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SAC revenge airstrikes in Hsenwi kill 13 civilians, injure 24, damage over 40 buildings in July 2024

During July 2024, SAC airstrikes in Hsenwi in retaliation for the MNDAA's renewed offensive in Lashio killed thirteen civilians, injured twenty-four and damaged over forty buildings, including three schools.

The airstrikes were clearly intended as collective punishment, as there has been no fighting in Hsenwi since January 2024, when it came under MNDAA control during Operation 1027.

The airstrikes in Hsenwi began on July 3, the same day that MNDAA and its allies launched attacks in Lashio under the second phase of Operation 2017. SAC aircraft dropped three 500 pound bombs near the police station in Hsenwi town, damaging ten houses.

Over the next few weeks, SAC launched six further airstrikes on Hsenwi town, with bombing also of the village of Mong Li, 10 kms southwest of the town. The most deadly was in the afternoon of July 18, when a 500 pound bomb was dropped on the town market, killing twenty civilians and injuring ten. Some of the bodies were blown to pieces. The injured were sent to Kutkhai and Chin Shwe Haw hospitals.

On July 25, an aerial bomb left a huge crater in Quarter 2 of the town, damaging ten houses. The size of the crater appeared to be larger than that of a 500 pound bomb.

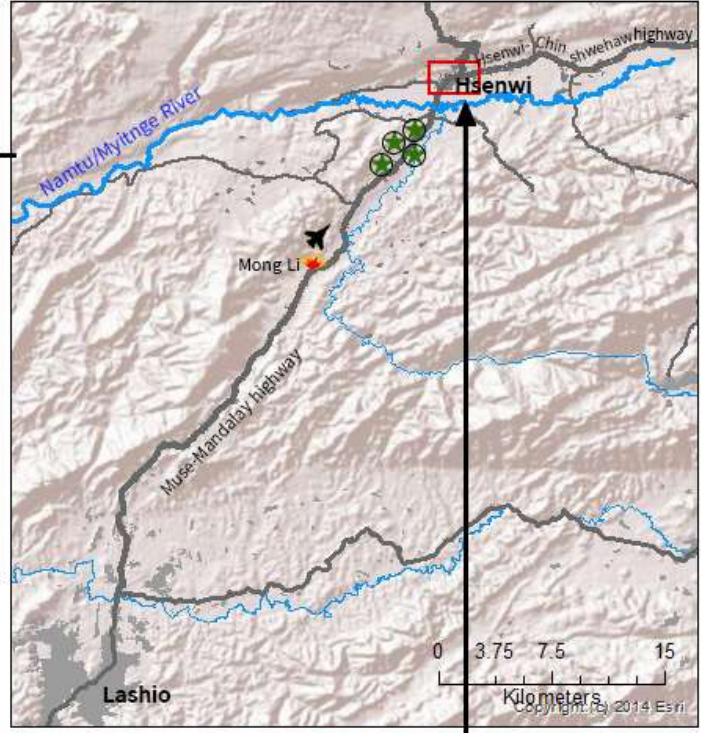


School building destroyed by SAC airstrike

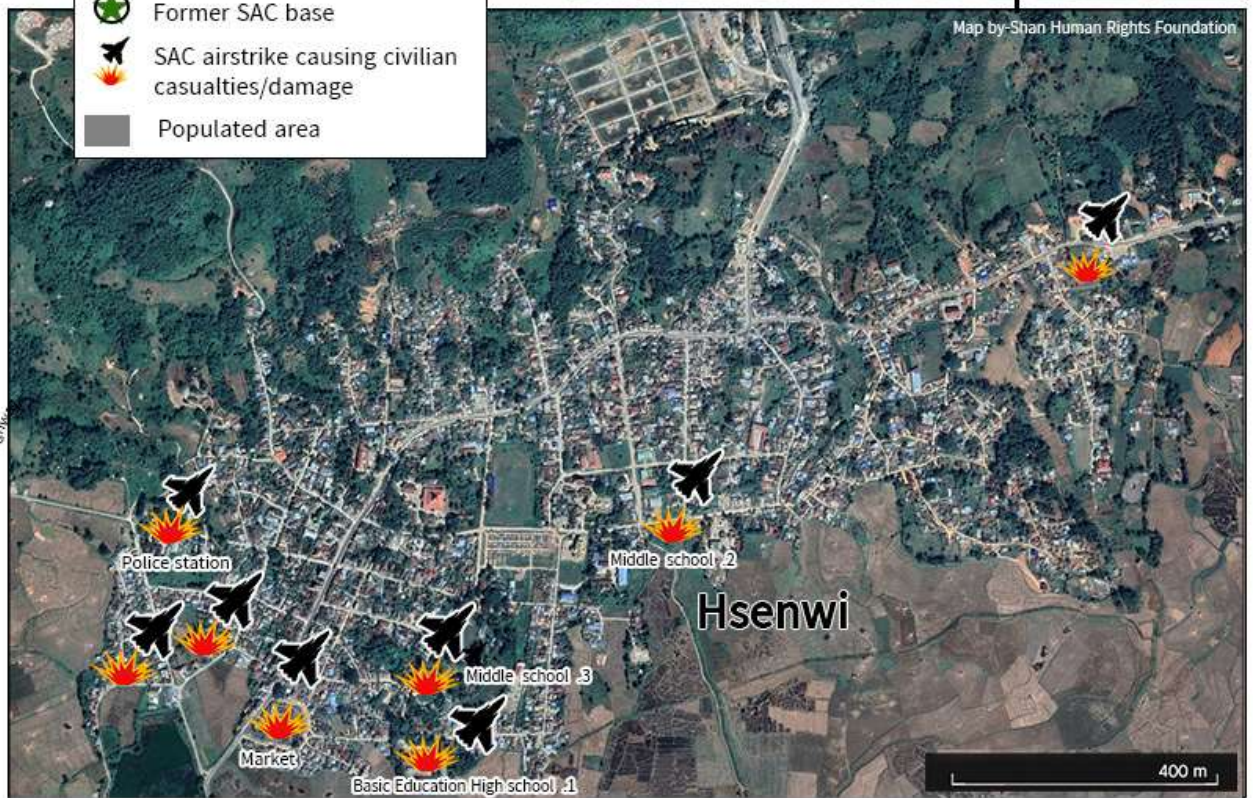


Huge crater caused by SAC bomb

