



COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

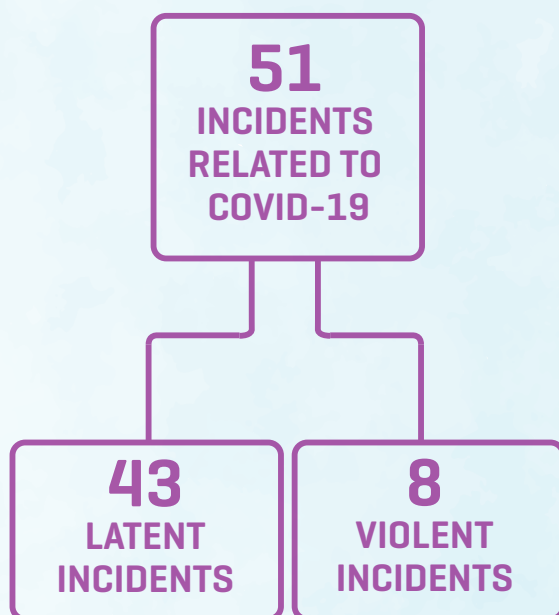
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COCAP's "COVID-19 Biweekly" covers the incidents related to COVID-19 and gender based violence [GBV] from August 1 - 15, 2020.

From August 1-15, 2020, COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project [PMP] recorded 51 incidents related to COVID-19. Lockdown was imposed in about 31 districts across the country to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Majority of incidents recorded include protests demanding efficient action from the government's side to address the ongoing nationwide crisis and the mismanagement of quarantine centers [See Fig:1]. Of the total COVID-19 related incidents eight were violent and 43 were latent incidents of protest [See Fig 2 and 3].



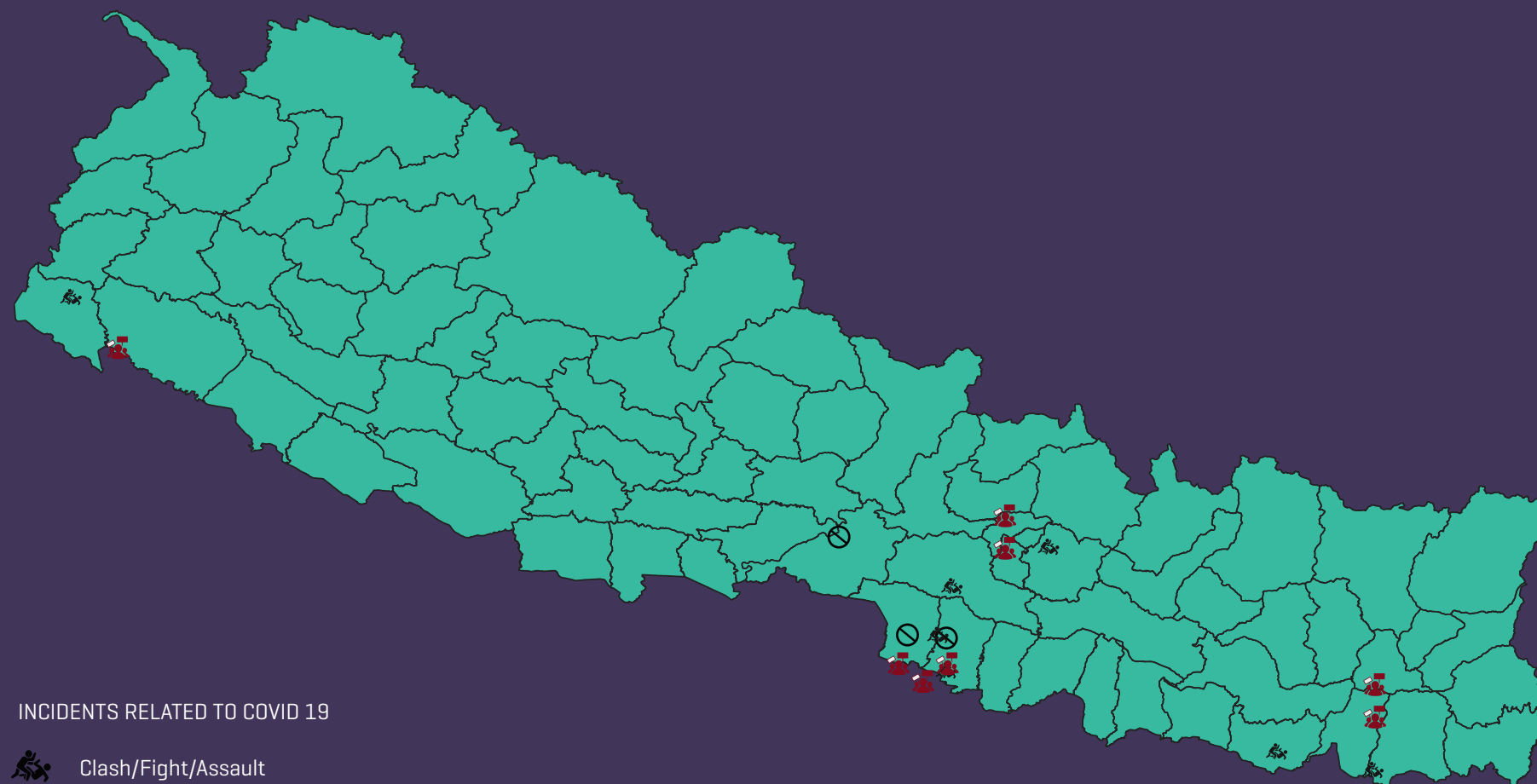
From August 1-15, 47 cases of gender based violence [GBV] were recorded in which 26 victims of rape were women and girls below the age of 26. GBV itself is a crisis in our communities but the pandemic has made victims furthermore vulnerable to abuse. It is important to note that both males and females 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 August 15, the total number of positive cases reached 26,019 with 102 deaths.

