



# **COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19**

**JULY 16 - 31, 2020**



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COCAP's "COVID-19 Biweekly" covers the incidents related to gender based violence (GBV) and COVID-19 from July 16 - 31, 2020.

From July 16 - 31, 2020, COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded 19 incidents related to COVID-19. Majority of incidents were of protests against the government with citizens taking to the streets demanding better and efficient action to prevent the spread of COVID-19 with increased polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, management of dead bodies of COVID-19 infected patients and businesses demanding economic support from the government [See Fig:1]. Of the total COVID-19 related incidents two were violent and 17 were latent incidents of protest [See Fig 2].

From July 16 - 31, 57 cases of gender based violence (GBV) were recorded in which 20 victims of rape were women and girls below the age of 26. GBV itself is a crisis in our communities but the pandemic has made victims furthermore vulnerable to abuse. It is important to note that both males and females face GBV but according to our data the majority of victims are women and girls.

This bi-weekly report is aimed to inform our readers on the added crisis brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic which has affected everyone's livelihood and made some group of people even more vulnerable. Until July 31, the total number of positive cases reached 19771 with 56 deaths.

**19**  
INCIDENTS  
RELATED TO  
COVID-19

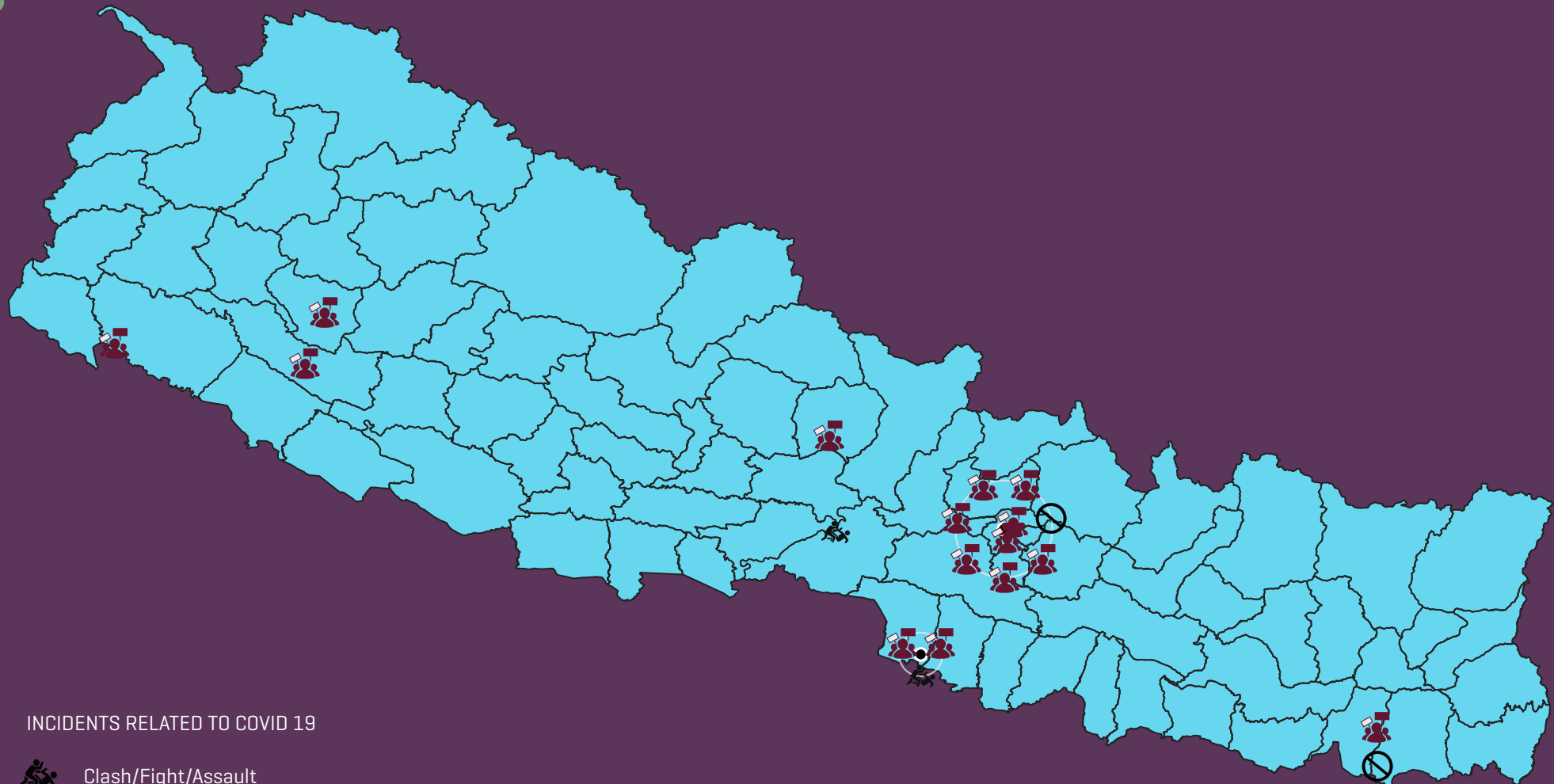
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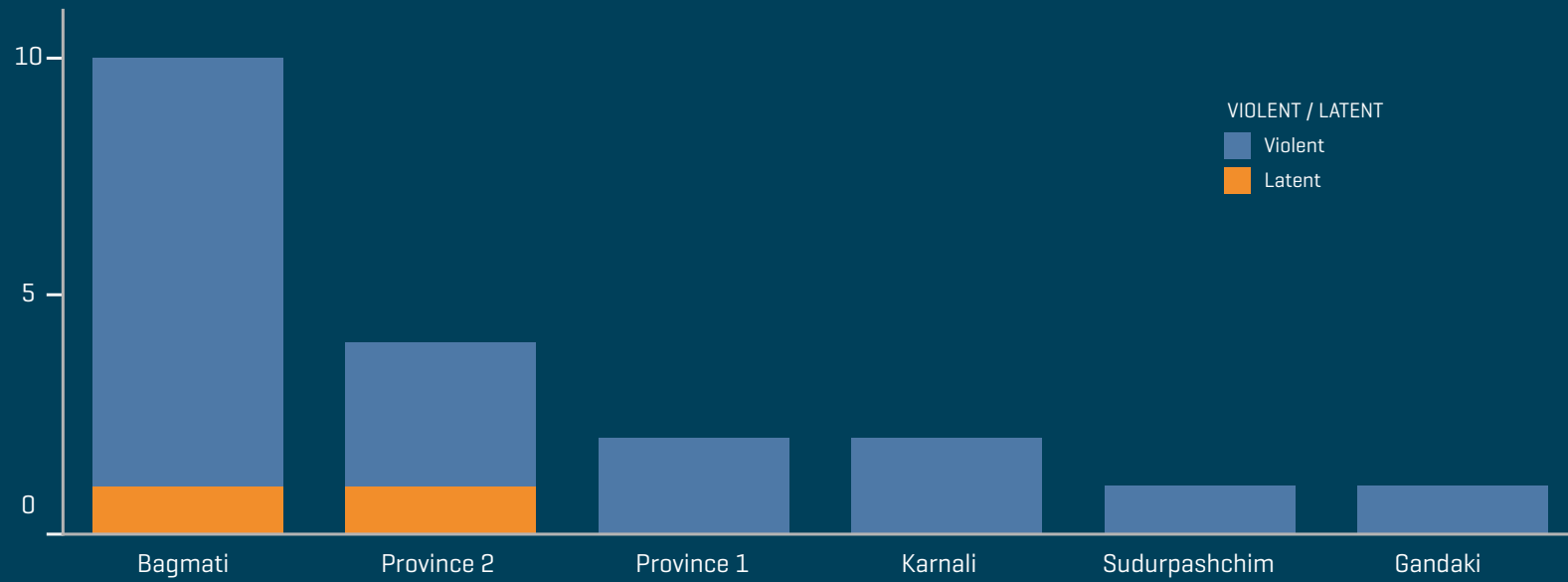
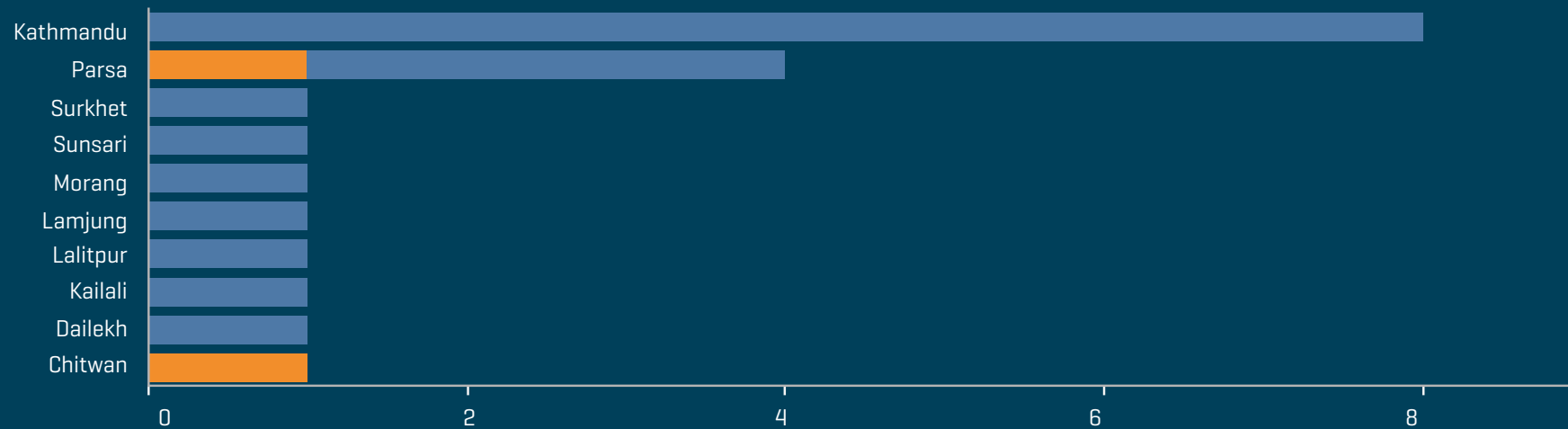


## INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN NEPAL ( JULY 16- JULY 31, 2020 )

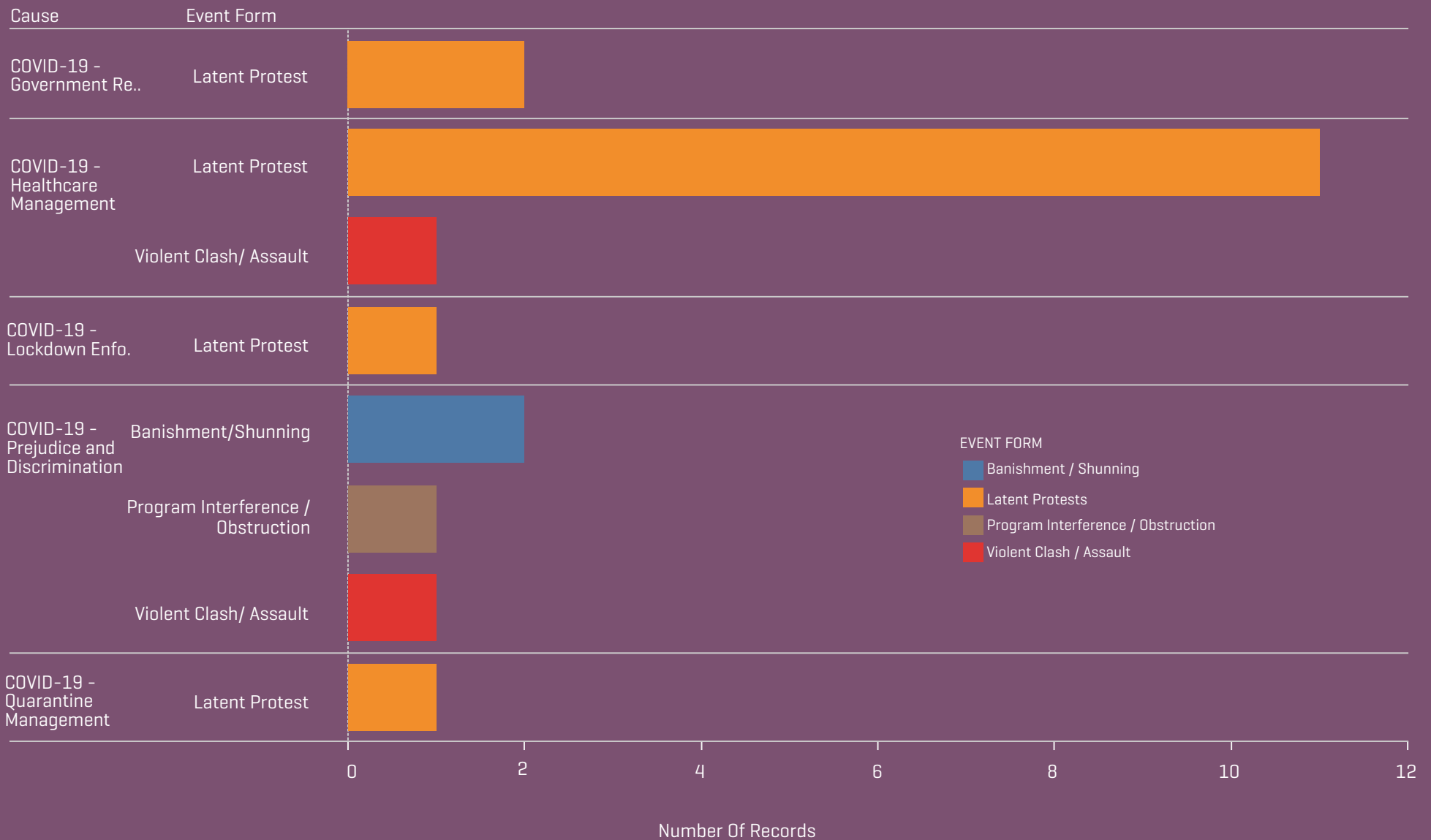


### INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID 19

-  Clash/Fight/Assault
-  Protest/Demonstration
-  Discrimination/Shunning

**FIG -1 INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19 BY PROVINCE (JULY 16-31,2020)****INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19 BY DISTRICT (JULY 16-31,2020)**

**FIG -2 INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19 ( JULY 16 - JULY 31, 2020 )**



## PROTESTS RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**JULY  
16**

The residents of Narayan Municipality 4, in Dailekh district protested against the distribution of rotten rice in the name of relief by the local government during the pandemic.<sup>1</sup>

**JULY  
16**

A group of 'enough is enough' activists staged a protest in Pulchowk, Lalitpur against the government for not taking serious measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.<sup>2</sup>

**JULY  
17**

Residents of Besishahar, Lamjung protested against converting the Sahaji's Urban Development Office Building into an isolation center for the COVID-19 patients.<sup>3</sup>

**JULY  
18**

The 'enough is enough' campaign against the government's inefficient effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 started again in Basantapur, Kathmandu. Activist Ishan resumed his hunger strike again as the government did not take serious measures to prevent COVID-19.<sup>4</sup>

**JULY  
18**

About 27 people infected with COVID-19 staged a hunger strike at the city bus park in Surkhet against the government's decision to release people from the quarantine after two weeks without a PCR test.<sup>5</sup>

**JULY  
19**

The Nepali Congress (NC) staged a protest in Birgunj against the decision to charge Rs. 5500 for the PCR tests at Narayani Hospital and demanded immediate reversal of the decision as it will increase financial hardship among the citizens at the time of the pandemic.<sup>6</sup>

