



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

## **MARCH 16 - MARCH 31, 2021**



## **COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND COVID-19 FROM MARCH 16-31, 2021**

From March 16 - 31, 2021 COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded nine incidents of protest related to COVID-19. The incidents involved employees being deprived of their salaries and All Nepal National Free Students Union padlocking school. Until March 31, 2021, the total number of positive cases reached 2,77,309 with 3030 deaths.<sup>1</sup>

**51**  
**INCIDENTS**  
**RELATED GBV**

**19**  
**SEXUAL**  
**ASSAULTS**

**10**  
**DOMESTIC**  
**VIOLENCE**

From March 16 - 31, 2021, 51 cases of gender-based violence [GBV] was recorded in which 19 victims of sexual assault were below the age of 26. Similarly, 10 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.



## INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

**MAR  
16**

On March 16, students jointly padlocked the Madi Campus at Madi 3, Basantapur in Chitwant for an indefinite time demanding immediate waiver of college fees during the lockdown period and demanded to conduct practical exams without charging any fees.<sup>2</sup>

**MAR  
19**

Students staged a demonstration against a private college in Itahari for charging fees even for the duration when the classes were not taken due to the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>3</sup>

**MAR  
21**

Students of Madhyabindu Multiple Campus staged a demonstration in front of the campus demanding refund of the fees taken during the lockdown period.<sup>4</sup>

**MAR  
22**

Students of Surkhet Education Development Academy in Biratnagar staged a protest by burning tyres in the college premises accusing the administration of charging high fees under the pretext of extracurricular activities that too during the lockdown.<sup>5</sup>

**MAR  
16**

Students of Far Western University along with other seven student organizations affiliated with different political parties padlocked the accounting department of the campus to protest against the fee hike during the pandemic.<sup>6</sup>

**MAR  
23**

A hundred and fifty two MBBS students who returned from China last year due to the pandemic staged a sit-in at the Nepal Medical Council in Kathmandu demanding the assurance of internship in Nepal which they were unable to complete in China due to COVID-19.<sup>7</sup>

**MAR  
24**

A partial prohibitory order was issued in Kanchanpur district to control the spread of COVID-19.<sup>8</sup>

**MAR  
24**

Contract health workers of Province 2, blocked the road in front of the Chief Ministers Office in Janakpur accusing the Ministry of Social Development of not providing their salary and allowance for the past five months.<sup>9</sup>

**MAR  
30**

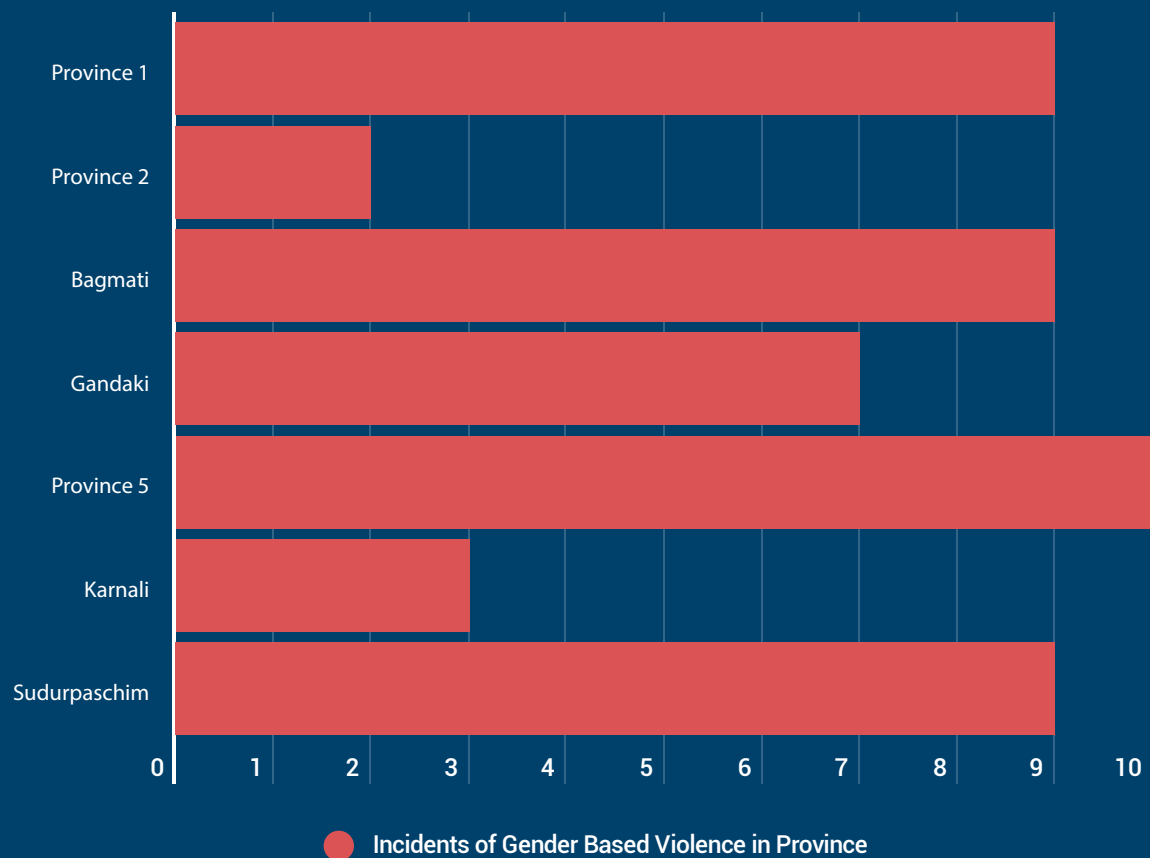
Public transport workers and booking staff in Dang halted long and short distance transport services indefinitely against the transportation companies demanding the guarantee of salary and COVID-19 vaccine.<sup>10</sup>