47 INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN NEPAL (AUG 1 - AUG 15, 2020)



INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID 19




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

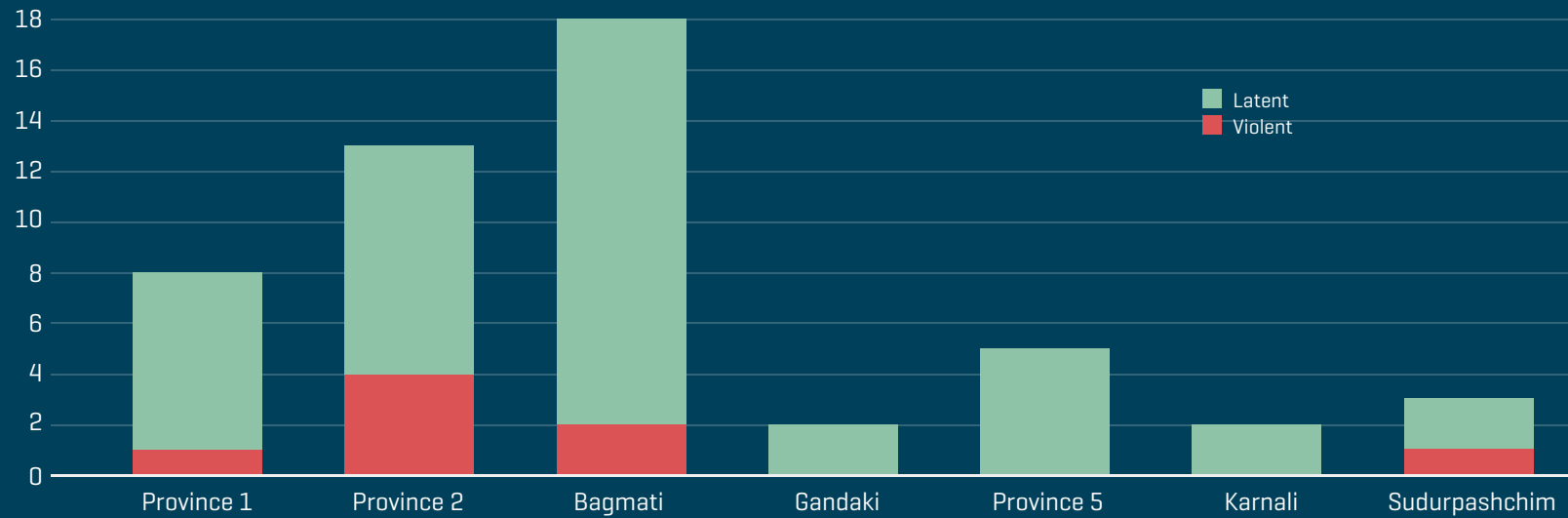
