and damaging three houses. Pu Khar village lies only 500 meters north of the pipelines.



*SAC airstrike damage in Aung Metta quarter, Namkham town*



*Temple damaged by SAC airstrike in Mo Kham quarter, Namkham town*

Since the start of December, SAC has stepped up shelling and airstrikes in and around Namkham town to prevent TNLA seizure of the main SAC base on the southern edge of the town. By December 16, the attacks had killed fourteen civilians, injured eleven and damaged over 100 buildings. On the night of December 6 alone, five civilians were killed and four injured in an airstrike on the village of Ho Na, about 10 kms southwest of Namkham town. The pipelines run directly beside Ho Na village, only 40 meters from its northern edge.

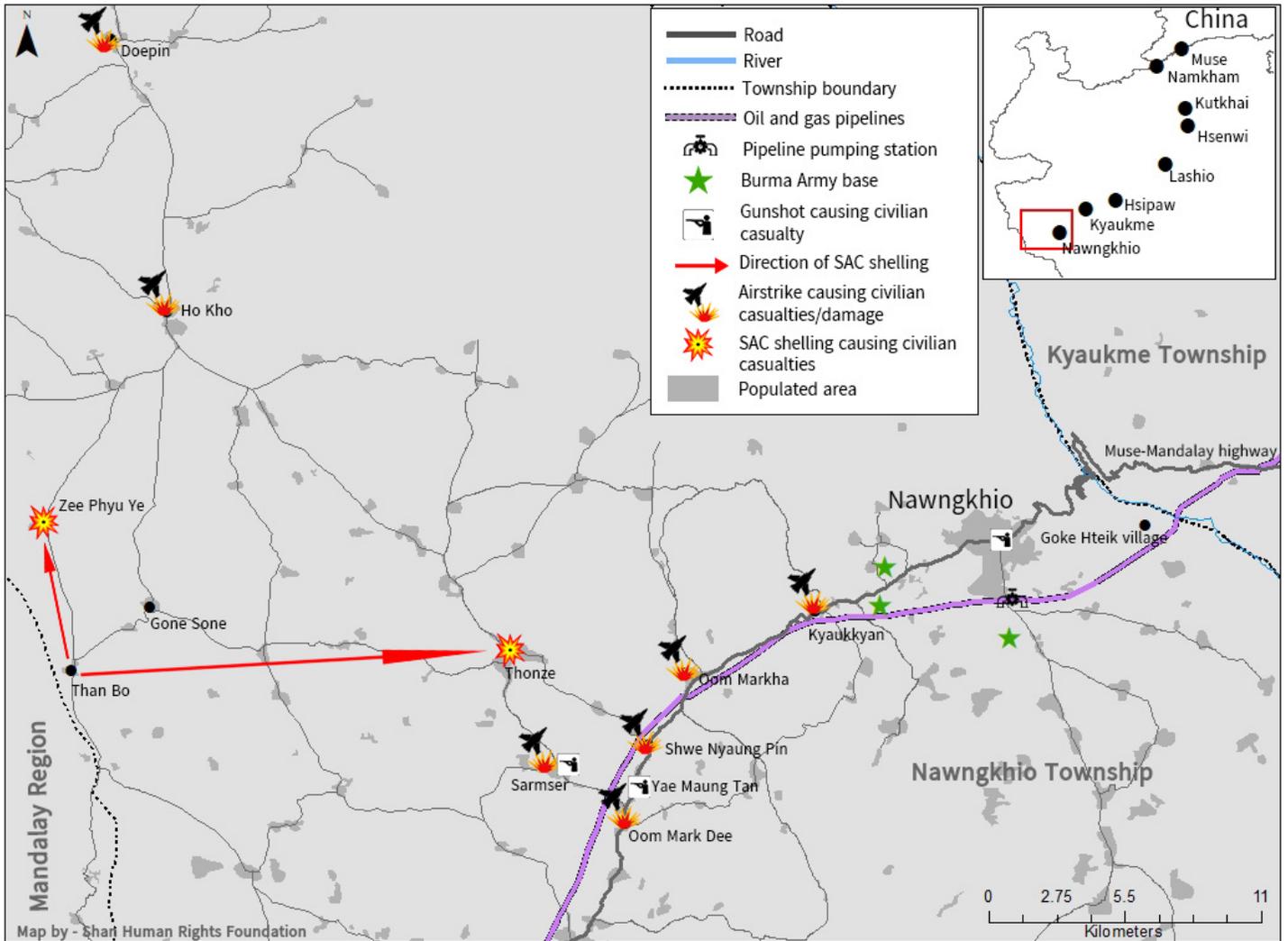
The repeated airstrikes and shelling so close to the pipelines, which lie only about one meter underground, are heightening local fears that a direct hit could trigger a huge explosion, harming civilians over a wide radius.

