



COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

OCT 1 - 15, 2020



COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) FROM OCTOBER 1-15, 2020.

From October 1-15, 2020, COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded a total of five non-violent incidents related to COVID-19. The incidents recorded mainly involved devotees demanding the opening of temples amid COVID-19, protest by private school teachers and issues related to polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test.

In the past 15 days, the PMP recorded 62 cases of GBV, which shows an increase of 55 per cent compared to September 16-30, which had 40 cases of GBV. Sexual assault was the most common form of GBV with 52 cases.

62 CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

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 October 15, the total number of positive cases reached 117,996 with 675 deaths.

52 CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT



INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

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After people living in rented apartments were pressured by their landlords to show PCR test reports before renting the place, hence Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, Teku was filled with people who came to get a PCR test.¹

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Institutional school teachers picketed Bharatpur metropolis organized by the Community School Private Resources Teachers Struggle Committee demanding immediate payment of unpaid salaries which was due since February.²

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Workers of Sino Hydropower Project staged a sit in at the project office at Rishing village municipality 1, Tanahun district for PCR test of all workers after a staff tested positive for COVID-19.³

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Hindu Federation Kapilbastu district protested in Taulihawa, Kapilbastu demanding to lift a complete ban on performing Durga puja festival.⁴

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The Joint Religious Organization Struggle Committee staged a demonstration outside Pashupatinath Temple demanding to lift the ban on religious sites.⁶



INCIDENTS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

From October 1 - 15, the PMP recorded 62 cases of gender-based violence (GBV). Sexual assault was the most common form of gender-based violence (GBV) with 52 incidents [See fig 4 and 5] out of which 37 cases were of rape in which 31 victims were women and girls below the age of 26. About six cases of domestic violence were recorded each in Saptari, Rautahat, Kalikot, Khotang, Jhapa and Kanchanpur district.

Siraha district had the highest number of incidents of sexual assaults with seven cases followed by Bhaktapur, Dang and Sunsari district with four cases each (See fig 1 and 2)