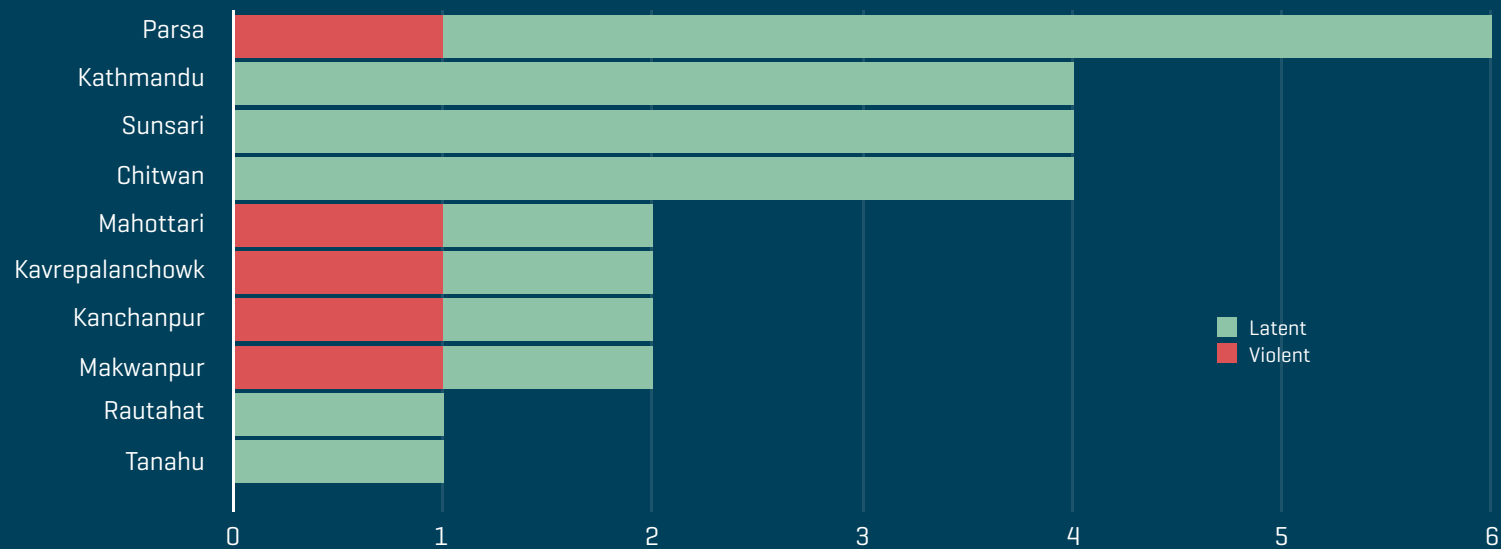
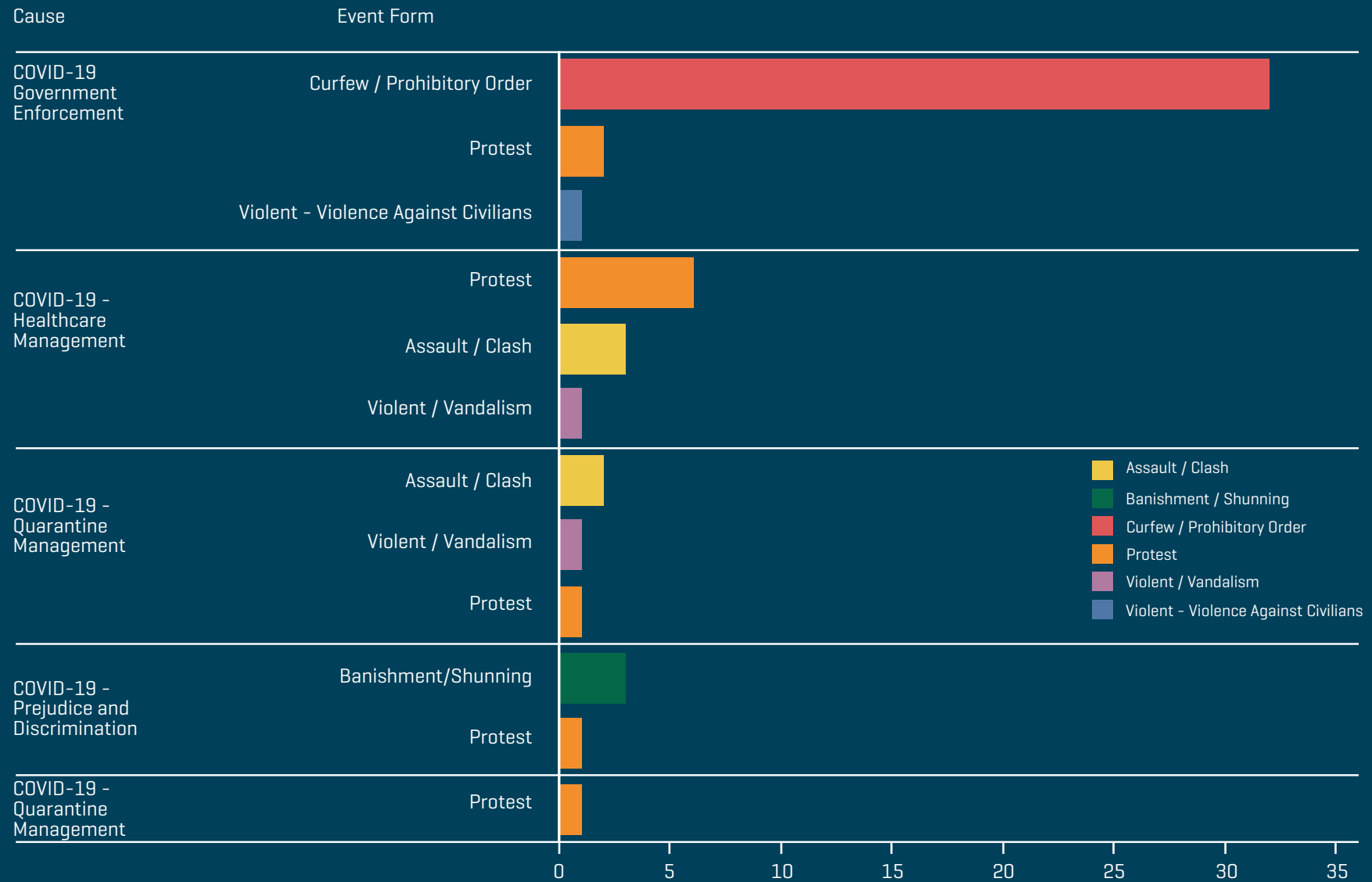
FIG -1 INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19 BY PROVINCE [AUG 1 - AUG 15, 2020]**FIG -2 INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19 BY DISTRICT [AUG 1 - AUG 15, 2020]**