**JULY  
21**

Institutional school teachers union in Kanchanpur organized a protest against schools for not paying their salaries even after collecting fees from parents during the lockdown.<sup>7</sup>

**JULY  
21**

Supporters of social activist "lih" who is in a hunger strike supporting the 'enough is enough' campaign demonstrated against the government's inefficiency to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The demonstration was organized in Basantapur Durbar square, Kathmandu.<sup>8</sup>

**JULY  
25**

Nepal Barber's Association of Province 1 staged a demonstration in Itahari accusing the government of not allowing them to reopen their business even after the lockdown was lifted.<sup>9</sup>

**JULY  
25**

Youths affiliated to the “Enough is Enough” campaign organized a peaceful protest in Basantapur Durbar Square accusing the government of not fulfilling their demands for increased PCR tests, transparency on purchase of health equipment and efficient action to prevent the spread of COVID-19.<sup>10</sup>

**JULY  
26**

All Nepal National Free Students Union (ANNFSU) affiliated to the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) submitted a memorandum to Tribhuvan University’s Controller of Examinations demanding COVID-19 insurance for all the students.<sup>11</sup>

**JULY  
27**

Locals of Swayambhu protested over the management of the corpse of COVID-19 patient when the police tried to cremate the body in the area. Due to the disagreement the body of the 60 year old was stranded in the Teaching hospital in Kathmandu.<sup>12</sup>

**JULY  
27**

The Nepal Army who were on their way to bury the body of a person infected to COVID-19 were stopped by the locals fearing the spread of the virus in the area.<sup>13</sup>

**JULY  
28**

Students from different campuses of Dhangadi staged a demonstration at Chauraha and protested against the government for risking the health of students under the pretext of an exam at the time of the pandemic.<sup>14</sup>

