



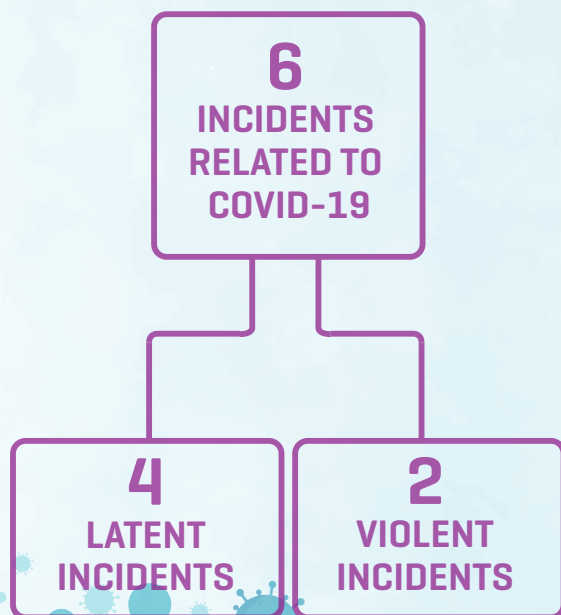
COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

SEP 16 - SEP 30, 2020



COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) FROM SEPTEMBER 16 - 30, 2020.

From September 16 - 30, 2020, COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded six incidents related to COVID-19. Of the six incidents recorded four were latent incidents and two were violent incidents. The incidents recorded mainly involved protests and padlocking of government offices by agitated locals. In the past 15 days COVID-19 related incidents decreased by 72 percent compared to the previous bi-weekly report from September 1 - 15 with 22 incidents.

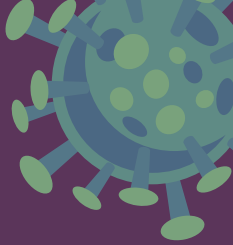


In the past 15 days, the PMP recorded 40 cases of gender-based violence (GBV) in which 28 victims of rape were women and girls below the age of 26. Compared to the previous bi-weekly report which has 56 cases of GBV, the number of cases recorded in these 15 days have decreased by 28 percent. The lockdown imposed across the nation has made women and girls vulnerable to intimate partner violence, domestic violence and GBV who are trapped with their abusers now.¹

This bi-weekly report aims 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 September 30, the total number of positive cases reached 76,258 with 491 deaths.

40 INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE





INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

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The Dhanauji Rural Municipality, Dhanusha was padlocked accusing that the outgoing chief administrative officer did not make the budget for the fiscal year and the COVID-19 related expenses transparent.²

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Shiv Sena staged a demonstration in Pashupati area demanding that the temples should be reopened by following a strict health standard amid COVID-19.³

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Beauty salon operators staged a sit-in in front of District Administration Office, Kaski demanding permission to reopen their business.⁴

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A local representative of Khadak Municipality in Saptari reportedly abused 19 people who were infected with COVID-19.⁵ They were publicly humiliated by the ward chairman accusing them of spreading the virus.

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Locals of Nawarajpur Rural Municipality 4, Siraha picketed Jhajhapatti police station demanding the release of a local who was arrested on a charge of organizing a dance program against the prohibitory order.⁶

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The Tribeni Rural Municipality of Salyan decided to seal the Salyan hospital after 20 people including the local representatives and employees tested positive for COVID-19.⁷



INCIDENTS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

From September 16 - 30, the PMP recorded 40 cases of gender-based violence (GBV). Sexual assault was the most common form of gender-based violence (GBV) with 35 incidents (See fig 4 and 5) out of which 34 cases were of rape in which 28 victims were women and girls below the age of 26. There were three cases of domestic violence which took the lives of all three women. A four year old girl from Udayapur was made the youngest victim of this heinous crime.⁸

Udayapur district had the highest number of incidents of GBV with four incidents followed by Siraha, Dang and Chitwan district with three incidents each and Sunsari and Kailali district with two incidents each (See fig 1 and 2).