FIG -3 INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19 [AUG 1 - AUG 15, 2020]


ORDER FOR LOCKDOWN IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS OF NEPAL AS THE NUMBER OF CASES OF COVID-19 RISE

**AUG
1**

A five day prohibitory order was issued in Jaleswar, the headquarters of Mahottari district to prevent the spread of COVID-19.¹

**AUG
2**

The local administration imposed a prohibitory order in Nepalgunj after 30 people were infected with COVID-19 in a single day.²

**AUG
3**

The district administration office (DAO) Parsa issued an indefinite prohibitory order after the number of deaths spiked in the district.³

**AUG
5**

An indefinite lockdown was imposed in Bidur Municipality of Nuwakot after cases of COVID-19 increased in the area.⁴ About 45 people have been infected with COVID-19 in Nuwakot.

**AUG
7**

The local authorities enforced curfew for the next 10 days to prevent the spread of COVID-19.⁵

**AUG
6**

Mirchaiya Municipality of Siraha decided to enforce lockdown until August 16 following a confirmation of COVID-19 infection among three locals of ward no 3 in the district.⁶

**AUG
7**

The Kathmandu District Administration Office decided to seal commercial areas of Kathmandu including Teku, Ason, Indra Chowk and New Road due to concerns related to the spread of COVID-19.⁷

**AUG
7**

Suryodaya Municipality in Illam announced indefinite lockdown as the number of COVID-19 patients increased day by day.⁸

**AUG
8**

A lockdown was imposed in Bardiya after the cases of COVID-19 spiked in the area. The decision to impose a lockdown in the area was made by the Corona Crisis Management Committee in Bardia led by the chairman and the chief district officer [CDO].⁹

**AUG
9**

A prohibitory order was issued in Janakpurdham to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and was extended until August 16 to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The chief district officer urged everyone to stay indoors except for very urgent work.¹⁰

**AUG
10**

An emergency meeting of the command post was held in Makwanpur which decided to issue prohibitory orders against the markets or businesses to remain closed as the numbers of COVID-19 infection increased around the Hetauda sub metropolitan area.¹¹

**AUG
11**

The district administration office and crisis management committee [DCMC] in Udayapur issued a prohibitory order in the entire area of Triyuga, Belka and Chaudandigarhi municipalities to prevent the spread of COVID-19.¹²

**AUG
12**

A meeting of the crisis management team held at the District Administration Office, Dhading issued a prohibitory order until August 19 as the number of patients of COVID-19 increased.¹³

**AUG
13**

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 local authorities in Butwal sub-metropolis enforced a nine day lockdown in the area.¹⁴

**AUG
14**

A meeting of the District Crisis Management Committee decided to impose a lockdown in Dolakha district until August 22 in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.¹⁵

**AUG
15**

The district administration office [DAO] banned gatherings and rallies in the Kathmandu Valley after about 119 people were diagnosed with COVID-19 in a single day.¹⁶

**AUG
15**

The chief district officer decided to impose a lockdown in west Nawalparasi district to prevent the spread of COVID-19.¹⁷

**AUG
15**

After 51 people were infected with COVID-19 in a community in Jhapa district the local authorities announced a lockdown in the district.¹⁸

MISMANAGEMENT OF ISOLATION CENTER

**AUG
7**

Patients of COVID-19 kept in an isolation center in Saikrishna Medical College, Rajbiraj vandalised the facility and refused to eat the low quality food which was being provided to them.¹⁹ According to people in the center a dispute began after a worm was spotted in the food served to a patient.

PROTESTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

**AUG
2**

Students of class 11 staged a demonstration in Bharatpur demanding the cancellation of the examination as they would not be able to take the physical exam due to the risk of COVID-19 infection.²⁰

**AUG
2**

Supporting the “enough is enough” campaign a protest was organized in Maligaun, Kathmandu demanding the government to take efficient measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.²¹

**AUG
5**

People supporting the “enough is enough” campaign organized a demonstration in Dhangadhi demanding efficient action from the government to prevent the spread of COVID-19.²²

**AUG
8**

Employees of Suklaphanta municipal office protested against the decision to put 11 people who returned from India under quarantine in the hall of the municipality office. According to the spokesperson the returnees were placed in the hall due to an emergency.²³

**AUG
8**

Residents of Birgunj staged a protest at Narayani Hospital of Birgunj metropolitan city after the private hospitals in the district refused to admit patients. The protests were organized after three locals lost their lives due to a lack of treatment amid the crisis of COVID-19.²⁴

**AUG
12**

The Nepali Congress [NC] affiliated to Tarun Dal and Nepali Student Union [NSU] Staged a joint protest at the main entrance of BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences in Dharan demanding an immediate operation of COVID 19 hospital and to postpone the senate meeting.²⁵

INCIDENTS OF CLASH

**AUG
7**

After the suicide of a young girl in quarantine center in kavrepalanchowk, the relatives and villagers of the deceased attacked the police and health workers blaming them for their negligence.²⁶

**AUG
10**

A clash broke out between the police and vegetable vendors after the police tried to close them after a long crowd gathered in the prohibited area to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Jaleswor bazar in Mahottari district.²⁷

**AUG
12**

Agitated locals vandalized the office of Krishnapur Municipality, Kanchanpur after a woman died of electric shock while she was kept in the quarantine center in Mahakali Secondary School.²⁸ The protesters claimed that the woman died due to the negligence of the local government.