**JULY  
29**

Youths affiliated with the ‘enough is enough’ campaign started a hunger strike in front of the police club in Kathmandu stating that they were arrested and abused illegally.<sup>15</sup>

**JULY  
30**

The police arrested 25 health workers from Birgunj Municipal Corporation for failing to come to work for the prevention and control of COVID-19.<sup>16</sup>

**JULY  
31**

The police arrested 52 protestors who crossed the prohibited area supporting the “enough is enough” campaign before the Prime Ministers office in Baluwatar, Kathmandu.<sup>17</sup>



## A PATIENT DIED AFTER THE HOSPITAL REFUSED TO ADMIT

**JULY  
24**

A person from Udayapur died in an ambulance after Nobel hospital and Koshi hospital in Biratnagar refused to admit the patient fearing that he might be infected with COVID-19.<sup>18</sup>

## COMPLAINT OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

**JULY  
21**

A complaint was filed by a Dalit man at District Police Office in Bharatpur, Chitwan against ward member accusing of beating him and discriminating him during a meeting for discussion regarding PCR tests for those in quarantine centers.<sup>19</sup>

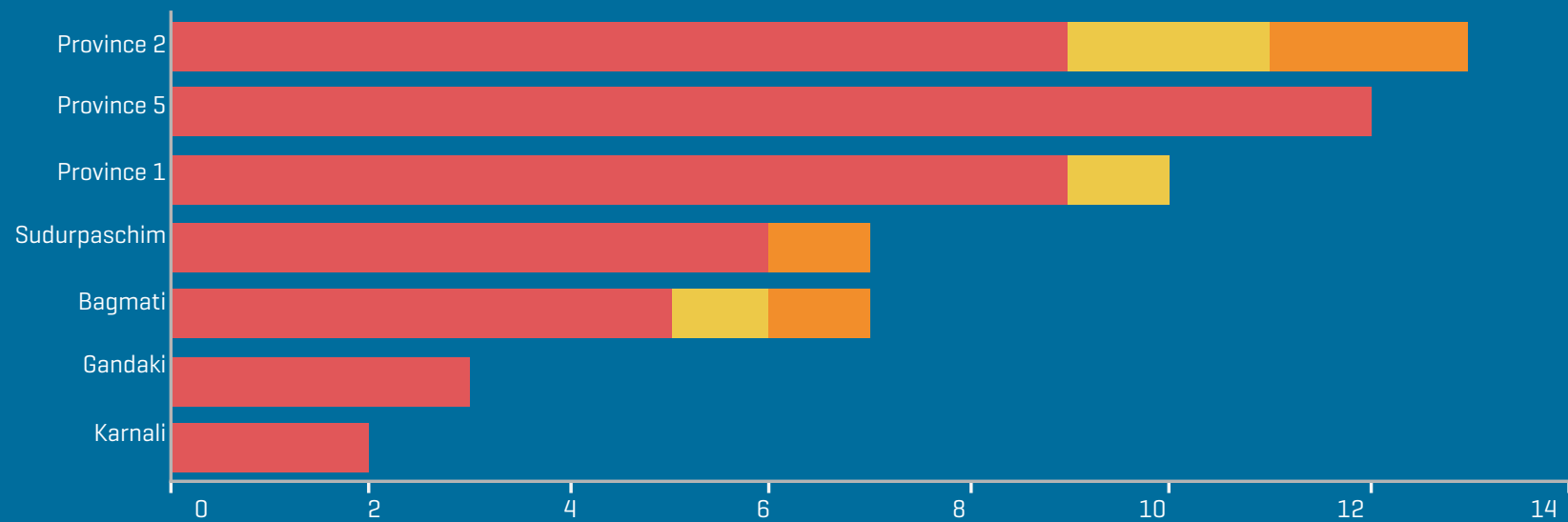
## INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE CONTINUE TO RISE

In the past 15 days, the PMP recorded 57 incidents of gender based violence [GBV]. Sexual assault was the most common form of violence with 46 incidents [See fig 3] including 20 cases of rape in which all the women and girls who were the victim were below the age of 26 years.

