

# Abused woman rescued from half-sister

**JOHOR BARU:** A youth said to have been abused by her half-sister and brother-in-law has been put under the care of the Johor Welfare Department.

The victim, identified only as Ain, 23, suffered bruises and scalding on her back and legs.

She was rescued from her half-sister's house in Taman Universiti, Skudai, on Thursday night with the help of district welfare officers and policemen from the Johor Baru Utara station.

State Welfare Department officer Manayi Ibrahim said the victim, who was recuperating at Sultanah Aminah Hospital, was traumatised.

He said after she was discharged, the department would give her a temporary shelter as there were no family members who could take care of her.

Manayi said checks revealed that Ain had been separated from her immediate family members, including her biological mother.

"Ain's father is recovering from a stroke while she is separated from her biological mother. We could not hand her over to her stepmother as it was the latter's daughter who allegedly abused the victim."

He dismissed a claim that the wounds on Ain's body were self-inflicted and that she was suffering from depression.

"Based on her wounds, it is not possible that they were self-inflicted. However, investigations are



*The youth showing wounds and scars on her back at Sultanah Aminah Hospital in Johor Baru.*

underway."

Meanwhile, Johor Baru Utara deputy district police chief Superintendent Beh Eng Lai said police had arrested the half-sister and brother-in-law, both in their 30s. The couple are remanded until Wednesday to facilitate investigations.

It was reported that a call to the Talian Nur hotline led to the

victim's rescue.

Ain had told welfare officers that her half-sister would beat her up whenever she was slow in doing household chores. She was allegedly hit with a broom, splashed with hot water and had a hot iron put against her body by the suspect.

She said her brother-in-law, an engineer, had also abused her once using a hot iron rod.