A DOCTOR ASSAULTED BY THE RELATIVE AFTER PATIENTS DEATH

**AUG
5**

After a man infected with COVID-19 died in an isolation center the relatives of the deceased attacked the doctor accusing him of negligence.²⁹ The relatives broke into the isolation center and attacked the doctor who was under isolation himself.

PATIENTS DIE AFTER HOSPITALS IN BIRGUNJ REFUSED TREATMENT

As the number of patients infected with COVID-19 has been increasing everyday, the Ministry of Health and Population directed all community and private hospitals to reserve 20 percent of beds for COVID-19 patients.³⁰ The decision came after the government hospitals warned that they were already full and had no more beds. Lack of enough beds and poor health care facilities have forced hospitals to deny admission to patients. The lack of treatment has caused the death of two people in Birgunj which are explained below:

**AUG
8**

A woman in Birgunj Metropolitan City Ward 2 died after various hospitals in Birgunj refused to admit and treat her fearing that she might be infected to COVID-19.³¹

**AUG
9**

A 64 year old man died after the National Medical College, Birgunj refused to admit him after developing symptoms of COVID-19.³² The day after his death, the PCR report turned out to be negative but his family questioned the authenticity of the report.

INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE CONTINUE TO RISE

From August 1 - 15, the PMP recorded 47 cases of gender based violence [GBV]. Sexual assault was the most common form of GBV with 41 incidents [see fig 4 and 5] including 33 cases of rape in which 26 women and girls who were the victims were below the age of 26.

FIG 4 - REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE (AUGUST 1 - 15, 2020)