SAC airstrikes causing civilian casualties/damage in Hsenwi (July 3-28, 2024)



- Road
- River
- 🌿 Former SAC base
- ✈️ SAC airstrike causing civilian casualties/damage
- Populated area



Civilian casualties and damage from SAC airstrikes in Hsenwi township (3-28 July 2024)

No.	Date	Village / Quarter	Details of attack	Civilians killed		Civilians injured		Known damage to civilian property
				Known details	No.	Known details	No.	
1	3/7/2024	Police station in Quarter 2, Hsenwi town	SAC airstrike, dropping three 500-pound bombs					At least 10 houses damaged (incl. 2 houses v. badly damaged)
2	4/7/2024	Mong Li village, Quarter 2, Hsenwi town	SAC airstrike	1 male aged 30	1			2 houses and 1 school damaged
3	12/7/2024	Quarters 1, 3, Hsenwi town	SAC airstrike, dropping three 500-pound bombs					1 high school and 1 middle school damaged
4	13/7/2024	Weing Nang Quarter (4), Hsenwi town	SAC airstrike					4 houses damaged
5	18/7/2024	Quarters 1, 2, Hsenwi town	SAC airstrike, dropping 500 pound bombs, around 4 pm while many villagers were buying vegetables in the market		10		20	At least 10 houses and several food stalls damaged
6	25/7/2024	Quarter 2, Hsenwi town	SAC airstrike with a giant bomb around 5 pm					Around 10 houses damaged
7	27/7/2024	Quarter 4, Hsenwi town	SAC airstrike in the morning around 2 am	2 female (1 aged 60 and 1 little girl aged 4)	2	1 male and 3 females	4	4 houses damaged
			Total		13		24	At least 43 buildings damaged

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