FIG-1 CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY PROVINCE [SEPTEMBER 16 - 30, 2020]

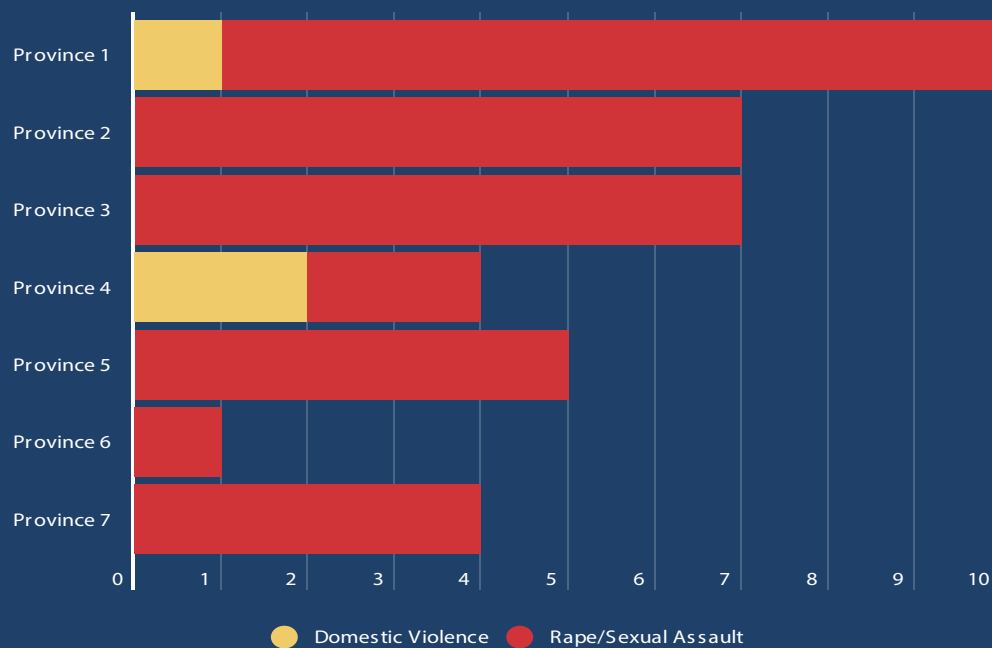
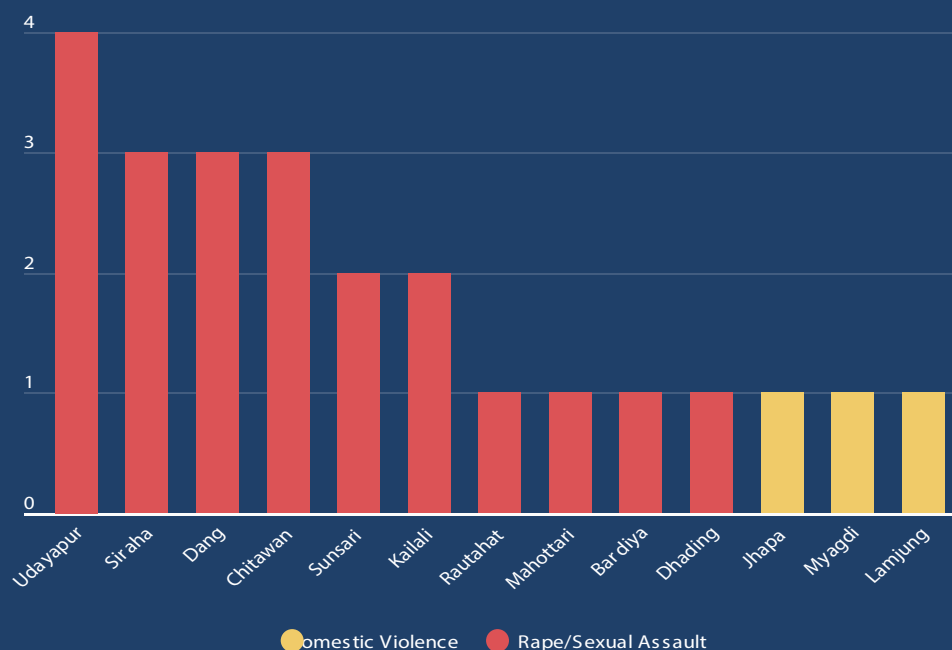


FIG 2: CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY DISTRICT [SEPTEMBER 16 - 30, 2020]



REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (SEP 16- SEP 30, 2020)



ENDNOTES

1. See: Rapid Gender Analysis on COVID19, Nepal 2020
2. See: Dhanauji Rural Municipality Office Padlocked
3. See: Demonstration Staged in Pashupati Area Demanding the Reopening of Hindu Temples All Over Nepal
4. See: Beauticians Stage Sit-In Demanding Permission to Open Business
5. See: COVID-19 Patients Abused by Local Representatives in Saptari
6. See: Police Office Picketed Demanding Release of a Youth in Siraha
7. See: Tribeni Municipality of Salyan Sealed After Local Representatives And Health Workers Test Positive for COVID-19
8. See: 4 Year Old Child Raped in Udayapur

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.