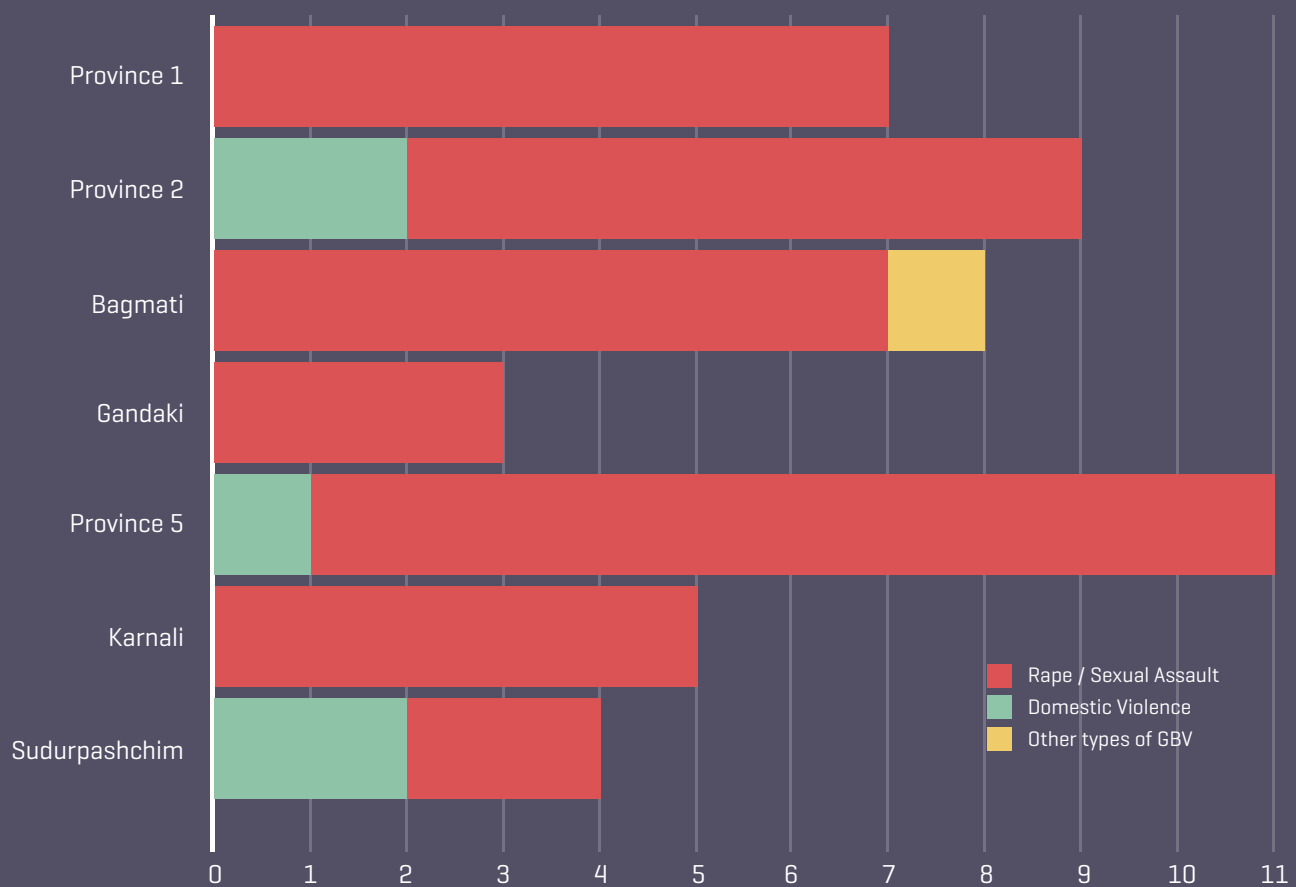