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

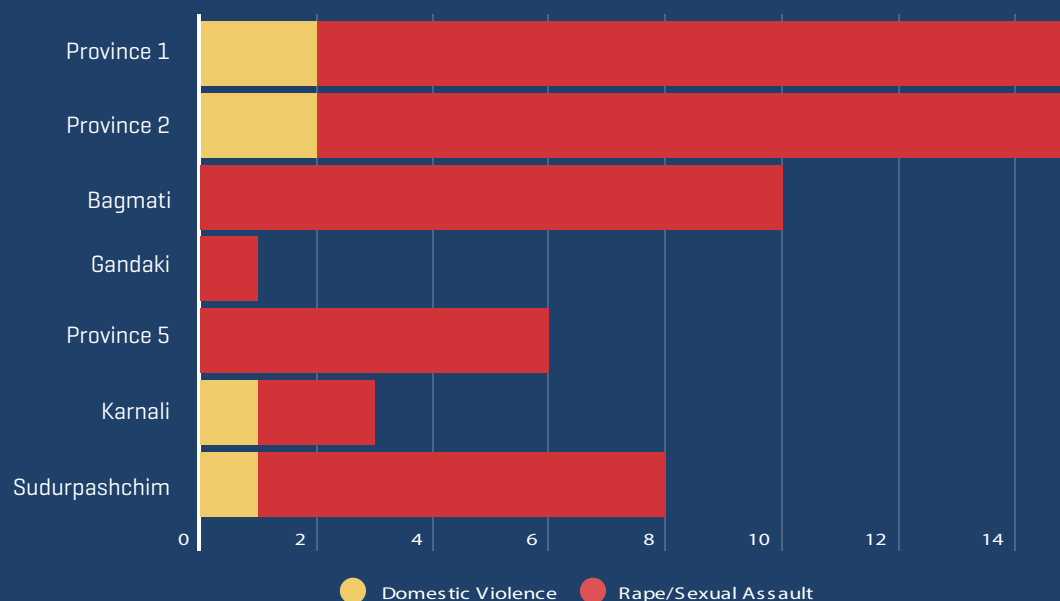
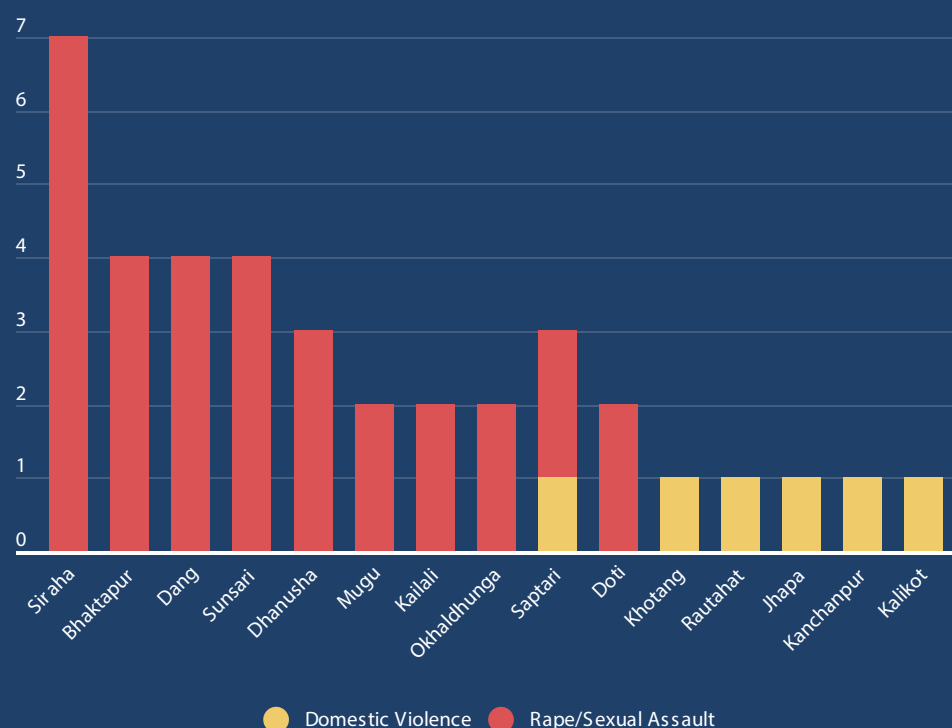
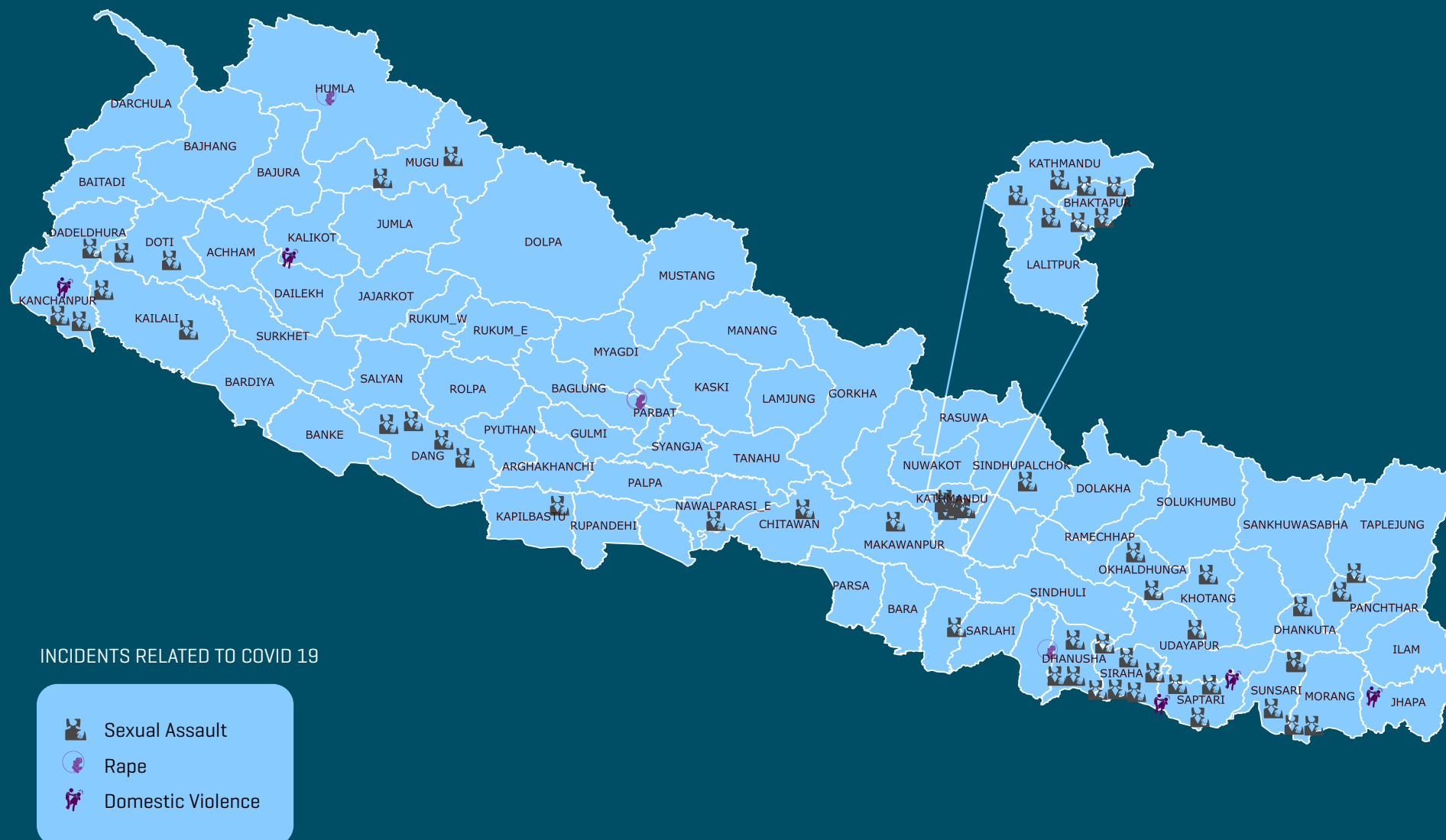


FIG 2 - REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT (OCT 1 - 15, 2020)



CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) IN NEPAL (OCT 1 - OCT 15, 2020)



ENDNOTES

1. See: Overnight in Line for PCR Testing in Teku Hospital
2. See: Private School Teachers on Strike in Bhaktapur
3. See: Workers of Sino Hydropower Project in Tanahu Agitated Demanding PCR Test
4. See: Hindu Federation Protests in Kapilbastu Against Ban on Durga Puja Festival
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6. See: Devotees Demand Pashupatinath Be Opened for Worshipers

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.