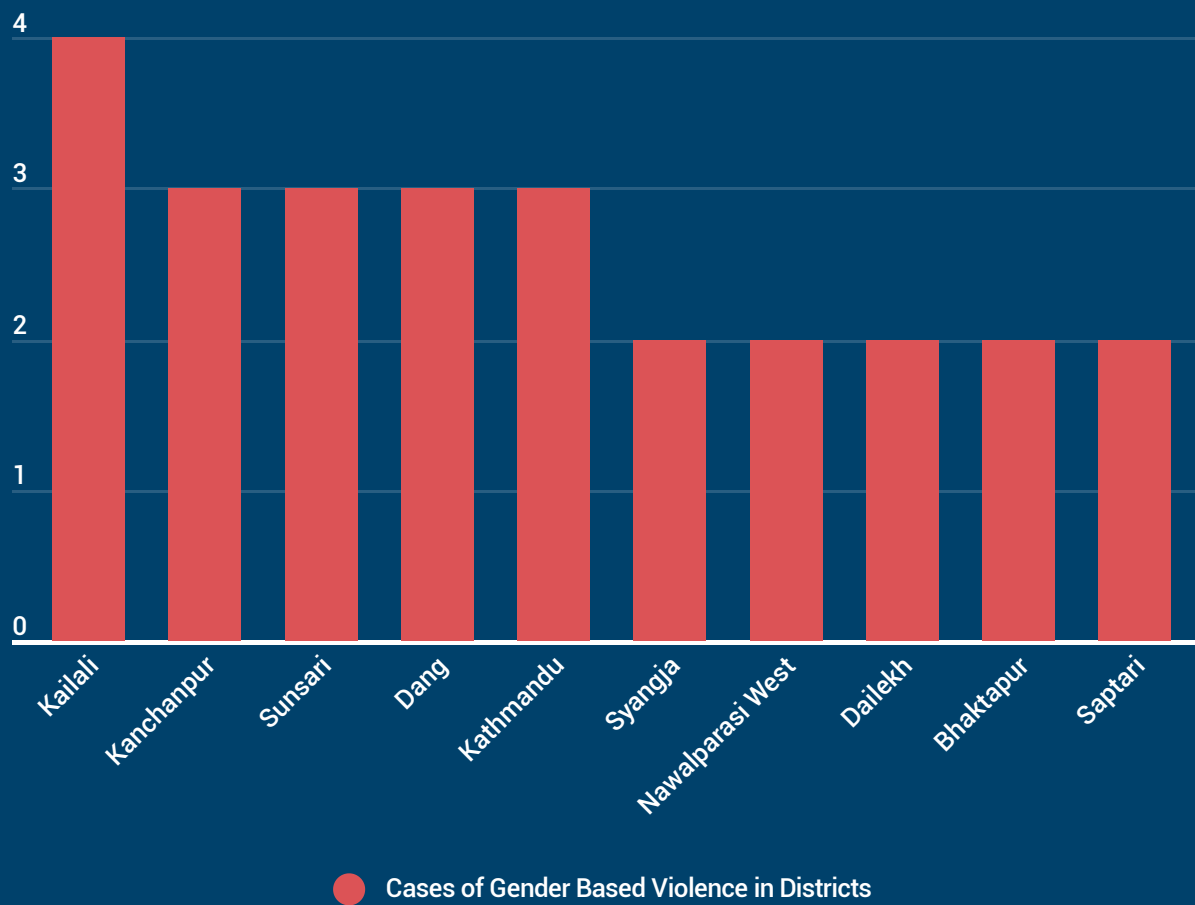
## INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN NEPAL

In the past 15 days, about 51 cases of GBV were recorded across Nepal. Sexual assault was the most common form of GBV with 51 cases including 25 cases of rape in which 19 victims were below the age of 26 years. Domestic violence was the second most common form of violence with seven cases. 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.

