



COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

DEC 16 - DEC 31, 2020



COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND COVID-19 FROM DECEMBER 16- DECEMBER 31, 2020

From December 16 - 31, 2020 COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded four incidents related to COVID-19. The incidents mainly involved protests demanding the opening of the Nepal-India border, fine against hospitals for charging more than the stated amount for PCR tests, teachers padlocking schools regarding their salary issue and protest by health workers demanding efficient facilities in the treatment of COVID-19. Until December 31, 2020, the total number of positive cases reached 260593 with 1856 deaths.

From December 16 - 31, 2020, 37 cases of gender-based violence (GBV) was recorded in which 18 victims of sexual assault were below the age of 26. Similarly, four cases of domestic violence were recorded.

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. It also aims to make the readers aware about the issues surrounding the violence against women and girls in the Nepali societies.

37
INCIDENTS
RELATED GBV

18
SEXUAL
ASSAULTS

4
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE



INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

**DEC
16**

Hundreds of locals in Kakadvitta, Jhapa staged a sit-in and a rally demanding the opening of the Nepal-India border.¹ The demonstration was led by Hotel Entrepreneurs Association Mechinagar and Travel Association. Local transport businessmen, hoteliers, travel businessmen and others have also been participating in such demonstration demanding the opening of the border.

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On December 16, the district administration office, Chitwan took action against the BP Koirala Memorial Cancer Hospital and Chitwan Medical College for charging Rs. 500 more for the PCR test.²

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On December 17, teachers at Balkumari Secondary School, Narayangadh padlocked the school after they were only paid half salary for six months.³

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On December 27, the Joint Struggle Committee of trade unions and professional unions working in the health sector staged a sit-in in front of the Ministry of Health and Population demanding free treatment of COVID-19 patients and other complex diseases, increase in the number of isolation centers, increase in testing, contact tracing and other facilities for health workers.⁴



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN NEPAL

Violence against women is an ongoing problem in Nepal and despite several efforts from the government as well human rights organizations the trend of violence against women and girls is ever growing in the Nepali societies. It is important to note that men and boys face gender based violence too but according to our data majority of the victims are women and girls. In the past 15 days the PMP recorded 37 cases of gender based violence of which 21 cases were of rape with 18 women and girls below the age of 26. Province 3 had the highest number of incidents with 12 cases followed by province 5 with 9 cases. Similarly, Dang district had the highest incidents of GBV.

FIG 1: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE (DECEMBER 16 - 31, 2020)