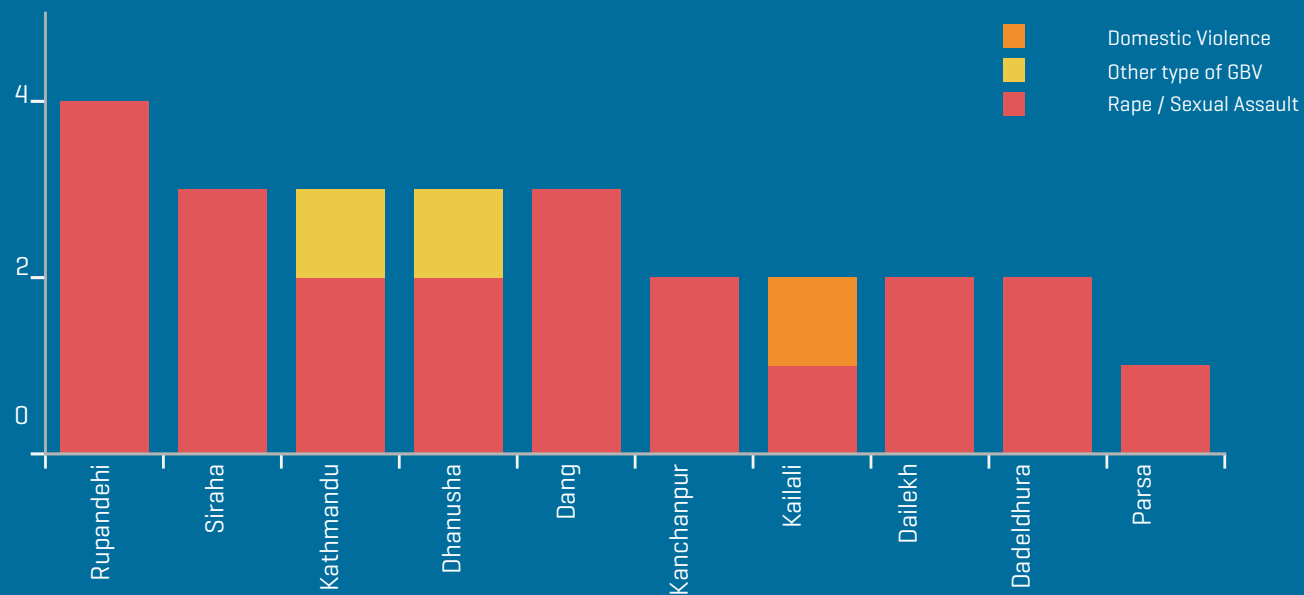




**FIG-3 REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE (JULY 16-31,2020)**



**REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT**



## ENDNOTES

1. See: Locals in Dailekh Agitated After They Received Rotten Rice
2. See: Demonstration Staged By 'Enough is Enough' Activists in Pulchowk
3. See: Locals Protest Against Conversion of Quarantine into an Isolation Center in Besisahar
4. See: Satyagraha Resumed Once Again By 'Enough is Enough' Campaign
5. See: Corona Infected People Staged Hunger Strike Demanding PCR Test in Surkhet
6. See: Demonstration Staged Against the Decision to Charge Fees for PCR Test
7. See: Teachers On a Sit-In Protest in Kanchanpur
8. See: Supporters of Social Activist "Ihi" Stage Demonstration at Basantapur
9. See: Demonstration Staged in Itahari Demanding Permission to Open Salon
10. See: Demonstration in Basantapur Demanding Increase in The Number of PCR Tests
11. See: ANNFSU Demands Corona Insurance for Students
12. See: Locals Obstruct COVID-19 Victim's Dead Body Management in Swayambhu
13. See: COVID-19 Infected Body Buried At Midnight After Local's Obstruction
14. See: Students Stage Demonstration Against Government in Dhangadi
15. See: Youths of "Enough is Enough" Group Stage Hunger Strike at Nepal Police Club
16. See: Twenty Five Health Workers Arrested in Parsa
17. See: 'Enough is Enough' Stages Demonstration In Front of Baluwatar, 52 Arrested
18. See: Patient Dies in Ambulance After Koshi Hospital Refuse Admission
19. See: Complaint of Assault And Discrimination Lodged Against Ward Member in Bharatpur

The PMP gathered data on violent and latent incidents past 15 days of the lockdown period by compiling reports from all major online news portals, national dailies, local newspapers from 20 districts, and incidents reports directly submitted to us. The goal of the report is to deliver an update and understanding of the incidents surrounding the pandemic of Coronavirus to better respond to the situation and to promote peace. The numbers recorded in this report are based on the reports mapped by Nepalmonitor.org.