Villagers living along the pipelines in northern Shan State have **feared possible pipeline leaks and explosions** since the project began.

**SAC airstrikes, shelling, shooting & landmines kill eight, injure nine civilians, damage about 40 houses in Nawngkhio township, Oct 29-Nov 28, 2023**

No.	Date	Village/Quarter	Details	Civilians killed	Civilians injured	Damage to civilian property
1.	29.10.2023	Kyaukkyan village	SAC airstrike at 7:30 am	1 man (50 yrs)	1 man (28 yrs) & 1 woman (abt. 40 yrs)	Hindu temple damaged
2.	1-3.11.2023	Oom Mark Dee village	SAC aerial bombing at least 15 times			At least 5 houses damaged
3.	1-5.11.2023	Shwe Nyaung Pin village	SAC aerial bombing at least 15 times			At least 5 houses damaged
4.	1-5.11.2023	Oom Markha village	SAC aerial bombing at least 15 times			At least 5 houses damaged
5.	2.11.2023	Sarmsar village	SAC aerial bombing at least 15 times	1 man	2 men & 1 woman	At least 15 houses damaged
6.	2.11.2023	Ho Kho village	SAC jet fighter dropped a 500 pound bomb			At least 3 houses damaged
7.	9.11.2023	Thonze village	SAC shelled from their Than Bo camp into the village		1 woman	
8.	15.11.2023	Zee Phyu Ye village	SAC shelled from their Than Bo camp into the village at around 5 pm	1 girl (12 yrs) & 1 boy (1 yr)	1 woman (35 yrs) & 1 boy (4 yrs)	
9.	15.11.2023	Se quarter, Nawngkhio town	SAC troops shot at him in the street at 9 pm	1 man (abt. 50 yrs)		
10	15.11.2023	Sarmsar village	SAC troops shot and injured a mentally challenged woman walking in the village		1 woman (26 yrs)	
11.	19.11.2023	Doepin village	A SAC jet fighter dropped a 500 pound bomb on Doepin police station			Roofs of 3 houses damaged
12.	22.11.2023	Gone Sone village	A farmer stepped on a landmine while tending to his buffalo at around 3 pm	1 man (58 yrs)		
13.	28.11.2023	Thonze village	SAC shelled from their Than Bo camp into the village at around 11 am	2 men (28 & 40 yrs)		