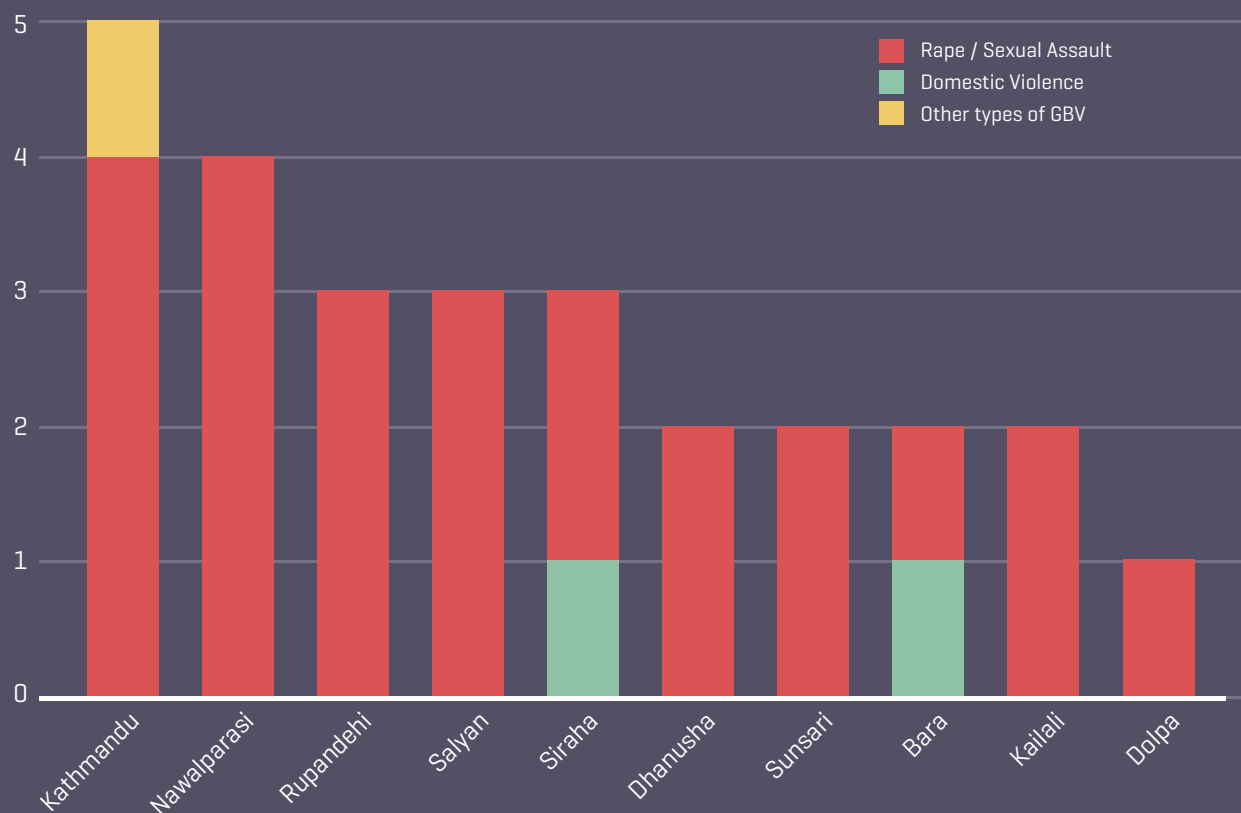