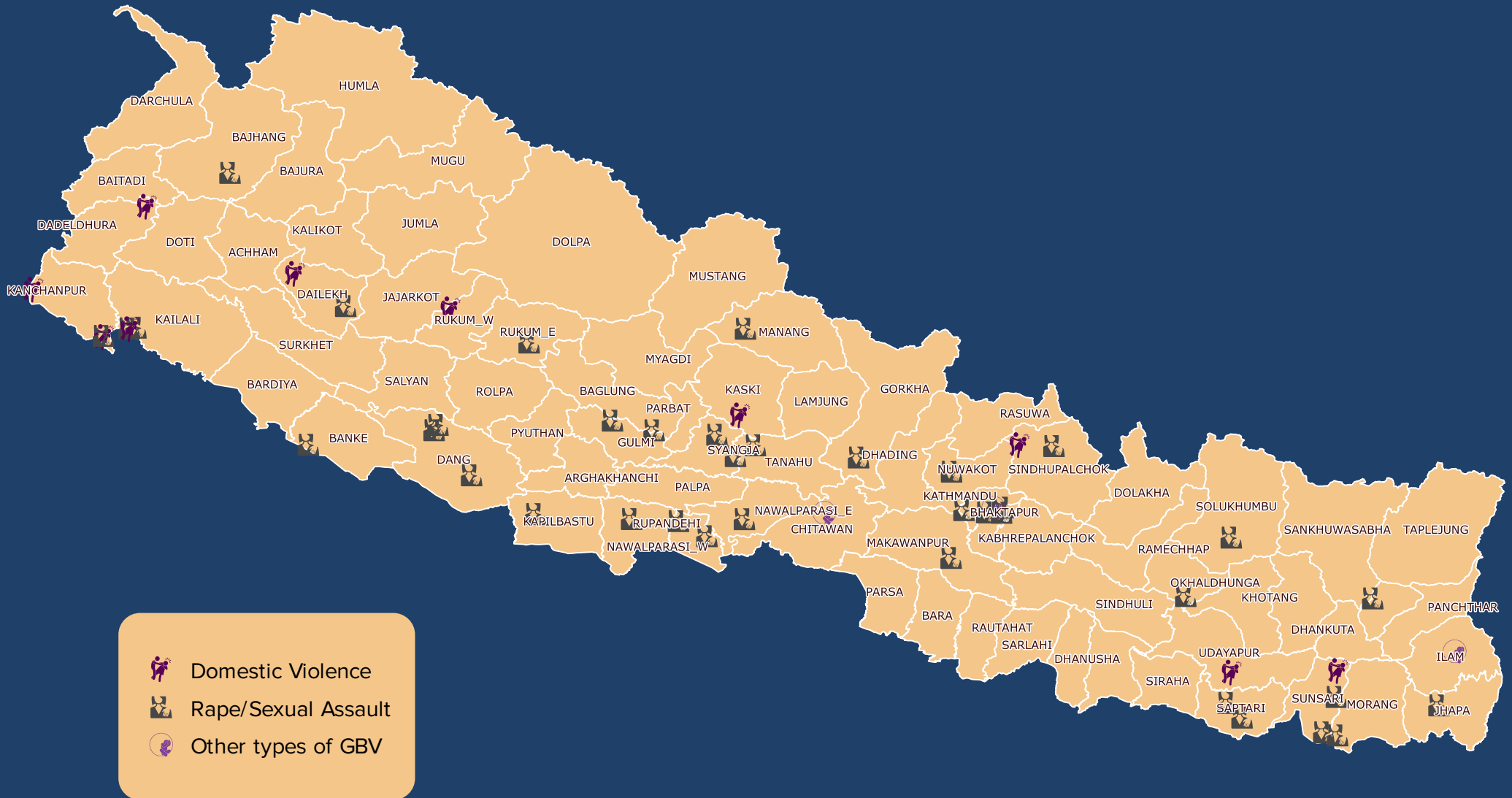
Kailali district had the highest number of incidents of GBV with four cases. Province 5 had the highest number of incidents of GBV with ten cases.

**FIG 1: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE [ MARCH 16-31, 2021]**



**FIG 2: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE [MARCH16-31, 2021]**

## REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV (GENDER BASED VIOLENCE) MARCH 16-31, 2021



## ENDNOTES

1. See: Cases of COVID-19 and Related Deaths in Nepal
2. See: Student Organizations Jointly Padlock Madi Campus in Chitwan
3. See: Students of Private Colleges of Itahari Agitated Over Fees
4. See: Students of Madhyabindu Campus Stage Protest
5. See: Students in Surkhet Stage Protest Against The High Fees
6. See: Students Padlock Far Western University Against Fee Hike
7. See: MBBS Students Stage Sit-In At Nepal Medical Council Demanding Internship in Nepal
8. See: Kanchanpur Administration Issues Partial Prohibitory Order
9. See: Contract Health Workers in Province 2 Blocked Road Demanding Salary
10. See: Public Transport Workers Halted Transport Services in Dang



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.