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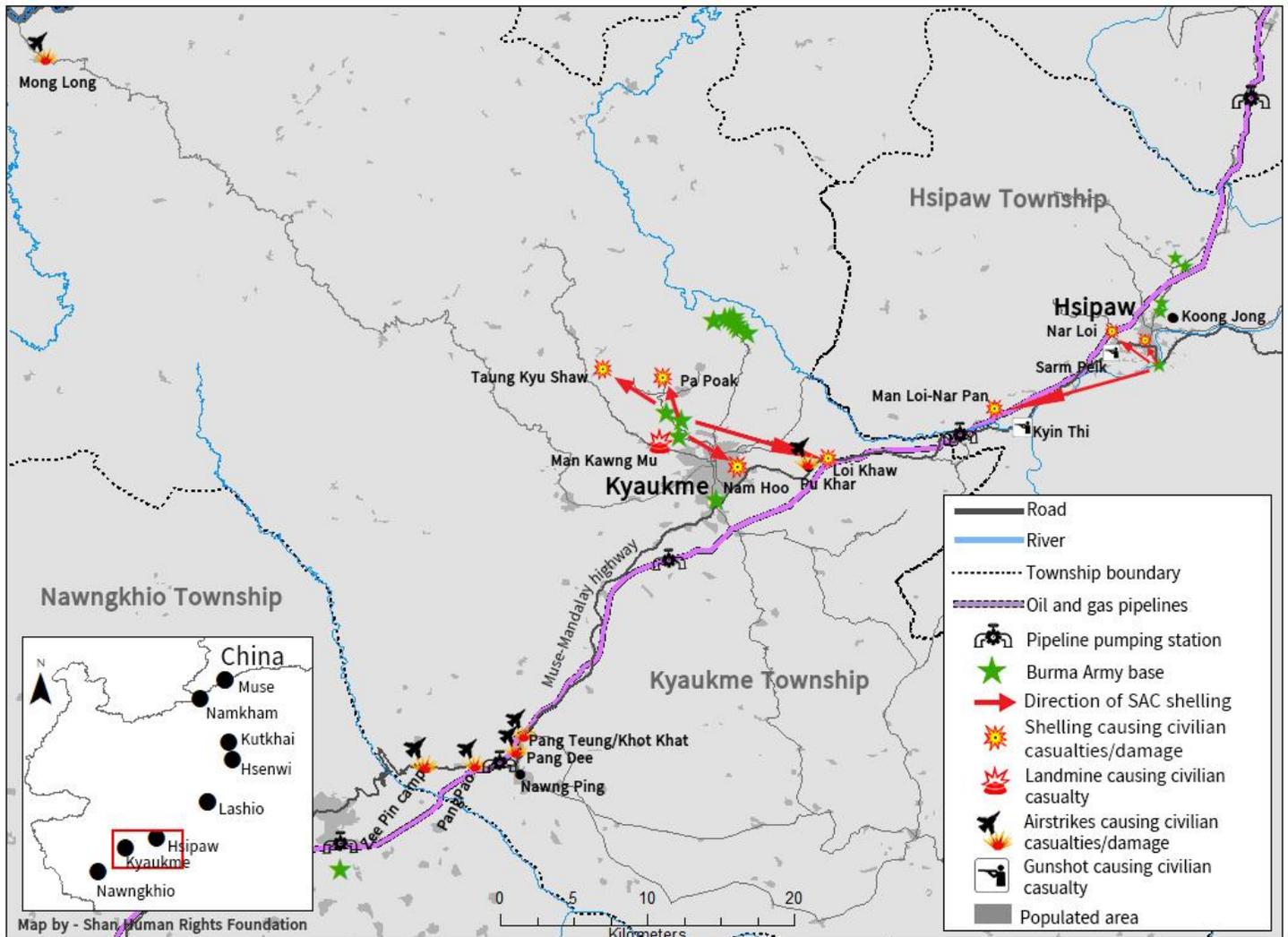


SAC airstrikes, shelling, shooting & landmines kill five, injure thirteen civilians, damage over 20 houses in Kyaukme and Hsipaw townships, Nov 9-Dec 5, 2023

No.	Date	Village/Quarter	Details	Civilians killed	Civilians injured	Damage to civilian property
1.	9.11.2023	Mann Kawng Mu village, Kyaukme	He stepped on a landmine on the way to his orange farm	1 man (69 yrs)		
2.	12.11.2023	Kyin Thi village tract, Hsipaw	SAC troops shot and wounded the victim at about 7 am		1 man (abt 60 yrs)	
3.	13.11.2023	Zee Pin camp, Kyaukme	SAC launched 8 airstrikes from 9 pm to midnight			1 house damaged
4.	13.11.2023	Taung Kyu Shaw village, Kyaukme	SAC IB 502 troops shelled into the village at 3.30 pm		1 boy (8 yrs)	