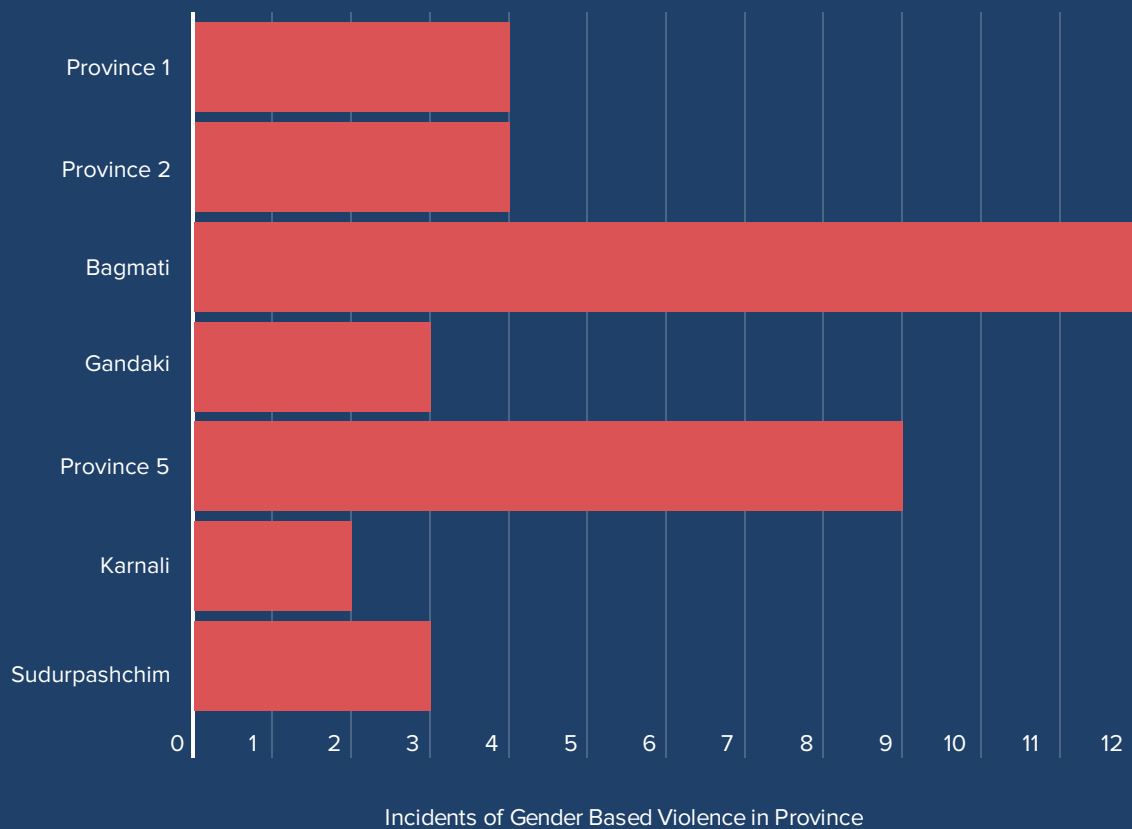
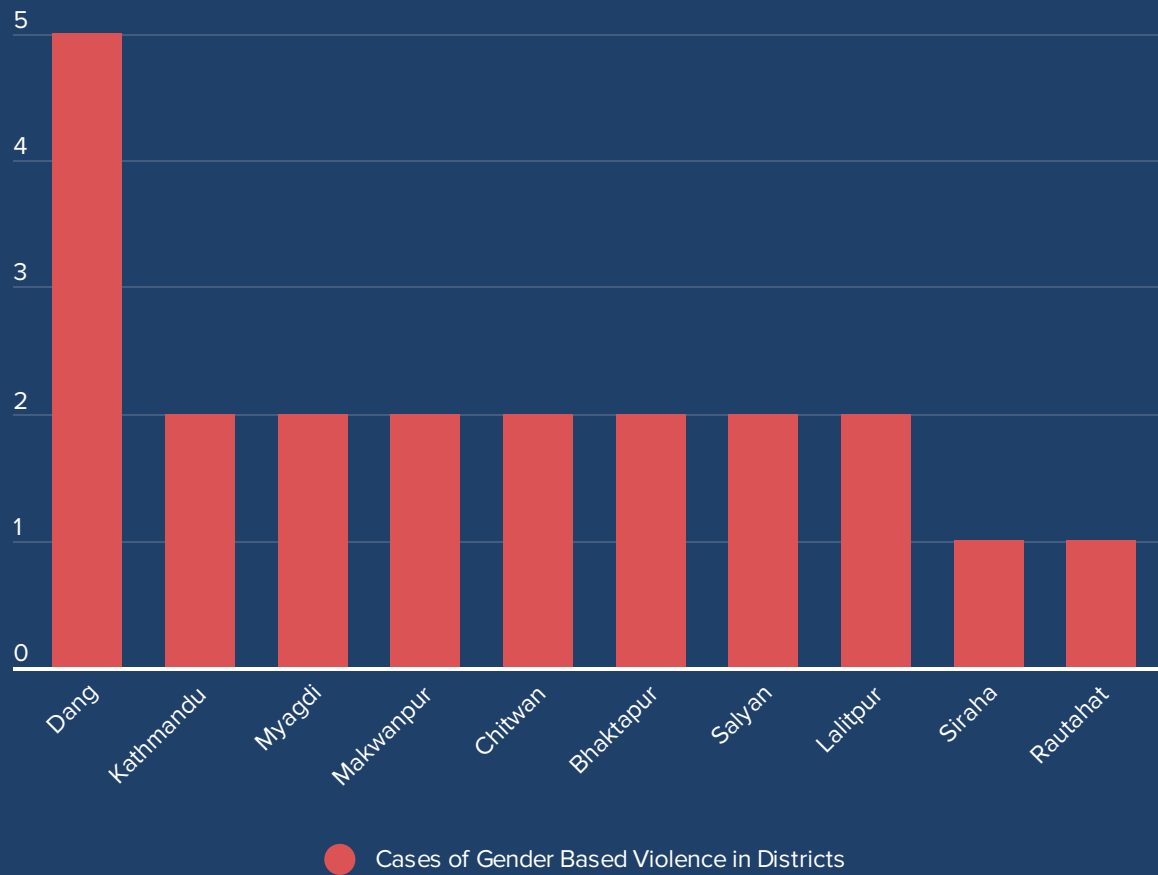


FIG 1: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT(DECEMBER 16 - 31, 2020)

**REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV (GENDER BASED VIOLENCE)
DECEMBER 16-31,2020**



ENDNOTES

1. See: Demonstrations in Kakadvitta Demanding Opening of the Nepal-India Border
2. See: Two Hospitals In Chitwan Face Action For Charging More For PCR Tests
3. See: Teachers Padlocked Balkumari School in Chitwan Demanding Full Payment
4. See: Health Workers Stage Sit-in In Front of Ministry of Health And Population

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.