FIG 5 - REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT (AUGUST 1 - 15, 2020)



Kathmandu district has the highest number of incidents of sexual assault followed by Nawalparasi, Rupandehi and Salyan districts. In Nepal, apart from the pandemic women are also suffering gender based violence [GBV] which has seemed to be further worsened by the lockdown.



ENDNOTES

1. See: Jaleshwar Shutdown for Five Days
2. See: Prohibitory Order Issued in Banke from Today
3. See: Indefinite Prohibitory Order in Parsa
4. See: Lockdown Imposed in Bidur for Indefinite Period
5. See: 10 Day Curfew Clamped in Kapilvastu
6. See: Lockdown Enforced in Mirchaiya for 10 days
7. See: Teku, Ason, Indra Chowk and New Road Areas Sealed
8. See: Lockdown Imposed in Suryodaya Municipality From August 7
9. See: Lockdown Imposed in Bardiya for Five Days
10. See: Prohibitory Order Extended Till Mid August in Janakpurdham
11. See: Prohibition Order Issued in Makwanpaur Market Area from Monday Night
12. See: Prohibitory Order Issued in 3 Municipalities of Udayapur
13. See: Prohibition Order Issued in Dhading for a Week
14. See: Authorities Enforce Lockdown in Butwal from Today Midnight
15. See: Lockdown in Dolakha District Till August 22
16. See: Valley Restricts Gatherings, Assemblies, Rallies as COVID-19 Cases Increase
17. See: Prohibitory Order Issued in West Nawalparasi From Saturday Night
18. See: Four Local Level in Jhapa Impose Weeklong Lockdown
19. See: Isolation Center Vandalised Over Food Quality
20. See: Demonstration Staged in Chitwan Demanding Cancellation of Grade 11 exams
21. See: "Enough is Enough" Demonstration in Kathmandu Demanding Increase in PCR Testing
22. See: "Enough is Enough" Stages Demonstration in Dhanghadi
23. See: Employees Agitated After Returnees from India Quarantined in the Municipal Office
24. See: Demonstration Staged Against Private Hospitals in Birjung
25. See: Joint Protest of NSU and Tarun Dal at BP Institute of Health Science
26. See: Police and Health Workers Injured in the Attack by the Villagers in Kavre
27. See: Clash Between Police and Vegetable Vendors While Trying to Close the Market in Mahottari
28. See: Agitated Locals Vandalised Municipality's Office in Kanchanpur
29. See: Doctor Assaulted After the Death of Corona Infected in Biratnagar
30. See: As COVID-19 Cases Rise, Government Plans to Place Patients in All Hospitals, But Public Health Experts Say It Could Be Tricky
31. See: Woman Dies After Various Hospitals in Birgunj Refuse to Offer Treatment
32. See: When NMC Birgunj Refused to Admit Mahato, he Died at The Hospital Gate

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.