5.	14.11.2023	Pa Poak village, Kyaukme	SAC troops shelled into the village at around 1 pm. A shell landed in front of the victim's house, killing him.	1 man (40 yrs)		
6.	15.11.2023	Zee Pin camp, Pang Teung /Khot Khat, Pang Dee villages, Kyaukme	SAC used two MI-35 jet fighters to bomb the Nawng Ping village intersection on the Muse-Mandalay highway. One bomb landed near the Zee Pin pipeline station		1 man	At least 10 houses damaged
7.	22.11.2023	Sarm Peik village tract, Hsipaw	SAC troops shelled into the tract at about 10:15 am, injuring 3 villagers		3 men (in their 30s)	
8.	22.11.2023	Shwe Pye Kwe Thit quarter, Hsipaw town	SAC troops shelled into the quarter at about 10:15 am		2 women (abt 30 & 50 yrs)	
9.	22.11.2023	Nar Loi village, Hsipaw	SAC troops shelled into fields near Nar Loi at about 10:15 am, wounding a villager harvesting rice		1 man (50 yrs)	
10.	22.11.2023	Sarm Peik village, Hsipaw	SAC troops stationed at Namtu bridge shot at him	1 man (49 yrs)		
11.	25.11.2023	Man Loi-Nar Pan village, Hsipaw	SAC shelled into the village at 5 am, injuring a villager hiding in a bunker		1 man (41 yrs)	
12.	27.11.2023	Nam Hu village, Kyaukme	SAC troops shelled into the village at midnight. A shell landed in the Nam Hu temple, injuring a monk		1 man (50 yrs)	
13.	27.11.2023	Pu Khar village, Kyaukme	SAC launched 3 airstrikes from 4 pm to 6 pm		1 man	3 houses damaged
14.	27.11.2023	Pang Pao village, Kyaukme	SAC launched 6 airstrikes at 9 pm	1 woman		1 toll gate, 10 houses, 2 cars burned
15.	28.11.2023	Loi Hkaw village, Kyaukme	SAC shelled into the village at about 8:30 am		1 man (29 yrs)	
16.	5.12.2023	Mong Long village, Kyaukme	SAC airstrike on the village at around 5 am	1 woman (35 yrs)		

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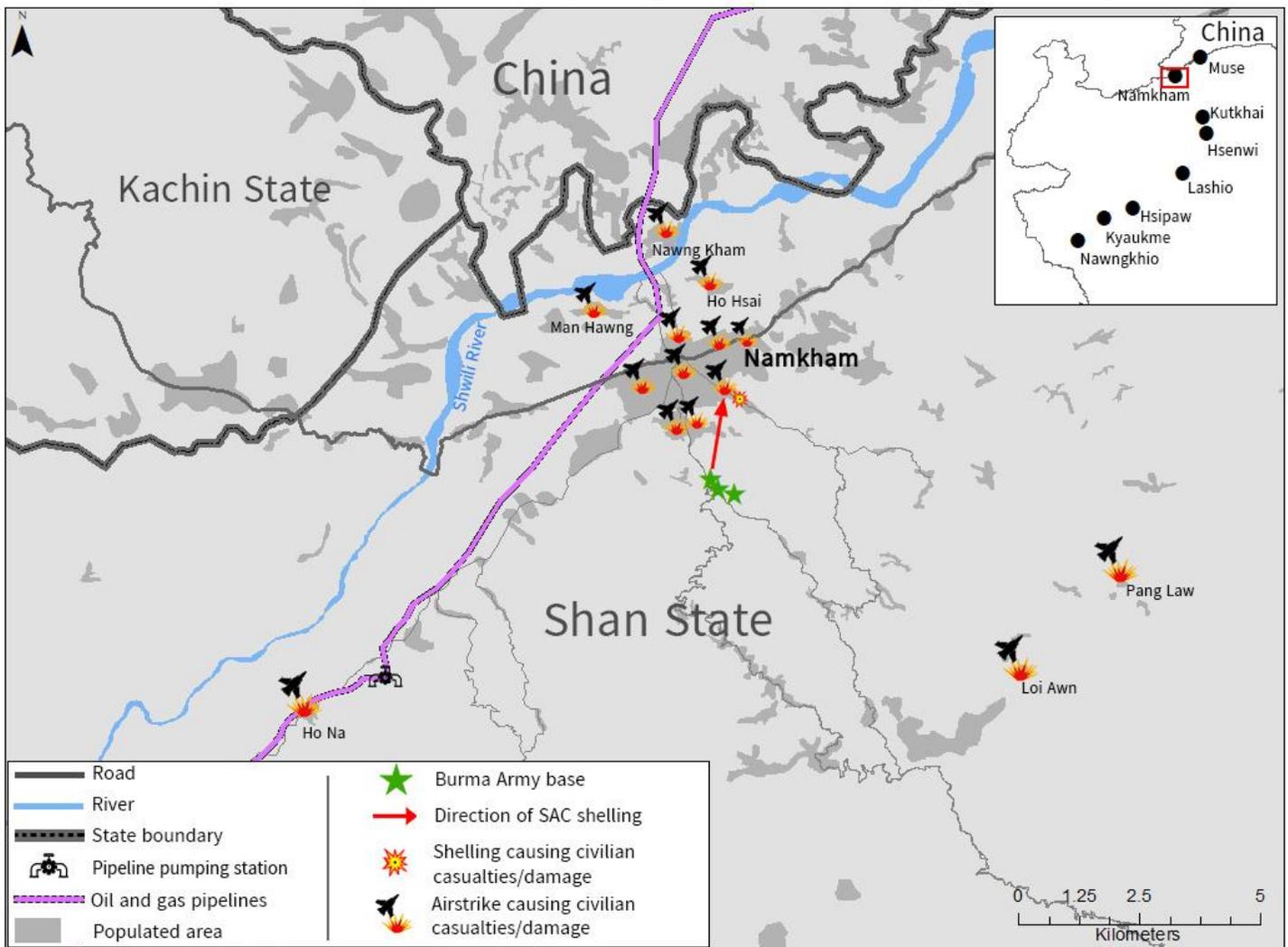
**SAC airstrikes and shelling kill fourteen, injure eleven civilians, damage over 100 buildings in Namkham township, Nov 21-Dec 16, 2023**

No.	Date	Village/Quarter	Details	Civilians killed	Civilians injured	Damage to civilian property
1.	21.11.2023	Paukner quarter, Namkham town	Shrapnel from SAC shelling into Paukner quarter killed two civilians	1 man (abt. 40 yrs) & 1 woman (27 yrs)		

2.	26.11.2023	Mann Na quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike at about 5 am hit her house while she was sleeping inside	1 girl (17 yrs)		1 house damaged
3.	1.12.2023	Pauk Long quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike at about 8 am	1 woman (78 yrs)	1 man (29 yrs)	7 houses damaged
4.	1.12.2023	Nawng Chang quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike around 9.30 pm, including cluster bomb	1 man (52 yrs)		1 temple & 4 houses damaged
5.	1.12.2023	Ho Kat and Aung Metta quarters, Namkham town	SAC airstrike at about 9:30 pm		1 man (28 yrs), 2 women (46 & 19 yrs), 2 boys (12 & 16 yrs), 1 girl (17 yrs)	
6.	6.12.2023	Ho Na village	SAC airstrike at midnight	2 men (46 & 35 yrs), 2 women (56 & 50 yrs), 1 girl (5 yrs)	2 men, 1 woman, 1 girl (5 yrs)	A godown damaged
7.	6.12.2023	Pang Law village	SAC airstrike during the fighting with the three brotherhood alliance at 12 midnight			7 houses damaged
8.	4.12.2023	Loi Awn village	SAC airstrike 4 times during the fighting with the three brotherhood alliance at 12 midnight			9 houses damaged
9.	1.12.2023	Pauk Long quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike at about 8 am in the town, populated area	1 woman		7 houses damaged
10.	1.12.2023	Nawng Chang Quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike with cluster bombs in town, populated area at 9 pm	1 man		1 temple and 4 houses damaged
11.	11.12.2023	Paukner quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike with two 500 pound bombs at police station in town, at 7 pm			11 houses damaged
12.	11.12.2023	Kawng Sa quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike at 7 pm	1 man (60 yrs)		
13.	12.12.2023	Thayagone quarter & Kawng Sa quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrikes with 6 jets	1 man		9 houses and 1 temple damaged

14.	13.12.2023	Mo Kham quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike with Mi-35 jet fighter			1 temple and 5 houses damaged
15.	13.12.2023	Mann Hawng village				5 houses damaged
16.	15.12.2023	Nawng Kham village	SAC airstrike with jet fighter at 6 am			3 houses damaged
17.	15.12.2023	Aung Metta quarter, Namkham town	SAC airstrike with jet fighter at 11 am			12 houses damaged
18.	16.12.2023	Aung Mingala quarter, Namkham town	SAC jet dropped two 500 pound bombs at midday			15 houses damaged

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